

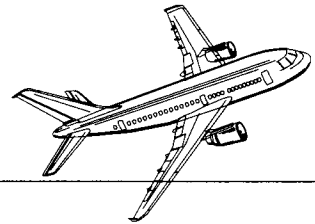
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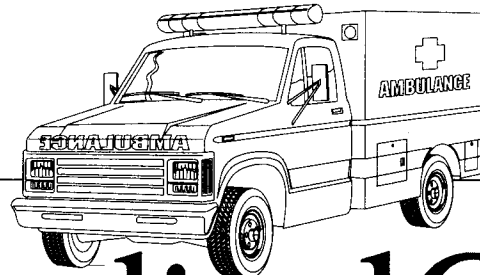


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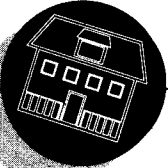
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Price Movements

March 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in March to a level of 160.0 (1982-84=100. For the 12-month period ended in March, the CPI-U increased 2.8 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March 1997 CPI-W level of 157.0 was 2.7 percent higher than the index in March 1996.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in March, following an increase of 0.3 percent in February. The food index, which advanced 0.3 percent in February, was unchanged in March. Grocery store food prices decreased 0.2 percent, reflecting declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish and eggs, and for dairy products. The energy index registered its first decrease since August, declining 1.7 percent. The index for petroleum-based energy fell 2.2 percent, and the index for energy services declined 1.3 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, the same as in February. Airline fares increased 4.5 percent in March, following declines of 3.2 and 2.6 percent in January and February, respectively. This advance was essentially offset by a downturn in the index for apparel and upkeep and a smaller increase in shelter costs.

For the first 3 months of 1997, the CPI-U advanced at a

1.8-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent in all of 1996. Changes in the food and energy components, which had accelerated in 1996 after acting as moderating influences throughout most of the preceding 5 years, were largely responsible for the deceleration thus far in 1997. Grocery store food prices declined at a 1.3-percent SAAR in the first 3 months, reflecting price decreases for meats and dairy products, groups which had risen substantially in 1996. The energy index, which increased 8.6 percent in 1996, declined at a 2.8-percent SAAR in the first quarter of 1997. Petroleum-based energy costs decreased at a 8.0-percent SAAR, while charges for energy services increased at a 3.3-percent annual rate.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 2.4-percent SAAR in the first 3 months of 1997, about the same rate as the 2.6-percent rise for all of 1996. The rates for selected groups during the past 8 ¼ years are shown below.

The food and beverage index was unchanged in March. The index for grocery store food prices, which increased 0.5 percent in February, fell 0.2 percent in March. The downturn in March reflects declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for dairy products, coupled with a sharp deceleration in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined for the third consecutive month—down 0.9 percent in March. Price

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadjusted	
	Changes from preceding month								Compound annual rate, 3 months ended March 1997
	1996				1997				
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
All Items	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	1.8	2.8
Food and beverages	.5	.5	.4	0	-.2	.3	.0	.5	3.3
Housing	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.0	2.3	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	.5	.2	.3	.1	.4	.2	-.3	1.2	-.2
Transportation	.5	.3	.3	.6	-.2	-.1	.1	-.8	2.6
Medical care	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	3.0	3.0
Entertainment	.1	.3	.2	.3	.0	.2	.2	1.5	2.3
Other goods and services	.1	.3	.4	.1	.4	.5	.5	5.4	3.9
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.2	1.1	1.2	1.5	.8	.3	-1.7	-2.8	4.8
Food	.5	.5	.4	0	-.3	.3	.0	.3	3.3
All items less food and energy	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.4	2.5

Table Q1. Annual percent changes in the CPI for All Urban Consumers, 1989-97

Expenditure Category	Percent change 12 months ended in December								SAAR 3 months ended in March
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All Items	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.8
Food and beverages	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	.5
Housing	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	1.0	5.1	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.3
Transportation	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.8
Medical care	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	3.0
Entertainment	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.9	1.5
Other goods and services	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-2.8
Food	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	.3
All items less food and energy	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.4

declines were registered for beef, pork, poultry, and eggs; prices for fish and seafood increased 1.3 percent. The 0.1-percent decrease in the index for dairy products was the fifth consecutive month that this component did not increase. During the last 5 months, the index for dairy products fell 2.1 percent after registering increases 8.5 percent in the preceding 5 month period. The index for fruits and vegetables, which increased 3.0 percent in February, rose 0.1 percent in March. The index for fresh vegetable prices, which increased 8.9 percent in February, declined 1.8 in March. The index for fresh fruits increased 1.4 percent. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home rose

0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index—restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages— increased 0.3 percent and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The housing component, which rose 0.3 percent in February, was unchanged in March. Each of the three major housing groups—shelter, fuel and other utilities, and household furnishings and operations—contributed to the moderation. Shelter costs increased 0.2 percent, following a 0.3-percent rise in February. In March, within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.3 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.2 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.1 percent. The index for

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadjusted		
	Changes from preceding month								Compound annual rate, 3 months ended March 1997	12 months ended March 1997
	1996				1997					
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March			
All Items	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.5	2.7	
Food and beverages	.4	.5	.4	.1	-.2	-.2	.1	.3	3.3	
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.1	2.4	2.7	
Apparel and upkeep	.5	.2	.2	.1	.4	.4	.3	1.8	-.1	
Transportation	.4	.4	.4	.6	.0	0	-.1	-.3	2.3	
Medical care	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.8	3.0	
Entertainment	.1	.3	.3	.3	.0	.1	.1	1.0	2.2	
Other goods and services	.2	.3	.4	0	.6	.4	.5	5.9	3.9	
Special Indexes:										
Energy	.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	.9	.3	-1.8	-2.8	4.6	
Food	.4	.6	.3	.1	.3	-.3	.1	.3	3.3	
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.5	2.4	

fuel and other utilities turned down in March, declining 0.8 percent after increasing 0.3 percent in February. The index for household fuels fell 1.5 percent, reflecting a sharp decline in prices for fuel oil and natural gas—down 3.6 and 4.2 percent, respectively. Prior to the March decline, charges for natural gas had increased 17.3 percent in the preceding 11-month period. Charges for electricity rose 0.2 percent in March. The index for household furnishings and operation, which increased 0.2 percent in February, was unchanged in March.

The transportation component, which declined in each of the first two months of 1997, rose 0.1 percent in March. Public transportation costs rose 2.2 percent in March. The index for airline fares, which fell 3.2 percent in January and 2.6 percent in February, rose 4.5 percent in March, reflecting, in part, the reimposition of the 10-percent Federal tax on airline fares effective March 7. The index for gasoline, which was unchanged in February, declined 2.1 percent in March. As of March, the index for gasoline prices was 7.3 percent below its peak level of December 1990. New vehicle purchase costs advanced somewhat more in March than in recent months; the index for new vehicle prices rose 0.1 percent, and automobile finance charges increased 1.2 percent. The index for used cars increased 1.2 percent in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, used car prices were unchanged.)

The index for apparel and upkeep turned down in March, declining 0.3 percent after registering increases in each of the six preceding months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 2.2 percent in March, reflecting the continued introduction of higher-priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in March to a level 3.0 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care

commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.5 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.5 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs rose 0.2 percent in March, the same as in February. Increases in the indexes for club memberships and for fees for participant sports—up 0.7 and 1.1 percent, respectively—were largely responsible for the March advance.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.5 percent in March, principally as a result of increases in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal expenses, in particular personal financial services.

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

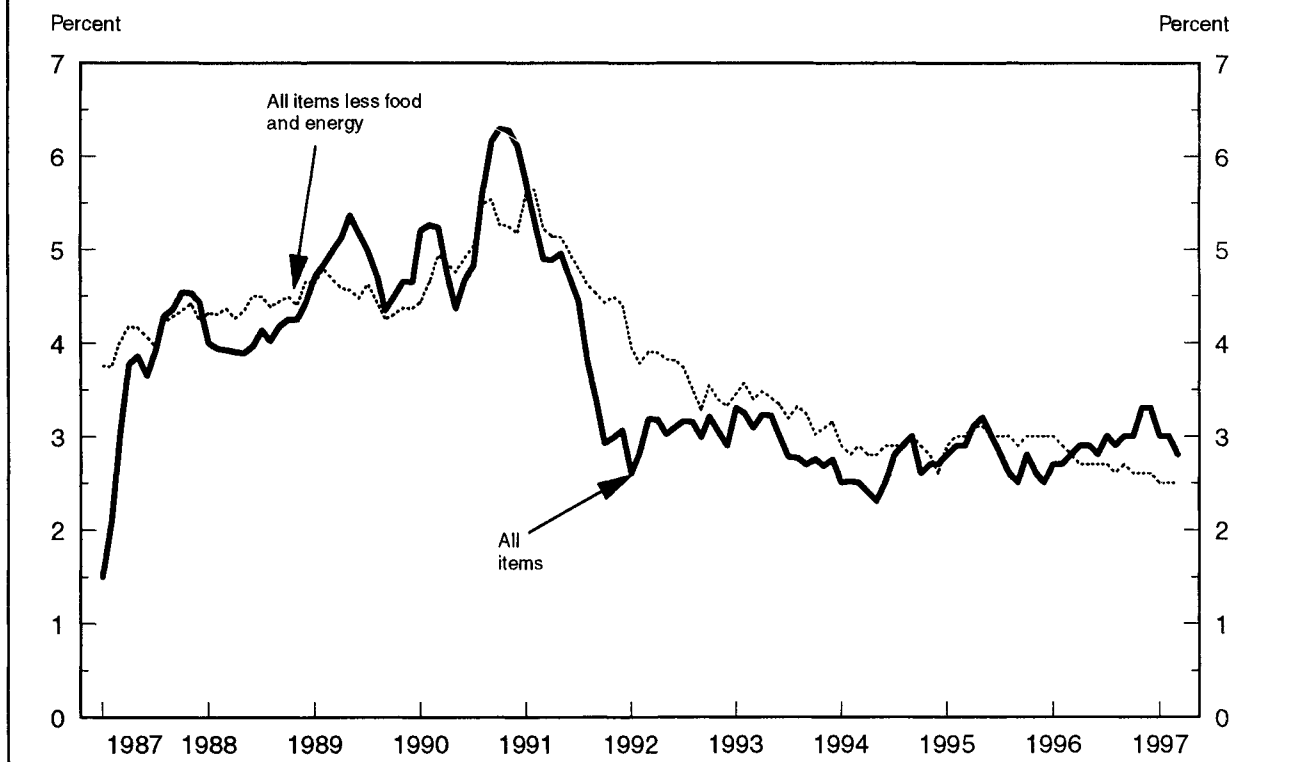
On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.1 percent in March.

After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for all items was 159.9 in March; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for all items was 157.0.

Beginning with January 1997 data, BLS has begun to report the level of the seasonally adjusted U.S. City Average All Items CPI-U and CPI-W. Effective with the release of data for January 1998 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.

CPI-U 12-month changes, 1987 to present



The Experimental CPI using Geometric Means

Executive Summary

An experimental Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers is being introduced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It uses a geometric mean formula to combine individual price quotations at the lower level of aggregation while keeping the current Laspeyres arithmetic mean formula for higher level aggregation. This experimental index, called *the experimental CPI using geometric means*, or CPI-U-XG, is a supplement to the price information available from BLS and does not replace the published CPI-U or CPI-W indexes. BLS currently is evaluating the full or partial adoption of the geometric mean formula in the CPI-U and CPI-W.

The current CPI, which is calculated using a fixed-weight Laspeyres formula, does not reflect the fact that consumers can and do change spending patterns as relative prices change. Under certain assumptions, a measure of change in consumer prices that uses a geometric mean formula will successfully account for this consumer behavior. To the extent that those assumptions are accurate, the index using geometric means will provide a closer approximation to a cost-of-living index.

Each month in the CPI, prices of individual items are averaged together to produce indexes for 9,108 item-area categories. *It is at this first or lower level where the CPI-U-XG uses geometric means instead of the Laspeyres method (arithmetic means) in the estimation of price relatives.* At the second or upper level, these basic indexes are combined to produce the All Items CPI as well as major group and other intermediate indexes. *In both the official CPI-U and the CPI-U-XG*, basic indexes are aggregated at the upper level using the arithmetic means and *not* geometric means.

The CPI-U-XG indexes are available for the period from December 1990 through February 1997 and will be issued in the future according to the schedule set out below. Historical differences between the CPI-U and CPI-U-XG arise not only because of the different formulas used, but also because of methodological changes made in the CPI-U since 1990 that are reflected in the CPI-U-XG for the entire series. For historical comparison to the CPI-U-XG, therefore, BLS also is issuing an experimental *Test Laspeyres* series called the CPI-U-XL, which differs from the CPI-U-XG only in the use of the Laspeyres formula for aggregation of price quotations.

Over the period from December 1990 to February 1997, the CPI-U-XG rose 16.2 percent, compared with 18.6 percent for the CPI-U-XL. The average annual rate of growth in the CPI-U-XG over this period was 2.5 percent, 0.3 percentage point lower than the 2.8-percent annual growth rate of the CPI-U-XL. Among major item groups, the largest differences between the two indexes were in food and beverages, apparel and upkeep, medical care, and entertainment.

The January 1995 methodological changes in the CPI treatment of food at home appear to have reduced the difference between the CPI-U-XG and CPI-U-XL. A further narrowing of the gap as a result of additional changes made in June and July of 1996 also is expected.

Beginning on April 22, the geometric mean and Test Laspeyres indexes will be released monthly 1 week after release of the CPI-U. These series will not require special embargo procedures and are expected to be available at approximately 8:30 a.m. on the morning of their release.

Historical tables available on the Internet at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm> for the national all-items, major groups, and special indexes (food, energy, and all items less food and energy) will be updated monthly. This information also can be obtained from the Consumer Price Index information staff at (202) 606-7000. Indexes will be included quarterly in the *CPI Detailed Report*, beginning with publication of first-quarter 1997 CPI-U-XG data in the April *Detailed Report*. The CPI-U-XG and CPI-U-XL will **not** be available on a seasonally adjusted basis. Calculation and publication of the CPI-U-XL will be discontinued after December 1997, because that index is primarily of value for historical comparisons.

The relative movements in the CPI-U-XG will be studied as part of a BLS research program to evaluate, item category by item category, adoption of the geometric mean formula in all or some components of the official CPI. Scanner data, studies of substitutions between brands, and other information will be used to assess the propensity of consumers to substitute across items within individual item categories as the relative prices of those items change.

By the end of 1997, BLS will announce the findings of its research, including its determination of which CPI basic indexes are best calculated with the geometric mean formula and when the implementation of any change will take place. The likely date for that implementation is with the release of January 1999 CPI data.

The Bureau's best estimate is that use of the geometric mean formula in *all* CPI basic indexes would lower the growth rate of the index by approximately 0.25 percent per year. Partial adoption of the geometric mean formula would be expected to have a downward impact of between 0 and 0.25 percent per year, depending on how many and which indexes continue to be based on the Laspeyres approach.

Overview

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released an experimental Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers on April 10, 1997. The index uses a geometric mean formula to combine individual price quotations at the lower level of aggregation while keeping the current Laspeyres arithmetic mean formula for higher level aggregation. This experimental index, called *the experimental CPI using geometric means*, or CPI-U-XG, is an additional index and does not replace the official CPI. The CPI-U-XG indexes are available from December 1990 through the present, and BLS currently is evaluating the full or partial adoption of the geometric mean formula in the official CPI.

The official (current) CPI uses a modified version of the Laspeyres formula at both levels of aggregation. In a Laspeyres index, relative price change R from the base period (time 0) to comparison time t is measured by comparing the sum of the weighted prices in the comparison period with the sum of the weighted prices in the base period. Algebraically, the formula is:

$$R_{t,0}^L = \frac{\sum P_{t,i} Q_{0,i}}{\sum P_{0,i} Q_{0,i}}$$

where $P_{t,i}$ is the price of the i -th item in comparison period t , $P_{0,i}$ is the price in the base period 0, $Q_{0,i}$ is the quantity

consumed in the base period 0, and $\sum$ indicates the summation across items. Since price times quantity equals expenditure, the denominator is the total amount of money people spent on items at time 0, and the numerator is the total amount of money they would have spent, had they chosen to buy the exact same items in the exact same quantities they did at time 0.

With geometric means, price change R is measured as

$$R_{t,0}^G = \prod (P_{t,i} / P_{0,i})^{S_{0,i}}$$

where $S_{0,i}$ is the base-period expenditure share associated with each item in the sample, and $\prod$ indicates the product of the relative price changes across items. The relationship to the Laspeyres index can be seen by rewriting the Laspeyres formula as an arithmetic mean of price relatives, also weighted by base-period expenditure shares:

$$R_{t,0}^L = \sum S_{0,i} (P_{t,i} / P_{0,i})$$

For a given set of expenditure weights and prices the geometric mean measure of average price change R^G will lie below the Laspeyres index R^L (unless all prices change in the same proportion, in which case both formulas yield the same answer). For example, suppose there are two equally-weighted items sampled within an individual item category,

a pound of iceberg lettuce and a pound of Romaine lettuce. Assume that both prices are \$1.00 in time period 0, but that the price of Romaine lettuce increases to \$1.50 in time period t :

	Base period			Relative		
	Price relative			expenditure share		
	$Q_{0,i}$	$P_{0,i}$	$P_{t,i}$	$(P_{t,i}/P_{0,i})$	$(Q_{0,i} \cdot P_{0,i})$	in time 0 ($S_{0,i}$)
Iceberg lettuce	1	\$1.00	\$1.00	1.0	\$1.00	0.5
Romaine lettuce	1	\$1.00	\$1.50	1.5	\$1.00	0.5

In the official Laspeyres CPI, the expenditure for the fixed marketbasket would increase from \$2.00 in the base period to \$2.50 in month t , as $[(\$1.00/1 + \$1.50/1)]/[(\$1.00/1 + \$1.00/1)] = \$2.50/\$2.00 = 1.25$, representing a price increase of 25 percent. Using geometric means, the price change would be 22.5 percent, as $\prod_{S_{0,i}} (P_{t,i}/P_{0,i}) = (1.00/1.00)^{0.5} * (1.50/1.00)^{0.5} = 1.0 * 1.225 = 1.225$. If both types of lettuce had increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50, then both formulas would have shown a 50-percent increase.

From a theoretical standpoint, the potential advantage of the geometric mean index would be as a closer approximation to a cost-of-living index. A cost-of-living index measures the change in the cost of purchasing goods and services that will yield a constant level of satisfaction to consumers. As a fixed-weight index, the Laspeyres formula can be viewed as an upper bound to a true cost-of-living index because it does not reflect the fact that consumers can and do change spending patterns as relative prices change. If consumers respond to changes in relative prices in such a way that relative expenditure shares remain constant, an index using geometric means would equal the cost-of-living index. In the example above, the geometric mean estimate equals the change in the cost-of-living index if the purchase of 1.225 pounds of iceberg lettuce and 0.816 pounds of Romaine lettuce in period t (so that the same dollar amount is spent on each) yields the same satisfaction as the one pound of each type purchased in period 0. Within any CPI item category, however, the precise relationships among a Laspeyres index, an index using geometric means, and a true cost-of-living index are not known.

Section II of this article reviews the concepts and construction of the official CPI in more detail. Section III summarizes the concepts and construction of the experimental CPI-U-XG. Section IV discusses the limitations of comparing the official CPI to the CPI-U-XG and introduces a comparison Laspeyres index called the CPI-U-XL. Section V presents the results of the CPI-U-XG and compares those results to the CPI-U-XL from December 1990 to the present. The last section, VI, outlines future plans for the evaluation of geometric means by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

How the official (Laspeyres) CPI is currently constructed

To compute the CPI, the universe of consumer goods and services is stratified into 9,108 basic indexes (207 item strata times 44 geographic strata).² A two-tiered weighting system is

used to calculate the CPI. The first tier of weights are used during the calculation of the basic indexes to weight the individual price quotations together. These weights are derived from the Point-of-Purchase Survey (POPS). Basic indexes are updated each month by the Laspeyres-based price relative:

$$R_{t,t-1} = \frac{\sum P_{t,i} Q_{b,i}}{\sum P_{t-1,i} Q_{b,i}}$$

where P is the price of an item and Q_b is the quantity consumed during the base period corresponding to the POPS survey. Only expenditures are collected during the outlet and item selection process; however, base period quantities (Q_b) are not directly available. To handle this, the base period quantities are rewritten in terms of base period expenditures X , as in

$$R_{t,t-1} = \frac{\sum P_{t,i} (X_{b,i} / \hat{P}_{b,i})}{\sum P_{t-1,i} (X_{b,i} / \hat{P}_{b,i})}$$

where $\hat{P}_{b,i}$ is the estimated "base period price" of the i -th sampled item. The base period price is estimated, not collected, because the base period price is typically not available when the new item samples are introduced into the CPI. Each month in the official CPI, these expenditure estimates are updated by the price relatives calculated for each of the 9,108 basic cells using the Laspeyres framework. It is at this initial or basic level where the CPI-U-XG uses geometric means instead of the Laspeyres arithmetic means in the estimation of price relatives.

At the second or aggregate tier, base period expenditure weights for each of the 9,108 basic indexes of the CPI are derived from the Consumer Expenditure Survey. The current market basket represents expenditure weights drawn from the 1982-84 Consumer Expenditure Survey; these were introduced into the CPI in December 1986. *In both the official CPI as well as the CPI-U-XG*, basic indexes are aggregated across basic item-area categories using the Laspeyres method (of arithmetic means) and *not* geometric means.

Geometric means and the CPI-U-XG

As noted above, the Laspeyres approach currently used in the CPI can be interpreted as an upper bound to a true cost-of-living index in that it does not account for changes in consumption induced by changes in relative prices. Item substitution occurs at both the basic level (e.g., price-induced substitution may occur within an individual item category such as apples) and at the aggregate level (e.g., between chicken and beef).

Historically, analysis of the effect of consumer substitution in the CPI has focused on substitution at the second or aggregate level. Most recently, Aizcorbe, Cage, and Jackman

(1996) and Shapiro and Wilcox (1996), for example, have estimated the substitution effect at the aggregate level by constructing superlative Fisher or Tornqvist indexes, which use current as well as base period Consumer Expenditure Survey weights.³

At the basic index level, the calculation of a CPI using geometric means is a potential mechanism for reflecting consumer substitution behavior and thereby eliminating what has been termed "lower-level substitution bias" in the Laspeyres CPI.⁴ Superlative indexes cannot be constructed at the basic level because only base-period expenditure information is available corresponding to the individual prices being aggregated. For the same reason, the geometric mean's implicit assumption of constant expenditure shares is not testable, but in many markets it is likely to be more plausible than the assumption of fixed consumption quantities. The possibility of using the geometric mean formula to calculate basic indexes in the CPI was first raised by BLS in 1993.⁵

To assess the potential impact of using geometric means, Moulton (1993) recalculated most non-shelter basic indexes from June 1992 through June 1993 using geometric means instead of arithmetic means. Later estimates by Moulton and Smedley (1995), which include the shelter component of the CPI, cover the period from June 1992 through December 1994. Differences between the two indexes were most significant for food, apparel, and entertainment items.

The earlier estimates by BLS researchers were not of production-grade quality in that some item categories were not included in the estimates, and in that the methods of estimation differed slightly from those used for the official CPI. BLS now has created the near production-grade quality CPI-U-XG using geometric means to calculate basic indexes from December 1990 to the present.⁶ As noted earlier, to distinguish these indexes from earlier estimates, these near production-quality indexes are called the *experimental CPI using geometric means*, or CPI-U-XG.

Comparability of series

It is important to note that there are several factors that seriously reduce the meaningfulness of directly comparing the official CPI with the CPI-U-XG, especially before 1996. In particular, the CPI-U-XG incorporates changes other than that associated with the geometric mean formula. These additional factors can be characterized as "bounding" and "methodological" effects. The geometric mean estimator is quite sensitive to extremely large price decreases (the geometric mean is undefined when any price equals zero, as can occur in the CPI in rare cases when items that had been formerly priced are offered without charge). Unlike the official CPI, therefore, the CPI-U-XG has special "bounding" rules for handling extremely large percentage price changes.

Specifically, within most commodity and service categories, monthly prices are bounded from above at 20 times the item's base period price, and from below at 5 percent of the base price, to avoid extremely large percentage price changes in the index. Similarly, any rents less than \$20 are reset to

\$20 in the CPI-U-XG.

In addition, there are significant "methodological" effects present in the CPI-U-XG. BLS began the process of constructing the CPI-U-XG in early 1996. Hence, CPI-U-XG indexes from December 1990 through 1995 use the estimation methods in place as of early 1996. In other words, any methodological changes made between 1990 and 1995 potentially affect the CPI-U-XG over the *entire* 1990-95 period. These same changes affect the official CPI only as they were implemented. For example, in January 1995, improvements were made in the imputation of owners' equivalent rents to eliminate an upward bias in that estimator; at the same time, a 6-month chain estimator was incorporated to estimate rents. While these owners' equivalent rent and residential rent methodological changes affect the CPI-U-XG over the entire period from 1990 forward, these same changes affect the official CPI from January 1995 forward.

To better isolate the effects of using a Laspeyres arithmetic means estimator versus a geometric means estimator in the calculation of basic indexes, BLS created a *Test Laspeyres* index, the CPI-U-XL, which incorporates the same bounding rules described above for the CPI-U-XG. In addition, both the CPI-U-XL and CPI-U-XG use the calculation methods in effect at the beginning of 1996. That is, methodological changes are introduced into the CPI-U-XL and the CPI-U-XG at the same time.⁷ For these reasons, this article focuses on the differences between the CPI-U-XL and the CPI-U-XG.

Results

From December 1990 through February 1997, the CPI-U-XG rose 16.2 percent, or to an equivalent growth rate of 2.5 percent annually. During that same time, the CPI-U-XL rose 18.6 percent, which is equivalent to an annual growth rate of 2.8 percent, for an annualized difference of 0.3 percent. Tables 1 and 2 give index levels from December 1990 through February 1997 for the CPI-U-XG and CPI-U-XL, respectively, for all items, each of the seven major groups, and the categories for food, energy, and all items less food and energy. Table 3 displays the differences between the geometric mean and Test Laspeyres indexes by year for the major CPI item groups. As in previous BLS research, the differences between the two indexes prior to 1995 were greatest for food, apparel, and entertainment items.⁸ The relatively small differences in the housing component reflect, in part, the incorporation in the CPI-U-XL throughout the study period of the January 1995 changes to the shelter component of the official CPI.⁹

It is important to note that the difference in the rate of increase between the CPI-U-XG and the CPI-U-XL (as well as the official CPI) has fallen since January 1995, when several methodological improvements to the official CPI were made. For example, in January 1995, an improvement was made in the estimation of quantity weights for newly initiated items within the CPI food-at-home component. That reduced the rate of growth in the CPI-U-XL (as well as the offi-

cial CPI) indexes from January 1995 forward, but had no effect on the CPI-U-XG, which is weighted not by quantities but by expenditure shares. From December 1990 through December 1994, the annualized difference between the CPI-U-XL and CPI-U-XG was approximately 0.4 percent, but from December 1994 through February 1997, this difference fell to 0.3 percent. For the food-at-home category, the annualized difference between the CPI-U-XL and CPI-U-XG fell from approximately 0.9 percent (December 1990 to December 1994) to about 0.3 percent (December 1994 to February 1997).

In June 1996, BLS extended the food-at-home improvement in the estimation of quantity weights to other commodities and services; in July 1996, a functional form bias occurring at item substitution for all commodities and services was eliminated (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1996a and 1996b). The differences between the CPI-U-XG and the CPI-U-XL (and official CPI) are expected to decline further as these methodological changes reduce the rate of growth in the CPI-U-XL (and official) indexes without affecting the CPI-U-XG.

Future plans for geometric means

While the official CPI reflects no consumer substitution behavior, the CPI-U-XG reflects an assumed but, in many cases, reasonable degree of substitution within individual item categories. Methodological improvements made to the official CPI since January 1995 have reduced the differences between it and the CPI-U-XG. Nevertheless, the BLS esti-

mates that an index using geometric means for all basic indexes would increase approximately one-quarter of 1 percent a year less rapidly than the official CPI, given the current environment of relatively modest inflation. Partial adoption of the geometric mean formula would be expected to have a downward impact of between zero and one-quarter of 1 percent per year, depending on how many and which indexes continue to be based on the Laspeyres approach.

The BLS is now evaluating the adoption of a geometric mean formula as the official CPI, and the CPI-U-XG will be used to generate further research. Scanner data (i.e., the prices and quantities of items scanned at supermarket check-outs), studies of substitutions between brands, and other information will be used to assess elasticity of demand as the relative prices of items within individual item categories change. The experiences of other countries using geometric means also will be considered.

By the end of 1997, BLS will announce the findings of its research, including its determination of which CPI basic indexes are best calculated with the geometric mean formula and when the implementation of any change will take place. The likely date for that implementation is with the release of January 1999 CPI data.

For current CPI-U-XG and CPI-U-XL data, or for further information, write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20212-0001, or call Kenneth J. Stewart at (202) 606-7000.

—Endnotes—

¹In mathematical terms, the geometric mean index equals the cost-of-living index if all elasticities of substitution in consumption between items equal minus one. The Laspeyres index exceeds the cost-of-living index unless all the elasticities of substitution equal zero.

²We will use the term "basic indexes" for the sake of consistency. Such indexes have also been called subindexes, elementary aggregates, basic item-area component indexes, low-level indexes, first-level indexes, item-area indexes, stratum indexes, etc.

³Under certain conditions, superlative indexes can be shown to be closer approximations than Laspeyres indexes to true cost-of-living indexes (see Diewert, 1987). However, they can be produced only with a significant time lag (i.e., current period expenditures are not typically available in real time for most items).

⁴See, for example, Reinsdorf (1994), Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index (1996) and Moulton (1996).

⁵Many countries employ the geometric mean formula within some or all index categories, although differences in sample item selection procedures limit the formula's general interpretation as a cost-of-living approximation.

⁶The CPI-U-XG is not considered a production-grade index largely because the quote weights within the shelter component are based not on the theoretic-

cally appropriate expenditures but on quantities. Base-period expenditure data for geometric mean weighting will not be available until January 1999, when the new CPI housing sample is introduced. In addition, due to a flaw in computing the weights within the commodity and service components of the CPI-U-XG, the basic geometric mean indexes were inefficiently estimated prior to the index for January 1997.

⁷Even though the Test Laspeyres index (CPI-U-XL) uses early 1996 calculation methods retroactively to December 1990, some improvements made between 1990 and 1996 are not shown in the CPI-U-XL from its inception, because certain data are not available. For example, an improvement made in January 1995 to the estimation of quantity weights included the use of "overlap samples," or the collection of two samples during the same (overlap) time period. Since these overlap samples did not exist before January 1995, the effect of this improvement is not incorporated into the CPI-U-XL until January 1995, when it was incorporated into the official CPI. Since this January 1995 improvement affects the estimation of quantity weights, the CPI-U-XG, which is weighted by expenditures, is not affected by this change. The table below identifies important methodological changes that have occurred since 1990 in which the impact of the change is different for the official CPI, the CPI-U-XL, and the CPI-U-XG.

Methodological changes between 1990 and 1996 affecting the official Laspeyres, test Laspeyres, and experimental CPI using geometric means at different times.

Methodological change	Official CPI-U affected starting	CPI-U-XL affected starting	CPI-U-XG affected starting
Improvements to residential rent and owners' equivalent rent	January 1995	December 1990	December 1990
Improved estimates of quantity weights for food-at-home categories	January 1995	January 1995	has no effect
Improved estimates of quantity weights for other commodities and services	June 1996	June 1996	has no effect
Improved estimates of quantity weights for item substitutions	July 1996	July 1996	has no effect
bounding	N/A	December 1990	December 1990

⁸Baskin and Leaver (1996) have estimated variances for the CPI-U-XG, CPI-U-XL, and official CPI for the major shelter components, and concluded that differences in measures of cumulative index change for the two test series are statistically significant.

⁹The unavoidable reliance on quantity weights rather than the theoretically appropriate expenditure weights in constructing the CPI-U-XG hous-

ing indexes also affect their movements relative to the corresponding CPI-U-XL series. Rent changes for less expensive housing units have a greater influence in the CPI-U-XG. In addition, 1991 and 1995 changes in the treatment of landlord-provided furniture had a greater effect on the shelter components of the CPI-U-XG than the corresponding components of the CPI-U-XL.

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Table 1. The experimental CPI using geometric means, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XG), December 1990 - February 1997

(December 1990=100)

Month and year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services	Energy	Food	All items less food and energy
1990: December	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991:											
January	100.5	101.5	100.9	98.4	98.6	101.0	100.8	101.2	97.3	101.1	100.7
February	100.6	101.6	101.2	99.8	97.2	101.9	101.3	101.7	93.4	101.0	101.2
March	100.6	101.7	101.3	102.0	96.0	102.6	101.7	102.0	90.5	101.1	101.6
April	100.7	102.2	101.0	103.0	95.8	103.0	102.4	102.6	90.3	101.6	101.6
May	100.9	102.3	101.2	102.4	96.7	103.4	102.5	102.7	92.8	101.7	101.7
June	101.1	102.6	101.5	100.2	97.0	104.0	102.6	103.2	93.9	102.0	101.7
July	101.2	102.1	101.9	98.5	96.8	104.7	102.9	103.7	93.3	101.5	102.0
August	101.4	101.7	102.1	100.2	97.1	105.5	103.3	104.5	93.5	101.0	102.4
September	101.9	101.8	102.1	103.6	97.1	105.9	104.0	106.6	94.1	101.0	102.9
October	102.0	101.6	102.1	104.7	97.1	106.5	104.1	106.9	92.6	100.8	103.3
November	102.2	101.8	102.1	104.7	98.0	107.1	104.1	107.3	92.5	101.0	103.5
December	102.3	102.0	102.4	102.1	98.2	107.5	103.4	107.8	92.6	101.2	103.5
1992:											
January	102.4	102.4	102.9	100.4	97.6	108.4	103.5	108.3	91.0	101.7	103.8
February	102.7	102.6	103.1	101.8	97.2	109.4	103.9	108.8	89.9	101.8	104.3
March	103.1	103.0	103.4	104.1	97.4	110.1	104.3	109.1	89.8	102.1	104.8
April	103.3	102.9	103.4	104.0	98.0	110.5	104.9	109.4	90.4	102.1	104.9
May	103.5	102.5	103.5	103.7	98.8	110.8	104.8	109.9	93.0	101.6	105.0
June	103.7	102.5	104.1	101.7	99.2	111.2	104.7	110.1	96.1	101.6	104.9
July	103.8	102.4	104.4	100.0	99.5	111.9	104.9	110.6	96.2	101.4	105.1
August	104.0	102.9	104.6	100.9	99.2	112.4	105.1	111.4	95.6	102.0	105.4
September	104.4	103.1	104.5	103.4	99.1	112.8	105.5	113.2	96.1	102.2	105.7
October	104.7	103.0	104.5	104.7	100.0	113.4	105.6	113.8	94.9	102.1	106.3
November	104.8	103.0	104.5	104.3	100.9	113.9	105.7	113.8	95.0	102.0	106.5
December	104.8	103.1	104.5	101.9	100.8	114.2	105.8	114.5	94.4	102.2	106.4

Table 1. The experimental CPI using geometric means, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XG), December 1990 - February 1997—Continued

(December 1990=100)

Month and year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services	Energy	Food	All items less food and energy
1993:											
January	105.1	103.8	104.9	100.1	100.8	115.1	106.1	115.6	94.0	102.9	106.8
February	105.4	103.9	105.0	102.6	100.9	115.9	106.2	115.9	92.1	103.0	107.3
March	105.8	104.0	105.6	104.6	100.6	116.3	106.3	116.2	93.1	103.1	107.7
April	106.1	104.2	105.9	105.0	101.0	116.7	106.7	116.5	93.7	103.4	108.0
May	106.3	104.6	106.1	103.4	101.6	117.3	106.4	116.9	94.9	103.7	108.0
June	106.4	104.2	106.7	101.0	101.7	117.6	106.7	116.8	96.7	103.3	108.1
July	106.4	104.2	107.0	99.2	101.6	118.2	106.6	117.1	96.0	103.3	108.2
August	106.7	104.4	107.2	101.2	101.5	118.6	106.8	116.8	95.5	103.5	108.5
September	106.8	104.5	107.3	103.0	101.4	118.8	107.4	116.5	95.5	103.6	108.7
October	107.1	104.8	107.1	103.9	102.7	119.4	107.8	116.7	95.7	104.0	109.1
November	107.2	104.9	107.0	103.9	103.3	119.6	108.1	116.9	94.1	104.1	109.3
December	107.2	105.3	107.1	101.1	102.8	119.8	108.4	117.1	92.9	104.5	109.3
1994:											
January	107.3	106.0	107.5	99.2	102.4	120.4	108.8	117.7	92.0	105.2	109.5
February	107.6	105.5	107.9	100.6	102.6	121.1	109.2	117.8	92.6	104.7	109.9
March	108.0	105.6	108.2	103.3	102.8	121.4	109.4	117.9	92.5	104.7	110.4
April	108.1	105.7	108.1	103.6	103.1	121.9	109.2	118.3	92.4	104.9	110.5
May	108.3	105.8	108.4	103.1	103.2	122.2	109.3	118.7	93.4	105.0	110.6
June	108.6	105.9	109.0	101.3	103.9	122.5	109.3	118.9	95.9	105.0	110.7
July	108.8	106.3	109.3	99.1	104.7	123.1	109.5	119.2	96.9	105.4	110.9
August	109.2	106.6	109.5	99.3	105.6	123.5	109.3	120.0	98.3	105.8	111.1
September	109.4	106.7	109.3	101.6	105.6	123.8	109.6	121.2	98.1	105.9	111.4
October	109.5	106.7	109.2	102.3	105.7	124.4	109.9	121.5	95.8	105.9	111.8
November	109.6	106.8	109.1	101.6	106.5	124.8	110.3	121.7	95.8	106.0	111.9
December	109.6	107.5	109.2	98.7	106.5	125.1	109.8	121.7	94.9	106.8	111.8

Table 1. The experimental CPI using geometric means, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XG), December 1990 - February 1997—Continued

(December 1990=100)

Month and year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services	Energy	Food	All items less food and energy
1995:											
January	110.0	108.0	109.8	97.5	106.7	125.8	110.4	122.1	94.5	107.4	112.3
February	110.4	108.0	110.2	98.5	106.8	126.4	110.7	122.8	94.1	107.3	112.8
March	110.7	108.1	110.5	101.0	107.1	126.7	110.7	122.7	93.6	107.3	113.3
April	111.1	108.7	110.6	101.5	107.9	126.8	111.2	122.8	94.1	108.0	113.6
May	111.3	108.6	110.8	100.3	108.9	127.0	111.4	123.2	96.4	107.9	113.7
June	111.5	108.4	111.5	98.0	109.5	127.3	110.9	123.5	99.1	107.7	113.7
July	111.6	108.6	112.0	96.2	108.7	127.8	111.1	123.7	98.0	107.8	113.8
August	111.8	108.8	112.3	97.0	107.9	128.2	111.4	124.9	97.1	108.0	114.1
September	112.0	109.0	112.2	98.9	107.6	128.4	112.1	126.3	95.4	108.3	114.5
October	112.3	109.3	112.4	100.4	108.0	128.8	112.2	126.6	94.4	108.6	115.0
November	112.2	109.3	112.2	99.8	108.0	129.2	112.8	126.9	92.9	108.6	115.1
December	112.2	109.6	112.4	97.3	107.7	129.3	112.9	126.9	93.4	108.9	114.9
1996:											
January	112.7	110.3	113.0	96.3	108.3	130.1	113.1	127.4	94.9	109.6	115.3
February	113.1	110.3	113.4	97.5	108.6	130.6	114.1	127.8	94.9	109.5	115.8
March	113.6	110.8	113.6	100.1	109.3	130.8	114.0	128.0	95.7	110.0	116.3
April	114.0	111.2	113.8	100.0	110.7	130.9	114.0	128.1	99.1	110.5	116.3
May	114.3	111.1	114.1	99.2	111.8	131.1	114.1	128.6	102.1	110.3	116.4
June	114.3	111.5	114.6	96.7	111.4	131.3	114.2	128.5	102.2	110.7	116.4
July	114.5	111.9	115.2	94.8	111.0	131.8	114.1	128.9	101.8	111.2	116.6
August	114.6	112.2	115.5	94.3	110.5	132.0	114.2	129.8	100.8	111.5	116.8
September	115.0	112.8	115.5	96.9	110.7	132.1	114.7	131.0	100.9	112.0	117.2
October	115.3	113.4	115.4	98.4	111.1	132.5	114.7	131.2	99.8	112.7	117.6
November	115.5	113.6	115.4	98.5	111.8	132.6	115.2	131.5	100.4	112.9	117.7
December	115.5	113.8	115.6	96.2	112.1	132.6	115.1	131.3	101.4	113.1	117.6
1997:											
January	115.9	114.1	116.2	95.3	111.9	133.2	115.3	132.1	102.4	113.4	117.8
February	116.2	114.1	116.6	96.9	111.8	133.7	115.7	132.5	102.2	113.3	118.3

Table 2. The experimental "Test Laspeyres" CPI, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XL), December 1990 - February 1997

(December 1990=100)

Month and year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services	Energy	Food	All items less food and energy
1990:											
December	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991:											
January	100.5	101.5	100.9	98.8	98.6	101.0	100.7	101.2	97.3	101.2	100.7
February	100.6	101.6	101.3	100.7	97.2	102.0	101.2	101.7	93.4	101.0	101.4
March	100.8	101.9	101.4	102.8	96.1	102.7	101.6	102.1	90.6	101.2	101.8
April	100.9	102.5	101.2	103.8	96.0	103.1	102.3	102.6	90.4	101.9	101.9
May	101.2	102.5	101.4	103.3	96.9	103.6	102.4	102.8	92.8	101.9	101.9
June	101.4	102.9	101.8	101.3	97.2	104.1	102.6	103.3	94.0	102.3	102.0
July	101.5	102.4	102.3	99.9	97.0	104.9	103.0	103.8	93.4	101.7	102.4
August	101.8	102.1	102.5	101.8	97.3	105.7	103.5	104.7	93.6	101.3	102.8
September	102.2	102.1	102.5	104.8	97.3	106.2	104.2	106.9	94.1	101.4	103.3
October	102.4	102.0	102.5	105.9	97.4	106.8	104.4	107.1	92.5	101.2	103.7
November	102.6	102.3	102.5	106.1	98.3	107.4	104.3	107.5	92.5	101.5	104.0
December	102.7	102.5	102.8	103.4	98.5	107.9	104.0	108.0	92.6	101.9	104.0
1992:											
January	102.9	103.0	103.2	102.1	97.9	108.9	104.1	108.6	90.9	102.3	104.3
February	103.2	103.2	103.5	103.9	97.5	110.0	104.5	109.0	89.9	102.4	104.8
March	103.7	103.7	103.8	106.4	97.8	110.7	105.0	109.3	89.8	102.9	105.4
April	103.9	103.7	103.8	106.4	98.4	111.2	105.5	109.6	90.4	102.9	105.6
May	104.1	103.3	103.9	106.2	99.2	111.5	105.6	110.2	93.0	102.4	105.6
June	104.4	103.3	104.6	104.6	99.7	111.9	105.5	110.4	96.3	102.4	105.7
July	104.6	103.2	105.0	103.1	99.9	112.7	105.8	110.8	96.3	102.2	105.9
August	104.8	103.7	105.2	103.9	99.7	113.2	106.0	111.8	95.8	102.9	106.2
September	105.2	104.0	105.1	106.4	99.7	113.6	106.4	113.7	96.2	103.2	106.6
October	105.5	104.0	105.0	107.8	100.6	114.3	106.7	114.2	95.0	103.1	107.1
November	105.6	103.9	105.0	107.3	101.5	114.8	106.8	114.3	95.0	103.1	107.4
December	105.6	104.2	105.1	104.9	101.4	115.1	106.9	115.0	94.5	103.4	107.3

Table 2. The experimental "Test Laspeyres" CPI, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XL), December 1990 - February 1997—Continued

(December 1990=100)

Month and year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services	Energy	Food	All items less food and energy
1993:											
January	106.0	105.0	105.6	103.5	101.5	116.1	107.2	116.1	94.0	104.2	107.7
February	106.4	105.1	105.9	106.5	101.6	117.0	107.4	116.4	92.9	104.2	108.4
March	106.8	105.3	106.3	108.8	101.4	117.4	107.6	116.7	93.1	104.4	108.8
April	107.1	105.6	106.4	109.2	101.7	117.8	108.0	117.0	93.7	104.8	109.0
May	107.3	106.0	106.6	107.8	102.3	118.5	107.8	117.5	95.0	105.2	109.1
June	107.4	105.4	107.2	105.3	102.4	118.9	108.1	117.4	96.9	104.6	109.1
July	107.4	105.4	107.5	103.3	102.4	119.5	108.0	117.8	96.2	104.6	109.2
August	107.7	105.7	107.7	105.2	102.4	119.9	108.3	117.6	95.7	104.9	109.6
September	107.9	105.9	107.8	107.5	102.2	120.2	108.9	117.3	95.6	105.1	109.8
October	108.3	106.3	107.7	108.6	103.6	120.8	109.4	117.5	95.8	105.5	110.3
November	108.4	106.5	107.5	108.7	104.2	121.1	109.7	117.8	94.3	105.8	110.5
December	108.4	107.1	107.7	105.8	103.8	121.2	109.9	118.0	93.0	106.3	110.5
1994:											
January	108.6	107.8	108.1	104.1	103.4	122.0	110.4	118.6	92.1	107.1	110.8
February	109.0	107.3	108.6	105.7	103.7	122.7	110.8	118.6	92.7	106.5	111.2
March	109.4	107.5	108.9	108.6	103.9	123.1	111.1	118.8	92.6	106.7	111.8
April	109.5	107.6	108.8	108.9	104.2	123.6	111.3	119.3	92.6	106.8	111.9
May	109.7	107.7	109.0	108.3	104.4	123.9	111.4	119.8	93.6	106.9	112.0
June	110.0	107.7	109.7	106.8	105.1	124.3	111.3	120.1	96.1	106.9	112.2
July	110.3	108.2	110.0	104.5	105.8	125.0	111.7	120.3	97.1	107.5	112.3
August	110.7	108.5	110.2	104.6	106.8	125.4	111.6	121.2	98.6	107.9	112.6
September	110.9	108.7	110.0	107.1	106.8	125.7	112.0	122.4	98.3	108.1	112.9
October	111.0	108.7	109.9	107.9	107.0	126.5	112.2	122.7	96.0	108.1	113.3
November	111.2	109.0	109.8	107.1	107.8	126.9	112.6	122.9	96.0	108.3	113.4
December	111.2	110.0	109.9	104.2	107.7	127.2	112.4	123.0	95.1	109.4	113.4

Table 2. The experimental "Test Laspeyres" CPI, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XL), December 1990 - February 1997—Continued

(December 1990=100)

Month and year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services	Energy	Food	All items less food and energy
1995:											
January	111.7	110.5	110.6	103.3	107.9	128.0	113.0	123.3	94.7	109.9	113.9
February	112.1	110.4	111.0	104.6	108.1	128.8	113.3	124.0	94.3	109.9	114.5
March	112.4	110.4	111.3	107.3	108.5	129.1	113.4	124.0	93.8	109.8	115.0
April	112.8	111.2	111.4	107.6	109.3	129.3	113.9	124.1	94.4	110.6	115.3
May	113.0	111.1	111.5	106.5	110.3	129.6	114.1	124.5	96.7	110.5	115.3
June	113.2	110.9	112.2	104.2	110.9	129.9	113.9	124.8	99.4	110.3	115.4
July	113.3	111.0	112.7	102.5	110.2	130.5	114.1	125.0	98.3	110.4	115.5
August	113.6	111.2	113.0	103.9	109.4	131.0	114.5	126.2	97.6	110.6	115.9
September	113.8	111.6	113.0	105.9	109.1	131.2	115.1	127.7	96.5	111.0	116.3
October	114.1	111.9	113.0	107.4	109.6	131.7	115.4	128.1	95.0	111.3	116.8
November	114.1	111.9	112.8	106.8	109.6	132.1	116.0	128.3	93.5	111.3	116.9
December	114.1	112.3	113.1	104.2	109.3	132.2	116.1	128.3	93.9	111.7	116.7
1996:											
January	114.7	113.1	113.7	103.8	109.9	133.1	116.7	128.9	95.4	112.5	117.2
February	115.1	113.0	114.2	104.8	110.4	133.7	117.7	129.2	95.3	112.4	117.8
March	115.7	113.6	114.6	107.6	111.0	133.9	117.8	129.4	96.5	113.0	118.3
April	116.1	114.1	114.7	107.7	112.5	134.1	117.8	129.6	99.9	113.5	118.4
May	116.3	113.9	114.9	106.8	113.5	134.4	118.0	130.1	102.7	113.2	118.5
June	116.4	114.4	115.4	104.4	113.2	134.6	118.2	130.1	102.8	113.7	118.5
July	116.7	114.8	116.1	102.4	112.8	135.2	118.2	130.4	102.3	114.2	118.8
August	116.8	115.2	116.4	102.3	112.3	135.4	118.3	131.4	101.5	114.6	119.0
September	117.2	115.8	116.3	104.9	112.6	135.5	118.7	132.7	101.6	115.2	119.4
October	117.6	116.4	116.3	106.5	113.1	135.9	118.8	132.9	100.5	115.8	119.8
November	117.8	116.7	116.2	106.5	113.8	136.2	119.4	133.2	101.0	116.2	120.0
December	117.8	117.0	116.4	104.0	114.1	136.3	119.5	133.0	102.0	116.5	119.8
1997:											
January	118.2	117.2	117.1	103.5	113.9	137.0	119.9	133.8	102.9	116.7	120.2
February	118.6	117.2	117.6	105.3	113.8	137.5	120.2	134.2	102.7	116.6	120.7

Table 3. "Test Laspeyres" less geometric mean, percentage differences in 12-month changes, for all items and major groups, December 1991-96

Month/year	All items	Food and beverages	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Medical care	Entertainment	Other goods and services
December 1991	0.40	0.50	0.40	1.30	0.30	0.40	0.60	0.20
December 1992	0.38	0.58	0.19	1.65	0.29	0.44	0.47	0.26
December 1993	0.36	0.65	-0.02	1.65	0.39	0.40	0.35	0.34
December 1994	0.34	0.62	0.08	0.86	0.16	0.53	0.98	0.31
December 1995	0.24	0.14	-0.02	1.42	0.36	0.57	0.47	0.04
December 1996	0.30	0.36	0.07	0.94	0.30	0.55	0.98	0.19

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The redesign of the CPI geographic sample

The selection of new geographic sampling areas ensures that the 1998 revised Consumer Price Index is representative of current demographics

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The most basic element of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) decennial revision program is the selection of new CPI samples. The selection of geographic areas is the first stage of the CPI's multistage sample design. In subsequent stages, BLS analysts select the outlets (places where area residents make purchases), goods and services (items purchased), and residents' housing units.

Historically, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) definition of Metropolitan Areas first to determine the geographic boundary between the metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas of the United States for the CPI,¹ and second to divide the metropolitan United States into geographic sections called primary sampling units (hereafter, called sampling units). However, there are five sampling units within the metropolitan area that are not OMB-designated Metropolitan Areas.² In the nonmetropolitan area (a total of 77 percent of U. S. land), BLS forms nonmetropolitan sampling units. In general, a sampling unit is delineated by county borders (with some exceptions in New England), and can comprise several counties.

Currently, BLS publishes the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers residents of the metropolitan area, as well as residents of urban parts of the nonmetropolitan area.³ Based on the 1990 census, 84 percent of the U.S. population is included in the CPI-U definition. In 1989, when planning began for the 1998 revision of the CPI, one major change envisioned was to publish a Total U.S.

Population Consumer Price Index, the CPI-T. To accommodate this expanded CPI-T, a larger number of sampling units needed to be selected throughout the country to represent the previously unrepresented population.

However, an increase in the number of selected sampling units entails an increase in the total cost of the CPI. When the sampling unit selection process was scheduled to begin in 1993, no decision to publish the CPI-T had been made. To meet the deadline for sampling unit selection, BLS decided to use a dual strategy when forming nonmetropolitan sampling units and determining how many sampling units to select from each of the four census regions.

This article describes the area selection process for the 1998 CPI revision. The basic steps in the geographic area selection process are:

- Determine sample classification variables
- Construct sampling units
- Classify sampling units by population size and allocate sample
- Determine stratification variables within each region's size class and stratify nonself-representing sampling units
- Select sampling units for the CPI geographic sample

These steps are basically the same as those followed for the 1987 revision. This article highlights how the 1998 revision methodology and the final sample design differ from the previous revision.⁴

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Determine sample classification variables

In both the 1987 and 1998 sample designs, sampling units were classified first by location, based on one of the four census regions: Northeast, Midwest, South, and West. In the 1987 design, population size, the second classification variable, had four classes; whereas in the 1998 design it has three.

For the metropolitan area, the population size class variable is used to designate self-representing sampling units (areas which have a large enough population to be selected for the sample with certainty) and nonself-representing sampling units (areas which are randomly selected to represent themselves as well as other metropolitan areas not selected for the sample). Both the 1987 and the 1998 designs have one size class for self-representing metropolitan sampling units (A size class). The 1987 design used two size classes for nonself-representing metropolitan sampling units by drawing a distinction between medium (B size class) and small (C size class) nonself-representing metropolitan sampling units, and the population boundary depended on the census region of the sampling unit.⁵ These two population-size classes were combined in the 1998 design. The decision to have just one population class (designated as B/C) of nonself-representing metropolitan sampling units eliminated the difficulty of defining the population boundary between small and medium metropolitan sampling units, as encountered in the 1987 revision. (See exhibit 1.)

In the 1987 sample design, an additional class variable—urban or rural nonmetropolitan—was required because the geographic areas selected for the CPI-U were also used in the Consumer Expenditure Survey. The definition of “population” in the Consumer Expenditure Survey includes the total nonmetropolitan population—urban and rural—compared with the CPI-U population definition, which includes only the urban parts of the nonmetropolitan area. In the 1987 design, in order to support the expenditure survey’s total population definition and the more restrictive CPI-U definition, the sample design in the expenditure survey required two nonmetropolitan classes—urban and rural nonmetropolitan. The nonmetropolitan area for the 1987 design was first divided into urban and rural areas. Then the urban area was divided into urban sampling units, which were sampled simultaneously for the CPI and the expenditure survey. Subsequently, the rural area was divided into rural sampling units from which the rest of the sampling units for the expenditure survey were chosen. The map in exhibit 2 illustrates the size of the nonmetropolitan land area.⁶ In the 1998 design, this dichotomy was not required, because nonmetropolitan sampling units were sampled from the total nonmetropolitan area, based on the CPI-T population definition. If a decision was made not to publish a CPI-T after the selection of the

nonmetropolitan CPI-T sampling units, urban parts of a subsample of these units would become the nonmetropolitan CPI-U sampling units. However, the selection of CPI-U sampling units and the proportion of the CPI-U population they represent is based on the CPI-T sampling unit selection.

Construct sampling units

For the 1998 revision, the nonmetropolitan sampling units were formed from counties (or from minor civil divisions in Hawaii and in all six New England States). To create a potential sampling unit containing some urban consumer units,⁷ 5,000 urban consumer units were necessary per sampling unit, while 5,000 rural consumer units were needed if the potential sampling unit contained no urban consumer units. This sampling unit population size is required in order to have enough consumer units to support the various household surveys using this design—the Consumer Expenditure Survey, the Continuing Point-of-Purchase Survey, and the CPI Housing Survey—without unduly burdening respondents. All counties in the sampling units had to be contiguous, and a reasonable attempt was made to stay within State boundaries. In some areas, it was impossible to find contiguous counties with either more than 5,000 urban consumer units or more than 5,000 rural consumer units with no urban consumer units. In these cases, BLS eventually formed some sampling units containing some urban consumer units (but not 5,000 of them) and with at least 5,000 total consumer units. For example, the combination of Lake and Cook counties in northeastern Minnesota contain 6,353 consumer units, but only 1,665 urban units. If the CPI-T was abandoned, and the urban part of one of these sampling units was selected for the CPI-U, BLS planned to add urban parts of neighboring sampling units in the same stratum to be used only for the CPI Housing Survey sample.⁸ (Details on stratifying sampling units into classes are discussed later in this article.)

ATLAS-GIS (geographic information system) mapping software, which drew computer maps overlaid with the relevant census population data, was employed in this sampling unit formation. This software also was used to derive the sampling unit location variables—longitude and latitude—employed in sampling unit stratification.

Classify units by population; allocate sample

Census region and population size are used to partition all of the sampling units into a total of 12 classes—the four census regions and three population-size classes within each region. The CPI’s sample allocation consists of determining how many sampling units will be sampled from each of these 12 size classes. The combination of sampling unit classification and sample allocation is an iterative process that is con-

Exhibit 1. Size classifications of sampling units in CPI and Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 1987, 1996, and 1998

Sampling unit	1987 CPI-U and Consumer Expenditure Survey ¹		1996 Consumer Expenditure Survey (CPI-T)		1998 revision CPI-U ²	
	Class	Definition	Class	Definition	Class	Definition
Self-representing metropolitan	A	Metropolitan Areas with 1980 population greater than 1.2 million ³	A	Metropolitan Areas with 1990 population greater than 1.5 million ³	A	Metropolitan Areas with 1990 population greater than 1.5 million ³
Nonself-representing metropolitan	B	Medium Metropolitan Areas ⁴	B/C	Metropolitan Areas with 1990 population of 1.5 million or less	B/C	Metropolitan Areas with 1990 population of 1.5 million or less
	C	Small Metropolitan Areas ⁴				
Nonmetropolitan	D	(Urban only)	Y and Z	Represent total nonmetropolitan population	D	Represent urban nonmetropolitan population
	T	(Rural only) Consumer Expenditure Survey only				

¹ Current class B publication indexes include prices from the class B sampling units and Honolulu, while the current class C publication indexes include prices from the class C sampling units and Anchorage.

² The basic publication index names and composition for the 1998 revision are shown in Appendix 2, (pages 70-77). The West B/C class

index will include all B/C sampling units in the West, along with Honolulu and Anchorage.

³ Anchorage and Honolulu are class A sampling units with smaller populations.

⁴ For the 1987 revision, classes B and C population size boundaries vary by census region.

strained by budget as well as index continuity and publication considerations which are discussed below.

Classifying metropolitan sampling units. After sampling units are formed, BLS determines the population boundary between the size of self-representing and nonself-representing metropolitan sampling units. This process is subject to both budget constraints and CPI users' needs. Sampling units included in the current 1987 design are efficient in terms of program costs and users' needs. Continuing sampling units are less expensive to resample because trained data collection staff are already available in these areas. CPI users want the current class A (self-representing) sampling units to remain as they are because published indexes are available for most of these areas individually.⁹ To balance this desire with the mandate to keep data collection costs under control by limiting the number of new sampling units, BLS classified all sampling units with populations greater than 1.5 million as class A (self-representing) units for the 1998 revision.¹⁰ Honolulu and Anchorage remain class A sampling units because their geographic locations make price

change in these consumer markets unique. The self-representing sampling units form 4 of the 12 regional size classes and include 31 sampling units. All Metropolitan Areas not included in the class A sampling units were classified as class B/C (nonself-representing metropolitan) and all nonmetropolitan sampling units were classified as either class Y or class Z. Exhibit 1 contrasts the 1987 size classifications for sampling units in the CPI and expenditure survey with those in the 1998 revised CPI-U and the 1996 total population Consumer Expenditure Survey. The budget for the 1998 revised CPI required that the sample size remain the same as the current one. This meant that there would be 74 nonself-representing sampling units chosen, with 18 of them not priced for a CPI-U, but only surveyed for consumer expenditure data.

Dual strategy for sample allocation. BLS considered many sample allocation strategies to make sure that the final sample allocation for the Consumer Expenditure Survey and the proposed CPI-T had regional size class samples that were as proportional to population size as possible, while still being

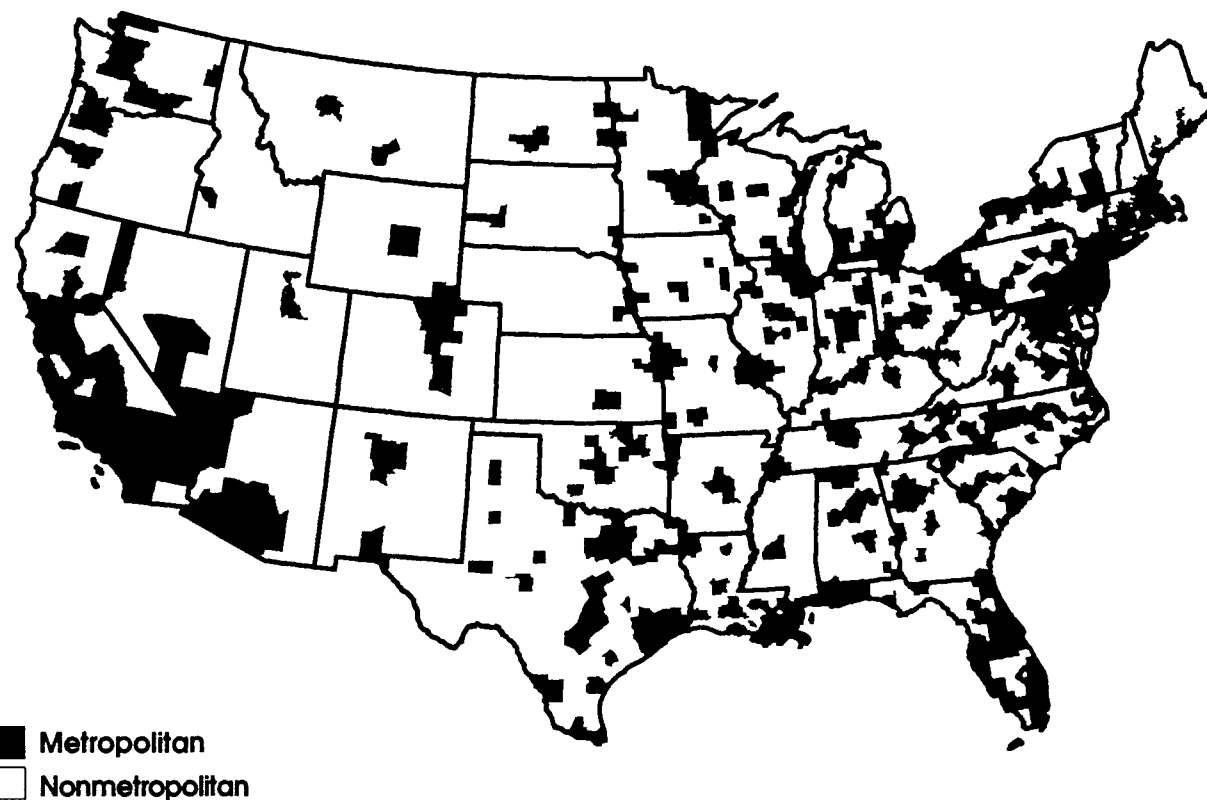
adaptable to a CPI-U. The selected strategy first declared that the CPI-U and expenditure survey would have the same selected class A and class B/C sampling units. The next step was to allocate the number of sample nonself-representing metropolitan and nonmetropolitan sampling units (74) to the remaining eight regional size classes, proportional to their total populations. (For example, the number allocated to the West B/C size class should be approximately equal to the population in the West B/C size sampling units times 74 divided by the population in nonself-representing sampling units.) The CPI-U and the expenditure survey each contain 46 nonself-representing metropolitan sampling units.

To prepare for the possibility of producing an urban-only CPI, BLS adopted the strategy of classifying all nonmetropolitan sampling units into one size class and of selecting 28 nonmetropolitan units. If, after the selection, it was decided that the CPI would use the CPI-U population definition rather than the CPI-T definition, the selected nonmetropolitan sampling units would be divided into two classes, class Y

and class Z. The CPI-U would use urban parts of 10 of the 28 selected nonmetropolitan sampling units to represent the urban nonmetropolitan population; these urban parts would be designated as D sample units in the CPI-U. The 10 sample units of which these 10 are parts are called Y sample units. The expenditure survey would use these Y sample units and the remaining 18 nonmetropolitan sample units (called Z sample units) to represent the total nonmetropolitan population.

The method used to classify the selected sampling units as class Y or Z was iterative. First, the chosen nonmetropolitan sampling units with no urban population would become Z sample units. Then, from the remaining selected nonmetropolitan sampling units, a total of 10 would be chosen to be classified as Y sampling units with probability proportional to the urban population of their strata. This selection was performed in each region, based on the number of nonmetropolitan sampling units allocated to each region. This is illustrated in table 1 in the row labeled D (Y for the

Exhibit 2. Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas in the contiguous United States, December 1992



NOTE: Honolulu and Anchorage (Metropolitan Areas) are not shown.

Table 1. Regional distribution of selected sample units, 1998 revision

Size class	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total, CPI-U	87	14	22	33	18
A	31	6	8	7	10
B/C	46	8	10	22	6
D (Y for CES)	10	0	4	4	2
Total, CES	105	18	26	41	20
Z (CES only)	18	4	4	8	2

NOTE: CES = Consumer Expenditure Survey.

expenditure survey). Finally, the remaining nonmetropolitan sample units would also be classified as Z units. In addition, the sampling unit's percent urban population would be used as a stratifying variable to ensure that the units in each stratum were as alike as possible on this variable. The number of sample Z units in each region was determined by the region's rural nonmetropolitan population.

With the exception of food and energy items, the CPI collects prices in most sampling units¹¹ every other month; this is known as bimonthly pricing. Bimonthly pricing makes it necessary to pair each selected nonself-representing metropolitan and nonmetropolitan sampling unit priced in odd months with a sampling unit in the same regional size class priced in even months, so that each region's monthly B/C and D size class indexes represent approximately the same size populations. Thus, each region's B/C and D size class must have an even number of sampled units. Index publication requires calculation of index variances. (See "Publication strategy for the 1998 revised Consumer Price Index," pages 26–30.) Variance calculation of a particular region's B/C and D size class index also requires that sampling units in that size class be paired with each other (each pair is called a replicate) and that there are at least two replicates in that nonself-representing size class.¹² Thus, index publication requires that each published nonself-representing regional size-class index area have an even number of sampling units, amounting to at least four.

Table 1 presents the proportional-to-population size sample allocation to the regional size classes for the 1998 geographic area design. The 31 class A sampling units in table 1 represent 46 percent of the total population and 53 percent of the CPI-U population. Also of note is the fact that there are 74 nonself-representing sampling units for a CPI-T and 56 for a CPI-U.

Comparing the sampling unit allocation in table 1 with the publication requirements (mentioned earlier), we see that the nonmetropolitan CPI-U indexes (size class D) for the Northeast and West will not be published when the 1998 area design is used to produce the January 1998 index. (Currently, no Northeast or West nonmetropolitan urban indexes are pub-

lished.) These regional size classes do not meet publication requirements, which require a minimum of four sampling units. However, for a total CPI, a combined Y and Z class (nonmetropolitan) index could have been published in every region. Because the Boston sampling unit has absorbed almost all of the previously nonmetropolitan urban population in the Northeast, that region did not qualify to have even one selected D sampling unit.

Stratify sampling units into classes

The next phase of the sampling unit selection for the CPI-T was to stratify (group) the units in each region's size class (for example, South B/C) into strata (groups) of similar sampling units based on their scores on several stratifying variables. The number of strata is the same as the number of sampling units to be selected because one sampling unit is chosen from each stratum. Each class A sampling unit is in a stratum by itself; thus the name, self-representing. Selection of the stratifying variables to stratify a region's B/C and D size classes was based on linear regression modeling of 1987 through 1992 price change for various time intervals. The independent variables used in this modeling were subsets of 1990 census and geographic sampling unit variables. How well CPI price change was explained by these models was measured by percent R^2 .¹³ Table 2 exhibits percent R^2 values for three competing models of sampling unit price change of various time lags. Data used were from current class A sample units, excluding Anchorage and Honolulu. (Anchorage and Honolulu sample units are statistical outliers because they are geographically removed from the contiguous United States and also demographically different.)

The geographic model consists of four independent variables: normalized (centered and scaled by the range) longitude, the square of normalized longitude, normalized latitude, and percent urban. The two other comparison models, which use census variables, are the 7-variable model which contains the seven variables of the 1987 revision stratification¹⁴ along with percent urban, and an 11-variable model. Note that the R^2 values for the geographic model are larger

Table 2. Percent price change variance explained by models

Interval of price change	Geographical (4-variable) model	7-variable model	11-variable model
6 months	40.23	34.28	47.69
1 year	28.66	21.07	28.89
2 years	46.26	30.22	65.38
3 years	53.01	24.73	66.31
4 years	63.01	44.91	79.16
5 years	68.97	53.37	83.71

Table 3. Percent variance of some census variables in the 11-variable model, explained by the variables in the geographic model

Census variable	Percent variance explained
Percent fuel oil heated housing units	81.34
Percent gas heated housing units	70.47
Mean contract rent	54.01
Percent electric heated housing units ...	47.20
Percent two or more wage earner consumer units	39.82
Percent black consumer units	39.09

than those for the 7-variable model and smaller than those of the 11-variable model. Taking into account that the latter model uses 11 variables and the geographic model employs just 4, the geographic model was judged best because it was simpler and understandable. The independent variables used in it will be available for future revisions. The reason the 4-variable geographic model performed so well is attributed to the model's high explanatory power for selected variables within the 11-variable model. For example, table 3 contains the 6 of these 11 variables with the largest percent R^2 obtained when each census variable was modeled by the set of variables in the geographic model. County 1990 census data for the 48 contiguous States were used in this analysis.

Another consideration when choosing stratification variables is the resulting expected overlap (the expected number of old sampling units in the new design). The 1987 geographic sample contained 45 sampling units that were eligible for reselection as part of the new sample of 46 B/C sampling units. Of these, two (Buffalo and New Orleans) were former class A sampling units that were no longer self-representing in the new design. Subject to the requirement of obtaining a statistically representative sample, choosing a stratification that will increase the expected number of reselected sampling units avoids unnecessary training and other personnel costs. Because one sampling unit is selected from each stratum, the expected overlap can be computed once the stratification has been completed. Several stratifications of the metropolitan nonself-representing regional sampling units were completed using the variables in these models with various weights on the variables.¹⁵ Table 4 exhibits the expected numbers of overlap sampling units found in the best of these stratifications using approximate definitions of Metropolitan Areas.

As shown in the third column (7-variable/unequal) of table 4, the stratification using the seven 1987 revision variables along with their 1987 weights and percent urban with a weight of 1 gave the largest and, thus, the most desirable expected overlap.¹⁶ The second column of the table (7-variable/equal) is the overlap expected when using the same variables with equal weights. The fourth column (geographical/equal) is the

expected overlap when stratifying with the geographic variables with equal weights. The last column (mixed/equal) shows the results of a mixed stratification scheme with equal weights.

The last row in table 4 shows the range of the possible number of overlap class B/C sampling units for each set of (weighted) stratifying variables. Note that after stratification, BLS "Keyfitted"¹⁷ each sampling unit's probability of selection from a B/C stratum to improve the possibility that a current sampling unit in the stratum would be reselected, while reflecting shifts in sampling unit populations between censuses. For example, if a 1998 revision stratum contains the same sampling units as a 1987 stratum and a current sampling unit in that stratum has a probability of selection (1990 sampling unit population divided by 1990 stratum population) which is greater than or equal to its 1987 probability of selection, then its Keyfitted probability of being selected from that stratum is 1 and it is selected with certainty.

The final solution was to use the variables in the geographic model for stratification of the B/C sampling units in the Northeast, West, and Midwest, and also for all of the nonmetropolitan sampling units. The seven variables (with equal weights) used for the previous revision along with percent urban were employed to stratify the South B/C sampling units, because too much overlap would have been lost otherwise. This is the mixed stratification and expected overlap in the last column of table 4.

There are several advantages to using the four geographic variables for stratification. The variables will not change very much over time. This will lead to much better overlap values in the next revision, as the stratifications will be basically the same. In addition, a complete change in stratifying variables will eventually have to be made because census 2000 will probably not collect data necessary to construct the 1987 variables, but the geographic variables will definitely be available for the next CPI revision from the ATLAS-GIS software. The program used to do the stratifications is a modified version of the Friedman-Rubin¹⁸ clustering algorithm which puts sampling units in the same strata based

Table 4. Expected overlap using various stratifying variables with equal and unequal weights for class B/C sampling units, by region

Region	7-variable/ equal	7-variable/ unequal	Geographical/ equal	Mixed/ equal
United States	20.07	21.44	18.22	20.43
Northeast ...	3.89	4.70	4.60	4.60
Midwest	3.44	3.78	2.91	2.91
South	10.17	10.30	7.96	10.17
West	2.57	2.66	2.75	2.75
U.S. range	18-22	19-23	15-19	18-22

on their similarities on the stratification variables, while keeping the population sizes of the strata approximately equal.

Stratification results. For each of the eight census regional size classes of nonself-representing sampling units (B/C and nonmetropolitan), 20 stratifications were completed. In each class, the final stratification was characterized by possessing the smallest sum of between sampling unit within strata variances over all stratifying variables. This number measures how close the sampling units in each strata are with regard to their values on the stratifying variables.

The distribution of the number of sampling units in each final regional B/C stratum is fairly uniform with strata containing two sampling units being made up of either two formerly B-sized sampling units or a formerly A-sized sampling unit and a formerly C-sized sampling unit. The B/C strata containing the larger number of sampling units are made up entirely of formerly C-sized sampling units. The expected total overlap among the B/C

sampling units ranges between 19 and 23.

Select sampling units

A program was used to select one sampling unit per stratum so that the selected CPI-T sampling units are well distributed over the States and that there are many current sampling units among the newly selected ones. When the decision to publish only a CPI-U was made, the previously outlined strategy was implemented. This resulted in designating selected nonmetropolitan areas as Z sampling units which had urban population in their strata. To account for the Z strata urban population in the CPI-U publication indexes, each selected Z sampling unit containing urban population was paired with a chosen geographically close D sample unit (B/C sample unit in the Northeast) in the same region. The urban stratum population of each Z sampling unit was then added to the stratum population of its paired CPI-U sampling unit to calculate the CPI-U population represented by each D (B/C in the Northeast) sample unit in the pair. These

Exhibit 3. Class size of selected CPI-U primary sampling units in the contiguous United States, 1998



NOTE: Honolulu and Anchorage (A class size primary sampling units) are not shown.

population numbers are used to calculate the percent of index population shown in Appendix 2 (pages 70–77).

Of the 46 final B/C strata, 32 contained at least one sampling unit from the current sample. A current sampling unit was selected in 21 of these 32 strata; that is, the amount of overlap in the new CPI-U nonself-representing sample is 21 sampling units. The map in exhibit 3 shows all counties contained in the contiguous U. S. (Honolulu and Anchorage are not shown) CPI-U sample by size class.

Footnotes

¹ Each of the decennial census-based Metropolitan Areas is either a Metropolitan Statistical Area, Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, or Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. For more information, see the Statistical Policy Office of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Attachments to OMB Bulletin No. 93–05, *Metropolitan Areas 1992, Lists I–IV*. The CPI metropolitan area includes all OMB-designated Metropolitan Areas.

² The five sampling units in the metropolitan area that are not OMB-designated Metropolitan Areas are the Los Angeles suburbs, CA, sampling unit, the three sampling units that together form the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA publication area, and the Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV sampling unit. (See Appendix 2, pages 70–77.)

³ BLS also publishes the CPI-W, which covers urban wage earners and clerical workers.

⁴ A more detailed description of the current and 1998 revision area sample selection is contained in Cathryn S. Dippo and Curtis A. Jacobs, "Area Sample Redesign for the Consumer Price Index," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section* (American Statistical Association, 1983), pp. 118–23; and J. L. Williams, E. F. Brown, and G. R. Zion, "The Challenge of Redesigning the Consumer Price Index Area Sample," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section*, vol. 1 (American Statistical Association, 1993), pp. 200–05.

⁵ In 1987, the census region population boundaries between C and B sampling unit population sizes were (in thousands): Northeast–500, Midwest–360, South–450, and West–330.

⁶ This map shows the contiguous U.S. metropolitan area. Anchorage and Honolulu are the only Metropolitan Areas not shown.

⁷ A consumer unit consists of one of the following: (1) all members of a particular housing unit who are related by blood, marriage, adoption, or some other legal arrangement, such as foster children; (2) two or more unrelated persons living together who pool their income to make joint expenditure decisions; or (3) a person living alone or sharing a household with others, or living as a roomer in a private home, lodging house, or in permanent living quarters in a hotel or motel, but who is financially independent and is not included in (2). A student living in university-sponsored housing is included in the sample as a separate consumer unit.

⁸ Four sampling units of this type are in the sample—two in the Midwest and two in the South.

⁹ All current A sampling units are published except those which are

Appendix 2 (pages 70–77) shows the names of sampling units selected for the 1998 revised CPI-U and counties contained therein. The sample contains 36 new sampling units: 1 in class A (Phoenix), 25 in class B/C and 10 in class D. Prices from these 36 sampling units will be introduced into CPI index calculations with the release of the January 1998 index. The appendix also gives the proportion of the CPI-U population represented by each selected sampling unit along with its pricing cycle. □

part of A101 (New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA) and A421 (Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA). These are published together as A101 and A421, respectively. The Office of Management and Budget calls A101 and A421 Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

¹⁰ This decision classified two current A sampling units, Buffalo and New Orleans, as B/C sampling units. In addition, Phoenix, a 1987 class A sampling unit, which was dropped in 1988 due to budget cuts, is a new class A sampling unit. However, a Phoenix index will not be published individually.

¹¹ For the 1998 revision, prices will be collected monthly in just three A areas—A101, A421, and A207 (the New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas).

¹² For information on replicates and how they are used in CPI variance calculation, see Sylvia Leaver and Richard Valliant, "Chapter 28: Statistical Problems in Estimating the U.S. Consumer Price Index," *Business Survey Methods* (New York, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1993).

¹³ Values of R^2 always increase as more independent variables are added to a model.

¹⁴ The 1987 stratifying variables were: mean interest and dividend income per consumer unit, mean consumer unit wage and salary income, percent housing units heated by electricity, percent housing units heated by fuel oil, percent owner occupied housing units, percent black consumer units, and percent consumer units with a retired person.

¹⁵ The weights used for the 1987 stratification were 0.5 on each of the non-income variables and 1 on each of the two income variables. A variable's weight is used as a multiplier of a statistic calculated to judge how close every stratum's sampling units are on this particular variable. These products are then summed over all of the stratifying variables. The resulting number is used to judge how good a particular weighted stratification is. The smaller the number, the better the stratification. See Dippo and Jacobs, footnote 4.

¹⁶ See footnote 15.

¹⁷ See Dippo and Jacobs, footnote 4, for more information on this technique.

¹⁸ See D. Kostanich, D. Judkins, R. Singh, and M. Schautz, "Modification of Friedman-Rubin's Clustering Algorithm for Use in Stratified PPS Sampling," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section* (American Statistical Association, 1981), pp. 285–90.

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

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-

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

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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	159.6	160.0	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
All items (1967 = 100)	—	478.2	479.3	—	—	—	—	—
Food and beverages	17.484	156.9	157.1	3.3	.1	-.2	.3	.0
Food	15.913	156.5	156.6	3.3	.1	-.3	.3	.0
Food at home	10.040	157.7	157.7	3.4	.0	-.6	.5	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.479	176.7	176.7	2.7	.0	-.2	.1	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.002	148.8	147.8	3.6	-.7	-.4	-.2	-.9
Dairy products ¹	1.245	146.2	146.1	6.9	-.1	-.5	-1.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables ²	1.974	187.4	189.3	3.0	1.0	-2.0	3.0	.1
Other food at home	2.340	145.4	145.5	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.1
Sugar and sweets	.331	147.2	146.3	2.8	-.6	.6	.0	-.6
Fats and oils	.246	142.7	142.4	1.6	-.2	-.1	.1	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	.724	128.5	129.5	-.2	.8	.2	-.5	1.3
Other prepared food	1.039	160.6	160.3	3.7	-.2	-.1	.8	-.4
Food away from home	5.873	155.6	156.0	3.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.571	161.8	162.1	3.0	.2	.2	.2	-.1
Housing ²	41.203	155.8	155.9	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.0
Shelter	28.194	174.6	175.2	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	7.994	185.3	186.8	3.5	.8	.6	.3	.3
Rent, residential	5.731	164.8	165.1	2.8	.2	.2	.1	.3
Other renters' costs ⁴	2.263	226.4	231.7	5.5	2.3	1.4	.9	.3
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	20.000	179.5	179.8	2.7	.2	.2	.3	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ³	19.616	179.9	180.1	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Household insurance ^{3 4}	.383	163.8	163.3	2.6	-.3	.2	.9	-.5
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	.200	142.3	142.4	3.6	.1	.0	.6	.1
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	.123	148.4	148.4	3.2	.0	.1	.1	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	.077	133.9	134.3	4.1	.3	-.1	1.1	.3
Fuel and other utilities ²	7.102	131.0	129.9	3.8	-.8	.7	.3	-.8
Fuels	3.878	119.2	117.2	4.7	-1.7	1.0	.5	-1.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.424	109.6	105.5	6.2	-3.7	-1.2	-1.9	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.453	125.3	123.4	4.4	-1.5	1.4	.7	-1.3
Other utilities and public services ⁴	3.224	160.2	160.5	2.6	.2	.3	.0	.1
Household furnishings and operation ²	5.908	125.2	125.4	.6	.2	-.2	.2	.0
Housefurnishings ⁴	3.332	111.2	111.1	-.5	-.1	-.4	.2	-.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.093	142.5	142.8	1.3	.2	.4	.1	.0
Housekeeping services ⁴	1.482	149.9	150.6	2.7	.5	-.5	.1	.5
Apparel and upkeep	5.330	131.9	134.5	-.2	2.0	.4	.2	-.3
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.786	128.2	131.0	-.5	2.2	.5	.2	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.280	127.3	129.2	.1	1.5	1.0	-.9	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	2.102	126.1	130.1	.2	3.2	.6	.7	-.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.186	127.2	129.7	-2.7	2.0	.8	-.5	2.0
Footwear	.718	126.3	127.0	-.9	.6	-.8	.2	-.4
Other apparel commodities ⁴	.500	146.9	149.5	-3.4	1.8	.1	.7	-.3
Apparel services ^{1 4}	.545	162.2	162.4	2.2	.1	.1	.3	.1
Transportation	17.140	144.8	144.9	2.6	.1	-.2	-.1	.1
Private transportation	15.499	141.9	141.5	2.3	-.3	.1	.2	-.2
New vehicles	4.955	145.4	145.4	1.3	.0	-.2	.0	.1
New cars	3.952	142.9	142.9	1.0	.0	-.2	.0	.1
Used cars	1.278	154.4	154.4	-1.8	.0	.1	.5	1.2
Motor fuel	3.171	108.1	106.4	4.9	-1.6	.6	.0	-2.1
Gasoline	—	107.4	105.8	4.6	-1.5	.7	.0	-2.1
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	161.2	161.5	2.9	.2	.4	-.1	.2
Other private transportation ⁴	4.562	177.1	177.4	2.8	.2	-.1	.5	.3
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	.589	105.4	105.1	-.2	-.3	-.2	.3	-.3
Other private transportation services ⁴	3.973	194.1	194.5	3.3	.2	-.1	.6	.4
Public transportation	1.642	182.4	188.1	5.1	3.1	-2.9	-2.0	2.2

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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
Medical care	7.346	232.7	233.4	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Medical care commodities	1.273	213.9	214.7	2.8	.4	.2	.3	.5
Medical care services	6.073	237.1	237.7	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Professional medical services	3.472	213.2	214.2	3.7	.5	.4	.1	.5
Entertainment ⁴	4.352	161.8	162.1	2.3	.2	.0	.2	.2
Entertainment commodities ⁴	1.957	144.3	144.5	1.3	.1	-.3	.1	.0
Entertainment services ⁴	2.395	182.1	182.7	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other goods and services ²	7.145	220.7	221.4	3.9	.3	.4	.5	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	237.4	238.2	3.2	.3	.4	.6	.4
Personal care ¹	1.145	151.5	151.8	1.6	.2	.7	-.1	.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	.588	143.3	143.6	-.3	.2	.6	-.2	.2
Personal care services ¹	.557	160.7	161.2	3.8	.3	.9	.0	.3
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	4.398	255.0	255.8	4.8	.3	.3	.6	.5
School books and supplies	.264	235.3	235.4	4.5	.0	-.1	.4	.3
Personal and educational services ⁴	4.134	256.7	257.6	4.8	.4	.4	.6	.5
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	159.6	160.0	2.8	.3	.1	.3	.1
Commodities	42.873	141.8	142.0	2.0	.1	.0	.2	-.2
Food and beverages	17.484	156.9	157.1	3.3	.1	-.2	.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	25.389	132.6	132.9	1.2	.2	.2	.1	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.147	134.6	135.0	1.8	.3	.1	.3	-.8
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.786	128.2	131.0	-.5	2.2	.5	.2	-.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.362	141.0	140.2	2.9	-.6	.3	.1	-.6
Durables	10.242	129.8	129.9	.3	.1	-.2	.1	.0
Services	57.127	177.7	178.2	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter ³	27.577	181.6	182.3	3.0	.4	.3	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	8.698	145.0	144.3	3.4	-.5	.6	.4	-.3
Transportation services	7.148	183.4	184.9	3.6	.8	-.7	-.1	.8
Medical care services	6.073	237.1	237.7	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other services	7.631	206.7	207.3	4.1	.3	.3	.4	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.087	160.2	160.6	2.6	.2	.2	.2	.1
All items less shelter	71.806	155.3	155.6	2.6	.2	.1	.2	.0
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	80.000	160.8	161.2	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.1
All items less medical care	92.654	155.5	155.9	2.8	.3	.1	.3	.0
Commodities less food	26.960	133.8	134.1	1.3	.2	.1	.1	-.2
Nondurables less food	16.718	136.2	136.6	1.9	.3	.1	.2	-.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.932	142.1	141.4	3.0	-.5	.1	.1	-.7
Nondurables	32.631	145.9	146.2	2.6	.2	.1	.3	-.4
Services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	29.550	186.4	186.7	3.5	.2	.1	.2	.3
Services less medical care services	51.054	172.2	172.7	3.3	.3	.2	.2	.3
Energy	7.049	113.1	111.2	4.8	-1.7	.8	.3	-1.7
All items less energy	92.951	165.9	166.5	2.6	.4	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.038	168.3	169.0	2.5	.4	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.364	142.2	143.0	.8	.6	.1	.1	.1
Energy commodities	3.596	108.6	106.6	5.1	-1.8	.4	-.2	-2.2
Services less energy services	53.674	183.1	183.8	3.2	.4	.1	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 ¹	-	\$.626	\$.625	-2.6	-.2	-.5	-.3	-.2
1967=\$1.00 ¹	-	.209	.209	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.9	3.1	3.3	1.8	3.0	2.5
Food and beverages	156.6	156.3	156.8	156.8	4.3	5.0	3.4	.5	4.7	1.9
Food	156.4	156.0	156.5	156.5	4.3	5.3	3.4	.3	4.8	1.8
Food at home	157.7	156.7	157.5	157.2	5.1	6.4	3.6	-1.3	5.7	1.2
Cereals and bakery products	176.6	176.3	176.4	177.0	3.3	2.6	3.9	.9	2.9	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	149.3	148.7	148.4	147.1	5.8	9.5	5.8	-5.8	7.6	-1
Dairy products ¹	148.6	147.8	146.2	146.1	9.4	21.3	5.3	-6.6	15.2	-8
Fruits and vegetables ²	185.9	182.2	187.7	187.8	6.5	1.3	.6	4.2	3.9	2.4
Other food at home	144.4	144.5	144.8	145.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.0
Sugar and sweets	146.0	146.9	146.9	146.0	4.6	4.8	1.9	.0	4.7	1.0
Fats and oils	142.0	141.9	142.1	142.0	3.2	3.5	.3	.0	3.3	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	127.7	127.9	127.3	129.0	-1.8	-1.9	-.9	4.1	-1.8	1.6
Other prepared food	159.6	159.4	160.6	160.0	5.0	4.2	4.9	1.0	4.6	2.9
Food away from home	154.9	155.3	155.6	156.0	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.1
Alcoholic beverages	161.1	161.4	161.8	161.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	1.2	3.5	2.4
Housing ²	154.7	155.2	155.6	155.6	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.3	2.8	2.8
Shelter	172.9	173.4	174.0	174.3	2.6	3.1	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.1
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	181.7	182.8	183.4	183.9	3.0	3.6	2.7	4.9	3.3	3.8
Rent, residential	164.0	164.4	164.6	165.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7
Other renters' costs ⁴	218.0	221.1	223.1	223.7	2.5	6.5	2.2	10.9	4.5	6.5
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	178.6	179.0	179.5	179.8	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent ³	179.0	179.3	179.9	180.1	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.7
Household insurance ^{3 4}	162.5	162.9	164.3	163.5	3.0	4.3	.7	2.5	3.7	1.6
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	141.5	141.5	142.3	142.4	3.8	3.2	4.7	2.6	3.5	3.6
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	148.0	148.2	148.4	148.4	2.2	8.0	1.6	1.1	5.1	1.4
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	132.6	132.5	133.9	134.3	6.0	-4.2	9.9	5.2	.8	7.6
Fuel and other utilities ²	130.3	131.2	131.6	130.5	2.9	5.1	6.1	.6	4.0	3.3
Fuels	117.6	118.8	119.4	117.6	2.2	7.3	9.0	.0	4.7	4.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	109.5	108.2	106.1	102.6	-2.9	13.1	50.9	-22.9	4.8	7.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	123.6	125.3	126.2	124.6	3.0	6.5	4.7	3.3	4.7	4.0
Other utilities and public services ⁴	159.6	160.0	160.0	160.2	3.4	2.6	3.1	1.5	3.0	2.3
Household furnishings and operation ²	125.2	124.9	125.1	125.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	-.3	1.1	.3
Housefurnishings ⁴	111.4	111.0	111.2	110.9	-.4	.0	.4	-1.8	-.2	-.7
Housekeeping supplies	141.7	142.3	142.5	142.5	.6	1.4	.9	2.3	1.0	1.6
Housekeeping services ⁴	150.3	149.6	149.7	150.5	3.9	3.8	3.0	.5	3.9	1.8
Apparel and upkeep	131.8	132.3	132.6	132.2	-2.4	-2.1	2.5	1.2	-2.3	1.8
Apparel commodities ⁴	128.0	128.6	128.8	128.3	-2.8	-2.5	2.2	.9	-2.6	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel	128.2	129.5	128.3	128.0	-.9	-2.2	3.8	-.6	-1.6	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	124.9	125.7	126.6	125.8	-3.5	-4.1	5.6	2.9	-3.8	4.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	126.9	127.9	127.2	129.7	-12.0	7.3	-13.0	9.1	-2.8	-2.6
Footwear	127.4	126.4	126.7	126.2	-.9	-.6	2.2	-3.7	-.8	-.8
Other apparel commodities ⁴	146.7	146.8	147.9	147.5	-4.9	-1.3	-9.0	2.2	-3.1	-3.6
Apparel services ^{1 4}	161.5	161.7	162.2	162.4	2.0	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.5
Transportation	145.7	145.4	145.3	145.4	4.0	2.0	5.4	-.8	3.0	2.2
Private transportation	142.3	142.4	142.7	142.4	3.2	1.4	4.6	.3	2.3	2.4
New vehicles	144.7	144.4	144.4	144.6	2.3	3.7	-.6	-.3	3.0	-.4
New cars	142.2	141.9	141.9	142.0	2.0	3.7	-1.4	-.6	2.9	-1.0
Used cars	155.0	155.1	155.8	157.7	-10.5	.5	-3.8	7.2	-5.2	1.5
Motor fuel	111.1	111.8	111.8	109.5	8.3	-5.9	25.8	-5.6	1.0	9.0
Gasoline	110.5	111.3	111.3	109.0	7.9	-6.6	25.5	-5.3	.4	9.0
Maintenance and repairs	160.7	161.3	161.2	161.5	2.6	4.6	2.5	2.0	3.6	2.3
Other private transportation ⁴	175.3	175.2	176.1	176.7	4.5	3.7	.0	3.2	4.1	1.6
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	105.0	104.8	105.1	104.8	1.1	-.8	-.8	-.8	.2	-.8
Other private transportation services ⁴	192.1	192.0	193.1	193.9	5.0	4.3	.2	3.8	4.6	2.0
Public transportation	191.2	185.6	181.9	185.9	14.3	6.0	13.1	-10.6	10.1	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category										
Medical care	231.5	231.9	232.3	233.2	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.9
Medical care commodities	212.4	212.8	213.5	214.5	3.7	1.9	1.7	4.0	2.8	2.9
Medical care services	235.6	236.0	236.4	237.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.8
Professional medical services	211.6	212.4	212.7	213.7	3.1	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.8
Entertainment ⁴	161.1	161.1	161.4	161.7	2.6	1.8	3.3	1.5	2.2	2.4
Entertainment commodities ⁴	144.4	144.0	144.2	144.2	1.4	1.4	2.5	-.6	1.4	1.0
Entertainment services ⁴	180.8	181.1	181.6	182.1	3.7	2.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.4
Other goods and services ²	219.4	220.3	221.3	222.3	3.6	3.6	3.2	5.4	3.6	4.3
Tobacco and smoking products	235.3	236.2	237.6	238.5	1.9	3.5	1.9	5.6	2.7	3.7
Personal care ¹	150.5	151.6	151.5	151.8	.5	3.2	-.8	3.5	1.9	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	142.8	143.6	143.3	143.6	-.3	3.4	-6.2	2.3	1.5	-2.1
Personal care services ¹	159.2	160.7	160.7	161.2	1.6	3.4	5.2	5.1	2.5	5.2
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	252.7	253.5	255.0	256.3	5.2	3.8	4.6	5.8	4.5	5.2
School books and supplies	232.5	232.2	233.2	234.0	4.0	6.3	5.3	2.6	5.2	4.0
Personal and educational services ⁴	254.1	255.0	256.5	257.8	5.1	3.6	4.5	6.0	4.4	5.2
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.9	3.1	3.3	1.8	3.0	2.5
Commodities	141.8	141.8	142.1	141.8	2.0	2.3	3.8	.0	2.2	1.9
Food and beverages	156.6	156.3	156.8	156.8	4.3	5.0	3.4	.5	4.7	1.9
Commodities less food and beverages	132.8	133.0	133.1	132.7	.6	.3	4.0	-.3	.5	1.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.2	135.3	135.7	134.6	2.4	-.9	7.8	-1.8	.8	2.9
Apparel commodities ⁴	128.0	128.6	128.8	128.3	-2.8	-2.5	2.2	.9	-2.6	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	141.8	142.2	142.3	141.4	3.8	-.9	10.8	-1.1	1.5	4.7
Durables	129.7	129.5	129.6	129.6	.0	1.2	.0	-.3	.6	-.2
Services	176.8	177.2	177.6	178.0	3.5	3.5	3.2	2.7	3.5	3.0
Rent of shelter ³	180.3	180.8	181.3	181.8	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	144.3	145.1	145.7	145.2	3.8	4.0	3.4	2.5	3.9	3.0
Transportation services	184.1	182.9	182.7	184.1	6.5	4.7	3.6	.0	5.6	1.8
Medical care services	235.6	236.0	236.4	237.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.8
Other services	205.4	206.1	206.9	207.8	4.3	3.0	4.2	4.8	3.6	4.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	159.6	159.9	160.2	160.3	2.6	2.6	3.6	1.8	2.6	2.7
All items less shelter	155.1	155.2	155.5	155.5	2.9	2.9	3.7	1.0	2.9	2.4
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	160.3	160.5	160.8	160.9	2.8	3.1	3.6	1.5	3.0	2.5
All items less medical care	154.9	155.1	155.5	155.5	2.9	2.9	3.4	1.6	2.9	2.5
Commodities less food	134.1	134.2	134.4	134.1	.9	.6	4.0	.0	.8	2.0
Nondurables less food	136.7	136.8	137.1	136.2	2.7	-.9	7.7	-1.5	.9	3.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.8	142.9	143.1	142.1	3.5	2.0	8.6	-1.9	2.8	3.2
Nondurables	146.0	146.1	146.5	145.9	3.1	2.0	5.4	-.3	2.5	2.5
Services less rent of shelter ³	185.7	185.9	186.2	186.7	3.8	4.0	3.7	2.2	3.9	3.0
Services less medical care services	171.3	171.7	172.0	172.5	3.4	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.5	3.1
Energy	113.7	114.6	114.9	112.9	4.9	1.1	16.2	-2.8	3.0	6.3
All items less energy	165.4	165.5	165.9	166.2	2.7	3.2	2.5	1.9	3.0	2.2
All items less food and energy	167.7	167.9	168.3	168.7	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.9	142.0	142.2	142.3	.0	1.1	.9	1.1	.6	1.0
Energy commodities	111.1	111.5	111.3	108.8	7.1	-4.1	28.7	-8.0	1.4	8.8
Services less energy services	182.2	182.4	182.9	183.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.7	3.4	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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Food and beverages	156.9	157.1	3.3	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.0
Food	156.5	156.6	3.3	.1	-.3	.3	.0
Food at home	157.7	157.7	3.4	.0	-.6	.5	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	176.7	176.7	2.7	.0	-.2	.1	.3
Cereals and cereal products	167.7	168.7	-1.2	.6	.7	-.8	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	156.6	155.0	5.2	-1.0	1.2	-.9	-.7
Cereal	184.8	186.9	-4.4	1.1	.0	-.8	.5
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	147.0	147.8	3.1	.5	1.6	-.2	.2
Bakery products	180.7	180.1	4.6	-.3	-.3	.2	.4
White bread ¹	183.8	182.6	6.0	-.7	-1.1	1.3	-.7
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	180.9	180.3	3.9	-.3	.9	.0	-.3
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	178.5	178.9	4.1	.2	.2	-.3	.2
Other bakery products	180.1	179.1	4.2	-.6	-.1	-.6	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.8	147.8	3.6	-.7	-.4	-.2	-.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.7	148.2	4.1	-.3	.1	-.3	-.5
Meats	144.0	143.1	4.0	-.6	-.1	-.3	-.7
Beef and veal	136.6	135.8	1.0	-.6	-.5	-.8	-.7
Ground beef other than canned	117.1	114.3	.0	-2.4	-.3	-.6	-2.2
Chuck roast ²	142.1	143.8	4.2	1.2	.3	-2.8	.8
Round roast ²	129.5	129.5	3.2	.0	-4.6	1.5	.2
Round steak ²	130.9	131.2	1.8	.2	-4.1	1.5	.3
Sirloin steak ²	135.0	137.0	-1.2	1.5	-.9	-3.2	.1
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	159.0	159.0	1.1	.0	1.3	-1.4	.0
Pork	155.2	153.6	9.2	-1.0	.3	.1	-1.1
Bacon	161.5	161.2	22.5	-.2	.2	.8	.1
Chops	156.3	153.4	2.8	-1.9	-1.8	2.2	-2.2
Ham	155.7	155.2	7.1	-.3	.6	-.8	-1.3
Other pork, including sausage ²	150.5	148.7	8.8	-1.2	1.3	-1.1	-1.0
Other meats ¹	147.8	147.5	3.7	-.2	.5	.5	-.2
Poultry ¹	157.9	156.3	5.6	-1.0	.3	-.2	-1.0
Fresh whole chicken ¹	159.2	158.9	8.5	-.2	1.6	-1.0	-.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	160.0	156.9	4.5	-1.9	-1.4	.4	-1.9
Other poultry ²	154.7	154.4	3.6	-.2	.5	-.8	-.2
Fish and seafood	175.3	178.2	3.0	1.7	.2	-.6	1.3
Canned fish and seafood ¹	127.1	126.8	1.6	-.2	1.3	-.9	-.2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	198.6	202.8	3.4	2.1	-.1	-.7	1.7
Eggs	147.7	141.0	-3.4	-4.5	-6.7	1.3	-6.4
Dairy products ¹	146.2	146.1	6.9	-.1	-.5	-1.1	-.1
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	146.1	145.8	6.1	-.2	-.7	-1.9	-.2
Fresh whole milk ¹	144.0	143.8	5.6	-.1	-1.1	-1.8	-.1
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	148.9	148.5	7.0	-.3	.0	-1.9	-.3
Processed dairy products ²	147.0	147.0	7.5	.0	-.9	-.2	.5
Cheese ^{1 2}	148.8	148.1	5.9	-.5	-.5	-.3	-.5
Ice cream and related products	151.5	151.3	7.8	-.1	.6	-.2	.1
Other dairy products, including butter ²	133.5	135.9	13.0	1.8	-2.6	1.0	2.7
Fruits and vegetables ³	187.4	189.3	3.0	1.0	-2.0	3.0	.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	215.0	218.4	2.2	1.6	-3.1	4.6	.0
Fresh fruits	231.5	234.6	5.9	1.3	-5.3	1.3	1.4
Apples	198.1	198.5	-.8	.2	-.1	-2.2	-.4
Bananas	170.2	175.2	-.2	2.9	.4	-3.0	-.6
Oranges, including tangerines ²	194.3	190.1	-3.9	-2.2	-4.4	4.9	-2.1
Other fresh fruits ²	271.5	277.3	11.3	2.1	-7.8	2.1	3.2
Fresh vegetables	198.6	202.2	-1.8	1.8	-.1	8.9	-1.8
Potatoes	162.8	161.2	-12.3	-1.0	.2	-.9	-3.8
Lettuce ¹	184.5	185.8	-11.0	.7	6.1	-5.8	.7
Tomatoes ¹	211.7	264.5	11.4	24.9	.1	9.3	24.9
Other fresh vegetables	211.8	204.5	-.8	-3.4	.4	8.4	-4.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	148.3	148.0	5.0	-.2	.3	-.1	.1
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	149.8	148.9	5.4	-.6	.9	.8	-.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	149.8	148.5	5.7	-.9	.5	1.1	-.9
Canned and dried fruits ²	147.6	148.1	4.4	.3	1.3	-.1	.4
Processed vegetables ²	146.6	147.1	4.5	.3	.3	-.9	.8
Frozen vegetables ²	147.7	146.1	2.5	-1.1	1.2	.1	-1.2
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	146.8	148.3	5.4	1.0	-.1	-1.6	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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Other food at home	145.4	145.5	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Sugar and sweets	147.2	146.3	2.8	-.6	.6	.0	-.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	135.4	134.1	1.9	-1.0	.4	.3	-.9
Sweets, including candy ²	152.0	151.2	3.1	-.5	.7	-.1	-.5
Fats and oils	142.7	142.4	1.6	-.2	-.1	.1	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	128.5	129.5	-.2	.8	.2	-.5	1.3
Carbonated drinks	120.2	119.2	-1.0	-.8	.2	-1.3	-.4
Coffee ¹	146.6	152.3	-.1	3.9	.2	.5	3.9
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	140.2	139.9	2.0	-.2	-.9	1.0	.0
Other prepared food	160.6	160.3	3.7	-.2	-.1	.8	-.4
Canned and packaged soup	184.9	186.1	4.1	.6	-.1	-.1	.5
Frozen prepared food ¹	146.0	144.8	2.9	-.8	-1.6	1.5	-.8
Snacks ¹	154.1	153.3	3.7	-.5	.1	1.4	-.5
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	167.7	166.8	3.7	-.5	.8	.0	-.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	161.6	162.2	3.8	.4	-.1	.9	.0
Food away from home	155.6	156.0	3.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lunch ²	156.3	156.8	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.4
Dinner ²	153.3	153.7	2.9	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	159.4	159.7	3.7	.2	.2	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages	161.8	162.1	3.0	.2	.2	.2	-.1
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.4	149.5	2.2	.1	.0	.1	-.2
Beer and ale	149.1	149.0	.9	-.1	-.1	-.1	-.6
Wine	144.3	145.4	5.6	.8	.0	.3	.7
Distilled spirits	149.7	149.6	2.0	-.1	-.1	.6	-.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home	187.0	187.6	3.9	.3	.5	.3	.1
Housing ³	155.8	155.9	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.0
Shelter	174.6	175.2	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	185.3	186.8	3.5	.8	.6	.3	.3
Rent, residential	164.8	165.1	2.8	.2	.2	.1	.3
Other renters' costs ²	226.4	231.7	5.5	2.3	1.4	.9	.3
Lodging while out of town	226.1	232.0	5.6	2.6	1.6	.8	.2
Lodging while at school ⁴	220.5	220.5	4.7	.0	.3	1.0	.4
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	157.5	157.5	3.0	.0	.4	.7	.0
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	179.5	179.8	2.7	.2	.2	.3	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	179.9	180.1	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Household insurance ^{2 4}	163.8	163.3	2.6	-.3	.2	.9	-.5
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	142.3	142.4	3.6	.1	.0	.6	.1
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	148.4	148.4	3.2	.0	.1	.1	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	133.9	134.3	4.1	.3	-.1	1.1	.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 5}	127.5	126.9	5.4	-.5	.8	.0	-.5
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	128.2	129.4	3.2	.9	-.8	2.0	.9
Fuel and other utilities ³	131.0	129.9	3.8	-.8	.7	.3	-.8
Fuels	119.2	117.2	4.7	-1.7	1.0	.5	-1.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	109.6	105.5	6.2	-3.7	-1.2	-1.9	-3.3
Fuel oil	107.0	102.7	5.9	-4.0	-.6	-1.6	-3.6
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 5}	142.0	138.0	7.6	-2.8	.5	-3.8	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	125.3	123.4	4.4	-1.5	1.4	.7	-1.3
Electricity	129.3	129.7	1.1	.3	-.2	.5	.2
Utility (piped) gas	121.0	115.1	12.4	-4.9	4.8	1.2	-4.2
Other utilities and public services ²	160.2	160.5	2.6	.2	.3	.0	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.6	127.9	2.0	.2	.3	.0	.2
Local charges ^{1 2}	162.3	162.6	1.2	.2	-.2	.4	.2
Interstate toll calls ¹	78.8	78.8	1.0	.0	2.3	-2.0	.0
Intrastate toll calls ¹	93.6	93.9	7.3	.3	-.2	1.8	.3
Water and sewerage maintenance	206.7	206.9	.6	.1	.2	.0	.3
Cable television ⁶	223.8	224.2	8.0	.2	.5	.9	.0
Refuse collection ^{1 8}	248.1	248.8	1.8	.3	.1	.0	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Household furnishings and operation ³	125.2	125.4	0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Housefurnishings ²	111.2	111.1	-5	-1	-4	.2	-3
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	120.8	118.8	-2.7	-1.7	.4	.5	-1.7
Furniture and bedding ¹	133.2	134.1	1.1	.7	-9	-1	.7
Bedroom furniture ¹	139.2	139.9	2.9	.5	-1.3	-4	.5
Sofas ^{1 2}	140.9	143.6	3.2	1.9	-1.6	.1	1.9
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	135.4	136.0	-.7	.4	-9	.1	.4
Other furniture ²	121.6	121.6	-1.5	.0	-7	.5	.1
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	77.0	76.8	-2.7	-3	-3	.1	-3
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	70.6	70.5	-2.6	-1	-1	.1	-1
Televisions ¹	63.1	62.9	-4.7	-3	.3	.0	-3
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 7}	65.9	65.9	-1.1	.0	-3	-9	.0
Audio products ^{1 2}	90.3	90.3	-1.5	.0	-4	.6	.0
Major household appliances ^{1 2 5}	103.8	103.6	.5	-2	-3	.4	-2
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	111.7	111.2	1.3	-4	-4	.7	-4
Laundry equipment ¹	113.4	113.8	2.2	.4	-3	.4	.4
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 5}	93.8	93.1	-1.8	-7	-2	.2	-7
Information processing equipment ^{1 7}	53.2	52.4	-13.2	-1.5	-7	-6	-1.5
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 5}	116.6	116.5	.2	-1	.3	.8	-1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	145.3	145.2	3.8	-1	1.1	1.0	-1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	120.1	120.1	-.9	.0	.3	2.3	.0
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	124.9	121.8	-1.9	-2.5	2.8	.9	-2.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.6	110.8	3.1	.2	.3	-1	.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 5}	91.1	90.9	1.9	-2	.6	1.0	-2
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 6}	111.5	114.2	-3.9	2.4	-3.2	-1.1	2.4
Housekeeping supplies	142.5	142.8	1.3	.2	.4	.1	.0
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	145.7	145.8	2.7	.1	.7	-4	.1
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	145.7	145.7	.4	.0	.1	.1	.0
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	135.6	136.4	.7	.6	1.0	.9	.6
Housekeeping services ²	149.9	150.6	2.7	.5	-.5	.1	.5
Postage ¹	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	158.5	159.2	3.0	.4	-.3	.0	.4
Gardening and other household services ^{2 5}	136.7	138.0	3.1	1.0	-1.4	-.2	1.0
Apparel and upkeep	131.9	134.5	-.2	2.0	.4	.2	-.3
Apparel commodities ²	128.2	131.0	-.5	2.2	.5	.2	-.4
Apparel commodities less footwear	128.6	131.7	-.5	2.4	.6	.2	-.3
Men's and boys'	127.3	129.2	.1	1.5	1.0	-.9	-.2
Men's	130.8	132.6	.6	1.4	1.4	-.2	-.5
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	130.7	135.5	.8	3.7	.8	-1.1	2.0
Furnishings and special clothing	123.6	124.7	2.0	.9	2.4	.5	-.5
Shirts ²	136.9	138.9	.9	1.5	1.2	-.1	-.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	133.0	131.4	-1.5	-1.2	2.2	-.7	-2.0
Boys'	112.6	114.8	-2.5	2.0	-.8	-2.7	.6
Women's and girls'	126.1	130.1	.2	3.2	.6	.7	-.6
Women's	126.2	130.5	.9	3.4	.6	1.0	-.6
Coats and jackets	117.7	123.4	1.9	4.8	-2.2	-.8	2.4
Dresses	116.2	118.5	.0	2.0	1.2	2.5	-.8
Separates and sportswear ²	127.6	133.0	1.0	4.2	2.5	-.9	-1.6
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	133.4	134.6	.7	.9	-.8	1.4	.3
Suits ²	153.4	161.2	.5	5.1	-4.1	10.0	-.8
Girls'	125.7	128.2	-3.7	2.0	.2	-.4	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	127.2	129.7	-2.7	2.0	.8	-.5	2.0
Other apparel commodities ²	146.9	149.5	-3.4	1.8	.1	.7	-.3
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 5}	128.5	130.7	-2.8	1.7	1.1	-.5	1.7
Watches and jewelry ⁵	146.5	149.2	-3.4	1.8	.1	.7	-.1
Watches ^{1 5}	126.2	129.1	-2.9	2.3	3.5	-.6	2.3
Jewelry ⁵	152.2	154.8	-3.6	1.7	-.7	1.1	-.5
Footwear	126.3	127.0	-.9	.6	-.8	.2	-.4
Men's	132.6	132.3	-.3	-.2	.2	.4	-.7
Boys' and girls'	131.4	131.1	.6	-.2	.2	1.7	-2.6
Women's	118.9	120.8	-1.7	1.6	-1.6	-.7	1.0
Apparel services ^{1 2}	162.2	162.4	2.2	.1	.1	.3	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.8	165.9	3.4	.1	.1	.5	.1
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	158.7	159.0	1.0	.2	.2	.1	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Transportation	144.8	144.9	2.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
Private	141.9	141.5	2.3	-.3	.1	.2	-.2
New vehicles	145.4	145.4	1.3	.0	-.2	.0	.1
New cars	142.9	142.9	1.0	.0	-.2	.0	.1
Subcompact new cars ^{2 5}	123.7	123.4	.2	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.2
Compact new cars ^{2 5}	123.8	124.0	2.1	.2	-.5	.2	.2
Intermediate new cars ^{2 5}	122.2	122.4	.6	.2	-.3	.1	.3
Full-size new cars ^{2 5}	126.3	126.5	2.7	.2	-.4	.2	.4
Luxury new cars ^{2 5}	134.2	133.8	.5	-.3	.0	-.5	-.2
New trucks ⁵	152.7	152.6	2.6	-.1	.1	.4	.0
New motorcycles ⁵	163.3	162.2	1.0	-.7	.9	-.5	-.7
Used cars	154.4	154.4	-1.8	.0	.1	.5	1.2
Motor fuel	108.1	106.4	4.9	-1.6	.6	.0	-2.1
Gasoline	107.4	105.8	4.6	-1.5	.7	.0	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	105.5	103.7	4.7	-1.7	.6	-.2	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 9}	112.0	110.4	4.5	-1.4	.1	-.4	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	108.6	107.0	4.2	-1.5	.6	.1	-1.8
Automobile maintenance and repair	161.2	161.5	2.9	.2	.4	-.1	.2
Body work ¹	170.0	170.4	4.2	.2	.4	.5	.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	169.0	169.8	3.3	.5	.7	.1	.5
Maintenance and servicing ¹	148.1	148.4	2.2	.2	.1	-.2	.2
Power plant repair ²	167.0	166.9	2.9	-.1	.2	-.1	.1
Other private transportation ²	177.1	177.4	2.8	.2	-.1	.5	.3
Other private transportation commodities ²	105.4	105.1	-.2	-.3	-.2	.3	-.3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	130.5	131.1	-.8	.5	-.7	-.5	.5
Automobile parts and equipment	102.6	102.2	-.2	-.4	-.1	.3	-.2
Tires	101.9	101.2	-.7	-.7	.1	.0	-.6
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	107.6	107.4	.4	-.2	.1	.5	-.2
Other private transportation services ²	194.1	194.5	3.3	.2	-.1	.6	.4
Automobile insurance	249.9	250.2	3.9	.1	.1	.5	.4
Automobile finance charges ²	95.3	95.4	2.4	.1	.1	.2	1.2
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	183.9	185.3	1.7	.8	.3	2.2	.8
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	183.7	183.7	.2	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	185.3	188.1	3.1	1.5	.7	4.5	1.5
Public transportation	182.4	188.1	5.1	3.1	-2.9	-2.0	2.2
Airline fares ¹	192.9	201.6	7.3	4.5	-3.2	-2.6	4.5
Other intercity transportation ¹	154.2	155.0	-.6	.5	.6	-1.2	.5
Intracity public transportation ¹	174.8	175.4	1.4	.3	-.1	.2	.3
Medical care	232.7	233.4	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.4
Medical care commodities	213.9	214.7	2.8	.4	.2	.3	.5
Prescription drugs	247.6	248.6	3.1	.4	.3	.2	.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 5}	144.7	145.2	2.0	.3	.2	.8	.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	172.8	173.4	2.7	.3	-.1	1.1	.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	169.7	170.0	.7	.2	.8	.2	.2
Medical care services	237.1	237.7	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Professional medical services	213.2	214.2	3.7	.5	.4	.1	.5
Physicians' services	220.7	221.9	3.2	.5	.5	.0	.5
Dental services ¹	223.5	224.5	5.3	.4	.5	.5	.4
Eye care ^{1 5}	140.8	141.0	1.3	.1	.2	.4	.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	150.6	151.2	3.9	.4	.3	.7	.4
Hospital and related services	276.6	276.7	3.7	.0	.3	.1	.2
Hospital services ¹⁰	101.0	101.1	-	.1	.8	.2	.1
Inpatient hospital services ¹⁰	100.8	100.9	-	.1	.6	.2	.1
Outpatient hospital services ⁵	223.2	223.1	5.1	.0	.8	.5	.4
Nursing home services ¹⁰	101.3	101.4	-	.1	.4	.9	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Entertainment ²	161.8	162.1	2.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Entertainment commodities ²	144.3	144.5	1.3	.1	-.3	.1	.0
Reading materials ¹	178.4	178.7	2.1	.2	.1	.0	.2
Newspapers ^{1 2}	191.2	191.3	1.6	.1	.1	.1	.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	166.6	167.0	2.3	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	123.3	123.7	-1.0	.3	.2	.0	.3
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	125.4	126.3	-.7	.7	-.2	.6	.7
Other sporting goods ¹	118.7	118.6	-1.2	-.1	.8	-.5	-.1
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	133.6	133.6	1.8	.0	.1	.2	.0
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	126.7	126.3	.6	-.3	-1.0	.6	-.6
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	134.2	134.2	.5	.0	.5	.4	.0
Pet supplies and expense ¹	142.7	143.2	3.5	.4	.3	-.2	.4
Entertainment services ²	182.1	182.7	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.3
Club memberships ^{2 5}	132.9	133.3	-.1	.3	-.4	.0	.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 5}	170.4	172.5	5.1	1.2	1.1	-.1	1.1
Admissions ¹	195.6	195.4	3.3	-.1	.2	.8	-.1
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	166.8	166.8	5.4	.0	.1	.4	.1
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 5}	141.5	142.0	3.0	.4	.1	.0	.4
Other goods and services ³	220.7	221.4	3.9	.3	.4	.5	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	237.4	238.2	3.2	.3	.4	.6	.4
Personal care ¹	151.5	151.8	1.6	.2	.7	-.1	.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	143.3	143.6	-.3	.2	.6	-.2	.2
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	152.3	151.6	3.9	-.5	.4	.7	-.5
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	137.0	137.9	-3.4	.7	.7	-.9	.7
Personal care services ¹	160.7	161.2	3.8	.3	.9	.0	.3
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	159.8	160.1	3.3	.2	.9	.1	.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	163.6	164.7	5.6	.7	.9	-.4	.8
Personal and educational expenses ²	255.0	255.8	4.8	.3	.3	.6	.5
School books and supplies	235.3	235.4	4.5	.0	-.1	.4	.3
Personal and educational services ²	256.7	257.6	4.8	.4	.4	.6	.5
Tuition and other school fees	275.3	275.3	4.8	.0	.5	.4	.4
College tuition	289.3	289.3	5.4	.0	.6	.4	.4
Elementary and high school tuition	280.5	280.5	4.5	.0	.4	.3	.4
Day care and nursery school ⁸	132.7	132.7	3.8	.0	.4	.3	.5
Personal expenses	221.8	223.8	4.8	.9	.2	.8	.9
Legal service fees ^{1 5}	160.1	160.7	3.7	.4	.3	.3	.4
Personal financial services ^{1 5}	188.4	191.4	5.1	1.6	.8	1.8	1.6
Funeral expenses ⁵	166.8	168.6	5.6	1.1	.2	1.0	1.0
Special indexes							
Domestically produced farm food	159.7	159.5	3.8	-.1	-.9	.6	-.3
Selected beef cuts	129.3	128.2	.9	-.9	-1.2	-.8	-.9
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	108.5	106.8	4.8	-1.6	.7	.0	-2.0
Utilities and public transportation	144.9	144.9	3.9	.0	.1	.1	.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	149.9	150.6	2.8	.5	-.3	.1	.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹⁰ 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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Food and beverages	156.8	156.8	4.3	5.0	3.4	0.5	4.7	1.9
Food	156.5	156.5	4.3	5.3	3.4	.3	4.8	1.8
Food at home	157.5	157.2	5.1	6.4	3.6	-1.3	5.7	1.2
Cereals and bakery products	176.4	177.0	3.3	2.6	3.9	.9	2.9	2.4
Cereals and cereal products	167.7	168.4	-3.0	-3.5	.5	1.4	-3.3	1.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes	156.3	155.2	13.7	6.5	3.1	-1.8	10.0	.6
Cereal	185.0	185.9	-8.2	-8.1	.4	-1.3	-8.2	-.4
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	147.0	147.3	4.3	2.0	.0	6.5	3.1	3.2
Bakery products	180.2	181.0	6.1	5.6	5.0	1.6	5.9	3.3
White bread ¹	183.8	182.6	12.9	6.0	7.5	-1.7	9.4	2.8
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	180.9	180.3	3.0	12.7	-2.0	2.2	7.7	.1
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	178.5	178.9	7.2	-2.9	12.8	.2	2.0	6.3
Other bakery products	179.2	181.2	3.5	5.1	6.2	1.6	4.3	3.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.4	147.1	5.8	9.5	5.8	-5.8	7.6	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.6	147.9	6.0	9.2	4.7	-2.9	7.6	.8
Meats	143.8	142.8	6.0	10.4	4.6	-4.1	8.2	.1
Beef and veal	135.6	134.6	-1.2	8.7	5.4	-7.9	3.6	-1.5
Ground beef other than canned	115.5	113.0	-2.5	10.0	5.7	-11.8	3.6	-3.4
Chuck roast ²	139.9	141.0	1.8	22.9	1.1	-6.8	11.9	-2.9
Round roast ²	127.1	127.3	-3.2	15.5	14.6	-11.6	5.8	.6
Round steak ²	129.8	130.2	.9	7.0	9.2	-9.0	3.9	-.3
Sirloin steak ²	136.1	136.3	-4.0	4.2	11.8	-14.9	.0	-2.4
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	159.0	159.0	-4.0	4.7	4.7	-.5	.3	2.0
Pork	156.4	154.7	21.6	14.1	5.6	-3.0	17.8	1.2
Bacon	163.0	163.1	58.7	55.3	-12.8	4.5	57.0	-4.5
Chops	157.9	154.5	18.8	-7.2	9.1	-6.9	5.0	.8
Ham	156.8	154.8	7.1	17.6	10.3	-5.5	12.2	2.1
Other pork, including sausage ²	151.1	149.6	19.9	11.9	7.5	-3.1	15.8	2.0
Other meats ¹	147.8	147.5	1.4	9.3	.5	3.6	5.3	2.1
Poultry ¹	157.9	156.3	9.2	12.4	5.2	-3.7	10.8	.6
Fresh whole chicken ¹	159.2	158.9	15.6	15.0	2.6	1.8	15.3	2.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	160.0	156.9	8.8	11.1	10.6	-10.9	10.0	-.8
Other poultry ²	154.1	153.8	.5	8.9	7.3	-1.8	4.6	2.7
Fish and seafood	174.8	177.1	4.3	-2.1	6.4	3.7	1.0	5.0
Canned fish and seafood ¹	127.1	126.8	4.6	-3.1	4.2	1.0	.6	2.6
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	197.6	201.0	5.0	-1.8	6.5	4.1	1.5	5.3
Eggs	144.5	135.3	.6	15.4	22.3	-38.5	7.7	-13.3
Dairy products ¹	146.2	146.1	9.4	21.3	5.3	-6.6	15.2	-.8
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	146.1	145.8	10.0	14.7	12.3	-10.5	12.3	.3
Fresh whole milk ¹	144.0	143.8	10.0	12.6	13.4	-11.6	11.3	.1
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	148.9	148.5	10.2	17.3	10.7	-8.4	13.7	.7
Processed dairy products ²	146.5	147.3	10.6	22.5	1.1	-2.4	16.4	-.7
Cheese ^{1 2}	148.8	148.1	4.9	23.9	1.9	-5.2	14.0	-1.7
Ice cream and related products	150.8	151.0	8.5	17.9	3.5	2.1	13.1	2.8
Other dairy products, including butter ²	134.1	137.7	25.8	44.8	-13.9	4.2	35.0	-5.3
Fruits and vegetables ³	187.7	187.8	6.5	1.3	.6	4.2	3.9	2.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables	215.1	215.1	5.4	-1.5	-.2	5.6	1.9	2.7
Fresh fruits	235.4	238.8	25.3	.0	11.7	-10.5	11.9	.0
Apples	199.9	199.1	2.8	-4.1	9.5	-10.5	-.7	-1.0
Bananas	161.3	160.3	.5	-13.2	29.9	-12.4	-6.6	6.7
Oranges, including tangerines ²	226.5	221.8	13.8	50.6	-46.4	-7.1	31.0	-29.4
Other fresh fruits ²	271.2	279.8	40.9	-6.8	31.2	-10.9	14.6	8.1
Fresh vegetables	196.4	192.9	-14.4	-3.3	-13.9	30.4	-9.0	6.0
Potatoes	169.9	163.5	-13.0	-1.1	-17.8	-16.4	-7.3	-17.1
Lettuce ¹	184.5	185.8	-40.5	-18.0	25.2	2.6	-30.2	13.4
Tomatoes ¹	211.7	264.5	-58.7	-44.3	91.5	249.8	-52.0	158.8
Other fresh vegetables	200.4	191.3	-5.7	7.6	-18.4	16.6	.7	-2.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	148.1	148.3	8.8	8.0	2.5	1.4	8.4	1.9
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	149.8	148.9	11.8	6.5	-.8	4.4	9.1	1.8
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	149.8	148.5	13.8	7.1	-.5	3.0	10.4	1.2
Canned and dried fruits ²	147.6	148.2	4.6	4.0	2.8	6.5	4.3	4.6
Processed vegetables ²	146.5	147.7	5.5	10.1	2.2	.5	7.8	1.4
Frozen vegetables ²	147.6	145.9	2.6	3.7	2.8	.8	3.1	1.8
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	146.6	149.0	7.3	13.7	1.4	-.3	10.4	.5

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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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Other food at home	144.8	145.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.0
Sugar and sweets	146.9	146.0	4.6	4.8	1.9	.0	4.7	1.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	135.0	133.8	4.6	3.4	.6	-.9	4.0	-.1
Sweets, including candy ²	151.7	150.9	4.7	5.2	2.4	.3	5.0	1.3
Fats and oils	142.1	142.0	3.2	3.5	.3	.0	3.3	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	127.3	129.0	-1.8	-1.9	-.9	4.1	-1.8	1.6
Carbonated drinks	118.3	117.8	4.4	-3.0	1.3	-6.2	.7	-2.5
Coffee ¹	146.6	152.3	-8.4	-4.5	-5.1	19.7	-6.4	6.6
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	139.8	139.8	.3	5.4	2.0	.6	2.8	1.3
Other prepared food	160.6	160.0	5.0	4.2	4.9	1.0	4.6	2.9
Canned and packaged soup	186.0	186.9	9.2	1.1	5.8	1.1	5.1	3.4
Frozen prepared food ¹	146.0	144.8	7.0	1.4	7.4	-3.8	4.2	1.7
Snacks ¹	154.1	153.3	-.8	6.7	4.6	4.3	2.9	4.4
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	167.2	166.2	5.6	4.3	4.2	1.0	4.9	2.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	161.6	161.6	4.2	2.8	5.4	3.0	3.5	4.2
Food away from home	155.6	156.0	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.1
Lunch ²	156.3	156.9	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.7
Dinner ²	153.3	153.8	3.0	2.4	3.5	2.9	2.7	3.2
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	159.4	159.7	2.6	3.7	6.0	2.5	3.1	4.3
Alcoholic beverages	161.8	161.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	1.2	3.5	2.4
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.1	148.8	2.8	3.6	2.7	-.3	3.2	1.2
Beer and ale	148.8	147.9	1.9	3.9	1.4	-3.4	2.9	-1.1
Wine	143.6	144.6	6.0	5.0	7.0	4.0	5.5	5.5
Distilled spirits	149.8	149.6	1.6	1.9	3.0	1.3	1.8	2.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home	187.4	187.6	4.3	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.0
Housing ³	155.6	155.6	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.3	2.8	2.8
Shelter	174.0	174.3	2.6	3.1	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.1
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	183.4	183.9	3.0	3.6	2.7	4.9	3.3	3.8
Rent, residential	164.6	165.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7
Other renters' costs ²	223.1	223.7	2.5	6.5	2.2	10.9	4.5	6.5
Lodging while out of town	222.3	222.8	2.5	7.2	1.9	11.1	4.8	6.4
Lodging while at school ⁴	220.5	221.4	3.8	4.0	4.0	7.0	3.9	5.5
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	157.5	157.5	4.3	3.9	-.5	4.4	4.1	1.9
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	179.5	179.8	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	179.9	180.1	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.7
Household insurance ^{2 4}	164.3	163.5	3.0	4.3	.7	2.5	3.7	1.6
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	142.3	142.4	3.8	3.2	4.7	2.6	3.5	3.6
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	148.4	148.4	2.2	8.0	1.6	1.1	5.1	1.4
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	133.9	134.3	6.0	-4.2	9.9	5.2	.8	7.6
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 5}	127.5	126.9	8.2	-1.3	14.1	1.3	3.3	7.5
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	128.2	129.4	5.2	-7.0	6.6	8.8	-1.1	7.7
Fuel and other utilities ³	131.6	130.5	2.9	5.1	6.1	.6	4.0	3.3
Fuels	119.4	117.6	2.2	7.3	9.0	.0	4.7	4.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	106.1	102.6	-2.9	13.1	50.9	-22.9	4.8	7.8
Fuel oil	103.5	99.8	-2.5	14.4	42.1	-20.8	5.6	6.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 5}	142.0	138.0	-15.5	1.0	100.9	-21.9	-7.6	25.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	126.2	124.6	3.0	6.5	4.7	3.3	4.7	4.0
Electricity	132.5	132.7	-4.2	8.6	-1.8	1.8	2.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas	120.0	115.0	21.5	1.9	21.1	6.5	11.2	13.6
Other utilities and public services ²	160.0	160.2	3.4	2.6	3.1	1.5	3.0	2.3
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.6	127.9	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.1	1.9
Local charges ^{1 2}	162.3	162.6	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.5
Interstate toll calls ¹	78.8	78.8	2.1	1.0	.0	1.0	1.5	.5
Intrastate toll calls ¹	93.6	93.9	6.6	9.8	4.9	8.0	8.2	6.5
Water and sewerage maintenance	206.5	207.1	3.1	-5.8	3.6	2.0	-1.5	2.8
Cable television ⁶	223.3	223.4	7.8	13.1	5.4	5.9	10.4	5.7
Refuse collection ^{1 6}	248.1	248.8	3.1	2.5	.2	1.6	2.8	.9

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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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Household furnishings and operation ³	125.1	125.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	-0.3	1.1	0.3
Housefurnishings ²	111.2	110.9	-.4	.0	.4	-1.8	-.2	-.7
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	120.8	118.8	-6.4	3.0	-4.2	-3.0	-1.8	-3.6
Furniture and bedding ¹	133.2	134.1	6.2	2.1	-2.6	-1.2	4.1	-1.9
Bedroom furniture ¹	139.2	139.9	17.5	-1.7	1.4	-4.4	7.5	-1.6
Sofas ^{1 2}	140.9	143.6	9.2	9.0	-6.2	1.7	9.1	-2.3
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	135.4	136.0	-2.3	2.4	-1.5	-1.2	.0	-1.3
Other furniture ²	121.7	121.8	-4.1	2.0	-3.2	-.7	-1.1	-1.9
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	77.0	76.8	-5.0	-4.0	.0	-1.5	-4.5	-.8
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	70.6	70.5	-4.9	-6.0	1.1	-.6	-5.4	.3
Televisions ¹	63.1	62.9	-5.9	-10.1	-2.5	.0	-8.0	-1.3
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 7}	65.9	65.9	-4.7	-4.8	10.9	-4.7	-4.7	2.8
Audio products ^{1 2}	90.3	90.3	-3.0	-3.9	.4	.4	-3.5	.4
Major household appliances ^{1 2 5}	103.8	103.6	-2.3	3.2	1.6	-.4	.4	.6
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	111.7	111.2	1.8	-1.8	5.6	-.4	.0	2.6
Laundry equipment ¹	113.4	113.8	-4.2	14.5	-2.4	2.1	4.7	-.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 5}	93.8	93.1	-3.7	-2.1	1.7	-3.0	-2.9	-.6
Information processing equipment ^{1 7}	53.2	52.4	-13.8	-18.5	-9.7	-10.7	-16.2	-10.2
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 5}	116.6	116.5	-5.1	3.5	-1.7	4.2	-.9	1.2
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	145.3	145.2	-5.0	9.9	2.3	8.7	2.2	5.4
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	120.1	120.1	-5.2	-.3	-8.1	11.0	-2.8	1.0
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	124.9	121.8	-5.1	2.6	-9.4	4.7	-1.3	-2.6
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.6	110.8	3.0	3.4	4.5	1.5	3.2	3.0
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 5}	91.1	90.9	-1.8	-1.3	5.5	5.5	-1.6	5.5
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 8}	111.5	114.2	-15.8	8.0	1.4	-7.3	-4.7	-3.1
Housekeeping supplies	142.5	142.5	.6	1.4	.9	2.3	1.0	1.6
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	145.7	145.8	4.0	3.4	2.2	1.4	3.7	1.8
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	145.7	145.7	-1.1	-1.6	3.4	1.1	-1.4	2.2
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	135.6	136.4	-4.6	2.4	-4.4	10.3	-1.2	2.7
Housekeeping services ²	149.7	150.5	3.9	3.8	3.0	.5	3.9	1.8
Postage ¹	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	158.5	159.2	3.4	5.5	2.8	.5	4.4	1.7
Gardening and other household services ^{2 5}	136.7	138.1	7.0	2.1	6.3	-2.6	4.5	1.8
Apparel and upkeep	132.6	132.2	-2.4	-2.1	2.5	1.2	-2.3	1.8
Apparel commodities ²	128.8	128.3	-2.8	-2.5	2.2	.9	-2.6	1.6
Apparel commodities less footwear	129.1	128.7	-3.4	-2.8	2.5	1.9	-3.1	2.2
Men's and boys'	128.3	128.0	-.9	-2.2	3.8	-.6	-1.6	1.6
Men's	132.4	131.8	-.6	-3.3	3.8	2.8	-2.0	3.3
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	133.0	135.6	-2.9	-1.8	1.2	6.8	-2.4	3.9
Furnishings and special clothing	126.0	125.4	3.6	-7.2	2.3	9.8	-1.9	6.0
Shirts ²	137.9	136.6	-.6	-.9	4.8	.3	-.7	2.5
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	132.0	129.4	-2.7	-4.2	3.1	-2.1	-3.5	.5
Boys'	113.3	114.0	-6.3	-.3	8.6	-11.1	-3.4	-1.7
Women's and girls'	126.6	125.8	-3.5	-4.1	5.6	2.9	-3.8	4.3
Women's	126.9	126.1	-3.8	-2.6	6.0	4.2	-3.2	5.1
Coats and jackets	118.5	121.3	-3.3	-2.4	17.4	-2.6	-2.8	6.9
Dresses	116.8	115.9	-14.3	1.4	2.2	12.2	-6.8	7.1
Separates and sportswear ²	129.0	126.9	1.0	-4.7	8.3	-.3	-1.9	3.9
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	133.8	134.2	3.3	-.9	-2.7	3.3	1.2	.3
Suits ²	150.7	149.5	-18.0	-3.3	7.0	20.1	-11.0	13.4
Girls'	125.9	124.6	-2.8	-12.2	5.6	-4.7	-7.6	.3
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	127.2	129.7	-12.0	7.3	-13.0	9.1	-2.8	-2.6
Other apparel commodities ²	147.9	147.5	-4.9	-1.3	-9.0	2.2	-3.1	-3.6
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 5}	128.5	130.7	6.7	-6.3	-18.5	9.4	.0	-5.6
Watches and jewelry ⁵	147.2	147.0	-7.7	.3	-8.3	2.5	-3.8	-3.1
Watches ^{1 5}	126.2	129.1	-7.3	.9	-22.6	23.0	-3.3	-2.4
Jewelry ⁵	152.9	152.1	-8.3	2.1	-7.3	-.3	-3.3	-3.8
Footwear	126.7	126.2	-.9	-.6	2.2	-3.7	-.8	-.8
Men's	133.0	132.1	-2.7	3.1	-.6	-.6	.2	-.6
Boys' and girls'	133.2	129.7	2.2	.0	3.8	-3.0	1.1	.3
Women's	118.8	120.0	-2.3	-2.0	2.0	-4.8	-2.1	-1.5
Apparel services ^{1 2}	162.2	162.4	2.0	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.5
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.8	165.9	2.0	3.3	5.5	2.7	2.6	4.1
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	158.7	159.0	2.0	.5	-.5	2.0	1.3	.8

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	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Transportation	145.3	145.4	4.0	2.0	5.4	-0.8	3.0	2.2
Private	142.7	142.4	3.2	1.4	4.6	.3	2.3	2.4
New vehicles	144.4	144.6	2.3	3.7	-6	-3	3.0	-4
New cars	141.9	142.0	2.0	3.7	-1.4	-6	2.9	-1.0
Subcompact new cars ^{2 5}	123.2	122.9	.3	3.0	-6	-1.9	1.6	-1.3
Compact new cars ^{2 5}	123.1	123.4	3.7	4.3	.7	-3	4.0	.2
Intermediate new cars ^{2 5}	121.4	121.8	1.7	4.0	-3.2	.3	2.8	-1.5
Full-size new cars ^{2 5}	125.3	125.8	4.6	3.3	1.9	.6	4.0	1.3
Luxury new cars ^{2 5}	132.7	132.5	.9	3.1	.9	-2.7	2.0	-9
New trucks ⁶	151.8	151.8	4.1	2.4	1.9	2.1	3.3	2.0
New motorcycles ⁵	162.6	161.5	2.8	.7	1.7	-1.2	1.8	.2
Used cars	155.8	157.7	-10.5	.5	-3.8	7.2	-5.2	1.5
Motor fuel	111.8	109.5	8.3	-5.9	25.8	-5.6	1.0	9.0
Gasoline	111.3	109.0	7.9	-6.6	25.5	-5.3	.4	9.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	109.4	107.1	7.6	-7.5	29.4	-6.4	-2	10.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 9}	112.0	110.4	43.1	-17.1	8.2	-6.9	8.9	.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	111.9	109.9	9.0	-7.6	22.1	-4.3	.4	8.1
Automobile maintenance and repair	161.2	161.5	2.6	4.6	2.5	2.0	3.6	2.3
Body work ¹	170.0	170.4	8.1	2.9	1.7	4.3	5.5	3.0
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	169.0	169.8	1.0	5.5	1.7	5.4	3.2	3.5
Maintenance and servicing ¹	148.1	148.4	2.5	6.4	-5	.5	4.5	.0
Power plant repair ²	166.5	166.6	2.0	6.0	3.2	.5	4.0	1.8
Other private transportation ²	176.1	176.7	4.5	3.7	.0	3.2	4.1	1.6
Other private transportation commodities ²	105.1	104.8	1.1	-8	-8	-8	.2	-8
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	130.5	131.1	-3	-1.2	.9	-2.7	-8	-9
Automobile parts and equipment	102.3	102.1	1.6	-1.6	-4	.0	.0	-2
Tires	101.6	101.0	-1.6	.8	.0	-2.0	-4	-1.0
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	107.6	107.4	3.0	-3.3	.4	1.5	-2	.9
Other private transportation services ²	193.1	193.9	5.0	4.3	.2	3.8	4.6	2.0
Automobile insurance	249.2	250.2	4.7	4.3	2.6	4.1	4.5	3.4
Automobile finance charges ²	94.2	95.3	4.4	9.7	-9.6	6.1	7.0	-2.1
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	183.9	185.3	-5.6	2.2	-2.8	14.1	-1.7	5.3
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	183.7	183.7	1.3	.0	.0	-4	.7	-2
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	185.3	188.1	-12.3	4.6	-5.5	30.5	-4.2	11.0
Public transportation	181.9	185.9	14.3	6.0	13.1	-10.6	10.1	.5
Airline fares ¹	192.9	201.6	9.2	8.4	19.0	-5.9	8.8	5.8
Other intercity transportation ¹	154.2	155.0	7.4	-9.0	.5	-5	-1.2	.0
Intracity public transportation ¹	174.8	175.4	2.1	3.7	-1.8	1.6	2.9	-1
Medical care	232.3	233.2	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.9
Medical care commodities	213.5	214.5	3.7	1.9	1.7	4.0	2.8	2.9
Prescription drugs	247.1	248.1	3.5	2.8	2.5	3.6	3.2	3.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 5}	144.7	145.2	2.8	.3	-3	5.4	1.6	2.5
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	172.8	173.4	3.1	.5	1.9	5.2	1.8	3.6
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	169.7	170.0	1.7	.5	-3.9	4.8	1.1	.4
Medical care services	236.4	237.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.8
Professional medical services	212.7	213.7	3.1	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.8
Physicians' services	220.3	221.5	2.4	3.6	3.0	4.1	3.0	3.5
Dental services ¹	223.5	224.5	4.8	6.1	3.9	6.3	5.4	5.1
Eye care ^{1 5}	140.8	141.0	-3	.3	2.0	3.2	.0	2.6
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	150.3	150.9	2.5	3.3	3.9	5.8	2.9	4.8
Hospital and related services	275.5	276.1	4.7	3.5	3.6	2.8	4.1	3.2
Hospital services ¹⁰	101.0	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Inpatient hospital services ¹⁰	100.8	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Outpatient hospital services ⁵	222.1	222.9	7.4	1.9	4.7	6.5	4.6	5.6
Nursing home services ¹⁰	101.3	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-

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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Entertainment ²	161.4	161.7	2.6	1.8	3.3	1.5	2.2	2.4
Entertainment commodities ²	144.2	144.2	1.4	1.4	2.5	−.6	1.4	1.0
Reading materials ¹	178.4	178.7	1.8	2.3	3.0	1.1	2.1	2.0
Newspapers ^{1 2}	191.2	191.3	1.5	.8	3.2	1.1	1.2	2.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	166.6	167.0	2.0	3.7	2.9	.7	2.8	1.8
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	123.3	123.7	−4.1	−1.6	−.6	2.3	−2.9	.8
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	125.4	126.3	−3.7	.6	−4.1	4.6	−1.6	.2
Other sporting goods ¹	118.7	118.6	−4.3	−3.7	2.4	.7	−4.0	1.5
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	133.6	133.6	1.8	1.5	2.4	1.2	1.7	1.8
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	127.1	126.3	4.2	−1.3	3.5	−4.0	1.4	−.3
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	134.2	134.2	1.2	1.5	−4.4	4.0	1.4	−.3
Pet supplies and expense ¹	142.7	143.2	−1.7	5.3	8.9	1.7	1.7	5.2
Entertainment services ²	181.6	182.1	3.7	2.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.4
Club memberships ^{2 5}	132.1	133.0	−.6	1.5	−2.7	1.2	.5	−.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 5}	167.8	169.6	1.0	4.8	5.7	9.0	2.9	7.3
Admissions ¹	195.6	195.4	11.5	−1.0	−.2	3.3	5.0	1.6
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	166.1	166.3	5.7	7.2	6.5	2.2	6.4	4.3
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 5}	141.5	142.0	.6	3.5	6.2	2.0	2.0	4.1
Other goods and services ³	221.3	222.3	3.6	3.6	3.2	5.4	3.6	4.3
Tobacco and smoking products	237.6	238.5	1.9	3.5	1.9	5.6	2.7	3.7
Personal care ¹	151.5	151.8	.5	3.2	−.8	3.5	1.9	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	143.3	143.6	−.3	3.4	−6.2	2.3	1.5	−2.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	152.3	151.6	4.5	5.5	3.0	2.7	5.0	2.8
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	137.0	137.9	−3.9	2.0	−13.1	2.1	−1.0	−5.8
Personal care services ¹	160.7	161.2	1.6	3.4	5.2	5.1	2.5	5.2
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	159.8	160.1	1.0	2.3	5.0	4.9	1.7	4.9
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	163.2	164.5	4.2	7.6	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.3
Personal and educational expenses ²	255.0	256.3	5.2	3.8	4.6	5.8	4.5	5.2
School books and supplies	233.2	234.0	4.0	6.3	5.3	2.6	5.2	4.0
Personal and educational services ²	256.5	257.8	5.1	3.6	4.5	6.0	4.4	5.2
Tuition and other school fees	275.0	276.2	5.4	3.3	5.5	5.2	4.4	5.3
College tuition	289.0	290.1	5.8	3.6	6.1	5.7	4.7	5.9
Elementary and high school tuition	280.5	281.6	5.0	2.1	6.3	4.7	3.5	5.5
Day care and nursery school ⁸	132.3	132.9	5.1	2.8	3.1	4.6	3.9	3.9
Personal expenses	221.3	223.3	4.4	3.8	3.4	7.7	4.1	5.5
Legal service fees ^{1 5}	160.1	160.7	6.3	3.1	1.8	3.6	4.7	2.7
Personal financial services ^{1 5}	188.4	191.4	1.3	.7	1.3	18.1	1.0	9.4
Funeral expenses ⁵	166.3	167.9	4.6	5.1	4.0	8.8	4.8	6.4
Special indexes								
Domestically produced farm food	159.6	159.2	6.1	7.4	4.1	−2.0	6.8	1.0
Selected beef cuts	127.9	126.7	−1.0	11.7	5.4	−10.9	5.2	−3.1
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	112.2	110.0	8.3	−6.2	25.3	−4.9	.8	9.1
Utilities and public transportation	145.6	145.7	5.2	4.6	5.4	.8	4.9	3.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	149.9	150.6	3.6	4.7	1.6	1.3	4.1	1.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹⁰ 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 ¹

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Mar. 1997 from—
	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996
Food and beverages									
Other breads	180.7	181.3	181.5	180.5	-0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.6	3.5
Fresh biscuits, rolls, and muffins ²	165.7	168.4	168.3	168.0	-8	1.6	-1	-2	3.3
Fresh cakes and cupcakes	175.6	177.1	177.2	180.0	-4	.9	.1	1.6	5.0
Cookies	180.5	179.7	179.6	178.4	1.1	-4	-1	-7	3.4
Crackers, bread, and cracker products	206.9	206.4	213.2	212.2	1.8	-2	3.3	-5	10.7
Fresh sweetrolls, coffee cake, and donuts	173.8	174.3	174.1	174.1	1.2	.3	-1	.0	4.3
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products and fresh pies, tarts, and turnovers	174.9	175.9	178.0	178.0	1.6	.6	1.2	.0	2.9
Ham other than canned	168.3	166.4	165.5	165.3	-2.6	-1.1	-5	-1	8.0
Pork sausage ²	145.4	148.1	147.1	145.7	-1.0	1.9	-7	-1.0	11.1
Other pork ²	153.8	155.7	153.0	150.5	-2	1.2	-1.7	-1.6	6.5
Frankfurters	143.8	145.3	145.5	143.2	-5	1.0	.1	-1.6	-1.3
Bologna, liverwurst, and salami ²	146.0	146.0	148.2	148.9	-1.3	.0	1.5	.5	3.6
Other lunchmeats ²	138.7	138.1	138.7	137.3	-4	-4	.4	-1.0	3.4
Lamb and organ meats	160.7	159.0	160.8	163.5	-1	-1.1	1.1	1.7	8.1
Butter	113.9	110.2	108.7	114.6	-4.6	-3.2	-1.4	5.4	25.5
Other dairy products ²	157.2	155.4	157.1	156.6	.4	-1.1	1.1	-3	4.3
Frozen fruit and fruit juices ²	136.4	137.1	137.9	137.0	-7	.5	.6	-7	6.6
Other fruit juices ²	150.7	151.1	152.2	150.8	.9	.3	.7	-9	3.9
Cut corn, canned beans except lima ²	149.4	153.4	151.3	152.0	.7	2.7	-1.4	.5	6.8
Other processed vegetables ²	150.0	150.1	149.0	150.7	-3	.1	-7	1.1	4.2
Candy and chewing gum ²	151.0	152.0	152.0	152.5	.0	.7	.0	.3	4.2
Other sweets ²	141.5	153.2	153.5	150.2	-1	8.3	.2	-2.1	2.5
Margarine	145.5	146.6	147.3	146.5	1.7	.8	.5	-5	.8
Other fats, oils, and salad dressing ²	144.3	145.3	146.0	144.7	.3	.7	.5	-9	2.0
Nondairy substitutes and peanut butter ²	135.6	138.1	137.8	139.0	-1.3	1.8	-2	.9	1.4
Roasted coffee	145.7	146.9	146.7	155.0	.6	.8	-1	5.7	.8
Instant and freeze-dried coffee	145.3	145.4	146.7	149.8	-5	.1	.9	2.1	.5
Seasonings, olives, pickles, and relish ²	172.8	176.4	175.8	174.7	1.1	2.1	-3	-6	5.0
Other condiments	154.5	157.5	159.3	158.3	-6	1.9	1.1	-6	3.7
Miscellaneous prepared foods and baby foods ²	176.1	176.3	177.8	178.9	.1	.1	.9	.6	4.6
Other canned and packaged prepared foods ²	141.0	140.5	141.4	142.7	1.8	-4	.6	.9	3.4
Whiskey at home	147.9	148.3	148.9	149.2	-5	.3	.4	.2	2.5
Other alcoholic beverages at home	147.9	148.6	149.7	149.7	-3	.5	.7	.0	2.1
Housing									
Household linens ²	109.7	108.6	109.6	108.5	-7	-1.0	.9	-1.0	-5.1
Curtains, drapes, slipcovers, and sewing materials ²	132.0	134.6	135.3	136.0	.7	2.0	.5	.5	1.9
Soaps and detergents ²	142.2	142.6	142.6	143.4	-4	.3	.0	.6	2.7
Other laundry and cleaning products ²	146.3	147.7	146.6	146.1	.1	1.0	-7	-3	2.3
Cleansing and toilet tissue, paper towels, and napkins ²	142.4	142.8	143.0	140.9	-3	.3	.1	-1.5	-3.1
Stationery, stationery supplies, and gift wrap ²	151.8	151.8	152.3	155.7	.5	.0	.3	2.2	6.2
Apparel and upkeep									
Men's suits, sport coats, and jackets ²	131.8	129.2	129.5	134.0	-3.6	-2.0	.2	3.5	-.7
Men's coats and jackets ²	142.5	140.1	141.3	145.7	-3.8	-1.7	.9	3.1	3.6
Boys' coats, jackets, sweaters, and shirts ²	116.3	112.4	110.2	113.6	-4.4	-3.4	-2.0	3.1	-.2
Boys' trousers, sport coats, and jackets ²	114.7	115.7	115.8	114.0	-3.0	.9	.1	-1.6	-5.2
Girls' coats, jackets, dresses, and suits ²	124.1	124.0	123.7	126.6	-1.4	-1	-2	2.3	-.7
Girls' separates and sportswear ²	114.0	111.1	113.9	117.1	-2.8	-2.5	2.5	2.8	-7.0
Transportation									
State automobile registration ²	205.4	205.8	205.8	205.8	.0	.2	.0	.0	.3
Other goods and services									
Products for hair, hair pieces, and wigs ²	127.8	128.3	126.8	126.6	-3.1	.4	-1.2	-.2	-4.7

¹ These special indexes are based on substantially smaller samples.

² 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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	156.8	157.0	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	467.0	467.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.436	156.4	156.5	3.3	.1	-.2	.2	.1
Food	17.749	156.0	156.1	3.3	.1	-.3	.3	.1
Food at home	11.387	156.8	156.7	3.4	-.1	-.6	.3	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.688	176.4	176.4	2.8	.0	-.1	-.1	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.535	148.4	147.4	3.6	-.7	-.5	-.3	-.8
Dairy products ¹	1.387	146.0	145.8	6.7	-.1	-.6	-.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables ²	2.086	186.1	188.2	3.0	1.1	-1.7	2.7	.3
Other food at home	2.691	145.0	145.1	2.1	.1	.0	.2	.1
Sugar and sweets	.373	147.2	146.2	2.7	-.7	.5	.2	-.7
Fats and oils	.282	142.3	142.2	1.6	-.1	-.3	.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	.841	128.0	128.9	-.2	.7	.0	-.4	1.1
Other prepared food	1.194	160.4	160.1	3.7	-.2	-.1	.7	-.5
Food away from home	6.362	155.7	156.0	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.687	161.1	161.5	3.0	.2	.1	.1	.1
Housing ²	38.747	152.4	152.5	2.7	.1	.3	.2	.1
Shelter	25.867	169.4	169.9	2.9	.3	.2	.3	.2
Renters' costs ^{3,4}	8.079	160.9	161.9	3.1	.6	.4	.3	.3
Rent, residential	6.580	164.4	164.7	2.7	.2	.2	.1	.2
Other renters' costs ⁴	1.499	224.9	229.9	4.7	2.2	1.3	.6	.3
Homeowners' costs ^{3,4}	17.599	163.7	163.9	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ³	17.277	164.0	164.3	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.2
Household insurance ^{3,4}	.322	148.5	148.1	1.5	-.3	.4	.7	-.3
Maintenance and repairs ^{1,4}	.189	140.7	140.9	3.4	.1	.0	.4	.1
Maintenance and repair services ^{1,4}	.105	150.3	150.3	3.1	.0	-.1	.2	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1,4}	.084	128.3	128.7	3.7	.3	.2	.8	.3
Fuel and other utilities ²	7.344	130.7	129.6	3.7	-.8	.8	.3	-.8
Fuels	3.979	118.5	116.5	4.5	-1.7	1.1	.5	-1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.391	109.4	105.3	6.3	-3.7	-1.2	-2.0	-3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.588	124.8	122.9	4.2	-1.5	1.4	.7	-1.2
Other utilities and public services ⁴	3.365	160.9	161.2	2.7	.2	.3	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ²	5.536	123.7	123.9	.6	.2	-.2	.1	.0
Housefurnishings ⁴	3.261	109.8	109.8	-.4	.0	-.5	.1	-.1
Housekeeping supplies	1.129	143.1	143.5	1.6	.3	.4	.1	.1
Housekeeping services ⁴	1.145	152.9	153.3	2.5	.3	-.3	.1	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.348	131.1	133.8	-.1	2.1	.4	.4	-.3
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.838	127.6	130.5	-.3	2.3	.5	.4	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.286	127.2	128.8	-.1	1.3	.9	-.9	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	2.053	124.8	129.2	.5	3.5	.6	1.1	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.240	128.1	130.7	-3.0	2.0	.3	-.3	2.0
Footwear	.799	127.2	127.9	-.7	.6	-.7	.1	-.5
Other apparel commodities ⁴	.461	145.7	149.5	-2.7	2.6	.4	1.0	-.9
Apparel services ^{1,4}	.510	161.3	161.5	2.1	.1	.2	.3	.1
Transportation	19.190	144.4	144.2	2.3	-.1	.0	.0	-.1
Private transportation	17.934	142.4	141.9	2.2	-.4	.1	.1	-.1
New vehicles	4.893	146.7	146.6	1.5	-.1	-.1	-.1	.2
New cars	3.533	142.5	142.5	1.1	.0	-.2	-.1	.2
Used cars	2.320	155.7	155.7	-1.6	.0	.1	.4	1.3
Motor fuel	3.921	108.2	106.3	4.8	-1.8	.6	-.1	-2.2
Gasoline	-	107.5	105.7	4.4	-1.7	.5	-.2	-2.2
Maintenance and repairs	1.616	162.1	162.5	2.9	.2	.4	-.2	.4
Other private transportation ⁴	5.185	172.6	172.8	2.8	.1	.1	.4	.3
Other private transportation commodities	.742	104.3	104.1	-.3	-.2	-.2	.1	.0
Other private transportation services ⁴	4.442	190.0	190.2	3.3	.1	.2	.5	.3
Public transportation	1.256	180.3	185.1	4.5	2.7	-2.7	-2.2	1.7

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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
Medical care	6.251	232.1	232.8	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Medical care commodities	1.047	211.4	212.1	2.7	.3	.1	.4	.3
Medical care services	5.204	236.8	237.4	3.0	.3	.2	.0	.4
Professional medical services	2.973	214.3	215.4	3.8	.5	.2	.2	.5
Entertainment ⁴	4.015	159.2	159.6	2.2	.3	.0	.1	.1
Entertainment commodities ⁴	2.036	143.1	143.4	1.2	.2	-.3	.1	.0
Entertainment services ⁴	1.979	182.2	182.8	3.3	.3	.2	.1	.4
Other goods and services ²	7.012	217.4	218.0	3.9	.3	.6	.4	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	2.117	237.0	237.7	3.0	.3	.6	.5	.4
Personal care ¹	1.107	151.4	151.6	1.5	.1	.8	-.1	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	.610	144.2	144.3	-.2	.1	.6	-.1	.1
Personal care services ¹	.497	160.8	161.2	3.9	.2	.9	.0	.2
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	3.788	250.8	251.6	5.1	.3	.5	.6	.5
School books and supplies	.232	236.9	237.1	4.8	.1	-.1	.3	.3
Personal and educational services ⁴	3.556	252.3	253.0	5.0	.3	.6	.6	.5
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	156.8	157.0	2.7	.1	.1	.2	.1
Commodities	47.057	141.8	142.0	2.1	.1	.0	.2	-.1
Food and beverages	19.436	156.4	156.5	3.3	.1	-.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	27.621	132.9	133.1	1.3	.2	.2	.2	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	16.215	134.5	134.8	2.0	.2	.1	.2	-.7
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.838	127.6	130.5	-.3	2.3	.5	.4	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.377	140.8	139.9	3.1	-.6	.3	.1	-.8
Durables	11.407	129.5	129.6	.2	.1	-.1	.1	.0
Services	52.943	174.9	175.2	3.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter ³	25.329	163.0	163.5	2.9	.3	.4	.2	.2
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	8.553	133.3	132.6	3.3	-.5	.7	.4	-.4
Transportation services	7.314	181.3	182.3	3.3	.6	-.3	-.1	.6
Medical care services	5.204	236.8	237.4	3.0	.3	.2	.0	.4
Other services	6.542	203.5	204.1	4.2	.3	.4	.3	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.251	156.8	157.1	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.1
All items less shelter	74.133	153.5	153.7	2.6	.1	.1	.1	.0
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	82.401	147.3	147.5	2.6	.1	.1	.2	.0
All items less medical care	93.749	153.2	153.5	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.0
Commodities less food	29.308	134.0	134.2	1.4	.1	.1	.1	-.3
Nondurables less food	17.901	136.0	136.4	2.1	.3	.1	.3	-.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	13.064	141.8	141.1	3.1	-.5	.1	.2	-.8
Nondurables	35.651	145.7	146.0	2.7	.2	.1	.2	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	27.613	166.2	166.3	3.5	.1	.2	.3	.2
Services less medical care services	47.738	169.6	169.9	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Energy	7.901	112.7	110.7	4.6	-1.8	.9	.3	-1.8
All items less energy	92.099	163.0	163.5	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	74.350	164.8	165.5	2.4	.4	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.996	141.7	142.5	.8	.6	.1	.2	.1
Energy commodities	4.312	108.6	106.5	4.9	-1.9	.4	-.3	-2.3
Services less energy services	49.354	180.4	181.0	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 ¹	-	\$.638	\$.637	-2.6	-.2	-.2	-.3	-.2
1967=\$1.00 ¹	-	.214	.214	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁴ 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					
	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6	3.9	1.5	2.6	2.7
Food and beverages	156.3	156.0	156.3	156.4	4.0	5.1	3.9	.3	4.5	2.1
Food	155.9	155.5	155.9	156.0	4.3	5.1	3.9	.3	4.7	2.1
Food at home	156.9	156.0	156.5	156.3	5.1	6.4	3.7	-1.5	5.8	1.0
Cereals and bakery products	176.3	176.2	176.0	176.7	3.5	2.3	4.2	.9	2.9	2.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	149.1	148.3	147.9	146.7	5.8	9.5	6.4	-6.3	7.6	-1
Dairy products ¹	148.5	147.6	146.0	145.8	9.4	20.6	5.9	-7.1	14.9	-8
Fruits and vegetables ²	185.0	181.8	186.7	187.2	6.5	1.5	-4	4.8	4.0	2.2
Other food at home	144.1	144.1	144.4	144.5	2.6	2.3	2.5	1.1	2.4	1.8
Sugar and sweets	145.9	146.6	146.9	145.9	4.6	4.5	1.9	.0	4.6	1.0
Fats and oils	141.8	141.4	141.6	141.8	3.5	2.3	1.1	.0	2.9	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	127.4	127.4	126.9	128.3	-1.5	-1.6	-6	2.9	-1.5	1.1
Other prepared food	159.5	159.3	160.4	159.6	4.8	4.2	5.4	.3	4.5	2.8
Food away from home	154.9	155.4	155.7	156.2	2.9	2.9	4.0	3.4	2.9	3.7
Alcoholic beverages	160.6	160.8	160.9	161.0	2.8	4.1	3.8	1.0	3.5	2.4
Housing ²	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.3	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.4	2.7	2.8
Shelter	168.2	168.6	169.1	169.5	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.0
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	158.9	159.6	160.0	160.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.8	3.0	3.3
Rent, residential	163.7	164.1	164.3	164.7	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.8	2.7
Other renters' costs ⁴	217.6	220.5	221.8	222.4	3.0	5.0	2.0	9.1	4.0	5.5
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	162.9	163.2	163.7	164.1	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent ³	163.2	163.5	164.0	164.4	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.0
Household insurance ^{3 4}	147.3	147.9	148.9	148.4	1.9	2.8	-1.3	3.0	2.3	.8
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	140.1	140.1	140.7	140.9	3.6	1.5	6.2	2.3	2.5	4.2
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	150.1	150.0	150.3	150.3	2.5	7.6	1.9	.5	5.0	1.2
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	127.1	127.3	128.3	128.7	4.9	-6.2	11.8	5.1	-8	8.4
Fuel and other utilities ²	129.8	130.8	131.2	130.2	2.6	4.8	6.1	1.2	3.7	3.6
Fuels	116.8	118.1	118.7	117.0	1.8	6.9	8.7	.7	4.3	4.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	109.5	108.2	106.0	102.3	-3.3	13.6	52.1	-23.8	4.8	7.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	123.1	124.8	125.7	124.2	2.4	6.1	5.0	3.6	4.2	4.3
Other utilities and public services ⁴	160.1	160.6	160.7	160.9	3.4	2.6	3.1	2.0	3.0	2.5
Household furnishings and operation ²	123.8	123.5	123.6	123.6	1.0	1.0	1.3	-6	1.0	.3
Housefurnishings ⁴	110.2	109.7	109.8	109.7	-4	.0	1.1	-1.8	-2	-4
Housekeeping supplies	142.3	142.9	143.1	143.2	.9	1.7	1.1	2.6	1.3	1.8
Housekeeping services ⁴	153.0	152.5	152.6	153.0	3.8	3.5	2.7	.0	3.6	1.3
Apparel and upkeep	130.8	131.3	131.8	131.4	-2.1	-2.4	2.2	1.8	-2.3	2.0
Apparel commodities ⁴	127.4	128.0	128.5	128.1	-2.5	-2.8	1.9	2.2	-2.6	2.1
Men's and boys' apparel	128.0	129.2	128.1	127.8	-2.2	-1.9	4.5	-6	-2.0	1.9
Women's and girls' apparel	123.7	124.5	125.9	125.4	-2.5	-5.7	5.3	5.6	-4.1	5.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	128.1	128.5	128.1	130.7	-13.0	7.3	-12.4	8.4	-3.4	-2.6
Footwear	128.5	127.6	127.7	127.0	-3	.0	2.2	-4.6	-2	-1.2
Other apparel commodities ⁴	145.7	146.3	147.7	146.3	-5	-2.6	-9.3	1.7	-1.6	-4.0
Apparel services ^{1 4}	160.5	160.8	161.3	161.5	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.5	1.9	2.3
Transportation	145.2	145.2	145.2	145.1	2.9	1.4	5.7	-3	2.1	2.7
Private transportation	142.8	143.0	143.2	143.0	2.3	1.1	5.2	.6	1.7	2.9
New vehicles	145.8	145.7	145.6	145.9	2.2	3.6	-3	.3	2.9	.0
New cars	141.9	141.6	141.5	141.8	1.7	4.0	-1.1	-3	2.9	-7
Used cars	156.3	156.4	157.1	159.1	-10.4	.8	-3.5	7.4	-5.0	1.8
Motor fuel	111.4	112.1	112.0	109.5	8.3	-6.2	27.7	-6.6	.8	9.2
Gasoline	111.0	111.6	111.4	109.0	7.1	-6.3	27.8	-7.0	.2	9.0
Maintenance and repairs	161.5	162.2	161.9	162.5	2.6	4.6	2.3	2.5	3.6	2.4
Other private transportation ⁴	170.9	171.1	171.8	172.3	4.4	3.8	-5	3.3	4.1	1.4
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	104.1	103.9	104.0	104.0	.4	-8	-4	-4	-2	-4
Other private transportation services ⁴	187.8	188.1	189.0	189.6	5.1	4.6	-4	3.9	4.9	1.7
Public transportation	189.1	184.0	179.9	182.9	10.7	6.6	15.0	-12.5	8.6	.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					
	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category										
Medical care	230.8	231.2	231.6	232.4	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8
Medical care commodities	209.9	210.1	211.0	211.7	3.5	1.9	1.9	3.5	2.7	2.7
Medical care services	235.4	235.9	236.0	236.9	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Professional medical services	213.0	213.5	213.9	215.0	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8
Entertainment ⁴	158.8	158.8	159.0	159.2	2.6	1.8	3.3	1.0	2.2	2.2
Entertainment commodities ⁴	143.3	142.9	143.1	143.1	1.1	1.4	2.6	-6	1.3	1.0
Entertainment services ⁴	181.0	181.4	181.6	182.3	4.1	2.5	3.8	2.9	3.3	3.4
Other goods and services ²	215.6	216.8	217.7	218.7	3.3	3.4	3.0	5.9	3.4	4.4
Tobacco and smoking products	234.8	236.1	237.2	238.2	1.7	2.8	1.9	5.9	2.3	3.9
Personal care ¹	150.4	151.6	151.4	151.6	.8	3.2	-1.1	3.2	2.0	1.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	143.5	144.4	144.2	144.3	.0	3.1	-5.9	2.2	1.5	-1.9
Personal care services ¹	159.4	160.8	160.8	161.2	2.1	3.1	5.7	4.6	2.6	5.2
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	247.9	249.2	250.6	251.8	4.9	4.0	4.6	6.4	4.5	5.5
School books and supplies	234.2	234.0	234.8	235.6	3.4	7.1	6.0	2.4	5.2	4.2
Personal and educational services ⁴	249.2	250.6	252.0	253.3	4.9	3.8	4.6	6.7	4.4	5.7
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6	3.9	1.5	2.6	2.7
Commodities	141.9	141.9	142.2	142.0	2.0	2.0	4.3	.3	2.0	2.3
Food and beverages	156.3	156.0	156.3	156.4	4.0	5.1	3.9	.3	4.5	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages	133.1	133.3	133.5	133.1	.6	.0	4.6	.0	.3	2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.2	135.4	135.7	134.7	2.8	-1.2	8.4	-1.5	.8	3.3
Apparel commodities ⁴	127.4	128.0	128.5	128.1	-2.5	-2.8	1.9	2.2	-2.6	2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	141.8	142.2	142.4	141.2	3.5	-1.2	12.1	-1.7	1.2	5.0
Durables	129.4	129.3	129.4	129.4	-3	1.9	-9	.0	.8	-5
Services	173.9	174.3	174.7	175.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.0
Rent of shelter ³	161.9	162.5	162.9	163.2	2.8	3.0	2.5	3.3	2.9	2.9
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	132.6	133.5	134.0	133.4	3.1	4.1	3.4	2.4	3.6	2.9
Transportation services	181.4	180.8	180.6	181.6	5.3	5.0	2.7	.4	5.2	1.6
Medical care services	235.4	235.9	236.0	236.9	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Other services	202.1	203.0	203.7	204.6	4.1	3.3	4.3	5.0	3.7	4.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	156.2	156.5	156.8	156.9	2.4	2.1	3.9	1.8	2.2	2.9
All items less shelter	153.3	153.5	153.7	153.7	2.7	2.7	4.0	1.0	2.7	2.5
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	146.9	147.1	147.4	147.4	2.8	2.5	3.9	1.4	2.7	2.6
All items less medical care	152.8	153.0	153.3	153.3	2.7	3.0	3.8	1.3	2.8	2.5
Commodities less food	134.4	134.6	134.8	134.4	.6	.3	4.6	.0	.5	2.3
Nondurables less food	136.7	136.9	137.3	136.1	2.1	.3	7.7	-1.7	1.2	2.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.6	142.8	143.1	141.9	3.2	1.7	9.2	-1.9	2.5	3.5
Nondurables	145.9	146.0	146.3	145.8	3.1	2.0	6.0	-3	2.6	2.8
Services less rent of shelter ³	165.4	165.7	166.2	166.5	3.8	4.3	3.5	2.7	4.0	3.1
Services less medical care services	168.6	169.1	169.4	169.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.6	3.4	2.9
Energy	113.6	114.6	114.9	112.8	5.3	.0	17.5	-2.8	2.6	6.9
All items less energy	162.5	162.6	162.9	163.3	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.0	2.7	2.4
All items less food and energy	164.3	164.6	164.9	165.3	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.5	141.6	141.9	142.1	-6	1.1	.9	1.7	.3	1.3
Energy commodities	111.5	112.0	111.7	109.1	7.5	-4.8	29.6	-8.3	1.2	9.0
Services less energy services	179.6	180.0	180.3	180.9	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁴ 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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Food and beverages	156.4	156.5	3.3	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Food	156.0	156.1	3.3	.1	-.3	.3	.1
Food at home	156.8	156.7	3.4	-.1	-.6	.3	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	176.4	176.4	2.8	.0	-.1	-.1	.4
Cereals and cereal products	166.9	167.9	-1.2	.6	.8	-.8	.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes	156.1	154.2	5.0	-1.2	1.2	-1.0	-.8
Cereal	184.3	186.3	-4.4	1.1	.1	-.8	.5
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	147.2	148.1	3.1	.6	1.4	-.1	.2
Bakery products	180.5	180.1	4.6	-.2	-.3	.2	.6
White bread ¹	183.7	182.7	6.0	-.5	-1.1	1.2	-.5
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	180.9	180.6	3.7	-.2	1.0	-.1	-.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	177.3	177.9	4.2	.3	.2	-.5	.3
Other bakery products	180.5	179.6	4.5	-.5	-.2	-.4	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.4	147.4	3.6	-.7	-.5	-.3	-.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.4	147.8	4.1	-.4	-.1	-.4	-.5
Meats	144.0	143.0	3.8	-.7	-.2	-.3	-.7
Beef and veal	136.4	135.6	1.0	-.6	-.6	-1.0	-.7
Ground beef other than canned	117.1	114.0	-.1	-2.6	-.4	-.3	-2.4
Chuck roast ²	142.9	144.8	4.5	1.3	.1	-2.9	.9
Round roast ²	133.1	133.4	1.7	.2	-4.2	1.7	-.2
Round steak ²	130.9	131.4	1.9	.4	-4.7	1.5	.5
Sirloin steak ²	137.1	139.6	-.4	1.8	-1.2	-3.2	.3
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	159.2	159.3	1.3	.1	1.4	-1.5	.1
Pork	155.1	153.7	9.0	-.9	.1	.0	-1.0
Bacon	161.3	161.0	22.4	-.2	.3	.7	.1
Chops	157.1	154.5	2.9	-1.7	-1.3	1.6	-2.0
Ham	155.2	154.5	6.5	-.5	.1	-.6	-1.2
Other pork, including sausage ²	150.6	148.7	8.7	-1.3	1.4	-1.2	-1.1
Other meats ¹	147.5	147.0	3.4	-.3	.4	.6	-.3
Poultry ¹	157.5	156.1	5.9	-.9	.4	-.4	-.9
Fresh whole chicken ¹	159.7	159.5	8.7	-.1	1.5	-1.0	-.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	159.3	156.5	4.7	-1.8	-1.1	.1	-1.8
Other poultry ²	153.4	152.8	3.4	-.4	.3	-.8	-.3
Fish and seafood	176.1	178.5	2.9	1.4	-.2	-.8	1.4
Canned fish and seafood ¹	127.0	126.7	1.4	-.2	1.2	-1.0	-.2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	200.7	204.3	3.3	1.8	-.4	-.8	1.6
Eggs	146.7	140.0	-3.5	-4.6	-6.7	1.4	-6.5
Dairy products ¹	146.0	145.8	6.7	-.1	-.6	-1.1	-.1
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	146.0	145.6	6.1	-.3	-.7	-1.8	-.3
Fresh whole milk ¹	143.9	143.7	5.6	-.1	-1.1	-1.8	-.1
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	149.2	148.5	6.9	-.5	.1	-1.9	-.5
Processed dairy products ²	146.6	146.6	7.5	.0	-1.0	-.2	.5
Cheese ^{1 2}	148.2	147.5	5.7	-.5	-.7	-.4	-.5
Ice cream and related products	151.6	151.4	7.8	-.1	.8	-.3	.3
Other dairy products, including butter ²	132.8	135.3	12.8	1.9	-2.4	1.1	2.7
Fruits and vegetables ³	186.1	188.2	3.0	1.1	-1.7	2.7	.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	213.3	216.9	2.0	1.7	-2.6	4.2	.2
Fresh fruits	228.9	231.7	5.6	1.2	-4.9	1.1	1.2
Apples	199.3	199.5	-.8	.1	-.4	-2.0	-.6
Bananas	169.3	174.4	-.7	3.0	.2	-3.3	-.5
Oranges, including tangerines ²	193.3	189.7	-3.4	-1.9	-4.0	4.6	-1.6
Other fresh fruits ²	270.2	275.6	11.5	2.0	-7.5	1.9	2.9
Fresh vegetables	198.2	202.6	-1.7	2.2	.5	8.2	-1.0
Potatoes	163.6	161.7	-12.2	-1.2	.2	-.5	-4.1
Lettuce ¹	181.8	184.0	-10.9	1.2	6.3	-6.6	1.2
Tomatoes ¹	208.2	260.4	11.7	25.1	.4	8.9	25.1
Other fresh vegetables	213.5	205.8	-.8	-3.6	.7	8.3	-4.9
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	147.9	147.7	5.0	-.1	.1	-.3	.3
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	149.1	148.2	5.5	-.6	.7	.9	-.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	149.3	148.0	5.8	-.9	.3	1.2	-.9
Canned and dried fruits ²	146.8	147.2	4.5	.3	1.3	.1	.3
Processed vegetables ²	146.8	147.5	4.5	.5	.1	-.9	1.0
Frozen vegetables ²	147.9	146.0	2.2	-1.3	1.0	.3	-1.4
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	147.0	148.8	5.6	1.2	-.1	-1.6	1.7

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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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Other food at home	145.0	145.1	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Sugar and sweets	147.2	146.2	2.7	-.7	.5	.2	-.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	135.8	134.5	1.9	-1.0	.4	.2	-.9
Sweets, including candy ²	151.9	151.2	3.1	-.5	.6	-.1	-.4
Fats and oils	142.3	142.2	1.6	-.1	-.3	.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	128.0	128.9	-.2	.7	.0	-.4	1.1
Carbonated drinks	120.7	119.7	-1.1	-.8	.1	-1.2	-.4
Coffee ¹	145.8	151.6	-.1	4.0	.2	.4	4.0
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	140.1	139.9	2.1	-.1	-.9	1.0	.1
Other prepared food	160.4	160.1	3.7	-.2	-.1	.7	-.5
Canned and packaged soup	185.5	186.7	4.1	.6	-.2	-.1	.4
Frozen prepared food ¹	144.8	143.7	2.9	-.8	-1.4	1.0	-.8
Snacks ¹	153.9	153.1	3.7	-.5	.1	1.5	-.5
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	167.8	166.9	3.8	-.5	.9	.0	-.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	161.3	162.1	4.0	.5	-.1	.9	.1
Food away from home	155.7	156.0	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.3
Lunch ²	156.1	156.5	3.3	.3	.3	.3	.1
Dinner ²	153.5	153.9	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	158.9	159.3	3.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	161.1	161.5	3.0	.2	.1	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages at home	148.9	149.0	1.9	.1	.0	.1	-.2
Beer and ale	148.9	148.8	.8	-.1	.1	-.3	-.5
Wine	142.4	143.6	5.5	.8	-.1	.4	.8
Distilled spirits	149.1	149.0	1.9	-.1	-.1	.5	-.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home	186.4	187.0	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Housing ³	152.4	152.5	2.7	.1	.3	.2	.1
Shelter	169.4	169.9	2.9	.3	.2	.3	.2
Renters' costs ⁴	160.9	161.9	3.1	.6	.4	.3	.3
Rent, residential	164.4	164.7	2.7	.2	.2	.1	.2
Other renters' costs ²	224.9	229.9	4.7	2.2	1.3	.6	.3
Lodging while out of town	224.4	230.0	4.8	2.5	1.5	.3	.4
Lodging while at school ⁵	222.1	222.1	4.8	.0	.4	1.5	.4
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	153.3	153.1	1.5	-.1	.3	.9	-.1
Homeowners' costs ⁴	163.7	163.9	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	164.0	164.3	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.2
Household insurance ^{2 5}	148.5	148.1	1.5	-.3	.4	.7	-.3
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	140.7	140.9	3.4	.1	.0	.4	.1
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	150.3	150.3	3.1	.0	-.1	.2	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	128.3	128.7	3.7	.3	.2	.8	.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 6}	125.3	125.3	5.9	.0	.8	-.1	.0
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	123.7	124.4	2.1	.6	-.3	1.5	.6
Fuel and other utilities ³	130.7	129.6	3.7	-.8	.8	.3	-.8
Fuels	118.5	116.5	4.5	-1.7	1.1	.5	-1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	109.4	105.3	6.3	-3.7	-1.2	-2.0	-3.5
Fuel oil	107.4	103.0	5.7	-4.1	-.6	-1.7	-3.7
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 6}	142.2	137.9	7.3	-3.0	.3	-4.1	-3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	124.8	122.9	4.2	-1.5	1.4	.7	-1.2
Electricity	128.7	129.1	1.1	.3	-.3	.6	.3
Utility (piped) gas	121.0	114.9	11.6	-5.0	4.7	1.1	-4.2
Other utilities and public services ²	160.9	161.2	2.7	.2	.3	.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.5	127.7	2.0	.2	.3	.1	.2
Local charges ^{1 2}	161.5	161.8	1.3	.2	-.2	.3	.2
Interstate toll calls ¹	78.8	78.8	1.0	.0	2.3	-2.1	.0
Intrastate toll calls ¹	94.1	94.4	7.5	.3	-.2	2.0	.3
Water and sewerage maintenance	203.8	204.0	.2	.1	.2	.0	.2
Cable television ⁷	224.7	225.4	8.2	.3	.6	.9	.1
Refuse collection ^{1 7}	248.2	248.8	1.8	.2	.1	.0	.2

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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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Household furnishings and operation ³	123.7	123.9	0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0
Housefurnishings ²	109.8	109.8	-.4	.0	-.5	.1	-.1
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	121.0	119.6	-2.8	-1.2	.3	.7	-1.2
Furniture and bedding ¹	130.5	131.5	1.2	.8	-1.0	-.1	.8
Bedroom furniture ¹	137.4	138.2	3.3	.6	-1.4	-.2	.6
Sofas ^{1 2}	136.5	139.1	2.6	1.9	-1.6	.1	1.9
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	131.4	131.8	-1.2	.3	-.9	-.2	.3
Other furniture ²	118.1	118.4	-1.4	.3	-1.0	.5	.3
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	79.2	78.9	-2.2	-.4	-.3	.3	-.4
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	70.5	70.5	-2.6	.0	-.3	.1	.0
Televisions ¹	62.1	61.9	-4.8	-.3	.5	.2	-.3
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 6}	66.4	66.3	-1.2	-.2	-.4	-.9	-.2
Audio products ^{1 2}	90.1	90.2	-1.6	.1	-.6	.4	.1
Major household appliances ^{1 2 6}	104.0	103.6	.3	-.4	-.2	.3	-.4
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	111.8	111.2	.6	-.5	-.4	.4	-.5
Laundry equipment ¹	113.1	113.6	2.5	.4	-.2	.2	.4
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 6}	93.6	92.7	-2.1	-1.0	.1	.2	-1.0
Information processing equipment ^{1 6}	54.0	53.1	-11.8	-1.7	-1.1	-.6	-1.7
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 6}	115.7	115.6	.1	-.1	.3	.5	-.1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	142.3	142.5	2.7	.1	.9	1.1	.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	117.3	116.8	-1.3	-.4	.4	2.4	-.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	126.2	123.5	-1.8	-2.1	2.4	.2	-2.1
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.9	111.1	3.2	.2	.4	-.1	.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 6}	91.5	91.3	2.5	-.2	.8	1.0	-.2
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 9}	111.7	114.4	-5.1	2.4	-3.1	-1.5	2.4
Housekeeping supplies	143.1	143.5	1.6	.3	.4	.1	.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	145.5	145.6	2.7	.1	.7	-.4	.1
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	145.9	146.0	.4	.1	.2	.1	.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	137.0	137.9	1.2	.7	.7	1.3	.7
Housekeeping services ²	152.9	153.3	2.5	.3	-.3	.1	.3
Postage ¹	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	156.0	156.6	2.8	.4	-.3	.0	.4
Gardening and other household services ^{2 6}	135.3	136.4	2.9	.8	-1.6	-.1	.9
Apparel and upkeep	131.1	133.8	-.1	2.1	.4	.4	-.3
Apparel commodities ²	127.6	130.5	-.3	2.3	.5	.4	-.3
Apparel commodities less footwear	127.6	131.0	-.2	2.7	.6	.5	-.3
Men's and boys'	127.2	128.8	-.1	1.3	.9	-.9	-.2
Men's	131.8	133.3	.7	1.1	1.4	-.1	-.5
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	132.9	136.9	.2	3.0	.5	-1.0	1.9
Furnishings and special clothing	125.3	126.8	3.5	1.2	3.2	.2	.3
Shirts ²	137.8	139.8	.9	1.5	1.1	.1	-.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	132.4	130.9	-1.7	-1.1	1.9	-.7	-1.9
Boys'	112.7	114.5	-2.6	1.6	-.6	-2.7	.2
Women's and girls'	124.8	129.2	.5	3.5	.6	1.1	-.4
Women's	124.3	129.0	1.1	3.8	.8	1.3	-.3
Coats and jackets	122.3	128.7	5.7	5.2	-2.5	2.9	3.3
Dresses	113.8	118.3	-1.2	4.0	.5	3.9	.7
Separates and sportswear ²	127.1	132.9	1.3	4.6	2.7	-.8	-1.6
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	133.0	134.1	.8	.8	-.8	1.6	.2
Suits ²	141.6	148.4	.5	4.8	-3.7	8.7	-.3
Girls'	127.5	130.5	-2.2	2.4	-.1	.4	-.9
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	128.1	130.7	-3.0	2.0	.3	-.3	2.0
Other apparel commodities ²	145.7	149.5	-2.7	2.6	.4	1.0	-.9
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 6}	127.8	130.2	-2.0	1.9	1.2	-.5	1.9
Watches and jewelry ⁶	145.3	149.3	-2.9	2.8	.5	.8	-.7
Watches ^{1 6}	124.9	127.6	-2.5	2.2	4.1	-.8	2.2
Jewelry ⁶	151.1	155.5	-3.0	2.9	-.3	1.5	-1.3
Footwear	127.2	127.9	-.7	.6	-.7	.1	-.5
Men's	133.0	132.8	-.8	-.2	.0	.3	-.8
Boys' and girls'	131.7	131.5	.9	-.2	.0	1.8	-2.5
Women's	119.1	121.0	-1.5	1.6	-1.5	-.7	.7
Apparel services ^{1 2}	161.3	161.5	2.1	.1	.2	.3	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.5	165.6	3.4	.1	.1	.5	.1
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	158.5	158.8	1.0	.2	.2	.1	.2

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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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Transportation	144.4	144.2	2.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Private	142.4	141.9	2.2	-0.4	.1	.1	-.1
New vehicles	146.7	146.6	1.5	-.1	-.1	-.1	.2
New cars	142.5	142.5	1.1	.0	-.2	-.1	.2
Subcompact new cars ^{2 6}	123.4	123.1	.2	-.2	-.1	-.3	-.1
Compact new cars ^{2 6}	123.7	123.8	2.1	.1	-.3	-.1	.3
Intermediate new cars ^{2 6}	122.4	122.6	.7	.2	-.2	-.1	.5
Full-size new cars ^{2 6}	125.7	125.8	2.6	.1	-.3	.1	.4
Luxury new cars ^{2 6}	134.9	134.5	.8	-.3	.3	-.7	-.1
New trucks ⁷	154.2	154.2	2.7	.0	.1	.5	.0
New motorcycles ⁸	163.7	162.8	1.3	-.5	.7	-.4	-.6
Used cars	155.7	155.7	-1.6	.0	.1	.4	1.3
Motor fuel	108.2	106.3	4.8	-1.8	.6	-.1	-2.2
Gasoline	107.5	105.7	4.4	-1.7	.5	-.2	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	105.6	103.7	4.7	-1.8	.5	-.4	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 10}	112.0	110.4	4.5	-1.4	.1	-.4	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	108.6	106.9	4.1	-1.6	.8	-.2	-1.9
Automobile maintenance and repair	162.1	162.5	2.9	.2	.4	-.2	.4
Body work ¹	170.2	170.5	4.1	.2	.3	.7	.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	170.1	171.0	3.3	.5	.7	.1	.5
Maintenance and servicing ¹	148.5	148.8	2.3	.2	.1	-.2	.2
Power plant repair ²	166.9	166.9	2.8	.0	.2	-.2	.1
Other private transportation ²	172.6	172.8	2.8	.1	.1	.4	.3
Other private transportation commodities ²	104.3	104.1	-.3	-.2	-.2	.1	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	128.8	129.5	-.7	.5	-.8	-.5	.5
Automobile parts and equipment	101.6	101.3	-.2	-.3	-.1	.2	-.1
Tires	101.1	100.5	-.8	-.6	.0	.0	-.5
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	106.5	106.5	.3	.0	.1	.4	.0
Other private transportation services ²	190.0	190.2	3.3	.1	.2	.5	.3
Automobile insurance	249.6	249.8	4.0	.1	.1	.4	.4
Automobile finance charges ²	94.8	94.8	2.3	.0	.3	.4	1.1
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	182.7	183.2	1.4	.3	.2	2.2	.3
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	181.3	181.3	.2	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	185.7	187.1	3.1	.8	.7	5.2	.8
Public transportation	180.3	185.1	4.5	2.7	-2.7	-2.2	1.7
Airline fares ¹	191.6	200.3	7.3	4.5	-3.2	-3.2	4.5
Other intercity transportation ¹	156.4	157.2	-.6	.5	.4	-1.3	.5
Intracity public transportation ¹	174.4	175.1	1.4	.4	.0	.2	.4
Medical care	232.1	232.8	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Medical care commodities	211.4	212.1	2.7	.3	.1	.4	.3
Prescription drugs	247.2	248.2	3.0	.4	.4	.2	.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 6}	143.8	144.2	2.1	.3	.1	.8	.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	170.8	171.3	2.6	.3	-.1	1.2	.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	173.0	173.2	.8	.1	.9	-.1	.1
Medical care services	236.8	237.4	3.0	.3	.2	.0	.4
Professional medical services	214.3	215.4	3.8	.5	.2	.2	.5
Physicians' services	221.3	222.6	3.3	.6	.4	.0	.6
Dental services ¹	223.1	224.1	5.2	.4	.5	.5	.4
Eye care ^{1 6}	141.1	141.3	1.3	.1	.1	.4	.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁶	154.1	154.9	4.2	.5	.3	1.0	.5
Hospital and related services	272.8	273.0	3.4	.1	.1	.1	.3
Hospital services ¹¹	100.9	100.9	-	.0	.6	.3	.0
Inpatient hospital services ¹¹	100.6	100.7	-	.1	.5	.1	.1
Outpatient hospital services ⁶	223.3	223.2	5.0	.0	.6	.5	.3
Nursing home services ¹¹	101.4	101.6	-	.2	.5	.9	.2

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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 Mar. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category							
Entertainment ²	159.2	159.6	2.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1
Entertainment commodities ²	143.1	143.4	1.2	.2	-.3	.1	.0
Reading materials ¹	179.5	179.8	2.2	.2	.1	.1	.2
Newspapers ^{1 2}	192.5	192.5	1.8	.0	.1	.2	.0
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	166.6	166.9	2.5	.2	.0	.0	.2
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	124.7	125.4	-1.3	.6	.2	-.1	.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	127.1	128.6	-1.5	1.2	-.2	.0	1.2
Other sporting goods ¹	118.6	118.3	-.9	-.3	.8	-.3	-.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	134.2	134.2	1.8	.0	.0	.3	.0
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	127.7	127.3	.7	-.3	-1.0	.6	-.6
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	135.3	135.3	.9	.0	.6	.4	.0
Pet supplies and expense ¹	142.4	143.1	3.5	.5	.2	-.2	.5
Entertainment services ²	182.2	182.8	3.3	.3	.2	.1	.4
Club memberships ^{2 6}	135.6	135.9	-.4	.2	-.6	.3	.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 6}	168.9	171.0	5.2	1.2	.8	.5	1.0
Admissions ¹	195.1	195.1	3.6	.0	.2	.7	.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁶	168.5	168.6	5.2	.1	-.1	.6	.2
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 6}	140.3	140.8	2.8	.4	.1	-.1	.4
Other goods and services ³	217.4	218.0	3.9	.3	.6	.4	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	237.0	237.7	3.0	.3	.6	.5	.4
Personal care ¹	151.4	151.6	1.5	.1	.8	-.1	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	144.2	144.3	-.2	.1	.6	-.1	.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	155.1	154.0	4.3	-.7	.5	.8	-.7
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	137.6	138.4	-3.1	.6	.7	-.8	.6
Personal care services ¹	160.8	161.2	3.9	.2	.9	.0	.2
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	159.9	160.1	3.4	.1	.9	.1	.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	163.6	164.6	5.4	.6	.9	-.2	.7
Personal and educational expenses ²	250.8	251.6	5.1	.3	.5	.6	.5
School books and supplies	236.9	237.1	4.8	.1	-.1	.3	.3
Personal and educational services ²	252.3	253.0	5.0	.3	.6	.6	.5
Tuition and other school fees	269.5	269.6	5.0	.0	.8	.3	.4
College tuition	288.1	288.1	5.9	.0	1.0	.4	.5
Elementary and high school tuition	279.3	279.3	4.6	.0	.4	.4	.4
Day care and nursery school ⁹	133.2	133.3	3.8	.1	.4	.3	.4
Personal expenses	221.5	223.2	5.1	.8	.4	.7	.8
Legal service fees ^{1 6}	160.4	161.1	4.1	.4	.2	.3	.4
Personal financial services ^{1 6}	188.3	190.5	5.0	1.2	.8	1.9	1.2
Funeral expenses ⁶	168.9	170.5	6.0	.9	.5	.8	1.0
Special Indexes							
Domestically produced farm food	158.8	158.6	3.7	-.1	-.8	.5	-.3
Selected beef cuts	129.6	128.4	.9	-.9	-1.5	-.6	-1.0
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	108.6	106.7	4.7	-1.7	.5	-.1	-2.2
Utilities and public transportation	143.3	143.0	3.6	-.2	.1	.1	-.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	154.3	154.7	2.5	.3	-.2	.2	.3

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹¹ 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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Food and beverages	156.3	156.4	4.0	5.1	3.9	0.3	4.5	2.1
Food	155.9	156.0	4.3	5.1	3.9	.3	4.7	2.1
Food at home	156.5	156.3	5.1	6.4	3.7	-1.5	5.8	1.0
Cereals and bakery products	176.0	176.7	3.5	2.3	4.2	.9	2.9	2.5
Cereals and cereal products	166.9	167.4	-2.8	-3.5	.2	1.2	-3.2	.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes	155.7	154.4	13.7	6.8	2.9	-2.5	10.2	.1
Cereal	184.5	185.4	-8.4	-8.2	.4	-1.1	-8.3	-3
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	147.2	147.5	4.0	2.2	.0	6.2	3.1	3.1
Bakery products	180.0	181.0	6.4	5.1	5.3	1.8	5.7	3.5
White bread ¹	183.7	182.7	13.1	5.5	7.8	-1.7	9.3	2.9
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	180.9	180.6	2.8	11.7	-2.2	2.9	7.1	.3
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	177.3	177.9	7.7	-3.4	13.1	.2	2.0	6.5
Other bakery products	179.6	181.9	4.2	5.1	6.2	2.5	4.6	4.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.9	146.7	5.8	9.5	6.4	-6.3	7.6	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.1	147.4	6.1	8.9	5.6	-3.7	7.5	.8
Meats	143.7	142.7	5.7	10.8	4.9	-4.6	8.2	.0
Beef and veal	135.3	134.4	-1.8	9.7	6.0	-8.5	3.8	-1.5
Ground beef other than canned	115.6	112.8	-2.8	11.2	5.3	-12.1	3.9	-3.8
Chuck roast ²	140.5	141.8	2.1	23.2	2.2	-7.3	12.1	-2.6
Round roast ²	131.2	130.9	-8.7	17.9	11.1	-10.6	3.8	-3
Round steak ²	129.6	130.3	.9	7.7	10.5	-10.6	4.3	-6
Sirloin steak ²	138.2	138.6	-2.6	5.6	12.8	-15.4	1.4	-2.3
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	159.2	159.3	-4.3	5.0	5.4	-.5	.3	2.4
Pork	156.2	154.7	22.2	12.9	5.8	-3.5	17.5	1.0
Bacon	162.8	162.9	59.2	56.1	-13.4	4.3	57.6	-5.0
Chops	158.5	155.3	19.9	-8.1	9.4	-6.9	5.0	.9
Ham	155.9	154.1	7.7	15.5	10.6	-6.5	11.5	1.7
Other pork, including sausage ²	151.2	149.6	20.3	12.2	7.2	-3.7	16.1	1.6
Other meats ¹	147.5	147.0	1.4	9.3	.5	2.8	5.3	1.7
Poultry ¹	157.5	156.1	9.8	11.6	6.3	-3.5	10.7	1.3
Fresh whole chicken ¹	159.7	159.5	16.2	13.5	4.4	1.5	14.8	2.9
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	159.3	156.5	9.1	10.3	11.2	-10.3	9.7	-.1
Other poultry ²	152.6	152.2	.5	8.7	7.9	-3.1	4.5	2.3
Fish and seafood	175.0	177.4	4.0	-2.5	8.6	1.6	.7	5.0
Canned fish and seafood ¹	127.0	126.7	4.6	-2.8	4.2	-.3	.8	1.9
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	199.1	202.3	5.0	-2.2	9.4	1.2	1.3	5.2
Eggs	143.6	134.2	.6	16.1	21.5	-38.9	8.1	-13.9
Dairy products ¹	146.0	145.8	9.4	20.6	5.9	-7.1	14.9	-.8
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	146.0	145.6	10.0	14.7	12.4	-10.5	12.3	.3
Fresh whole milk ¹	143.9	143.7	10.1	12.6	13.7	-11.8	11.3	.1
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	149.2	148.5	9.8	17.7	11.0	-8.9	13.7	.5
Processed dairy products ²	146.1	146.9	11.0	22.2	1.4	-2.7	16.4	-.7
Cheese ^{1 2}	148.2	147.5	5.0	23.3	2.7	-6.0	13.8	-1.7
Ice cream and related products	150.8	151.3	8.2	18.2	2.4	3.2	13.1	2.8
Other dairy products, including butter ²	133.5	137.1	25.5	44.5	-15.5	5.7	34.7	-5.5
Fruits and vegetables ³	186.7	187.2	6.5	1.5	-.4	4.8	4.0	2.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	215.5	216.0	5.6	-1.5	-2.0	7.0	2.0	2.4
Fresh fruits	233.1	236.0	24.1	1.5	9.8	-10.4	12.2	-.8
Apples	201.1	199.9	2.6	-2.9	9.2	-11.2	-.2	-1.5
Bananas	160.3	159.5	-.5	-13.0	29.7	-13.5	-7.0	5.9
Oranges, including tangerines ²	224.5	220.8	12.8	50.4	-46.0	-4.9	30.3	-28.3
Other fresh fruits ²	270.5	278.4	41.2	-6.5	32.1	-11.3	14.9	8.2
Fresh vegetables	194.9	193.0	-12.8	-5.0	-15.7	34.2	-9.0	6.4
Potatoes	170.8	163.8	-13.0	-2.2	-16.5	-16.6	-7.8	-16.5
Lettuce ¹	181.8	184.0	-38.6	-19.2	24.3	2.0	-29.6	12.6
Tomatoes ¹	208.2	260.4	-59.2	-43.9	94.6	249.1	-52.2	160.6
Other fresh vegetables	202.2	192.3	-4.7	7.3	-18.5	15.7	1.1	-2.8
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	147.6	148.0	8.8	8.0	3.3	.3	8.4	1.8
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	149.1	148.2	12.2	6.8	-.8	4.2	9.5	1.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	149.3	148.0	13.8	7.7	-.5	2.7	10.7	1.1
Canned and dried fruits ²	147.1	147.5	4.9	4.0	2.2	6.8	4.4	4.5
Processed vegetables ²	146.7	148.1	5.8	10.1	2.5	.3	7.9	1.4
Frozen vegetables ²	147.7	145.7	2.5	2.8	3.6	-.5	2.7	1.5
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	146.9	149.4	8.2	14.0	1.1	-.3	11.0	.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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Other food at home	144.4	144.5	2.6	2.3	2.5	1.1	2.4	1.8
Sugar and sweets	146.9	145.9	4.6	4.5	1.9	.0	4.6	1.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	135.4	134.2	4.6	3.3	.9	-1.2	4.0	-.1
Sweets, including candy ²	151.5	150.9	4.7	5.2	2.4	.5	5.0	1.5
Fats and oils	141.6	141.8	3.5	2.3	1.1	.0	2.9	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	126.9	128.3	-1.5	-1.6	-6	2.9	-1.5	1.1
Carbonated drinks	118.8	118.3	4.1	-3.3	1.7	-6.2	.3	-2.3
Coffee ¹	145.8	151.6	-8.7	-4.2	-5.1	19.8	-6.5	6.6
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	139.7	139.9	.3	4.8	2.6	.9	2.5	1.7
Other prepared food	160.4	159.6	4.8	4.2	5.4	.3	4.5	2.8
Canned and packaged soup	186.6	187.4	8.7	1.5	6.2	.4	5.1	3.3
Frozen prepared food ¹	144.8	143.7	6.4	1.7	8.1	-4.3	4.0	1.7
Snacks ¹	153.9	153.1	-1.3	7.5	4.3	4.3	3.0	4.3
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	167.3	166.3	6.1	4.0	4.0	1.2	5.1	2.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	161.3	161.5	4.2	2.8	5.2	3.8	3.5	4.5
Food away from home	155.7	156.2	2.9	2.9	4.0	3.4	2.9	3.7
Lunch ²	156.3	156.5	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	3.1	3.4
Dinner ²	153.5	154.0	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.2
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	158.9	159.3	2.9	3.9	5.8	2.8	3.4	4.3
Alcoholic beverages	160.9	161.0	2.8	4.1	3.8	1.0	3.5	2.4
Alcoholic beverages at home	148.6	148.3	1.9	3.9	2.5	-.5	2.9	1.0
Beer and ale	148.5	147.8	1.4	4.1	.8	-2.7	2.7	-.9
Wine	141.7	142.8	6.3	4.7	6.5	4.3	5.5	5.4
Distilled spirits	149.2	149.0	1.4	2.2	3.0	1.1	1.8	2.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home	186.6	187.2	4.3	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.2
Housing ³	152.2	152.3	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.4	2.7	2.8
Shelter	169.1	169.5	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.0
Renters' costs ⁴	160.0	160.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.8	3.0	3.3
Rent, residential	164.3	164.7	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.8	2.7
Other renters' costs ²	221.8	222.4	3.0	5.0	2.0	9.1	4.0	5.5
Lodging while out of town	220.6	221.4	2.9	5.8	1.7	9.0	4.3	5.3
Lodging while at school ⁵	222.1	223.0	3.6	2.4	3.8	9.7	3.0	6.7
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	153.3	153.1	3.2	3.7	-5.1	4.3	3.5	-.5
Homeowners' costs ⁴	163.7	164.1	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	164.0	164.4	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.0
Household insurance ^{2 5}	148.9	148.4	1.9	2.8	-1.3	3.0	2.3	.8
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	140.7	140.9	3.6	1.5	6.2	2.3	2.5	4.2
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	150.3	150.3	2.5	7.6	1.9	.5	5.0	1.2
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	128.3	128.7	4.9	-6.2	11.8	5.1	-.8	8.4
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 6}	125.3	125.3	6.6	-3.0	18.2	2.9	1.7	10.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	123.7	124.4	4.3	-9.1	6.8	7.0	-2.6	6.9
Fuel and other utilities ³	131.2	130.2	2.6	4.8	6.1	1.2	3.7	3.6
Fuels	118.7	117.0	1.8	6.9	8.7	.7	4.3	4.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	106.0	102.3	-3.3	13.6	52.1	-23.8	4.8	7.6
Fuel oil	103.9	100.1	-2.9	14.8	43.0	-21.4	5.6	6.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 6}	142.2	137.9	-16.9	2.3	106.4	-24.4	-7.8	24.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	125.7	124.2	2.4	6.1	5.0	3.6	4.2	4.3
Electricity	132.0	132.4	-3.6	7.6	-1.5	2.5	1.8	.5
Utility (piped) gas	119.8	114.8	17.4	3.0	21.1	5.8	10.0	13.2
Other utilities and public services ²	160.7	160.9	3.4	2.6	3.1	2.0	3.0	2.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.5	127.7	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.1	1.9
Local charges ^{1 2}	161.5	161.8	1.3	.8	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.5
Interstate toll calls ¹	78.8	78.8	2.1	1.0	.5	.5	1.5	.5
Intrastate toll calls ¹	94.1	94.4	6.5	10.2	4.9	8.5	8.4	6.7
Water and sewerage maintenance	203.6	204.0	3.2	-7.0	3.4	1.6	-2.1	2.5
Cable television ⁷	224.3	224.5	7.5	13.5	5.2	6.5	10.5	5.9
Refuse collection ^{1 7}	248.2	248.8	2.8	2.5	.3	1.5	2.6	.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Household furnishings and operation ³	123.6	123.6	1.0	1.0	1.3	-0.6	1.0	0.3
Housefurnishings ²	109.8	109.7	-.4	.0	1.1	-1.8	-.2	-.4
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	121.0	119.6	-7.9	3.0	-4.9	-1.0	-2.6	-2.3
Furniture and bedding ¹	130.5	131.5	6.9	.9	-1.8	-1.2	3.9	-1.5
Bedroom furniture ¹	137.4	138.2	18.2	-2.0	2.3	-4.0	7.6	-.9
Sofas ^{1 2}	136.5	139.1	7.9	6.5	-5.0	1.5	7.2	-1.8
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	131.4	131.8	-2.1	1.8	-1.5	-3.0	-.1	-2.2
Other furniture ²	118.2	118.6	-3.6	1.3	-3.0	-.7	-1.2	-1.8
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	79.2	78.9	-4.4	-3.5	.5	-1.5	-3.9	-.5
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	70.5	70.5	-4.3	-6.5	1.1	-.6	-5.4	.3
Televisions ¹	62.1	61.9	-4.8	-10.8	-4.4	1.3	-7.8	-1.6
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 6}	66.4	66.3	-5.8	-5.3	13.5	-5.8	-5.6	3.4
Audio products ^{1 2}	90.1	90.2	-3.9	-3.0	.4	.0	-3.5	.2
Major household appliances ^{1 2 6}	104.0	103.6	-3.4	4.0	1.9	-1.1	.2	.4
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	111.8	111.2	1.1	-2.5	6.3	-2.1	-.7	2.0
Laundry equipment ¹	113.1	113.6	-4.3	15.0	-1.4	1.8	4.9	.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 6}	93.6	92.7	-6.2	-.4	.9	-2.5	-3.4	-.9
Information processing equipment ^{1 6}	54.0	53.1	-11.4	-13.6	-9.6	-12.5	-12.5	-11.0
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 6}	115.7	115.6	-4.8	3.6	-1.4	3.2	-.7	.9
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	142.3	142.5	-4.3	8.7	-1.7	8.9	2.0	3.5
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	117.3	116.8	-5.9	-.3	-7.7	9.8	-3.2	.7
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	126.2	123.5	-3.5	2.9	-8.3	2.0	-.3	-3.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.9	111.1	2.2	4.5	4.1	1.8	3.4	2.9
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 6}	91.5	91.3	-.4	-1.8	6.0	6.4	-1.1	6.2
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 9}	111.7	114.4	-18.2	8.3	.0	-8.6	-5.9	-4.4
Housekeeping supplies	143.1	143.2	.9	1.7	1.1	2.6	1.3	1.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	145.5	145.6	3.4	3.4	2.5	1.4	3.4	2.0
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	145.9	146.0	-1.6	-1.1	2.8	1.7	-1.4	2.2
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	137.0	137.9	-4.0	3.3	-4.6	11.2	-.4	3.0
Housekeeping services ²	152.6	153.0	3.8	3.5	2.7	.0	3.6	1.3
Postage ¹	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	156.0	156.6	2.1	5.6	3.1	.3	3.8	1.7
Gardening and other household services ^{2 6}	135.3	136.5	5.9	2.7	7.0	-3.4	4.3	1.6
Apparel and upkeep	131.8	131.4	-2.1	-2.4	2.2	1.8	-2.3	2.0
Apparel commodities ²	128.5	128.1	-2.5	-2.8	1.9	2.2	-2.6	2.1
Apparel commodities less footwear	128.5	128.1	-2.8	-3.4	2.2	3.2	-3.1	2.7
Men's and boys'	128.1	127.8	-2.2	-1.9	4.5	-.6	-2.0	1.9
Men's	133.0	132.4	-1.5	-2.7	3.7	3.4	-2.1	3.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	134.5	137.1	-3.5	-4.1	2.7	8.1	-3.8	4.4
Furnishings and special clothing	127.5	127.9	3.9	-7.5	3.6	15.8	-1.9	9.5
Shirts ²	139.0	137.8	-2.0	1.8	2.7	1.2	-.1	1.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	131.5	129.0	-2.7	-4.8	3.8	-2.7	-3.8	.5
Boys'	113.5	113.7	-5.4	-1.0	9.0	-11.7	-3.2	-1.9
Women's and girls'	125.9	125.4	-2.5	-5.7	5.3	5.6	-4.1	5.5
Women's	125.5	125.1	-3.2	-3.9	4.7	7.4	-3.5	6.0
Coats and jackets	122.6	126.6	-4.3	-2.3	15.4	15.6	-3.3	15.6
Dresses	115.1	115.9	-16.0	-5.2	-1.8	22.4	-10.8	9.6
Separates and sportswear ²	129.0	126.9	1.6	-5.0	6.0	1.0	-1.7	4.4
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	133.4	133.7	4.3	-1.8	-3.0	4.0	1.2	.5
Suits ²	136.3	137.9	-20.6	-2.6	11.3	18.8	-12.1	15.0
Girls'	127.7	126.6	.9	-13.7	7.6	-2.2	-6.7	2.6
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	128.1	130.7	-13.0	7.3	-12.4	8.4	-3.4	-2.6
Other apparel commodities ²	147.7	146.3	-.5	-2.6	-9.3	1.7	-1.6	-4.0
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 6}	127.8	130.2	8.1	-6.3	-17.6	10.8	.6	-4.5
Watches and jewelry ⁶	146.9	146.9	-2.9	-1.1	-9.3	2.2	-2.0	-3.7
Watches ^{1 6}	124.9	127.6	-6.0	.0	-22.6	24.1	-3.0	-2.0
Jewelry ⁶	153.1	151.1	-2.8	.3	-8.5	-.6	-1.3	-4.7
Footwear	127.7	127.0	-.3	.0	2.2	-4.6	-.2	-1.2
Men's	133.2	132.2	-3.0	3.7	-2.4	-1.8	.3	-2.1
Boys' and girls'	133.7	130.4	2.8	.9	3.1	-3.0	1.9	.0
Women's	119.4	120.2	-.7	-2.6	3.0	-5.8	-1.8	-1.5
Apparel services ^{1 2}	161.3	161.5	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.5	1.9	2.3
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.5	165.6	1.8	3.5	5.5	3.0	2.6	4.2
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	158.5	158.8	2.3	.3	-.5	2.0	1.3	.8

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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Transportation	145.2	145.1	2.9	1.4	5.7	-0.3	2.1	2.7
Private	143.2	143.0	2.3	1.1	5.2	.6	1.7	2.9
New vehicles	145.6	145.9	2.2	3.6	-3	.3	2.9	.0
New cars	141.5	141.8	1.7	4.0	-1.1	-3	2.9	-7
Subcompact new cars ^{2 6}	122.7	122.6	.0	3.0	-6	-1.9	1.5	-1.3
Compact new cars ^{2 6}	122.8	123.2	3.7	4.3	1.0	-3	4.0	.3
Intermediate new cars ^{2 6}	121.4	122.0	2.0	3.7	-3.2	.7	2.8	-1.3
Full-size new cars ^{2 6}	124.7	125.2	5.0	3.3	1.6	.6	4.1	1.1
Luxury new cars ^{2 6}	133.5	133.3	.9	3.1	1.5	-2.1	2.0	-3
New trucks ⁷	153.4	153.4	4.1	2.7	1.9	2.4	3.4	2.1
New motorcycles ⁶	163.1	162.1	3.5	1.0	2.2	-1.5	2.3	.4
Used cars	157.1	159.1	-10.4	.8	-3.5	7.4	-5.0	1.8
Motor fuel	112.0	109.5	8.3	-6.2	27.7	-6.6	.8	9.2
Gasoline	111.4	109.0	7.1	-6.3	27.8	-7.0	.2	9.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	109.5	107.0	7.2	-6.7	30.8	-8.2	.0	9.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 10}	112.0	110.4	43.1	-17.1	8.2	-6.9	8.9	.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	111.9	109.8	8.2	-6.9	22.5	-4.9	.4	7.9
Automobile maintenance and repair	161.9	162.5	2.6	4.6	2.3	2.5	3.6	2.4
Body work ¹	170.2	170.5	9.3	1.4	1.2	4.6	5.3	2.9
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	170.1	171.0	.7	5.4	1.7	5.6	3.0	3.6
Maintenance and servicing ¹	148.5	148.8	2.8	6.4	-5	.5	4.6	.0
Power plant repair ²	166.4	166.6	1.7	6.0	3.2	.5	3.9	1.8
Other private transportation ²	171.8	172.3	4.4	3.8	-5	3.3	4.1	1.4
Other private transportation commodities ²	104.0	104.0	.4	-8	-4	-4	-2	-4
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	128.8	129.5	.3	-1.2	1.5	-3.3	-5	-9
Automobile parts and equipment	101.3	101.2	.8	-8	-8	.0	.0	-4
Tires	100.7	100.2	-1.2	.8	-8	-2.0	-2	-1.4
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	106.5	106.5	2.3	-2.6	-4	1.9	-2	.8
Other private transportation services ²	189.0	189.6	5.1	4.6	-4	3.9	4.9	1.7
Automobile insurance	248.8	249.8	4.9	4.5	2.8	3.9	4.7	3.4
Automobile finance charges ²	93.8	94.8	4.4	8.8	-10.8	7.5	6.6	-2.1
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	182.7	183.2	-5.0	2.3	-2.2	11.5	-1.4	4.4
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	181.3	181.3	1.3	.0	-2	-2	.7	-2
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	185.7	187.1	-13.0	5.4	-4.6	29.5	-4.3	11.1
Public transportation	179.9	182.9	10.7	6.6	15.0	-12.5	8.6	.3
Airline fares ¹	191.6	200.3	9.5	7.1	23.0	-8.0	8.3	6.4
Other intercity transportation ¹	156.4	157.2	8.9	-10.2	1.8	-1.8	-1.1	.0
Intracity public transportation ¹	174.4	175.1	2.1	3.0	-1.8	2.3	2.6	.2
Medical care	231.6	232.4	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8
Medical care commodities	211.0	211.7	3.5	1.9	1.9	3.5	2.7	2.7
Prescription drugs	246.8	247.7	3.7	2.7	2.0	3.8	3.2	2.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 6}	143.8	144.2	2.3	.0	1.4	4.9	1.1	3.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	170.8	171.3	2.7	.0	2.2	5.6	1.3	3.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	173.0	173.2	1.2	-7	-9	3.8	.2	1.4
Medical care services	236.0	236.9	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Professional medical services	213.9	215.0	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8
Physicians' services	220.9	222.2	2.6	3.4	3.5	4.1	3.0	3.8
Dental services ¹	223.1	224.1	4.8	6.1	3.9	5.9	5.4	4.9
Eye care ^{1 6}	141.1	141.3	.0	.3	2.3	2.6	.1	2.5
Services by other medical professionals ⁶	154.0	154.7	2.4	3.5	3.8	7.3	3.0	5.5
Hospital and related services	271.7	272.4	4.6	3.0	3.8	1.9	3.8	2.8
Hospital services ¹¹	100.9	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Inpatient hospital services ¹¹	100.6	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Outpatient hospital services ⁶	222.4	223.0	7.6	1.9	4.9	6.0	4.7	5.4
Nursing home services ¹¹	101.4	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-

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					
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category								
Entertainment ²	159.0	159.2	2.6	1.8	3.3	1.0	2.2	2.2
Entertainment commodities ²	143.1	143.1	1.1	1.4	2.6	-.6	1.3	1.0
Reading materials ¹	179.5	179.8	1.8	2.5	3.2	1.1	2.2	2.1
Newspapers ^{1 2}	192.5	192.5	1.7	.8	3.4	1.3	1.3	2.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	166.6	166.9	2.0	4.2	3.2	.7	3.1	1.9
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	124.7	125.4	-3.4	-1.3	-2.8	2.6	-2.3	-.2
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	127.1	128.6	-2.7	.0	-6.6	3.8	-1.4	-1.5
Other sporting goods ¹	118.6	118.3	-4.3	-3.3	3.1	1.0	-3.8	2.1
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	134.2	134.2	1.8	1.2	3.0	1.2	1.5	2.1
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	128.1	127.3	3.9	-.6	4.1	-4.0	1.6	.0
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	135.3	135.3	2.4	1.5	-4.4	4.2	1.9	-.1
Pet supplies and expense ¹	142.4	143.1	-1.4	4.4	9.2	2.0	1.5	5.5
Entertainment services ²	181.6	182.3	4.1	2.5	3.8	2.9	3.3	3.4
Club memberships ^{2 6}	134.5	135.4	-.6	.9	-3.5	1.5	.1	-1.0
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 6}	166.9	168.5	1.8	5.6	4.2	9.3	3.7	6.7
Admissions ¹	195.1	195.1	12.4	-1.0	-.2	3.8	5.5	1.8
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁶	168.0	168.3	5.6	6.1	6.5	2.7	5.8	4.5
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 6}	140.3	140.8	.9	3.8	5.3	1.4	2.4	3.3
Other goods and services ³	217.7	218.7	3.3	3.4	3.0	5.9	3.4	4.4
Tobacco and smoking products	237.2	238.2	1.7	2.8	1.9	5.9	2.3	3.9
Personal care ¹	151.4	151.6	.8	3.2	-1.1	3.2	2.0	1.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	144.2	144.3	.0	3.1	-5.9	2.2	1.5	-1.9
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	155.1	154.0	5.0	5.2	4.6	2.4	5.1	3.5
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	137.6	138.4	-3.0	2.0	-12.6	2.0	-.6	-5.5
Personal care services ¹	160.8	161.2	2.1	3.1	5.7	4.6	2.6	5.2
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	159.9	160.1	1.6	2.3	5.5	4.4	1.9	4.9
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	163.2	164.3	3.9	7.6	4.8	5.3	5.7	5.1
Personal and educational expenses ²	250.6	251.8	4.9	4.0	4.6	6.4	4.5	5.5
School books and supplies	234.8	235.6	3.4	7.1	6.0	2.4	5.2	4.2
Personal and educational services ²	252.0	253.3	4.9	3.8	4.6	6.7	4.4	5.7
Tuition and other school fees	269.2	270.4	5.2	2.9	5.8	6.1	4.1	5.9
College tuition	287.8	289.2	5.8	3.8	6.1	7.7	4.8	6.9
Elementary and high school tuition	279.3	280.4	5.2	2.2	6.3	4.7	3.7	5.5
Day care and nursery school ⁹	132.8	133.3	4.4	3.1	3.4	4.3	3.8	3.9
Personal expenses	221.0	222.8	4.4	4.6	3.9	7.7	4.5	5.8
Legal service fees ^{1 6}	160.4	161.1	5.8	4.1	2.8	3.6	5.0	3.2
Personal financial services ^{1 6}	188.3	190.5	1.3	1.1	1.3	16.9	1.2	8.8
Funeral expenses ⁶	168.4	170.0	5.1	5.5	4.4	9.2	5.3	6.8
Special indexes								
Domestically produced farm food	158.7	158.3	6.2	7.2	4.4	-2.2	6.7	1.0
Selected beef cuts	128.2	126.9	-1.6	12.3	6.3	-11.9	5.2	-3.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	112.3	109.8	7.4	-5.5	27.1	-7.0	.8	8.7
Utilities and public transportation	144.0	143.7	4.4	4.1	5.8	.3	4.2	3.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	154.3	154.7	2.4	4.8	1.8	1.0	3.6	1.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹¹ 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 ¹	Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 1997 from—			Percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		
		Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.6	159.1	159.6	160.0	2.8	0.6	0.3	3.0	0.6	0.3
Region and area size ²											
Northeast urban	M	165.7	166.2	166.9	167.3	2.8	.7	.2	2.9	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	166.2	166.8	167.7	168.1	2.7	.8	.2	2.9	.9	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	164.3	164.2	164.2	164.8	2.9	.4	.4	3.1	-.1	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ³	M	164.6	164.7	165.3	165.6	3.0	.5	.2	2.9	.4	.4
North Central urban	M	155.3	155.5	155.9	155.9	2.8	.3	.0	3.4	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	155.5	156.0	156.5	156.6	2.6	.4	.1	3.2	.6	.3
Size B - 380,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	154.5	154.3	154.4	154.6	2.8	.2	.1	3.3	-.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ³	M	157.7	157.8	158.3	158.1	3.3	.2	-.1	3.9	.4	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.9	152.2	152.1	152.1	3.0	-.1	.0	3.5	.1	-.1
South urban	M	155.1	155.7	156.1	156.5	2.7	.5	.3	3.0	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	154.0	154.9	155.2	155.4	2.6	.3	.1	3.1	.8	.2
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	158.2	158.5	158.9	159.7	3.0	.8	.5	3.1	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ³	M	154.4	155.0	155.6	155.7	2.3	.5	.1	2.8	.8	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	154.4	154.8	155.5	156.0	2.9	.8	.3	3.6	.7	.5
West urban	M	158.7	159.6	160.1	160.8	2.8	.8	.4	2.8	.9	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	158.7	159.6	160.1	160.9	2.7	.8	.5	2.7	.9	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ³	M	163.9	164.9	165.4	166.3	3.0	.8	.5	2.9	.9	.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	142.9	143.6	144.1	144.4	2.6	.6	.2	2.9	.8	.3
B ³	M	159.0	159.2	159.5	160.1	3.0	.6	.4	3.1	.3	.2
C ³	M	158.6	159.1	159.6	159.8	2.8	.4	.1	3.1	.6	.3
D	M	155.5	155.9	156.2	156.4	2.8	.3	.1	3.4	.5	.2
Selected local areas ⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	159.7	160.4	161.1	161.0	3.0	.4	-.1	3.8	.9	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	158.3	159.1	159.2	159.8	1.6	.4	.4	1.9	.6	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	168.5	169.1	170.1	170.7	2.5	.9	.4	2.7	.9	.6
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁶	M	164.3	165.1	165.8	166.1	2.5	.6	.2	2.9	.9	.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁶	M	156.0	157.0	157.9	159.2	4.1	1.4	.8	3.1	1.2	.6
Baltimore, MD ⁷	1	-	155.8	-	157.1	2.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	167.7	-	168.1	3.3	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	153.8	-	155.4	3.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	158.1	-	158.5	4.0	.3	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1	-	151.5	-	152.2	2.2	.5	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁷	1	-	161.6	-	161.9	2.2	.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 ⁸	2	155.4	-	156.2	-	-	-	-	3.4	.5	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ 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.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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 ¹, 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—	
		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category	Mar. 1997			Mar. 1997			Mar. 1997			Mar. 1997		
All items	167.3	2.8	0.2	155.9	2.8	0.0	156.5	2.7	0.3	160.8	2.8	0.4
All items (December 1977=100)	263.4	-	-	253.7	-	-	253.9	-	-	259.9	-	-
Food and beverages	160.1	2.7	.3	153.6	3.4	-2	155.3	3.3	-1	159.2	3.8	.4
Food	159.6	2.7	.3	153.0	3.4	-2	155.3	3.4	-1	158.7	3.9	.4
Food at home	161.4	2.8	.2	152.9	3.5	-5	154.3	3.3	-3	162.8	4.0	.5
Cereals and bakery products ²	182.8	2.9	.3	177.0	3.4	1.0	170.7	2.2	-6	175.9	2.3	-1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	152.7	3.0	-.3	143.6	3.0	-1.6	143.7	3.4	-9	151.6	5.5	.2
Dairy products ²	138.9	7.1	.1	145.5	5.4	-1.4	146.4	8.8	.9	155.0	5.9	-2
Fruits and vegetables ²	191.1	1.6	1.6	176.1	4.4	-2	187.2	2.2	.3	202.8	4.4	2.3
Other food at home ²	151.8	1.1	-.3	141.5	2.4	.2	143.1	2.7	-1	146.4	2.2	.5
Sugar and sweets ²	154.0	3.0	-1.8	143.3	1.9	-8	142.1	2.8	-2	147.8	3.4	.1
Fats and oils ²	149.8	.9	1.1	136.9	1.6	-1	140.0	1.8	-7	144.1	2.3	-1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages ²	136.8	-1.9	-.8	125.2	-.6	1.4	125.0	.9	.5	131.7	1.2	2.6
Other prepared food ²	166.3	3.2	.2	156.0	4.8	-3	160.8	4.1	-2	159.3	2.4	-.4
Food away from home	158.6	2.6	.3	153.5	3.4	.2	158.5	3.3	.3	152.6	3.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages	166.9	3.3	.2	161.8	2.7	.4	155.6	2.8	-1	164.9	3.3	.4
Housing ³	167.9	2.5	.1	150.9	3.0	.0	147.7	2.6	.2	158.2	3.1	.2
Shelter	195.2	2.7	.3	171.5	3.1	.3	159.8	3.1	.5	173.5	3.2	.3
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	206.0	3.3	.5	178.5	3.8	.7	174.4	3.4	1.5	185.1	3.9	.7
Rent, residential	177.8	3.0	.3	161.9	2.9	.2	153.4	2.7	.1	165.2	2.6	.2
Other renters' costs ²	260.6	3.9	1.0	203.7	5.5	1.9	228.0	5.2	4.6	233.2	8.1	2.0
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	201.6	2.5	.2	174.9	2.8	.2	160.3	2.8	.1	183.3	2.9	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	202.7	2.6	.2	175.3	2.9	.2	160.0	3.0	.1	183.3	2.7	.2
Maintenance and repairs ²	139.5	2.6	.2	143.2	3.7	.1	140.7	6.0	-2	143.5	1.5	.3
Maintenance and repair services ²	147.4	-	.0	155.4	4.9	.1	140.5	5.0	-1	149.2	-.2	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ²	128.3	1.5	.5	132.0	2.5	.3	140.7	8.0	-6	136.7	4.9	1.1
Fuel and other utilities ³	127.3	3.4	-.9	125.1	4.6	-2.0	134.5	2.2	-.4	136.7	5.6	-1
Fuels	119.3	4.0	-1.5	109.9	4.4	-3.8	119.6	3.4	-7	124.6	8.8	-6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	103.4	5.1	-.4	100.8	7.9	-.4	112.8	7.5	-2.8	112.8	13.9	-2.1
Fuel oil ²	102.9	4.9	-.4	97.1	8.4	-3.6	99.0	7.7	-2.9	127.0	18.7	-1.3
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 5}	130.9	6.3	-1.5	136.6	7.6	-5.3	148.6	7.4	-2.7	126.5	11.6	-2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	133.2	3.7	-.7	114.9	4.2	-3.8	121.8	3.0	-.6	127.1	8.7	-.5
Electricity	137.1	.5	-.2	123.0	1.5	.7	122.3	1.8	.6	145.0	-.1	-.3
Utility (piped) gas	127.9	10.1	-1.6	108.0	7.8	-8.9	122.5	8.4	-4.7	104.6	37.3	-.9
Other utilities and public services ²	160.9	2.3	.1	160.2	5.0	.3	162.6	1.1	.1	158.1	2.9	.4
Household furnishings and operation ³	126.6	-.2	.1	123.2	.7	.8	127.4	1.4	-.2	124.1	.6	-.2
Household furnishings ²	108.1	-2.2	-.3	109.4	.2	1.2	115.3	.2	-.7	110.9	-.6	-.3
Housekeeping supplies ²	151.9	.8	-.5	142.1	.8	.7	137.2	2.2	.8	140.8	1.7	-.4
Housekeeping services ²	154.8	3.0	1.0	145.3	1.6	.1	155.9	3.5	.6	145.4	2.8	.2
Apparel and upkeep	132.5	1.5	2.1	133.3	.8	2.0	144.1	-.3	1.6	125.7	-3.3	2.4
Apparel commodities ²	128.5	1.5	2.3	131.1	.6	2.2	140.3	-.5	1.7	121.5	-4.1	2.7
Men's and boys' apparel ²	129.8	2.6	2.9	127.9	-.5	.6	135.5	-1.6	1.0	122.0	.1	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel ²	123.6	1.1	2.2	132.3	1.9	2.6	144.0	1.1	3.8	117.0	-4.6	4.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	135.1	2.1	-2.4	132.3	-2.9	7.5	133.5	-2.7	-.3	119.8	-7.7	4.4
Footwear ²	132.1	.8	2.2	129.2	-1.1	1.7	128.4	.6	.0	115.3	-5.1	-2.2
Other apparel commodities ²	152.9	.5	2.8	144.3	2.2	3.9	155.5	-4.0	-1.0	141.8	-8.2	4.3
Apparel services ²	166.7	1.6	.2	152.8	2.9	.1	171.4	1.6	.0	157.4	3.4	.2
Transportation	147.5	3.1	-.1	142.6	2.1	-.4	143.5	2.7	-.1	146.4	2.4	.8
Private transportation	142.6	3.0	-.4	138.7	1.7	-.8	142.2	2.6	-.3	142.5	2.0	.5
New vehicles	144.2	1.3	.0	142.2	1.0	-.1	148.9	1.1	.0	145.7	2.0	.1
New cars	142.3	1.1	-.1	138.4	.8	.0	148.2	1.0	.1	141.4	1.0	-.1
Used cars	157.8	-2.0	.1	154.6	-2.1	.1	154.7	-1.8	.1	152.2	-1.4	-.1
Motor fuel	106.2	7.8	-2.3	105.0	2.1	-3.8	106.0	7.4	-1.6	108.6	2.6	1.9
Gasoline	105.6	8.0	-2.3	104.6	1.9	-3.8	105.5	7.3	-1.5	107.4	1.6	2.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	104.6	8.6	-2.6	103.2	2.0	-3.8	102.8	8.0	-1.6	104.6	1.5	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	109.2	7.3	-2.2	115.2	1.9	-3.8	111.9	6.5	-1.6	104.7	1.7	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.4	5.9	-2.0	107.4	.4	-3.9	108.3	6.5	-1.4	108.1	.5	2.0
Maintenance and repairs	169.8	3.0	.3	152.9	3.7	.7	159.5	2.4	-.1	164.3	2.8	.1
Other private transportation ²	179.0	3.3	.0	171.3	3.0	.1	185.1	2.8	-.2	175.1	2.3	.3
Other private transportation commodities ²	106.3	.1	.0	106.0	.5	-.2	103.1	-1.3	-.8	104.4	.2	-.2
Other private transportation services ²	193.4	3.6	.0	185.9	3.4	.2	207.8	3.4	.3	192.0	2.6	.4
Public transportation ²	188.2	3.4	2.2	205.3	7.2	3.8	166.8	3.4	2.9	192.5	6.6	3.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions ¹, 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—	
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996
Expenditure category												
Medical care	243.5	3.7	0.0	225.7	2.1	0.2	232.1	3.0	0.5	233.1	3.2	0.2
Medical care commodities	218.3	2.4	.3	211.4	1.8	.6	209.7	3.1	.3	223.5	3.7	.2
Medical care services	248.9	3.9	.0	229.3	2.2	.1	237.8	3.0	.6	235.4	3.1	.2
Professional medical services	223.7	3.6	.0	209.6	3.7	.5	219.6	4.4	.9	202.1	2.9	.2
Entertainment ⁷	169.6	2.2	.4	162.3	4.1	.6	159.3	2.5	.1	157.7	.6	.0
Entertainment commodities ²	147.8	1.4	.3	147.3	2.9	.1	143.4	2.2	.0	139.2	-1.6	.1
Entertainment services ²	193.4	2.9	.4	180.3	5.3	.9	179.2	2.8	.2	178.2	2.2	-.1
Other goods and services ³	230.6	3.7	.1	214.7	3.6	.1	213.0	3.9	.5	228.1	4.5	.5
Tobacco and smoking products ²	229.1	3.3	-.1	246.7	3.1	.0	223.6	2.0	.8	264.5	5.0	.7
Personal care ²	163.9	1.3	.7	146.5	2.9	.7	144.6	2.0	.1	154.1	.4	-.7
Personal and educational expenses ²	264.3	4.4	.0	243.3	4.2	.1	253.3	5.1	.4	264.2	5.3	.6
Commodity and service group												
All items	167.3	2.8	.2	155.9	2.8	.0	156.5	2.7	.3	160.8	2.8	.4
Commodities	142.9	2.1	.1	140.7	2.0	-.1	142.4	2.2	.1	142.0	1.6	.6
Food and beverages	160.1	2.7	.3	153.6	3.4	-.2	155.3	3.3	-.1	159.2	3.8	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	131.5	1.7	.1	133.2	1.1	.1	134.9	1.6	.1	131.5	.2	.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.3	2.6	-.1	135.6	1.8	-.1	137.3	2.3	.3	133.5	.2	1.3
Apparel commodities ²	128.5	1.5	2.3	131.1	.6	2.2	140.3	-.5	1.7	121.5	-4.1	2.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	139.8	3.3	-1.2	140.2	2.3	-1.1	139.4	3.9	-.4	142.1	2.2	.6
Durables	128.8	.2	.2	129.2	.2	.3	131.8	.4	-.2	128.9	.2	-.2
Services	191.8	3.1	.3	172.2	3.4	.1	171.4	3.1	.4	178.0	3.5	.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	203.7	2.8	.3	176.3	3.1	.3	164.2	3.1	.5	184.0	3.0	.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{4 7}	148.5	3.0	-.1	137.3	3.9	-1.6	144.5	2.2	-.1	149.1	5.2	.1
Transportation services	186.7	3.4	.6	181.4	4.3	1.0	187.2	3.2	.6	186.0	3.7	1.1
Medical care services	248.9	3.9	.0	229.3	2.2	.1	237.8	3.0	.6	235.4	3.1	.2
Other services	220.3	3.6	.1	197.7	4.5	.4	203.7	4.0	.3	206.5	4.1	.3
Special indexes												
All items less food	168.8	2.7	.2	156.4	2.7	.1	156.7	2.6	.3	161.3	2.6	.5
All items less shelter	158.4	2.7	.1	151.6	2.7	-.1	155.9	2.6	.2	157.0	2.6	.5
All items less homeowners' costs ^{4 7}	165.8	2.8	.2	156.0	2.8	.0	160.1	2.6	.3	163.3	2.8	.6
All items less medical care	163.5	2.7	.2	152.1	2.6	.0	151.6	2.6	.2	156.8	2.8	.4
Commodities less food	133.0	1.8	.1	134.3	1.2	.1	135.6	1.6	.1	133.1	.5	.7
Nondurables less food	135.3	2.7	.0	137.0	1.9	-.1	138.2	2.4	.4	135.8	.5	1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	141.4	3.3	-1.0	141.4	2.3	-.9	139.9	3.8	-.3	143.7	2.4	.6
Nondurables	147.1	2.7	.1	144.7	2.6	-.1	146.4	2.9	.1	146.7	2.2	.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	195.0	3.4	.2	177.4	3.7	-.2	185.6	3.1	.3	189.9	4.1	.4
Services less medical care services	187.1	3.0	.3	186.9	3.6	.1	184.1	3.1	.4	173.1	3.6	.4
Energy	113.7	5.4	-1.7	107.1	3.4	-3.8	110.8	5.1	-1.2	114.7	5.5	.8
All items less energy	174.8	2.5	.3	163.1	2.8	.4	162.7	2.5	.4	166.1	2.6	.4
All items less food and energy	176.5	2.5	.3	165.5	2.6	.5	164.5	2.3	.4	168.0	2.4	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.2	1.1	.8	143.1	1.1	.7	144.5	.8	.3	140.5	.1	.4
Energy commodities	105.3	7.0	-2.8	105.0	2.4	-3.8	106.8	7.4	-1.7	109.8	3.0	1.8
Services less energy services	197.4	3.1	.3	179.5	3.4	.4	178.8	3.1	.5	181.8	3.4	.4

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

² This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁷ 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 ¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996
Expenditure category												
All items	144.4	2.6	0.2	160.1	3.0	0.4	159.8	2.8	0.1	156.4	2.8	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	144.4	-	-	259.9	-	-	257.0	-	-	252.2	-	-
Food and beverages	141.9	3.2	.1	156.7	3.4	.1	155.8	3.0	-.1	153.3	4.6	.1
Food	141.5	3.2	.2	156.6	3.3	.1	155.2	3.0	-.1	152.7	4.6	.0
Food at home	145.9	3.3	.1	159.4	3.4	.0	153.7	2.9	-.2	150.9	5.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products ⁴	158.7	2.5	.1	173.8	2.4	-.7	172.2	3.6	.3	178.2	3.3	-.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ⁴	136.8	3.5	-.6	150.4	3.8	-.3	141.8	3.1	-.9	139.4	5.1	-1.0
Dairy products ⁴	141.1	6.5	-.2	149.7	8.1	-.4	137.7	5.4	.2	140.9	9.5	.4
Fruits and vegetables ⁴	174.4	3.3	1.3	194.1	2.5	1.0	185.4	1.0	.0	174.6	6.5	1.3
Other food at home ⁴	133.3	1.8	.1	146.5	2.1	.1	147.2	2.6	-.2	141.0	3.1	.2
Sugar and sweets ⁴	135.4	2.9	-1.2	145.8	3.3	.0	142.8	1.5	-.7	140.4	4.1	1.6
Fats and oils ⁴	134.4	1.7	.3	139.1	-.4	-.2	142.8	1.9	-1.1	139.4	3.9	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages ⁴	120.4	-.2	.8	126.5	-.5	.8	133.8	.5	.1	120.9	-.2	2.0
Other prepared food ⁴	143.8	3.0	-.1	166.9	4.1	-.1	160.9	4.4	-.2	158.1	4.9	-1.1
Food away from home	135.0	3.2	.3	153.2	3.1	.3	159.2	3.2	.2	156.7	3.6	.1
Alcoholic beverages	145.9	2.7	.1	158.5	4.1	.3	162.5	2.8	-.1	161.4	3.7	1.1
Housing ⁵	139.6	2.7	.1	157.6	3.0	.3	154.5	3.0	.2	149.6	2.4	-.1
Shelter	147.1	2.9	.3	177.0	2.8	.5	173.6	3.3	.4	169.3	3.2	.3
Renters' costs ^{4 6}	149.7	3.6	.5	197.7	2.2	1.6	177.4	4.1	1.2	176.8	4.9	1.3
Rent, residential	137.1	2.9	.2	164.0	2.4	.0	159.5	2.6	.1	157.3	2.3	.1
Other renters' costs ⁴	195.7	5.6	1.3	265.9	1.6	4.2	210.5	7.5	3.4	213.3	10.4	3.6
Homeowners' costs ^{4 6}	146.2	2.6	.2	179.5	3.1	.0	180.1	3.0	.1	174.4	2.6	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	146.4	2.5	.2	180.0	3.2	.0	180.8	3.0	.1	174.1	2.7	.0
Maintenance and repairs ⁴	127.1	4.1	.2	138.8	3.4	-.1	155.4	2.2	-.1	137.3	3.5	.5
Maintenance and repair services ⁴	129.3	4.1	.0	138.5	1.1	-	168.1	1.1	-.1	148.6	4.2	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ⁴	123.5	4.0	.4	139.4	5.8	-.3	140.6	3.7	.0	120.0	1.7	1.4
Fuel and other utilities ⁵	129.9	4.1	-1.1	134.1	4.4	-.3	133.5	3.8	-.3	127.3	.6	-1.3
Fuels	128.8	4.6	-2.2	114.3	5.2	-.8	120.5	4.9	-.7	109.7	3.2	-2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ⁴	150.8	5.1	-3.6	102.4	7.6	-3.4	107.2	7.7	-3.7	99.0	7.4	-5.2
Fuel oil ⁴	153.4	4.7	-3.9	101.7	7.6	-4.2	100.0	7.0	-4.1	95.3	7.2	-5.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 4}	140.2	6.2	-2.4	137.1	7.4	-2.2	139.4	9.0	-2.8	132.2	7.7	-4.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	126.8	4.6	-2.1	120.6	5.0	-.3	126.9	4.5	-.2	117.8	2.8	-2.3
Electricity	128.9	.6	.2	127.5	1.3	-.2	133.1	1.7	.6	123.8	1.7	.5
Utility (piped) gas	123.5	12.4	-5.7	108.9	16.3	-1.3	119.7	13.1	-2.4	110.5	5.5	-8.8
Other utilities and public services ⁴	131.3	3.4	.2	175.6	3.5	.1	160.9	2.5	.2	163.1	-2.1	-.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁵	118.1	.3	.2	126.5	1.6	.2	124.2	.6	-.1	125.2	1.6	.1
Housefurnishings ⁴	107.5	-1.0	.1	115.1	.6	.0	108.1	-.8	-.3	110.4	1.1	-.4
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	134.7	.2	.1	135.6	3.4	.1	142.0	2.7	.1	137.2	1.9	1.9
Housekeeping services ⁴	134.1	3.0	.6	154.0	2.8	.9	156.2	2.1	.1	155.5	2.6	.0
Apparel and upkeep	124.5	-.8	1.9	133.4	1.4	2.7	142.7	.7	1.3	132.3	-1.5	1.9
Apparel commodities ⁴	123.3	-1.1	2.2	129.3	1.3	2.9	140.1	.6	1.4	129.1	-1.9	2.1
Men's and boys' apparel ⁴	119.4	-.3	2.3	132.5	.4	1.4	137.8	1.0	-.4	120.8	-.4	-.6
Women's and girls' apparel ⁴	120.3	-.2	2.4	133.7	1.1	5.5	142.1	1.9	3.0	133.6	-2.7	4.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ⁴	110.5	-4.9	3.4	132.8	6.2	-2.2	151.6	-1.7	3.1	123.7	-6.1	-.5
Footwear ⁴	126.8	-1.6	1.0	114.8	4.0	1.1	129.7	-1.4	-.8	125.1	-1.6	.6
Other apparel commodities ⁴	148.7	-4.7	2.6	124.2	-.9	-.6	157.1	-1.1	1.2	144.7	-.5	.6
Apparel services ⁴	136.7	2.6	.1	167.1	1.7	.1	169.0	.8	.2	163.6	2.8	.0
Transportation	142.8	2.7	.2	143.7	2.6	-.1	144.5	2.6	-.3	143.5	2.5	.0
Private transportation	142.0	2.3	-.1	140.2	2.3	-.4	141.1	2.3	-.5	139.3	2.5	-.4
New vehicles	127.8	1.3	.0	143.4	.6	.0	146.0	1.7	-.1	145.8	1.1	-.1
New cars	126.1	1.1	.1	138.4	.2	.0	144.2	1.4	-.1	142.3	.9	-.1
Used cars	145.9	-1.7	.1	154.2	-1.9	.1	155.1	-1.6	.1	149.9	-2.5	-.1
Motor fuel	154.9	4.1	-1.3	106.0	5.4	-1.9	105.9	5.8	-2.3	105.4	7.6	-1.6
Gasoline	154.0	3.6	-1.2	105.4	5.0	-2.0	105.8	5.7	-2.0	104.8	7.6	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular	154.2	3.8	-1.4	103.1	5.5	-2.0	103.1	5.9	-2.3	101.3	8.3	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	107.3	3.2	-1.1	111.6	5.7	-1.8	115.2	5.7	-2.2	115.9	7.3	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium	144.4	3.3	-1.2	107.4	4.5	-2.1	109.3	5.9	-1.5	107.7	6.6	-1.6
Maintenance and repairs	144.3	3.2	.3	165.8	2.4	.0	158.5	2.3	.2	146.8	3.2	-.2
Other private transportation ⁴	149.7	2.9	.3	174.7	3.5	.1	180.1	2.0	-.1	175.2	2.8	.1
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	109.2	.1	.2	99.5	.3	-1.5	104.8	-.9	-.3	119.1	-1.2	-.8
Other private transportation services ⁸	157.9	3.3	.3	192.7	3.9	.3	200.9	2.4	.0	190.8	3.5	.2
Public transportation ⁴	149.1	5.0	3.0	206.9	6.0	2.5	211.4	6.0	3.1	225.4	3.3	5.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category												
Medical care	184.9	2.8	0.1	232.5	3.5	1.0	237.1	3.1	0.0	227.4	3.0	0.1
Medical care commodities	173.2	2.1	.3	215.7	4.3	.4	206.9	3.8	.5	214.0	2.1	.6
Medical care services	187.5	2.9	.1	236.5	3.3	1.1	244.3	3.0	.0	231.1	3.3	.0
Professional medical services	169.7	3.4	.3	209.5	4.8	1.7	223.1	3.3	.3	221.3	4.4	.0
Entertainment ⁸	144.5	2.6	.2	158.6	1.6	.1	165.4	2.4	.4	147.8	2.6	.3
Entertainment commodities ⁴	133.6	1.7	.1	140.8	-.4	-.3	147.5	.8	.1	139.7	2.6	.4
Entertainment services ⁴	153.4	3.1	.2	182.0	3.4	.4	188.9	3.8	.7	159.3	2.6	.1
Other goods and services ⁵	178.2	3.7	.2	222.2	4.5	.5	217.4	3.7	.1	215.8	4.8	.5
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	185.4	2.3	.0	249.6	4.2	1.7	240.8	3.7	.0	228.7	4.9	.3
Personal care ⁴	136.1	1.9	.2	151.2	1.6	.4	149.7	.5	.3	136.0	1.9	-.4
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	190.8	4.6	.3	256.4	5.4	.1	251.3	4.7	.2	257.2	5.5	.8
Commodity and service group												
All items	144.4	2.6	.2	160.1	3.0	.4	159.8	2.8	.1	156.4	2.8	.1
Commodities	136.1	1.8	.3	141.0	2.4	.2	142.3	2.2	-.1	139.7	2.6	.1
Food and beverages	141.9	3.2	.1	156.7	3.4	.1	155.8	3.0	-.1	153.3	4.6	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.1	.8	.3	132.0	1.7	.3	134.5	1.7	-.1	132.2	1.5	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	140.3	1.2	.4	134.2	3.1	.6	138.3	2.7	-.1	133.4	2.4	.4
Apparel commodities ⁴	123.3	-1.1	2.2	129.3	1.3	2.9	140.1	.6	1.4	129.1	-1.9	2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	151.0	2.3	-.5	139.6	3.8	-.4	140.3	3.7	-.7	137.3	4.3	-.3
Durables	121.2	.4	.2	129.4	.1	.0	129.7	.2	-.2	130.7	.3	-.2
Services	151.1	3.3	.3	180.0	3.4	.4	178.9	3.3	.3	174.7	3.0	.2
Rent of shelter ⁶	147.5	2.9	.3	184.9	2.9	.4	180.1	3.3	.4	175.1	3.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{6 8}	130.1	3.8	-.7	147.0	3.8	.1	146.2	3.2	.0	143.0	.6	-1.0
Transportation services	152.5	3.7	.9	188.0	3.9	.6	190.4	3.1	.6	185.5	3.4	1.0
Medical care services	187.5	2.9	.1	236.5	3.3	1.1	244.3	3.0	.0	231.1	3.3	.0
Other services	168.8	3.9	.2	207.8	4.4	.2	205.5	4.0	.3	202.1	4.6	.6
Special indexes												
All items less food	145.0	2.5	.3	160.7	2.9	.4	160.7	2.7	.1	157.0	2.5	.1
All items less shelter	143.3	2.5	.2	155.3	3.0	.3	156.2	2.7	.0	153.3	2.7	.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{6 8}	144.0	2.6	.3	161.1	2.9	.4	160.2	2.8	.1	157.6	2.9	.1
All items less medical care	142.2	2.7	.3	155.9	2.9	.3	155.2	2.8	.1	151.3	2.8	.1
Commodities less food	132.9	.9	.2	133.0	1.8	.3	135.6	1.8	-.1	133.1	1.7	.2
Nondurables less food	140.8	1.2	.4	135.4	3.1	.5	139.6	2.8	-.1	134.8	2.5	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	150.2	2.3	-.4	140.3	3.8	-.4	141.4	3.6	-.6	138.6	4.2	-.1
Nondurables	141.2	2.2	.3	145.4	3.2	.3	146.9	2.9	-.1	143.3	3.5	.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	154.9	3.7	.2	187.1	3.8	.4	187.8	3.3	.2	183.7	2.7	.0
Services less medical care services	148.0	3.3	.2	174.5	3.4	.4	172.2	3.4	.3	167.6	2.9	.2
Energy	139.4	4.3	-1.8	108.8	5.3	-1.3	112.4	5.2	-1.3	106.3	5.1	-2.1
All items less energy	144.8	2.5	.4	167.1	2.8	.5	166.6	2.6	.2	163.6	2.6	.4
All items less food and energy	145.5	2.4	.4	169.7	2.7	.6	169.4	2.5	.3	166.2	2.3	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	130.3	.5	.5	141.9	1.4	.7	144.7	1.1	.2	142.3	.8	.5
Energy commodities	154.4	4.2	-1.5	105.6	5.7	-2.0	106.4	6.1	-2.5	104.8	7.5	-2.1
Services less energy services	152.8	3.2	.4	186.4	3.3	.5	184.8	3.2	.3	181.3	3.0	.3

¹ See region and area size on table 10 for information about population size classes.

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ 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.

⁴ This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

⁵ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	168.1	2.7	0.2	164.8	2.9	0.4	165.6	3.0	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	259.7	-	-	265.2	-	-	275.0	-	-
Food and beverages	159.9	2.6	.3	164.1	3.5	.6	158.3	2.4	.1
Food	159.3	2.5	.3	163.9	3.5	.6	157.7	2.5	.0
Food at home	161.6	2.5	.3	166.5	3.4	.8	155.7	2.9	.1
Cereals and bakery products ³	184.8	2.5	.7	170.3	2.7	-.8	183.3	6.1	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	151.8	2.9	-.6	163.0	4.4	1.2	151.9	2.8	1.1
Dairy products ³	140.1	6.9	.0	144.4	6.1	.3	120.7	5.5	.7
Fruits and vegetables ³	192.3	1.6	2.4	192.8	3.4	2.5	185.5	.2	-1.3
Other food at home ³	150.5	.9	-.5	164.0	1.0	-.1	145.1	2.2	.0
Food away from home	157.9	2.4	.4	161.5	3.8	.2	162.9	1.7	-.1
Alcoholic beverages	166.9	3.6	.1	169.5	3.5	.7	165.1	1.4	.2
Housing ⁴	168.2	2.6	.0	166.4	2.4	.4	166.0	2.5	.2
Shelter	194.2	3.0	.3	195.9	2.5	.7	197.3	2.1	.6
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	206.5	4.0	.3	209.2	-1.3	1.8	191.6	2.7	1.8
Rent, residential	178.5	3.3	.3	169.5	2.1	.1	172.4	1.3	.3
Other renters' costs ³	267.2	5.7	.3	262.4	-5.6	4.0	213.4	5.8	4.8
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	197.5	2.5	.2	205.4	4.1	.2	211.7	2.0	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	198.3	2.5	.3	207.2	4.3	.2	212.8	1.9	.3
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	126.4	3.4	-.9	134.8	3.0	-.9	122.0	3.7	-.8
Fuels	122.1	3.9	-1.5	120.1	3.4	-1.5	105.3	5.5	-1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	108.1	4.0	-3.9	99.6	7.4	-3.9	95.4	6.4	-3.9
Fuel oil ³	106.5	4.1	-4.1	100.3	7.5	-4.8	96.6	5.9	-4.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	145.1	3.7	-2.0	128.6	7.1	-.1	111.8	8.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	133.2	3.9	-.8	141.2	2.2	-.7	117.5	5.0	.1
Electricity	135.7	.8	-.1	147.6	-.7	-.3	119.9	.4	-.2
Utility (piped) gas	130.0	9.0	-1.9	129.2	10.3	-1.8	116.6	22.4	1.2
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	127.8	-1.2	.0	121.3	.8	.3	121.9	3.2	-.1
Apparel and upkeep	129.7	.9	1.8	131.8	1.5	3.7	147.7	6.4	2.4
Apparel commodities ³	125.0	1.0	2.0	128.5	1.0	4.0	145.1	6.9	2.7
Men's and boys' apparel ³	122.1	1.4	4.0	149.8	6.1	1.0	154.9	5.5	-.3
Women's and girls' apparel ³	119.2	.8	.6	121.9	-4.5	8.9	144.5	10.9	6.3
Footwear ³	133.6	1.4	3.3	122.0	5.5	-1.1	143.2	-2.8	-.6
Transportation	150.0	2.9	.1	142.4	4.2	-.6	143.7	2.9	-.1
Private transportation	145.1	3.1	-.2	139.3	3.4	-1.1	136.4	2.7	-.6
Motor fuel	105.1	7.6	-2.1	108.0	9.1	-2.8	105.0	6.8	-3.3
Gasoline	104.5	7.7	-2.0	107.8	9.3	-2.8	104.6	7.3	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.4	8.4	-2.4	105.5	9.9	-2.9	104.5	8.1	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	106.8	6.6	-2.1	114.3	9.2	-2.2	112.7	7.5	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	103.9	5.4	-1.8	108.2	7.7	-2.6	107.8	7.1	-3.1
Public transportation ³	180.0	2.0	2.1	195.0	13.2	3.8	250.0	5.2	3.7
Medical care	246.8	4.3	.1	239.0	1.2	.0	229.1	2.7	.0
Entertainment ⁸	172.3	2.0	.5	157.1	1.8	.5	173.0	4.7	.0
Other goods and services ⁴	227.5	3.3	.1	226.1	4.5	.0	238.2	5.1	.3
Personal care ⁸	166.7	1.8	1.0	150.1	-1.2	.2	148.8	-.8	.0
Commodity and service group									
All items	168.1	2.7	.2	164.8	2.9	.4	165.6	3.0	.2
Commodities	143.9	1.8	.2	141.6	3.1	.3	141.3	3.1	.0
Food and beverages	159.9	2.6	.3	164.1	3.5	.6	158.3	2.4	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.4	1.2	.2	128.3	2.6	.1	131.2	3.6	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.7	1.9	-.1	129.7	4.1	.2	136.6	5.2	-.1
Durables	130.9	.0	.4	124.6	.2	-.2	123.3	1.1	.1
Services	190.9	3.2	.2	192.1	2.6	.4	192.8	3.0	.4
Medical care services	282.9	4.9	.0	243.6	.7	.0	233.6	2.5	-.1
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	169.3	2.5	.2	166.2	3.0	.3	166.3	3.4	.1
All items less medical care	164.2	2.6	.2	161.0	3.0	.4	162.4	3.0	.2
All items less energy	174.7	2.5	.3	173.2	2.7	.6	174.5	2.8	.5
All items less food and energy	178.7	2.5	.4	175.8	2.4	.6	178.8	2.9	.4
Energy	115.3	5.2	-1.6	115.0	5.5	-2.0	104.1	6.0	-2.1
Commodities less food	133.8	1.3	.1	129.9	2.7	.1	132.8	3.4	-.1
Nondurables less food	135.8	2.1	.0	131.8	4.0	.3	138.1	4.8	-.1
Nondurables	147.7	2.3	.1	146.3	3.8	.4	147.1	3.6	-.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	194.6	3.5	.2	195.0	2.8	.2	193.9	4.1	.2
Services less medical care services	186.0	3.1	.3	187.2	3.0	.5	189.3	3.0	.5

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 ¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	156.6	2.6	0.1	154.6	2.8	0.1	158.1	3.3	-0.1	152.1	3.0	0.0
All items (December 1977 = 100)	258.6	-	-	249.8	-	-	251.7	-	-	243.8	-	-
Food and beverages	155.8	3.2	-1.1	150.0	2.8	-2.2	153.1	3.6	-6.6	148.2	4.0	.1
Food	155.2	3.4	-1.1	150.2	2.7	-2.2	152.1	3.6	-7.7	147.0	3.9	-1.1
Food at home	155.9	3.5	-3.3	151.9	2.5	-7.7	150.6	3.4	-1.1	144.7	4.6	-3.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	177.4	3.4	1.0	184.3	2.8	2.2	172.0	2.8	.0	176.1	5.7	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	150.3	3.3	-1.4	135.9	1.2	-3.0	134.9	4.0	-1.9	134.5	2.0	-7.7
Dairy products ³	150.1	6.2	-7.7	148.9	5.2	-2.7	139.1	2.7	-2.0	135.9	6.8	-1.5
Fruits and vegetables ³	178.8	4.4	-2.2	170.2	3.3	.9	179.9	3.3	-1.2	164.3	7.2	-1.1
Other food at home ³	140.9	1.7	.7	144.4	1.5	-3.3	146.5	3.8	-5.5	132.8	3.6	-4.4
Food away from home	154.3	3.3	.1	147.3	3.0	.7	155.5	4.0	.1	151.6	2.6	.4
Alcoholic beverages	162.4	2.0	.1	148.1	4.9	.4	165.8	2.9	-1.1	166.0	4.8	3.6
Housing ⁴	150.8	2.6	-1.1	152.1	3.5	.1	155.3	3.2	.0	144.4	3.7	-3.3
Shelter	172.3	2.6	.4	178.7	3.2	.1	174.7	4.0	.1	158.7	4.3	.5
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	176.7	2.3	.8	197.6	3.5	.4	183.8	6.9	.3	161.9	6.9	1.4
Rent, residential	164.9	2.9	.2	167.5	3.3	-1.1	158.5	2.7	-2.2	147.4	2.5	.2
Other renters' costs ³	188.5	.7	2.1	235.9	3.6	.8	231.4	14.0	1.1	189.4	19.1	4.4
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	176.3	2.6	.2	178.4	3.0	-1.1	177.2	3.0	.1	165.5	3.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	176.5	2.7	.3	179.6	3.1	-1.1	178.1	3.0	.1	165.7	3.6	.1
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	123.4	5.7	-2.9	118.5	4.2	.0	130.1	3.0	-1.4	130.8	3.7	-2.1
Fuels	110.8	5.2	-5.2	103.2	4.6	-3.3	116.6	2.7	-2.5	103.9	3.7	-4.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	102.6	9.7	-3.8	98.9	5.0	-6.0	103.9	6.7	-5.0	94.3	9.0	-3.3
Fuel oil ³	98.9	8.1	-3.0	99.9	8.5	-3.9	94.7	6.8	-3.7	95.3	12.0	-4.3
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	132.9	11.7	-4.7	135.9	2.3	-7.6	144.7	6.7	-6.5	132.8	6.0	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	113.7	5.1	-5.3	108.5	4.4	.0	125.4	2.5	-2.3	111.7	3.4	-4.4
Electricity	122.1	1.8	1.3	126.8	1.5	.0	132.4	-7.7	-2.2	109.1	4.2	1.5
Utility (piped) gas	106.3	8.9	-11.5	91.9	9.3	.1	120.1	7.8	-5.3	117.6	2.5	-10.2
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	118.6	-5.5	1.2	123.5	4.5	.4	135.0	.8	1.0	123.8	.7	-2.2
Apparel and upkeep	131.4	-3.3	2.7	133.9	1.0	1.7	133.1	3.2	1.4	143.7	2.2	.4
Apparel commodities ³	129.6	-6.6	2.9	130.8	.7	1.9	129.3	3.4	1.6	143.0	2.1	.5
Men's and boys' apparel ³	127.5	-1.8	2.7	128.2	-7.7	-9.9	124.6	1.5	-2.6	136.8	5.0	-4.3
Women's and girls' apparel ³	125.0	.9	1.8	144.1	.5	3.9	135.9	6.2	3.3	145.2	1.8	3.6
Footwear ³	129.8	-1.2	2.4	105.3	3.4	1.7	121.7	-2.2	1.7	160.0	-1.8	-7.7
Transportation	143.8	2.4	-4.4	141.8	1.4	-4.4	142.2	2.6	-7.7	139.5	1.4	.2
Private transportation	140.7	1.7	-8.8	137.9	1.4	-6.6	138.7	2.4	-9.9	132.0	1.5	-4.4
Motor fuel	106.0	1.5	-4.0	105.9	.1	-3.6	103.7	3.5	-3.8	102.9	5.9	-2.9
Gasoline	105.3	1.0	-4.0	105.9	-4.4	-3.8	103.3	3.3	-3.9	102.3	6.2	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular	104.2	1.1	-4.1	103.3	-2.2	-3.6	101.9	3.6	-3.7	100.2	7.1	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	113.9	.5	-4.0	115.3	-2.2	-3.5	116.4	4.3	-4.0	118.2	5.0	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium	106.9	.1	-3.7	110.2	-1.1	-4.6	103.8	2.3	-4.3	104.3	5.8	-2.9
Public transportation ³	183.0	10.5	4.0	234.2	.8	1.9	221.0	7.2	2.3	320.7	-1.0	7.2
Medical care	223.7	1.5	.1	223.0	2.1	.5	240.6	3.9	-2.2	218.1	2.1	.4
Entertainment ⁸	164.7	4.4	.4	152.5	2.7	.9	170.1	5.2	.9	151.7	2.4	-1.1
Other goods and services ⁴	219.6	3.9	.1	213.2	3.5	.5	207.7	2.5	.1	204.8	4.3	-1.1
Personal care ³	140.9	3.0	.4	166.5	6.3	1.7	157.6	-3.3	.6	134.6	3.4	.6
Commodity and service group												
All items	156.6	2.6	.1	154.6	2.8	.1	158.1	3.3	-1.1	152.1	3.0	.0
Commodities	141.8	1.6	.1	136.4	1.9	-1.1	141.9	3.0	-2.2	139.7	2.5	-1.1
Food and beverages	155.8	3.2	-1.1	150.0	2.8	-2.2	153.1	3.6	-6.6	148.2	4.0	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	133.2	.5	.2	129.5	1.4	-1.1	135.5	2.5	-1.1	134.8	1.8	-2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	136.5	.9	.1	131.1	1.5	-2.2	135.5	3.8	-4.4	138.3	2.9	-4.4
Durables	127.1	-2.2	.5	128.6	1.3	.2	135.1	.7	.7	130.1	.3	-1.1
Services	172.0	3.5	.0	173.9	3.3	.3	176.7	3.6	.0	165.5	3.4	.1
Medical care services	226.6	1.7	.1	224.2	2.0	.5	248.4	3.3	-5.5	220.8	2.8	.1
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	152.2	2.7	-1.1	148.1	2.6	.2	153.5	3.0	-3.3	150.6	2.6	-1.1
All items less medical care	153.1	2.7	.1	151.0	2.8	.1	153.8	3.2	-1.1	147.3	3.2	.0
All items less energy	163.3	2.6	.4	162.9	2.7	.2	165.7	3.3	.2	159.2	2.9	.4
All items less food and energy	165.3	2.4	.5	165.9	2.8	.4	169.2	3.2	.4	161.9	2.7	.4
Energy	108.7	3.3	-4.7	102.1	2.5	-1.8	109.6	3.1	-3.1	102.2	4.7	-3.7
Commodities less food	134.5	.5	.2	130.0	1.6	-1.1	136.6	2.6	.0	135.8	1.9	-1.1
Nondurables less food	138.1	1.0	.1	131.8	1.8	-2.2	137.1	3.7	-4.4	139.8	3.0	-2.2
Nondurables	146.5	2.2	.0	140.0	2.1	-2.2	143.9	3.7	-6.6	143.8	3.4	-2.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	177.6	4.3	-3.3	172.5	3.5	.5	182.3	3.2	-2.2	174.8	2.5	-2.2
Services less medical care services	167.2	3.7	.1	169.6	3.5	.3	170.3	3.7	.1	158.4	3.5	.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	155.4	2.6	0.1	159.7	3.0	0.5	155.7	2.3	0.1	156.0	2.9	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	250.8	-	-	260.7	-	-	252.1	-	-	253.4	-	-
Food and beverages	155.7	3.3	.0	156.0	3.0	-.3	156.0	2.7	.0	152.4	5.2	.1
Food	155.8	3.5	.1	156.0	3.0	-.3	155.8	2.7	.1	152.6	5.5	.1
Food at home	154.7	3.3	-.2	156.7	3.2	-.7	154.4	2.4	-.1	149.6	5.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	170.3	2.3	-.4	170.3	1.7	-.1	167.4	2.5	.1	178.7	2.1	-1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	143.5	2.5	-.4	145.8	3.3	-.1	141.1	2.5	-1.5	145.0	7.2	-.6
Dairy products ³	151.6	7.7	.5	148.2	10.7	.3	144.5	7.4	1.5	136.6	11.4	1.8
Fruits and vegetables ³	189.3	3.9	.0	201.1	.0	-1.1	183.1	-.5	1.2	167.3	7.3	2.2
Other food at home ³	140.9	2.0	-.4	140.8	3.4	.2	152.0	2.4	-.1	136.7	3.6	.4
Food away from home	158.9	3.7	.4	156.3	2.7	.2	160.2	3.1	.2	160.3	4.2	-.1
Alcoholic beverages	155.2	2.8	.2	156.6	2.6	.3	158.2	3.3	-.9	148.3	1.3	-.5
Housing ⁴	145.4	2.3	.1	155.2	3.2	.5	143.6	2.6	.3	148.6	2.2	.3
Shelter	158.0	2.5	.3	165.6	3.6	.7	153.2	2.9	.4	168.9	4.0	.7
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	168.7	3.1	.5	196.2	3.8	2.7	159.6	2.6	1.4	181.5	6.3	3.1
Rent, residential	154.2	2.1	.1	155.9	3.7	.0	147.4	2.5	.2	156.7	3.4	-.1
Other renters' costs ³	210.8	5.6	1.9	297.5	4.1	7.1	190.4	3.0	4.0	217.7	10.7	8.0
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	159.1	2.1	.2	163.9	3.6	-.1	154.9	2.9	.1	169.8	3.3	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	159.1	2.2	.1	163.6	3.5	-.1	154.7	3.1	.1	168.2	3.4	.0
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	121.1	2.3	-1.0	145.8	3.6	-.3	142.6	3.5	.5	126.7	-2.5	-.7
Fuels	109.2	2.3	-1.7	119.5	3.1	-.7	135.2	4.7	.7	112.8	3.3	-1.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	102.9	3.4	-2.6	115.5	8.0	-2.3	131.9	11.3	-1.9	102.5	7.3	-5.9
Fuel oil ³	99.1	3.0	-2.7	102.7	7.5	-2.8	92.6	18.7	.0	96.6	10.4	-5.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	139.3	4.0	-2.2	151.4	8.5	-1.9	166.8	9.5	-2.3	121.7	4.4	-6.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	112.4	2.3	-1.7	118.8	2.5	-.6	136.5	4.4	1.0	117.3	3.0	-.7
Electricity	109.7	.8	.5	117.4	1.4	.0	139.3	3.1	1.2	120.4	1.8	.3
Utility (piped) gas	116.6	6.4	-7.2	129.6	8.1	-3.1	135.2	10.9	-.4	111.4	13.1	-8.5
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	131.0	1.6	-.2	134.2	1.0	.3	117.4	.3	-1.0	123.2	2.4	.7
Apparel and upkeep	150.5	.5	1.2	136.9	.3	3.4	148.2	-.7	-.2	128.9	-3.8	3.1
Apparel commodities ³	145.9	.3	1.4	132.0	.5	3.9	146.3	-.9	-.3	124.2	-4.6	3.6
Men's and boys' apparel ³	144.2	-.8	1.3	130.1	-3.5	2.3	134.7	.7	-.2	118.2	-4.8	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel ³	146.4	3.8	3.0	137.7	1.8	6.6	151.1	-.7	.7	134.3	-6.9	8.2
Footwear ³	135.5	-1.0	.0	122.8	4.2	1.7	130.8	-.7	-2.6	108.3	3.2	2.0
Transportation	143.0	3.0	.1	142.8	2.4	.0	145.2	2.3	-.2	143.0	2.9	-.4
Private transportation	143.1	3.0	-.1	140.3	2.3	-.3	143.0	2.1	-.5	141.4	2.8	-.6
Motor fuel	107.8	7.3	-1.7	105.9	7.1	-1.5	106.4	7.2	-2.0	99.9	8.8	-1.3
Gasoline	107.0	7.2	-1.6	105.1	6.7	-1.6	107.0	7.1	-1.7	98.9	9.0	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	104.9	8.0	-1.8	102.8	7.6	-1.7	102.8	7.2	-1.7	94.8	10.1	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	108.4	6.3	-1.6	110.9	6.3	-1.5	115.7	6.0	-1.9	117.2	8.4	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium	108.7	6.0	-1.3	107.2	6.1	-1.5	111.6	8.0	-1.3	105.0	6.6	-1.4
Public transportation ³	145.0	1.8	2.3	192.3	4.9	3.7	198.0	5.7	4.0	178.0	4.0	2.0
Medical care	232.5	2.2	.3	229.3	4.8	1.5	234.1	2.0	.2	233.2	3.8	.2
Entertainment ⁸	166.9	3.0	.1	160.1	1.7	.1	154.0	.4	.1	151.5	6.1	.2
Other goods and services ⁴	206.7	3.3	.0	229.2	4.7	.9	210.7	3.6	.1	206.7	4.6	1.6
Personal care ³	151.0	5.4	.3	150.5	-.3	-.1	139.8	-.1	.4	125.2	.2	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	155.4	2.6	.1	159.7	3.0	.5	155.7	2.3	.1	156.0	2.9	.3
Commodities	142.8	2.4	.1	143.0	2.2	.4	143.0	1.8	-.3	138.6	2.6	.3
Food and beverages	155.7	3.3	.0	156.0	3.0	-.3	156.0	2.7	.0	152.4	5.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	135.3	1.8	.1	135.3	1.7	.8	135.4	1.2	-.6	131.1	1.1	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	136.5	2.4	.1	137.9	2.8	1.2	140.0	2.0	-.5	131.8	1.8	1.0
Durables	134.3	.8	.0	131.4	.1	.1	130.2	.2	-.6	130.2	.2	-.5
Services	168.2	2.7	.2	176.9	3.7	.6	169.7	2.8	.4	174.6	3.1	.4
Medical care services	237.3	2.0	.3	235.2	4.7	1.8	241.3	1.9	.2	236.8	4.3	.1
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	154.8	2.6	.1	158.2	2.9	.4	156.9	2.1	.0	152.9	2.6	.3
All items less medical care	151.1	2.6	.1	155.3	2.9	.5	150.3	2.4	.1	149.7	2.8	.3
All items less energy	162.1	2.4	.2	166.0	2.9	.6	161.0	2.0	.1	163.4	2.7	.5
All items less food and energy	163.7	2.2	.4	168.4	2.9	.8	162.4	1.9	.1	165.9	2.2	.5
Energy	107.2	4.7	-1.7	109.4	4.8	-1.1	119.4	5.8	-.4	104.3	5.6	-1.2
Commodities less food	136.1	1.8	.1	136.1	1.8	.8	136.2	1.3	-.6	131.5	1.1	.4
Nondurables less food	137.5	2.5	.1	138.8	2.9	1.2	140.9	2.1	-.6	132.3	1.7	.9
Nondurables	146.1	2.9	.1	147.2	2.9	.5	148.0	2.4	-.3	141.9	3.5	.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	183.4	2.9	.2	190.3	3.8	.5	186.2	2.6	.4	183.9	2.5	.2
Services less medical care services	161.9	2.8	.2	170.7	3.6	.5	161.0	2.9	.4	165.7	3.0	.5

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category						
All items	160.9	2.7	0.5	166.3	3.0	0.5
All items (December 1977 = 100)	262.4	-	-	257.9	-	-
Food and beverages	160.0	3.6	.3	156.4	3.4	.6
Food	159.5	3.8	.3	156.1	3.4	.6
Food at home	164.0	3.9	.3	154.4	3.0	.6
Cereals and bakery products ³	177.8	1.7	-1.1	171.0	5.1	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	152.8	5.2	-.1	143.1	3.9	.0
Dairy products ³	158.2	5.7	-.4	141.5	4.8	.4
Fruits and vegetables ³	201.5	4.1	1.9	201.5	2.6	1.1
Other food at home ³	147.4	2.6	.5	137.2	.3	-.2
Food away from home	153.2	3.4	.3	159.3	3.9	.6
Alcoholic beverages	164.9	2.2	.2	162.0	3.8	1.4
Housing ⁴	160.0	3.3	.3	165.6	3.8	.4
Shelter	173.7	3.4	.4	188.3	4.4	.6
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	189.3	4.3	.7	186.8	4.7	1.5
Rent, residential	168.0	2.8	.2	166.2	3.5	.2
Other renters' costs ³	233.9	9.0	2.1	228.8	8.3	5.3
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	184.1	2.9	.2	204.6	4.4	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	184.0	2.7	.3	206.0	4.4	.2
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	141.2	5.1	.1	131.5	7.2	.1
Fuels	130.4	7.8	-.3	111.7	10.9	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	109.4	12.9	-.9	291.9	16.1	-3.4
Fuel oil ^{3 6}	110.0	18.8	-1.3	359.6	16.5	.2
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	140.7	7.7	-.8	131.7	15.9	-3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	132.4	7.6	-.3	110.1	10.7	.0
Electricity	152.5	-.8	-.5	123.0	1.8	.2
Utility (piped) gas	108.8	37.4	.0	96.2	30.2	-.3
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	126.0	1.2	-.1	123.7	-2.3	-.4
Apparel and upkeep	122.9	-4.5	2.4	139.7	-5.0	4.2
Apparel commodities ³	117.8	-5.8	2.7	138.0	-5.4	4.3
Men's and boys' apparel ³	119.3	.0	.8	148.3	-4.0	2.1
Women's and girls' apparel ³	110.6	-6.7	4.9	128.9	-6.7	5.6
Footwear ³	117.9	-7.3	-3.5	128.4	-5.5	-.2
Transportation	145.4	2.4	1.1	146.4	2.7	.1
Private transportation	141.4	1.8	.6	144.6	2.4	.1
Motor fuel	107.6	1.4	2.6	109.6	5.9	1.3
Gasoline	106.4	.4	2.6	108.1	5.0	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.7	.1	2.9	104.8	5.3	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.4	.1	2.8	115.1	5.5	.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	108.2	-.8	2.5	108.5	3.3	2.2
Public transportation ³	192.0	6.7	3.9	175.6	6.0	1.2
Medical care	229.7	2.6	.1	249.0	6.0	.0
Entertainment ⁸	187.0	1.2	-.2	171.6	-1.0	.6
Other goods and services ⁴	234.6	4.2	.6	227.5	4.5	.1
Personal care ³	166.6	-1.0	-.6	160.8	5.1	.2

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Commodity and service group						
All items	160.9	2.7	0.5	166.3	3.0	0.5
Commodities	141.9	1.6	.6	142.7	.9	.8
Food and beverages	160.0	3.6	.3	156.4	3.4	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	130.3	-.1	.9	135.0	-.4	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.4	-.9	1.3	142.3	.1	2.0
Durables	128.2	1.1	.0	126.6	-1.2	-.6
Services	177.7	3.5	.4	188.7	4.5	.4
Medical care services	230.5	2.5	.0	258.1	6.5	.0
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	157.1	2.4	.6	159.0	2.4	.5
All items less medical care	157.3	2.7	.5	161.1	2.7	.6
All items less energy	165.9	2.6	.4	172.8	2.7	.5
All items less food and energy	167.6	2.4	.5	176.3	2.6	.5
Energy	114.9	4.3	1.1	110.5	8.1	.7
Commodities less food	132.1	.1	.8	136.2	-.1	1.0
Nondurables less food	134.1	-.5	1.2	143.5	.4	1.9
Nondurables	146.3	1.6	.8	149.8	1.7	1.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	190.9	3.8	.5	194.6	4.5	.1
Services less medical care services	173.5	3.6	.5	181.5	4.3	.4

¹ See region and area size on table 10 for information about cross classifications.

² 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.

³ This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

⁴ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

⁹ 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 ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Indexes, March 1997						
U.S. city average	157.7	176.7	147.8	146.1	189.3	145.5
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	161.4	182.8	152.7	138.9	191.1	151.8
Size A - More than 1,200,000	161.6	184.8	151.8	140.1	192.3	150.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	166.5	170.3	163.0	144.4	192.8	164.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	155.7	183.3	151.9	120.7	185.5	145.1
North Central urban	152.9	177.0	143.6	145.5	176.1	141.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	155.9	177.4	150.3	150.1	178.8	140.9
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	151.9	184.3	135.9	148.9	170.2	144.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	150.6	172.0	134.9	139.1	179.9	146.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	144.7	176.1	134.5	135.9	164.3	132.8
South urban	154.3	170.7	143.7	146.4	187.2	143.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	154.7	170.3	143.5	151.6	189.3	140.9
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	156.7	170.3	145.8	148.2	201.1	140.8
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	154.4	167.4	141.1	144.5	183.1	152.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	149.6	178.7	145.0	136.6	167.3	136.7
West urban	162.8	175.9	151.6	155.0	202.8	146.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	164.0	177.8	152.8	158.2	201.5	147.4
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	154.4	171.0	143.1	141.5	201.5	137.2
Size classes						
A ⁵	145.9	158.7	136.8	141.1	174.4	133.3
B ⁴	159.4	173.8	150.4	149.7	194.1	146.5
C ⁴	153.7	172.2	141.8	137.7	185.4	147.2
D	150.9	178.2	139.4	140.9	174.6	141.0
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	163.1	195.4	142.8	157.7	204.1	152.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	158.4	172.5	147.7	143.8	214.4	132.2
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	166.0	181.0	167.3	158.4	194.1	143.0
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	152.9	175.3	149.0	154.6	178.3	128.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	146.3	161.8	137.5	148.9	159.8	139.0
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	149.0	170.4	142.2	136.2	180.3	135.8
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	154.2	164.7	145.8	141.3	181.3	150.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	169.8	176.2	160.8	167.9	214.1	148.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	164.4	172.7	144.3	144.9	247.6	136.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	163.9	186.2	155.5	138.6	195.4	151.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	162.0	194.5	147.9	140.9	185.6	156.8
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	150.8	161.6	144.9	148.0	153.5	152.2
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	147.9	157.8	133.4	146.0	171.1	147.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	165.9	178.1	154.8	150.3	200.1	154.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	158.1	181.8	143.4	156.2	183.7	147.8

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 ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Percent change, February 1997 to March 1997						
U.S. city average	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	1.0	0.1
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	.2	.3	-.3	.1	1.6	-.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.3	.7	-.6	.0	2.4	-.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	.8	-.8	1.2	.3	2.5	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	.1	-.1	1.1	.7	-1.3	.0
North Central urban	-.5	1.0	-1.6	-1.4	-.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-.3	1.0	-1.4	-.7	-.2	.7
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	-.7	2.2	-3.0	-2.7	.9	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	-1.1	.0	-1.9	-2.0	-1.2	-.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	-.3	1.1	-.7	-1.5	-.1	-.4
South urban	-.3	-.6	-.9	.9	.3	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-.2	-.4	-.4	.5	.0	-.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	-.7	-1.1	-1.1	.3	-1.1	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	-.1	.1	-1.5	1.5	1.2	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.3	-1.4	-.6	1.8	2.2	.4
West urban	.5	-1.1	.2	-.2	2.3	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.3	-1.1	-.1	-.4	1.9	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	.6	2.8	.0	.4	1.1	-.2
Size classes						
A	.1	.1	-.6	-.2	1.3	.1
B ⁴	.0	-.7	-.3	-.4	1.0	.1
C ⁴	-.2	.3	-.9	.2	.0	-.2
D	-.1	-.8	-1.0	.4	1.3	.2
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	-.5	-2.1	-1.2	2.7	1.6	-1.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	.8	.5	-1.8	1.3	8.0	-3.3
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	.1	1.0	-.5	-1.5	.2	1.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	-.9	-.2	-2.1	1.8	-1.4	-.7
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-.3	1.4	-.7	-1.3	.8	-1.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	-.9	-.1	-2.5	-.1	-.6	.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-.7	-2.6	.1	-.6	-2.5	.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	.6	-.6	.8	-.5	2.8	-.4
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2.5	2.1	1.5	-1.5	5.8	2.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	.2	.1	-.3	-.7	2.7	-.8
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	.2	3.3	-1.1	1.1	-1.9	.8
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	1.6	-.1	2.6	1.6	4.2	-.4
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1.3	1.9	.2	-2.3	5.2	1.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	.4	-3.0	-.1	2.6	.1	2.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	-1.4	-1.4	-3.6	-1.0	-.4	.1

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

² This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

³ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, February 1997 to March 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 ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Expenditure category						
All items	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.6	.4	.2	.3
Food	.1	.2	.5	.4	.1	.2
Food at home	.0	.1	.6	.2	.2	.4
Cereals and bakery products ²	.0	1.0	-.6	.1	3.3	-3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	-.7	-.5	.8	-.3	-1.1	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	-.3	-.4	1.0	-.3	-1.1	.1
Dairy products ²	-.1	-1.5	-.5	-.7	1.1	2.6
Fruits and vegetables ^{2 3}	1.0	.2	2.8	2.7	-1.9	.1
Other food at home ²	.1	1.1	-.4	-.8	.8	2.1
Food away from home	.3	.3	.3	.6	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	.2	.1	.6	-.2	1.0	.3
Housing ³	.1	-.3	-.1	.2	-.1	.6
Shelter	.3	.1	-.2	.4	.1	.8
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	.8	.1	.0	.8	-.9	.7
Rent, residential	.2	.1	-.1	.3	.3	.7
Other renters' costs ^{2 4}	2.3	.2	.3	2.0	-2.5	.9
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	.2	.2	-.2	.2	.5	.9
Owners' equivalent rent	.1	.2	-.3	.3	.6	.9
Fuel and other utilities ³	-.8	-4.0	.5	-1.0	-.3	.1
Fuels	-1.7	-7.2	.0	-1.6	-.4	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	-3.7	-.7	-1.1	-3.4	-5.8	-2.3
Fuel oil ²	-4.0	1.3	-	-3.4	-5.8	-12.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 5}	-2.8	-2.9	-1.2	-2.2	-	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	-1.5	-7.3	.0	-1.0	.5	.0
Electricity	.3	4.2	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas	-4.9	-17.2	.0	-2.6	1.3	.0
Household furnishings and operation ³	.2	2.4	.0	-.3	-.4	-.1
Apparel and upkeep	2.0	.6	1.9	2.5	3.2	3.4
Apparel commodities ^{2 4}	2.2	.6	2.1	2.9	3.5	3.9
Men's and boys' apparel ²	1.5	3.4	1.1	5.7	3.6	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel ²	3.2	-2.4	3.1	.9	6.2	7.8
Footwear ²	.6	1.2	-4.5	4.4	2.6	-5.2
Transportation	.1	-.4	1.5	.3	.0	1.2
Private transportation	-.3	-.6	1.1	-.3	-.1	.4
Motor fuel	-1.6	-3.7	4.4	-2.2	-1.9	1.4
Gasoline	-1.5	-3.9	4.8	-2.2	-1.7	1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular	-1.7	-4.0	5.2	-2.6	-2.6	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	-1.4	-4.0	4.9	-2.3	-2.2	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	-1.5	-3.7	4.2	-1.5	-2.3	1.5
Public transportation ²	3.1	2.2	5.1	2.9	1.2	5.1
Medical care	.3	.1	.0	.2	.4	.3
Entertainment ⁷	.2	.3	.1	.4	1.0	-.4
Other goods and services ³	.3	.0	-.3	.1	-.1	2.4
Personal care ²	.2	1.1	-2.2	.4	2.6	4.8

Table 15. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, February 1997 to March 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 ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Commodity and service group						
All items	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8
Commodities	.1	.1	.7	.3	.3	.7
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.6	.4	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	.2	.1	.9	.4	.3	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	.3	-.6	1.5	.4	.0	1.5
Durables	.1	1.2	-.2	.2	.8	.4
Services	.3	-.2	.2	.4	.2	.9
Medical care services	.3	.1	.0	.0	.4	.0
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	.2	-.1	.6	.3	.3	.8
All items less medical care	.3	-.1	.4	.4	.2	.8
All items less energy	.4	.4	.3	.5	.3	.9
All items less food and energy	.4	.4	.2	.5	.3	1.0
Energy	-1.7	-5.6	2.4	-1.7	-1.0	.7
Commodities less food	.2	.1	.8	.4	.3	.9
Nondurables less food	.3	-.4	1.4	.4	.0	1.3
Nondurables	.2	-.2	1.0	.4	.1	.8
Services less rent of shelter	.2	-.7	.6	.2	.2	1.0
Services less medical care services	.3	-.3	.2	.4	.2	1.0

¹ 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.

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

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁷ 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 1 ¹											
	U.S. city average			Baltimore, MD ²			Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH			Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	160.0	2.8	0.6	157.1	2.7	0.8	168.1	3.3	0.2	161.0	3.0	0.4
All items (1967=100)	479.3	-	-	469.8	-	-	488.7	-	-	481.0	-	-
Food and beverages	157.1	3.3	.1	161.7	3.3	.2	160.1	1.6	.6	159.7	3.6	-.3
Food	156.6	3.3	.1	162.3	3.2	.2	160.0	1.6	.6	158.6	3.7	-.4
Food at home	157.7	3.4	-.1	163.1	4.3	-.1	158.4	1.4	.9	166.0	4.1	-.8
Cereals and bakery products ³	176.7	2.7	.1	195.4	-.2	-.6	172.5	-.5	1.1	181.0	.9	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	147.8	3.6	-1.2	142.8	4.8	.1	147.7	1.9	-2.8	167.3	4.4	-1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.2	4.1	-.9	144.7	5.7	.5	147.7	1.7	-2.8	169.9	4.8	-.9
Dairy products ³	146.1	6.9	-1.2	157.7	8.9	-.4	143.8	12.3	2.5	158.4	3.5	-1.5
Fruits and vegetables ^{3,4}	189.3	3.0	1.1	204.1	10.6	-.4	214.4	7.2	7.3	194.1	9.8	-2.3
Other food at home ³	145.5	2.2	.5	152.1	.3	.5	132.2	-6.4	-1.5	143.0	1.9	.8
Food away from home	156.0	3.2	.5	159.5	.9	.8	164.0	1.9	.1	145.6	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages	162.1	3.0	.6	153.9	2.9	.9	162.3	1.5	.4	172.0	2.1	.8
Housing ⁴	155.9	2.8	.5	145.3	2.0	.6	164.4	4.5	.8	158.7	3.2	.1
Shelter	175.2	3.0	.9	162.2	1.8	.1	188.9	5.1	.7	183.9	3.1	.7
Renters' costs ^{5,6}	186.8	3.5	2.2	165.1	2.2	.7	203.6	6.0	2.0	184.3	3.5	.9
Rent, residential	165.1	2.8	.4	161.9	2.0	.1	175.2	4.5	.7	180.3	3.6	.5
Other renters' costs ^{3,5}	231.7	5.5	6.6	153.1	2.9	2.2	248.5	8.8	4.2	169.1	3.3	2.5
Homeowners' costs ^{5,6}	179.8	2.7	.4	168.6	1.5	.0	190.8	4.7	.1	190.7	2.9	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	180.1	2.7	.3	169.6	1.5	-.1	191.2	4.6	.1	189.4	2.9	.7
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	129.9	3.8	-.7	120.0	5.3	1.1	133.7	4.0	-.1	127.0	9.1	-3.4
Fuels	117.2	4.7	-1.6	113.2	5.6	2.3	118.5	5.1	-.3	115.3	7.7	-8.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	105.5	6.2	-5.4	98.2	4.4	-6.4	101.6	4.3	-4.6	104.6	10.9	-3.8
Fuel oil ³	102.7	5.9	-4.8	100.4	4.3	-6.4	102.2	3.7	-5.7	101.5	11.1	1.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{3,7}	138.0	7.6	-6.5	NA	-	-	120.8	19.6	19.6	138.4	10.6	-9.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	123.4	4.4	-1.2	128.4	5.9	4.1	143.0	5.3	1.1	118.3	7.6	-8.7
Electricity	129.7	1.1	.6	123.7	.1	.0	142.4	6.0	1.9	125.9	8.1	1.6
Utility (piped) gas	115.1	12.4	-4.7	138.8	19.3	13.2	140.7	4.6	.2	111.1	7.1	-17.7
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	125.4	.6	.4	126.6	-.1	2.0	121.1	1.7	2.4	116.0	-2.7	1.1
Apparel and upkeep	134.5	-.2	3.8	137.2	-1.1	4.8	141.1	-2.8	-2.2	124.8	-2.3	6.8
Apparel commodities ^{3,6}	131.0	-.5	4.1	131.4	-1.5	5.2	130.7	-3.8	-2.7	124.3	-2.8	7.3
Men's and boys' apparel ³	129.2	.1	1.7	125.8	-4.5	1.0	127.2	-5.6	.2	123.2	.7	4.9
Women's and girls' apparel ³	130.1	.2	7.1	124.4	.3	13.8	113.7	-4.1	-6.0	116.3	-4.2	16.8
Footwear ³	127.0	-.9	1.6	154.4	.9	-2.2	139.2	-9.5	-.1	141.6	-2.5	-4.6
Transportation	144.9	2.6	-.1	143.3	3.2	.8	141.6	3.3	-.5	141.5	2.3	-.3
Private transportation	141.5	2.3	-.2	142.0	2.8	.2	142.7	3.8	-.4	138.9	1.8	-.9
Motor fuel	106.4	4.9	-2.0	108.1	9.0	-2.1	110.7	11.5	-2.7	106.1	.7	-6.4
Gasoline	105.8	4.6	-1.9	105.6	9.1	-2.0	108.8	10.7	-2.6	105.2	.1	-6.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.7	4.7	-2.3	106.4	10.4	-2.1	106.7	10.5	-3.2	103.6	.5	-6.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	110.4	4.5	-1.9	106.6	8.9	-1.8	112.0	8.6	-1.7	111.5	-.7	-6.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium	107.0	4.2	-2.1	102.3	6.6	-2.0	110.4	7.5	-2.6	106.3	-.2	-6.3
Public transportation ³	188.1	5.1	1.2	158.6	7.6	9.5	133.8	-1.0	-1.6	162.2	6.2	4.0
Medical care	233.4	3.0	.7	239.4	2.0	.3	289.8	4.1	-.5	234.4	2.8	.4
Entertainment ⁹	162.1	2.3	.5	171.7	3.4	.1	173.7	2.4	.5	173.1	6.3	.6
Other goods and services ⁴	221.4	3.9	.6	222.7	5.7	1.3	226.2	3.6	1.1	228.9	4.1	.8
Personal care ³	151.8	1.6	.1	140.4	9.2	.6	152.9	4.7	2.8	159.8	6.7	2.6
Commodity and service group												
All items	160.0	2.8	.6	157.1	2.7	.8	168.1	3.3	.2	161.0	3.0	.4
Commodities	142.0	2.0	.4	143.3	2.5	.9	141.0	1.7	-.3	143.2	1.2	.3
Food and beverages	157.1	3.3	.1	161.7	3.3	.2	160.1	1.6	.6	159.7	3.6	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	132.9	1.2	.6	133.3	2.1	1.3	129.2	1.7	-.8	132.4	-.5	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.0	1.8	.9	137.7	3.4	1.5	133.9	2.1	-1.5	135.4	-.1	.9
Durables	129.9	.3	.2	129.6	.5	1.2	126.7	1.1	.2	126.8	-1.0	.7
Services	178.2	3.2	.7	173.8	2.7	.7	194.0	4.2	.6	178.4	4.4	.5
Medical care services	237.7	3.0	.6	240.4	1.1	.6	300.4	4.5	-.3	234.6	2.8	.3
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	155.6	2.6	.4	156.5	3.0	1.0	162.2	2.5	.1	154.0	3.0	.3
All items less medical care	155.9	2.8	.6	153.1	2.7	.9	162.4	3.2	.4	157.3	3.0	.4
All items less energy	166.5	2.6	.7	164.1	2.3	.9	176.2	3.0	.3	167.7	2.9	1.0
All items less food and energy	169.0	2.5	.9	164.6	2.1	1.0	180.0	3.2	.3	170.1	2.7	1.4
Energy	111.2	4.8	-1.9	110.3	7.2	.2	115.1	7.3	-1.1	110.3	4.4	-7.6
Commodities less food	134.1	1.3	.6	134.1	2.1	1.3	130.7	1.7	-.8	134.4	-.3	.8
Nondurables less food	136.6	1.9	.9	138.6	3.3	1.4	135.4	2.0	-1.3	138.1	.1	1.0
Nondurables	146.2	2.6	.5	149.0	3.3	.8	146.8	1.9	-.4	147.9	1.9	.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	186.7	3.5	.4	192.2	3.7	1.2	208.1	3.4	.5	180.7	5.6	.1
Services less medical care services	172.7	3.3	.7	168.4	2.9	.7	185.7	4.3	.8	173.7	4.5	.4

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹											
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	155.4	3.0	1.0	159.8	1.6	0.4	158.5	4.0	0.3	170.7	2.5	0.9
All items (1967 = 100) ¹⁰	497.9	-	-	472.2	-	-	255.5	-	-	493.6	-	-
Food and beverages	156.8	3.4	-6	163.3	4.0	-3	165.3	3.8	.9	162.9	2.6	.8
Food	157.9	3.6	-7	161.6	4.3	-4	165.6	4.1	.9	162.3	2.5	.8
Food at home	152.9	3.5	-1.1	169.8	4.8	-9	164.4	5.6	1.7	163.9	2.4	.7
Cereals and bakery products ³	175.3	3.5	.0	176.2	1.3	-1.5	172.7	9.7	1.3	186.2	2.7	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	149.0	3.0	-3.3	160.8	6.2	-2	144.3	2.9	-3.0	155.5	3.1	-3
Meats, poultry, and fish	151.1	3.9	-3.1	157.6	6.7	-4	146.4	3.6	-2.5	156.0	3.2	-2
Dairy products ³	154.6	15.7	1.8	167.9	4.0	-4.4	144.9	3.1	-2.4	138.6	4.8	-1.8
Fruits and vegetables ^{3 4}	178.3	.3	-2.2	214.1	7.2	-1.2	247.6	10.2	8.9	195.4	1.5	5.1
Other food at home ³	128.6	.6	.9	148.1	3.0	.8	136.0	2.4	2.5	151.7	.5	.1
Food away from home	168.4	3.8	-1	149.8	3.4	.5	169.9	2.7	.2	163.6	2.5	.9
Alcoholic beverages	147.2	1.9	.9	179.2	2.1	.6	160.6	1.7	.3	168.9	5.1	.1
Housing ⁴	152.3	2.9	1.7	155.5	1.4	.1	150.3	4.0	.4	171.2	2.3	.8
Shelter	170.7	1.8	1.5	166.1	1.8	.1	158.7	2.7	.8	198.2	2.9	1.1
Renters' costs ^{5 3 6}	185.7	.8	3.7	177.0	2.7	1.0	167.1	3.2	2.0	207.5	4.0	2.0
Rent, residential	159.5	2.1	.8	158.5	1.1	.1	147.6	2.2	-1	182.6	3.5	.8
Other renters' costs ⁵	237.5	-1.5	9.9	229.5	8.1	4.1	278.4	6.4	9.4	272.3	5.3	5.4
Homeowners' costs ^{5 3 6}	166.1	2.2	.7	174.8	1.4	-3	160.8	2.4	.2	203.5	2.4	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	167.0	2.3	.8	174.3	1.3	-4	157.7	2.0	.3	204.5	2.4	.7
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	129.3	9.1	2.8	150.0	.5	.7	120.8	2.7	-3	120.2	2.7	.0
Fuels	127.3	16.0	4.5	144.2	-1.3	-1	112.8	3.3	.0	119.1	2.6	-2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	101.4	2.4	-2.9	127.9	8.9	1.6	170.8	8.1	-1.3	111.1	5.1	-4.4
Fuel oil ³	95.2	6.0	-3.1	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	110.5	5.1	-4.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 7}	119.1	-1.3	-2.6	127.9	8.9	1.5	154.3	8.1	-1.2	131.9	5.2	-3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	129.4	16.6	4.8	144.5	-1.4	.0	111.7	3.0	.0	126.8	1.8	1.2
Electricity	133.4	3.4	.1	166.9	-9	-1	109.9	3.4	.0	127.4	-2	3.0
Utility (piped) gas	126.4	31.4	9.2	119.7	-2.8	.0	160.2	-1.5	1.0	125.9	5.7	-1.7
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	127.3	1.2	1.4	120.5	-5	-4	148.9	11.1	-5	130.7	-2.5	-1
Apparel and upkeep	128.9	-2.5	6.0	124.5	-7.1	1.8	152.6	1.9	-6.4	134.4	2.1	7.1
Apparel commodities ⁵	126.2	-3.2	6.6	119.5	-8.8	2.0	144.9	2.1	-7.2	130.6	2.4	8.0
Men's and boys' apparel ³	140.6	1.2	7.0	125.5	-3.8	1.5	134.8	-2.5	-1.5	123.3	5.1	4.7
Women's and girls' apparel ³	127.6	-10.0	6.7	116.0	-8.7	1.0	165.5	6.6	-15.0	130.7	2.8	12.1
Footwear ³	84.0	3.8	4.5	102.4	-13.4	1.7	154.0	11.0	3.4	138.5	.4	8.0
Transportation	142.5	4.8	.3	146.0	1.6	2.0	148.9	5.5	1.4	155.1	2.9	.3
Private transportation	141.4	3.4	-8	141.2	1.1	1.7	148.9	5.6	1.3	147.0	2.9	-3
Motor fuel	110.9	-4	-7.4	103.6	.3	6.1	118.0	10.8	-1.3	101.7	5.8	-3.3
Gasoline	109.9	-1.1	-7.8	101.3	-1.6	6.3	117.2	10.4	-1.4	101.4	6.0	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular	108.8	-1.0	-8.3	99.3	-1.7	6.5	115.6	12.0	-1.5	100.5	6.8	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	112.5	-1.1	-7.8	99.3	-2.1	6.7	111.0	8.8	-1.3	104.2	5.3	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium	112.5	-1.0	-6.6	101.9	-2.6	5.9	117.8	8.3	-1.4	102.7	4.3	-3.2
Public transportation ³	159.2	22.3	15.5	209.5	5.8	5.1	145.6	4.2	2.9	191.0	2.6	2.8
Medical care	211.1	1.0	.4	231.9	1.8	.1	219.1	2.6	1.9	243.6	4.7	.4
Entertainment ⁹	157.7	2.2	-3	148.6	1.1	.1	153.4	6.1	-1.1	167.0	1.8	-1
Other goods and services ⁴	199.3	4.3	1.1	239.0	3.9	.3	178.4	2.8	.3	226.0	2.8	.1
Personal care ³	139.4	.9	.1	158.8	-2.8	-1.8	103.5	2.5	1.7	167.4	.4	.5
Commodity and service group												
All items	155.4	3.0	1.0	159.8	1.6	.4	158.5	4.0	.3	170.7	2.5	.9
Commodities	142.9	1.7	.0	142.0	.9	.4	152.3	4.8	-7	147.1	1.7	1.2
Food and beverages	156.8	3.4	-6	163.3	4.0	-3	165.3	3.8	.9	162.9	2.6	.8
Commodities less food and beverages	133.8	.5	.5	128.3	-1.6	.9	143.2	5.7	-1.9	134.7	.9	1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	136.7	.1	.2	131.5	-2.7	1.5	137.3	5.3	-2.9	136.2	1.9	2.2
Durables	124.6	1.1	.7	123.4	.0	-2	152.4	6.3	-4	131.8	-9	.3
Services	169.2	4.1	2.0	175.7	2.1	.5	164.3	3.3	1.1	191.7	3.1	.8
Medical care services	207.2	.6	.2	233.8	1.4	.1	223.7	1.9	1.5	249.9	5.4	.2
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	150.5	3.4	.8	158.3	1.5	.6	158.4	4.4	.1	160.6	2.4	.9
All items less medical care	152.6	3.1	1.1	155.9	1.6	.5	154.9	4.1	.1	167.2	2.5	1.0
All items less energy	160.6	2.6	1.3	164.5	1.7	.3	163.5	3.8	.4	177.3	2.5	1.1
All items less food and energy	160.9	2.4	1.8	165.4	1.2	.4	162.9	3.6	.1	181.1	2.5	1.2
Energy	120.6	7.4	-1.7	117.4	-4	3.2	113.7	7.3	-7	112.5	3.7	-1.1
Commodities less food	134.3	.6	.4	131.0	-1.4	.8	144.3	5.3	-1.6	136.2	1.2	1.5
Nondurables less food	136.9	.3	.3	135.6	-2.1	1.4	139.2	4.7	-2.5	138.2	2.1	2.1
Nondurables	147.2	1.9	-1	148.2	1.0	.5	152.4	4.3	-7	150.9	2.3	1.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁸	171.1	6.4	2.4	195.8	2.6	1.0	176.4	4.1	1.4	192.1	3.4	.5
Services less medical care services	165.9	4.5	2.2	170.8	2.2	.5	158.6	3.4	1.0	187.2	2.9	.9

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹											
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ¹¹			St. Louis- East St. Louis, MO-IL ¹²			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹¹			Washington, DC-MD-VA ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997		Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996
Expenditure category												
All items	166.1	2.5	0.6	152.2	2.2	0.5	159.2	4.1	1.4	161.9	2.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	479.9	-	-	452.0	-	-	489.3	-	-	478.1	-	-
Food and beverages	154.0	2.5	.1	153.9	2.5	.2	159.9	3.3	1.3	154.5	2.3	.1
Food	153.0	2.7	-.1	152.4	2.1	.3	160.6	3.5	1.3	155.0	2.4	.1
Food at home	162.0	3.4	-.2	147.9	.7	.1	165.9	3.0	1.8	158.1	1.2	-.6
Cereals and bakery products ³	194.5	4.9	4.5	157.8	1.1	.5	178.1	3.4	.6	181.8	-1.1	-1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	147.9	1.7	-2.4	133.4	2.1	-.9	154.8	5.0	.7	143.4	-1.8	-2.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.0	1.5	-2.4	135.7	2.6	-.7	149.3	6.0	.9	144.4	-1.2	-2.3
Dairy products ³	140.9	7.8	3.3	146.0	3.1	-4.5	150.3	3.4	.4	156.2	3.7	-2.4
Fruits and vegetables ^{3 4}	185.6	2.4	-3.7	171.1	-4.3	.5	200.1	.3	7.4	183.7	4.1	3.0
Other food at home ³	156.8	3.3	.6	147.2	1.7	3.4	154.1	3.1	-.6	147.8	2.9	.5
Food away from home	137.6	1.3	.1	160.5	4.5	.5	154.5	4.3	.5	152.8	4.0	1.1
Alcoholic beverages	167.0	.8	2.0	164.4	5.2	-.8	154.7	1.7	1.5	151.9	1.5	.1
Housing ⁴	166.6	2.8	1.5	144.6	2.0	-.3	162.7	6.3	.9	156.4	.5	.0
Shelter	195.2	2.9	1.8	162.2	1.0	.1	178.6	5.2	.8	172.8	1.1	1.1
Renters' costs ^{5 3 6}	221.2	3.6	3.5	169.7	-.8	.8	203.9	5.8	.2	189.5	1.3	2.5
Rent, residential	174.8	2.5	.6	145.6	1.5	.4	180.7	5.1	.7	169.4	.7	.1
Other renters' costs ^{3 5}	305.5	4.9	7.2	212.1	-4.6	1.4	215.0	8.4	-1.5	211.7	3.1	10.1
Homeowners' costs ^{5 3 6}	196.8	2.6	1.0	169.2	1.8	-.1	192.6	4.9	1.1	172.9	.7	.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	197.7	2.6	1.0	170.5	1.9	.0	192.8	4.4	1.2	173.8	.9	.2
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	130.4	4.3	.3	120.8	3.3	-5.0	146.2	18.8	.5	125.6	1.8	-2.1
Fuels	121.2	6.1	.9	109.8	3.6	-8.4	143.9	43.5	.0	108.9	3.1	-3.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	106.9	-.2	-8.2	98.2	7.0	-22.1	149.3	.8	.2	103.7	.1	-5.3
Fuel oil ³	100.3	-.2	-8.2	86.7	1.0	-11.5	115.6	22.1	6.8	98.4	.9	-5.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 7}	NA	-	-	125.3	11.1	-27.6	170.0	-.7	-.4	164.4	-2.3	-4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	136.9	7.2	2.5	112.4	3.3	-7.2	143.9	44.6	.0	115.7	3.5	-3.4
Electricity	148.6	1.8	3.2	121.7	-2.5	.3	175.0	.2	.0	118.2	1.8	.9
Utility (piped) gas	121.8	20.2	1.2	103.8	10.5	-14.3	107.8	-	.0	112.1	6.6	-9.5
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	122.5	.1	1.7	124.2	4.4	3.3	118.4	2.2	2.4	130.4	-2.9	-2.5
Apparel and upkeep	104.4	-2.3	3.2	125.6	1.2	6.8	117.3	-4.0	4.5	145.0	1.5	.0
Apparel commodities ^{3 5}	99.2	-2.6	3.5	123.4	1.2	7.5	112.1	-4.9	5.2	140.3	1.4	.0
Men's and boys' apparel ³	115.2	-5.7	-.7	134.7	.0	-.5	108.7	5.0	-3.8	152.8	.5	-2.9
Women's and girls' apparel ³	75.7	-3.6	10.8	112.8	9.7	15.5	93.8	-8.3	14.5	148.1	6.6	6.1
Footwear ³	116.2	2.8	3.3	103.1	12.8	9.0	137.8	-10.2	.6	129.4	3.1	-2.3
Transportation	153.6	2.3	-.6	144.6	2.2	.8	134.7	2.1	2.7	146.5	3.2	.3
Private transportation	151.3	2.2	-.9	144.4	1.6	-.3	128.0	.4	1.9	146.7	2.3	-.1
Motor fuel	109.4	9.5	-2.5	104.3	-.1	-8.3	110.4	-1.2	6.2	112.7	9.4	-2.0
Gasoline	107.7	9.8	-2.3	102.4	-1.2	-9.4	108.6	-2.1	6.3	111.8	9.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	106.9	10.0	-3.2	98.9	-.6	-9.8	106.1	-1.6	6.4	110.1	10.3	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	105.9	8.0	-3.1	117.1	-1.8	-9.3	103.9	-2.9	5.9	106.3	8.8	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	101.6	7.5	-3.2	103.6	-2.1	-7.7	109.1	-2.9	5.8	110.5	7.9	-1.3
Public transportation ³	178.7	4.3	3.3	160.4	10.9	19.1	189.5	10.7	6.5	151.2	9.8	3.1
Medical care	247.1	4.3	.6	224.6	3.9	1.1	219.3	2.8	.5	231.9	5.8	.2
Entertainment ⁹	183.9	2.2	.1	163.6	.6	.3	167.6	1.0	-.4	173.1	4.4	.6
Other goods and services ⁴	238.1	3.1	-.6	188.2	2.6	-.3	236.9	4.9	2.2	234.7	4.5	.9
Personal care ³	196.3	2.9	.4	100.5	-4.9	.2	163.7	1.5	1.4	170.2	6.7	1.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹											
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ¹¹			St. Louis- East St. Louis, MO-IL ¹²			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹¹			Washington, DC-MD-VA ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997
Commodity and service group												
All items	166.1	2.5	0.6	152.2	2.2	0.5	159.2	4.1	1.4	161.9	2.2	0.2
Commodities	137.1	1.5	.1	139.6	2.1	.3	140.5	1.5	2.0	143.2	2.1	-.4
Food and beverages	154.0	2.5	.1	153.9	2.5	.2	159.9	3.3	1.3	154.5	2.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	126.4	.8	.0	130.8	1.9	.5	127.1	-.2	2.7	137.0	1.9	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	125.8	1.0	-.5	131.5	1.9	-.3	129.0	-.9	3.2	138.7	4.7	-.9
Durables	128.6	.4	.7	128.4	1.9	1.4	123.8	1.1	2.0	135.8	-1.9	-.3
Services	196.7	3.3	1.0	166.3	2.3	.5	175.0	5.7	1.0	179.1	2.3	.6
Medical care services	253.4	4.9	.3	230.1	4.2	1.7	218.9	2.1	.1	235.3	6.0	.3
Special Indexes												
All items less shelter	157.8	2.4	.2	150.0	2.6	.5	153.2	3.5	1.7	158.1	2.6	-.1
All items less medical care	162.2	2.4	.6	148.0	2.1	.3	156.4	4.2	1.5	158.3	1.9	.2
All items less energy	173.0	2.2	.7	158.6	2.2	1.3	163.6	3.5	1.4	168.3	1.9	.4
All items less food and energy	178.4	2.1	.8	160.2	2.2	1.5	164.5	3.5	1.4	171.4	1.9	.4
Energy	116.1	7.3	-.3	107.2	1.8	-8.5	122.5	17.2	2.9	110.3	6.4	-2.7
Commodities less food	128.0	.7	.1	132.4	2.1	.3	128.7	.0	2.5	137.7	1.9	-.6
Nondurables less food	128.4	.9	-.3	133.8	2.2	-.4	131.0	-.5	2.9	139.4	4.4	-.8
Nondurables	140.3	1.8	-.2	143.3	2.1	-.1	145.3	1.6	2.0	146.5	3.5	-.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	203.7	3.5	.4	174.1	3.3	.9	179.5	6.8	1.4	192.8	3.4	.3
Services less medical care services	192.2	3.1	1.1	160.0	2.0	.4	172.2	6.0	1.1	174.3	1.9	.6

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

² 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.

³ This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

⁴ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Indexes are on a November 1982=100 base in Baltimore, Boston, Miami, St. Louis, Washington. Indexes are on a December 1982=100 base in the U.S., Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.

⁷ Indexes on a November 1986=100 base in Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Miami, St. Louis, and Washington. Indexes on a December 1986=100 base in U.S., Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

¹⁰ Index on a November 1977=100 base in Miami.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

^{NA} Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule ¹	Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 1997 from—			Percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		
		Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997
U.S. city average	M	155.9	156.3	156.8	157.0	2.7	0.4	0.1	3.0	0.6	0.3
Region and area size ²											
Northeast urban	M	163.2	163.5	164.2	164.5	2.7	.6	.2	3.0	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	162.6	163.1	163.9	164.2	2.6	.7	.2	3.0	.8	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	162.0	162.0	161.9	162.6	2.8	.4	.4	3.2	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ³	M	166.3	166.3	166.8	167.0	3.0	.4	.1	3.0	.3	.3
North Central urban	M	151.9	152.1	152.4	152.4	2.8	.2	.0	3.3	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	151.5	151.9	152.3	152.3	2.5	.3	.0	3.1	.5	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	150.7	150.5	150.5	150.5	2.7	.0	.0	3.3	-.1	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ³	M	155.1	155.2	155.6	155.3	3.3	.1	-.2	3.9	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.3	150.5	150.3	150.1	3.0	-.3	-.1	3.7	.0	-.1
South urban	M	153.7	154.2	154.5	154.8	2.7	.4	.2	3.0	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	152.3	153.1	153.2	153.4	2.6	.2	.1	3.0	.6	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	154.5	154.7	155.0	155.6	3.0	.6	.4	3.1	.3	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ³	M	154.5	154.9	155.5	155.5	2.3	.4	.0	2.8	.6	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	155.0	155.3	155.8	156.1	2.6	.5	.2	3.6	.5	.3
West urban	M	155.4	156.3	156.8	157.4	2.6	.7	.4	2.7	.9	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	153.8	154.7	155.2	155.9	2.5	.8	.5	2.6	.9	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ³	M	160.7	161.7	162.1	163.1	3.1	.9	.6	2.9	.9	.2
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	141.9	142.5	143.0	143.2	2.5	.5	.1	3.0	.8	.4
B ³	M	156.2	156.3	156.5	157.0	2.9	.4	.3	3.1	.2	.1
C ³	M	157.9	158.2	158.7	158.8	2.8	.4	.1	3.1	.5	.3
D	M	154.9	155.3	155.4	155.4	2.6	.1	.0	3.4	.3	.1
Selected local areas ⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	154.6	155.3	155.9	155.6	2.8	.2	-.2	3.8	.8	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	152.7	153.6	153.6	154.2	1.5	.4	.4	1.8	.6	.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	164.7	165.1	166.2	166.6	2.5	.9	.2	2.8	.9	.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁶	M	163.6	164.4	164.9	165.3	2.5	.5	.2	2.7	.8	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁶	M	153.1	154.1	155.0	156.2	3.6	1.4	.8	3.0	1.2	.6
Baltimore, MD ⁷	1	-	154.6	-	155.9	2.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	166.6	-	166.8	3.2	.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	146.2	-	147.5	3.1	.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	156.0	-	156.2	3.9	.1	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1	-	150.6	-	151.1	2.1	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁷	1	-	158.9	-	159.1	2.4	.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 ⁸	2	148.8	-	149.6	-	-	-	-	3.4	.5	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ 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.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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 ¹, 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—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	164.5	2.7	0.2	152.4	2.8	0.0	154.8	2.7	0.2	157.4	2.6	0.4
All items (December 1977=100)	256.9	-	-	246.4	-	-	250.7	-	-	253.3	-	-
Food and beverages	159.8	2.8	.3	153.4	3.3	-.2	154.4	3.3	-.1	158.9	3.8	.4
Food	159.3	2.8	.3	152.7	3.4	-.3	154.5	3.4	-.1	158.2	3.8	.4
Food at home	160.8	2.8	.4	152.5	3.4	-.5	153.3	3.4	-.3	161.8	4.0	.5
Cereals and bakery products ²	182.6	3.2	.4	176.8	3.3	1.0	170.2	2.2	-.7	175.3	2.3	-1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	152.7	3.0	-.1	143.1	2.9	-1.6	143.3	3.5	-1.0	151.4	5.5	.2
Dairy products ²	138.3	6.8	.1	145.5	5.4	-1.3	146.2	8.9	.9	155.5	5.8	-.2
Fruits and vegetables ²	190.1	1.6	1.9	177.1	4.5	-.1	186.5	2.0	.3	201.3	4.1	2.5
Other food at home ²	152.0	1.2	-.3	141.4	2.3	-.2	142.2	2.5	-.2	146.1	2.2	.4
Sugar and sweets ²	153.5	2.8	-1.6	143.3	1.9	-.9	142.9	3.0	-.2	147.9	3.4	.1
Fats and oils ²	149.9	.9	1.5	137.3	1.6	-.1	139.3	1.9	-.4	143.9	2.3	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages ²	136.6	-1.7	-.8	125.5	-.6	1.4	124.2	.6	.2	130.5	1.3	2.4
Other prepared food ²	167.8	3.3	.4	155.9	4.8	-.2	160.1	4.1	-.3	159.0	2.4	-.4
Food away from home	158.9	2.7	.3	153.6	3.4	.3	158.0	3.4	.3	153.0	3.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages	165.5	3.0	.2	162.1	2.7	.3	152.8	2.9	-.1	165.0	3.3	.5
Housing ³	164.6	2.4	.1	146.2	2.9	-.1	146.4	2.5	.1	154.7	2.9	.2
Shelter	190.7	2.6	.3	163.6	3.0	.2	157.9	2.9	.3	167.8	2.9	.2
Renters' costs ^{2,4}	176.3	2.8	.5	160.5	3.4	.6	151.5	3.0	.8	158.6	3.4	.4
Rent, residential	177.1	2.8	.3	162.2	3.0	.2	153.1	2.7	.1	165.4	2.7	.2
Other renters' costs ²	259.5	2.7	1.3	204.7	4.7	1.9	228.0	4.9	4.6	230.5	7.4	1.8
Homeowners' costs ^{2,4}	178.1	2.6	.2	162.9	2.8	.1	149.7	2.9	.1	164.0	2.7	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	178.9	2.6	.2	163.3	2.8	.1	149.6	3.0	.1	163.8	2.6	.1
Maintenance and repairs ²	137.1	2.2	.1	139.2	3.0	.3	143.1	5.1	-.3	143.7	3.2	.6
Maintenance and repair services ²	148.8	-	.0	154.4	5.0	.1	145.0	3.2	-.1	145.6	.6	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ²	119.7	1.4	.3	122.0	.9	.6	140.6	7.9	-.6	137.8	5.5	1.2
Fuel and other utilities ³	127.0	3.4	-.9	125.6	4.8	-2.0	134.9	2.1	-.2	136.1	5.2	-.1
Fuels	119.0	4.2	-1.3	110.1	4.5	-3.8	119.1	3.3	-.7	124.6	7.7	-.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	103.4	5.1	-3.8	101.0	8.0	-4.7	112.9	7.3	-2.9	114.6	12.9	-2.1
Fuel oil ²	103.2	4.9	-4.4	97.4	8.6	-3.6	99.7	7.2	-3.1	128.0	18.3	-1.8
Other household fuel commodities ^{2,5}	131.2	6.1	-1.5	135.8	7.4	-5.8	147.4	7.4	-2.8	129.3	10.3	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	132.9	3.9	-.7	115.0	4.3	-3.8	121.5	3.1	-.5	126.9	7.6	-.5
Electricity	137.0	.4	-.2	122.8	1.3	.7	121.7	1.8	.6	145.0	-.1	-.3
Utility (piped) gas	127.5	10.5	-1.5	108.2	8.1	-8.8	122.9	8.5	-4.5	104.2	32.4	-.9
Other utilities and public services ²	160.9	2.4	.1	161.3	5.1	.3	164.8	1.0	.1	156.8	3.0	.4
Household furnishings and operation ³	124.0	-.7	-.2	121.8	.7	.8	125.9	1.4	-.1	124.0	.5	-.2
Housefurnishings ²	105.4	-2.6	-.3	108.0	.4	1.1	114.0	.4	-.5	111.2	-.6	-.3
Housekeeping supplies ²	152.0	1.0	-.4	143.6	.7	.7	137.5	2.7	.7	141.6	1.8	-.5
Housekeeping services ²	159.7	2.4	.6	146.2	1.7	.1	159.9	3.0	.4	148.3	2.8	.1
Apparel and upkeep	130.4	1.5	2.1	132.6	.6	2.2	143.4	.1	1.8	126.8	-3.1	2.3
Apparel commodities ²	126.7	1.4	2.3	130.7	.5	2.3	139.5	-.1	2.0	122.8	-3.8	2.6
Men's and boys' apparel ²	129.8	2.5	1.9	125.6	-.5	.3	135.2	-1.1	1.3	124.7	-.7	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel ²	120.1	.8	3.0	131.7	1.8	2.7	144.1	1.7	4.3	117.4	-3.6	4.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	129.3	2.1	-1.4	135.0	-3.4	7.2	133.8	-3.2	-.4	120.3	-7.8	3.6
Footwear ²	131.8	1.5	2.1	130.6	-1.0	1.7	127.4	.6	-.2	118.7	-5.3	-2.3
Other apparel commodities ²	157.8	1.5	3.1	147.5	2.3	5.1	154.6	-3.6	-.4	140.7	-7.3	4.7
Apparel services ²	166.1	1.7	.2	150.1	2.4	.1	171.6	1.4	.0	158.4	3.1	.2
Transportation	147.6	3.0	-.3	141.9	1.9	-.6	143.4	2.5	-.2	144.8	2.3	.6
Private transportation	143.9	3.1	-.5	139.5	1.7	-.9	142.5	2.4	-.3	142.4	2.0	.4
New vehicles	145.6	1.5	.0	144.8	1.1	-.1	148.6	1.2	.0	147.7	2.3	.0
New cars	141.9	1.1	.0	139.4	.9	.0	147.2	1.1	.1	141.3	1.2	-.1
Used cars	157.7	-2.0	.1	156.7	-2.1	.1	156.2	-1.7	.1	152.9	-.8	.1
Motor fuel	106.0	7.7	-2.3	105.2	2.1	-3.8	105.8	7.1	-1.8	108.5	2.8	1.9
Gasoline	105.5	7.9	-2.3	104.8	1.8	-3.8	105.4	7.0	-1.6	107.4	1.9	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	104.4	8.6	-2.6	103.3	1.9	-3.8	102.7	7.8	-1.6	104.5	1.8	2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	109.2	7.3	-2.2	115.2	1.9	-3.8	111.9	6.5	-1.6	104.7	1.7	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.1	5.9	-2.0	107.3	.4	-3.9	108.1	6.3	-1.5	108.1	.6	2.0
Maintenance and repairs	171.4	3.0	.3	153.6	3.7	.7	160.7	2.3	-.2	165.5	2.7	.1
Other private transportation ²	176.9	3.1	-.1	167.2	2.9	-.1	180.1	2.7	.2	169.4	2.4	.2
Other private transportation commodities	106.7	.0	-.2	105.0	.7	.2	101.5	-1.5	-.8	102.7	-.3	-.2
Other private transportation services ⁷	190.8	3.4	-.1	181.6	3.3	-.1	203.3	3.4	.3	188.0	3.0	.3
Public transportation ²	185.5	2.5	1.6	195.2	6.7	3.3	168.3	3.8	2.9	188.4	5.3	3.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions ¹, 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—		
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category													
Medical care	241.6	3.6	0.0	226.5	2.3	0.2	232.6	3.1	0.6	231.6	3.2	0.2	
Medical care commodities	215.4	2.3	.3	210.4	1.8	.6	209.2	3.4	.3	217.7	3.4	.2	
Medical care services	247.2	3.9	.0	230.1	2.4	.1	238.1	3.0	.6	234.9	3.2	.2	
Professional medical services	224.7	3.8	.0	210.4	3.7	.6	220.4	4.3	1.0	204.6	2.9	.3	
Entertainment ⁷	168.1	2.1	.3	159.6	3.9	.4	156.2	2.4	.1	154.4	.3	.3	
Entertainment commodities ²	147.9	1.5	.2	145.5	2.8	.1	141.6	1.9	.0	138.1	-1.7	.6	
Entertainment services ²	195.4	2.7	.4	178.7	5.3	1.0	180.7	3.0	.1	177.3	2.2	-1.1	
Other goods and services ³	229.1	4.0	.0	211.6	3.6	.1	209.9	3.6	.5	223.7	4.4	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products ²	230.3	3.6	-.2	245.4	3.1	.0	223.0	1.3	.8	264.2	5.1	.8	
Personal care ²	163.8	1.2	.6	146.7	2.7	.8	144.1	2.1	.1	153.7	.0	-1.0	
Personal and educational expenses ²	265.0	5.0	.0	235.1	4.3	.1	248.8	5.3	.5	260.2	5.5	.5	
Commodity and service group													
All items	164.5	2.7	.2	152.4	2.8	.0	154.8	2.7	.2	157.4	2.6	.4	
Commodities	144.0	2.3	.1	139.7	2.0	-.1	142.2	2.2	.0	142.2	1.7	.6	
Food and beverages	159.8	2.8	.3	153.4	3.3	-.2	154.4	3.3	-.1	158.9	3.8	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages	132.9	1.8	.0	131.9	1.2	.0	135.2	1.6	.1	132.1	.4	.7	
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.9	2.9	-.2	135.1	1.8	-.3	137.0	2.6	.4	133.5	.4	1.3	
Apparel commodities ²	126.7	1.4	2.3	130.7	.5	2.3	139.5	-.1	2.0	122.8	-3.8	2.6	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	139.7	3.6	-1.2	139.9	2.4	-1.2	138.8	3.9	-.4	141.7	2.3	.8	
Durables	130.1	.0	.2	126.3	.2	.2	131.7	.2	-.2	130.2	.4	.0	
Services	189.0	3.1	.2	168.3	3.4	.0	170.4	3.0	.3	174.0	3.4	.3	
Rent of shelter ⁴	178.1	2.7	.3	162.6	3.0	.3	150.3	3.0	.3	161.7	2.9	.3	
Household services less rent of shelter ⁴	135.5	3.0	-.3	126.7	4.1	-1.6	134.7	1.9	-.1	135.6	4.8	.0	
Transportation services	185.2	3.2	.4	176.7	3.9	.6	187.1	3.3	.5	182.3	3.3	.8	
Medical care services	247.2	3.9	.0	230.1	2.4	.1	238.1	3.0	.6	234.9	3.2	.2	
Other services	222.1	4.0	.2	190.9	4.5	.5	202.1	4.2	.3	200.8	4.0	.3	
Special indexes													
All items less food	165.6	2.7	.1	152.2	2.6	.0	154.7	2.5	.2	157.3	2.4	.4	
All items less shelter	156.9	2.8	.1	149.9	2.7	-.1	154.3	2.5	.1	154.5	2.5	.5	
All items less homeowners' costs ^{4 7}	151.7	2.8	.2	144.5	2.7	-.1	146.5	2.6	.1	147.9	2.6	.5	
All items less medical care	161.3	2.7	.2	149.0	2.8	-.1	150.4	2.6	.1	154.1	2.6	.5	
Commodities less food	134.3	1.9	.0	133.0	1.2	-.1	135.7	1.6	.1	133.7	.6	.7	
Nondurables less food	134.9	2.9	-.1	136.7	1.9	-.2	137.6	2.6	.3	135.9	.7	1.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel	141.3	3.4	-1.1	141.2	2.4	-1.1	139.1	3.8	-.4	143.1	2.5	.7	
Nondurables	147.0	2.9	.1	144.4	2.6	-.2	145.8	3.0	.1	146.8	2.2	.8	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	171.8	3.4	.1	159.1	3.8	-.3	167.5	3.0	.3	168.7	3.9	.4	
Services less medical care services	184.7	3.0	.2	163.0	3.5	.0	163.3	3.0	.2	169.4	3.4	.4	
Energy	112.7	5.5	-1.7	107.2	3.3	-3.9	110.5	5.1	-1.2	114.8	4.8	.9	
All items less energy	171.8	2.4	.3	159.2	2.7	.4	161.2	2.4	.3	162.5	2.5	.4	
All items less food and energy	175.5	2.4	.3	160.8	2.6	.4	162.9	2.2	.4	163.7	2.2	.4	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.0	1.1	.6	140.9	1.0	.6	144.0	.8	.5	141.0	.2	.5	
Energy commodities	105.3	7.1	-2.8	105.3	2.4	-3.8	106.6	7.1	-1.8	109.6	3.0	1.8	
Services less energy services	194.9	3.0	.3	175.3	3.4	.3	176.4	3.0	.3	177.7	3.2	.3	

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

² This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁷ 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 ¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D						
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—					
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category																
All items	143.2	2.5	0.1	157.0	2.9	0.3	158.8	2.8	0.1	155.4	2.6	0.0				
All items (December 1977=100)	143.2	-	-	253.5	-	-	254.4	-	-	251.2	-	-				
Food and beverages	141.7	3.2	.1	156.1	3.3	.1	155.0	3.0	-.1	152.3	4.5	.1				
Food	141.4	3.3	.2	156.0	3.2	.1	154.5	3.1	-.1	151.7	4.6	.0				
Food at home	145.3	3.3	.1	158.1	3.2	-.1	152.7	2.9	-.3	149.6	5.1	-.1				
Cereals and bakery products ⁴	158.5	2.6	.3	174.1	2.4	-.6	171.8	3.5	.4	177.4	3.4	-.7				
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ⁴	136.9	3.6	-.7	149.4	3.5	-.4	141.0	3.1	-.9	138.3	5.3	-.9				
Dairy products ⁴	141.1	6.5	-.1	148.9	7.9	-.4	137.5	5.3	.1	140.9	9.4	.4				
Fruits and vegetables ⁴	173.7	3.5	1.3	192.0	1.9	1.1	185.3	1.1	.3	171.5	6.3	1.5				
Other food at home ⁴	133.0	1.8	.2	146.3	2.0	.1	146.7	2.6	-.2	141.3	3.2	.1				
Sugar and sweets ⁴	135.5	2.7	-1.2	145.5	3.2	.0	142.5	1.6	-.6	140.5	4.1	1.6				
Fats and oils ⁴	134.6	1.8	.6	138.6	-.6	-.1	142.4	1.9	-1.0	138.7	3.9	-.9				
Nonalcoholic beverages ⁴	120.2	-.3	.8	125.7	-.6	.6	133.3	.6	.1	119.2	-.6	1.5				
Other prepared food ⁴	143.2	3.1	.1	168.3	4.0	-.2	160.9	4.5	-.2	158.9	5.0	-1.1				
Food away from home	135.0	3.2	.2	153.8	3.2	.3	159.1	3.3	.2	156.3	3.5	.2				
Alcoholic beverages	145.2	2.5	.1	157.5	4.2	.3	161.9	3.2	.1	160.8	3.7	1.0				
Housing ⁵	138.0	2.6	.0	153.6	2.9	.2	155.7	2.9	.1	150.5	2.0	-.2				
Shelter	145.5	2.8	.3	170.1	2.8	.4	176.6	3.2	.3	171.2	2.8	.1				
Renters' costs ^{4 6}	144.3	3.3	.4	170.5	2.0	1.1	156.8	3.6	.8	155.3	3.5	.6				
Rent, residential	136.9	2.9	.2	164.1	2.6	.0	159.6	2.5	.1	157.5	2.3	.1				
Other renters' costs ⁴	190.7	5.2	1.4	261.2	.5	3.7	212.8	8.6	3.2	213.0	8.8	2.7				
Homeowners' costs ^{4 6}	146.4	2.6	.2	164.2	3.2	.0	168.1	2.9	.1	162.1	2.6	.0				
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	146.7	2.6	.3	164.7	3.3	.1	168.7	3.0	.1	162.0	2.7	.0				
Maintenance and repairs ⁴	125.6	3.7	.2	137.0	3.2	.1	155.1	3.1	-.1	140.2	2.3	.6				
Maintenance and repair services ⁴	129.3	3.4	.0	145.6	2.1	-	168.6	3.0	-.1	156.3	2.8	.3				
Maintenance and repair commodities ⁴	121.1	4.0	.3	130.0	4.0	.1	137.7	3.5	.0	120.3	1.3	1.1				
Fuel and other utilities ⁵	129.4	4.1	-1.1	135.3	4.3	-.3	133.5	3.8	-.2	128.2	.1	-1.3				
Fuels	128.0	4.5	-2.4	114.7	4.8	-.8	120.2	4.7	-.7	109.3	3.1	-2.6				
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ⁴	149.5	5.1	-3.7	103.8	7.5	-3.4	107.0	7.3	-3.8	97.0	7.4	-5.2				
Fuel oil ⁴	153.0	4.8	-3.8	102.1	7.6	-4.2	100.2	6.5	-4.3	96.1	7.5	-5.4				
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 4}	138.9	6.2	-2.9	138.0	7.2	-2.3	140.0	8.6	-3.0	131.1	7.3	-4.9				
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	126.3	4.5	-2.2	120.2	4.5	-.4	127.6	4.4	-.3	117.0	2.6	-2.3				
Electricity	128.3	.5	.2	127.6	1.3	-.1	133.6	1.6	.5	122.9	1.7	.5				
Utility (piped) gas	123.1	11.4	-6.0	109.3	14.6	-1.4	120.4	12.7	-2.5	110.1	5.3	-8.9				
Other utilities and public services ⁴	131.1	3.6	.2	178.5	3.7	.2	161.8	2.7	.2	166.3	-2.7	-.1				
Household furnishings and operation ⁵	116.7	.0	.3	125.5	1.6	.2	122.8	.7	-.2	124.8	1.9	.2				
Housefurnishings ⁴	106.0	-1.1	.2	113.2	.7	.1	108.6	-.5	-.3	110.5	1.6	-.3				
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	134.9	.4	.1	136.8	3.5	.0	142.3	2.8	.1	137.1	2.0	1.8				
Housekeeping services ⁴	135.4	2.6	.3	158.9	2.3	.6	156.2	2.4	.1	160.6	2.6	.0				
Apparel and upkeep	123.2	-.6	2.2	133.7	1.3	2.9	143.1	.8	1.2	132.8	-1.2	1.4				
Apparel commodities ⁴	121.9	-1.0	2.4	130.0	1.3	3.3	140.8	.7	1.2	129.7	-1.5	1.6				
Men's and boys' apparel ⁴	118.8	-.3	2.0	132.5	.5	1.6	138.2	.6	-.4	120.7	-.4	-.9				
Women's and girls' apparel ⁴	118.7	.2	2.7	135.3	.7	6.5	141.3	2.5	3.1	133.3	-2.1	4.2				
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ⁴	108.5	-6.3	3.8	131.9	6.0	-2.1	154.1	-1.6	3.0	112.7	-6.1	-.5				
Footwear ⁴	125.6	-1.8	.9	117.0	5.0	1.0	130.1	-1.4	-.9	135.3	-.6	.3				
Other apparel commodities ⁴	148.5	-3.6	4.4	121.2	-2.2	-.9	165.6	-.9	.4	145.2	-1.2	-.5				
Apparel services ⁴	136.2	2.6	.1	166.4	1.6	.3	168.1	.2	.2	163.3	2.7	.0				
Transportation	143.5	2.4	.0	143.7	2.5	-.3	142.6	2.4	-.4	143.7	2.4	-.2				
Private transportation	143.1	2.2	-.2	141.8	2.3	-.5	140.6	2.3	-.6	141.2	2.3	-.4				
New vehicles	128.9	1.7	.1	145.6	.7	.0	146.9	1.9	-.1	148.3	.8	-.1				
New cars	125.8	1.3	.1	138.6	.2	.0	143.4	1.5	-.1	143.9	.8	-.1				
Used cars	147.0	-1.5	.1	155.9	-1.7	.1	155.7	-1.4	.1	150.1	-2.5	-.1				
Motor fuel	154.6	3.9	-1.5	106.1	5.4	-1.9	105.8	5.7	-2.4	105.5	7.4	-1.7				
Gasoline	153.8	3.5	-1.3	105.6	5.1	-2.0	105.7	5.6	-2.3	104.9	7.5	-1.6				
Gasoline, unleaded regular	154.0	3.6	-1.6	103.3	5.6	-2.0	103.1	5.7	-2.5	101.5	8.3	-1.6				
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	107.3	3.2	-1.1	111.6	5.7	-1.8	115.2	5.7	-2.2	115.9	7.3	-1.5				
Gasoline, unleaded premium	144.0	3.1	-1.4	107.8	4.6	-2.1	109.3	6.0	-1.6	107.2	6.6	-1.7				
Maintenance and repairs	145.1	3.3	.4	164.9	2.2	.0	159.6	2.5	.2	148.8	3.2	-.2				
Other private transportation ⁴	147.7	2.8	.1	172.0	3.4	-.2	173.0	1.9	-.1	171.0	2.6	.1				
Other private transportation commodities	107.5	-.1	.2	99.4	.3	-1.5	104.6	-.9	-.2	120.2	-1.4	-.8				
Other private transportation services ⁸	157.3	3.4	.2	190.7	3.9	.0	192.7	2.5	.0	184.5	3.4	.2				
Public transportation ⁴	148.5	4.0	2.4	200.0	6.4	2.6	207.5	5.7	2.9	216.1	2.9	4.6				

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D						
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—					
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category																
Medical care	184.4	2.7	0.2	231.6	3.4	1.0	237.1	3.2	0.0	225.9	3.2	0.1				
Medical care commodities	171.9	2.0	.3	210.6	4.2	.4	206.4	3.8	.4	213.1	2.2	.6				
Medical care services	187.2	2.9	.2	236.3	3.3	1.1	243.7	3.1	.0	229.0	3.3	.0				
Professional medical services	170.7	3.5	.2	211.0	4.7	1.6	224.5	3.5	.4	220.7	4.3	.0				
Entertainment ⁸	142.7	2.4	.2	154.8	1.4	.2	164.2	2.5	.5	145.6	2.7	.3				
Entertainment commodities ⁴	132.5	1.5	.2	138.6	-.1	-.1	147.4	.9	.1	136.6	2.3	.4				
Entertainment services ⁴	153.8	3.1	.2	180.7	3.2	.6	191.6	4.5	.9	159.9	3.2	.1				
Other goods and services ⁵	176.0	3.6	.1	219.4	4.2	.7	215.2	4.1	.1	216.5	4.7	.7				
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	185.0	2.0	-.1	246.6	4.1	1.6	240.7	3.8	.0	228.7	5.0	.2				
Personal care ⁴	135.9	2.0	.1	149.3	1.4	.3	150.4	.5	.4	137.1	1.6	-.5				
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	188.0	4.9	.2	251.9	5.0	.1	244.8	5.3	.2	261.2	5.4	1.2				
Commodity and service group																
All items	143.2	2.5	.1	157.0	2.9	.3	158.8	2.8	.1	155.4	2.6	.0				
Commodities	136.6	1.8	.2	141.2	2.4	.3	143.0	2.2	-.2	140.9	2.8	.0				
Food and beverages	141.7	3.2	.1	156.1	3.3	.1	155.0	3.0	-.1	152.3	4.5	.1				
Commodities less food and beverages	133.2	.8	.3	132.6	1.8	.3	135.9	1.7	-.2	134.1	1.7	-.1				
Nondurables less food and beverages	140.9	1.2	.4	134.5	3.1	.6	137.9	2.8	-.2	134.3	2.8	.1				
Apparel commodities ⁴	121.9	-1.0	2.4	130.0	1.3	3.3	140.8	.7	1.2	129.7	-1.5	1.6				
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	152.0	2.3	-.6	139.3	4.0	-.4	139.5	3.8	-.9	137.5	4.5	-.4				
Durables	123.1	.2	.2	128.6	.0	-.1	131.7	.3	-.2	131.4	.0	-.3				
Services	149.4	3.2	.2	176.2	3.3	.3	179.4	3.3	.2	174.8	2.6	.1				
Rent of shelter ⁶	145.9	2.8	.3	166.5	2.9	.4	165.3	3.2	.4	160.1	3.0	.2				
Household services less rent of shelter ⁶	129.6	3.8	-.8	137.2	3.8	.0	133.6	3.3	-.1	131.8	.2	-.9				
Transportation services	152.6	3.4	.7	184.8	3.8	.3	184.7	2.8	.4	179.6	3.3	.7				
Medical care services	187.2	2.9	.2	236.3	3.3	1.1	243.7	3.1	.0	229.0	3.3	.0				
Other services	167.3	4.1	.2	204.9	4.1	.3	203.6	4.5	.4	201.1	4.5	.8				
Special indexes																
All items less food	143.6	2.4	.1	157.2	2.9	.4	159.6	2.8	.1	156.1	2.3	.0				
All items less shelter	142.4	2.4	.1	153.8	2.9	.3	154.1	2.7	.0	151.7	2.6	-.1				
All items less homeowners' costs ⁶ ⁸	142.6	2.6	.2	148.0	2.8	.3	147.3	2.8	.1	144.8	2.7	.0				
All items less medical care	141.3	2.5	.2	153.3	2.8	.2	154.8	2.8	.0	151.2	2.6	.0				
Commodities less food	133.9	1.0	.3	133.5	1.9	.4	136.9	1.9	-.1	135.0	1.7	.0				
Nondurables less food	141.3	1.4	.3	135.7	3.3	.6	139.2	2.9	-.1	135.6	2.9	.1				
Nondurables less food and apparel	151.0	2.4	-.5	140.0	4.0	-.4	140.6	3.7	-.8	138.8	4.4	-.3				
Nondurables	141.3	2.3	.2	145.4	3.2	.3	146.5	3.0	-.1	143.5	3.7	.0				
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	153.1	3.6	.1	168.5	3.7	.3	167.7	3.5	.2	164.0	2.4	.0				
Services less medical care services	146.5	3.2	.1	170.7	3.3	.2	173.2	3.3	.2	168.5	2.6	.1				
Energy	140.0	4.2	-2.0	109.2	5.1	-1.4	111.5	5.2	-1.5	106.6	5.2	-2.1				
All items less energy	143.5	2.4	.3	163.7	2.7	.4	165.8	2.6	.2	162.5	2.5	.2				
All items less food and energy	144.0	2.2	.4	165.8	2.6	.5	168.8	2.5	.3	165.4	2.0	.3				
Commodities less food and energy commodities	131.1	.5	.6	141.2	1.3	.7	145.9	1.2	.2	143.1	.8	.4				
Energy commodities	154.2	4.0	-1.7	106.0	5.6	-2.0	106.3	5.9	-2.6	104.7	7.4	-2.1				
Services less energy services	151.2	3.1	.3	182.7	3.2	.4	185.9	3.2	.3	182.1	2.6	.3				

¹ See region and area size on table 10 for information about population size classes.

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ 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.

⁴ This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

⁵ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	164.2	2.6	0.2	162.6	2.8	0.4	167.0	3.0	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	250.9	-	-	259.5	-	-	277.7	-	-
Food and beverages	159.4	2.6	.3	163.2	3.5	.6	157.5	2.4	.2
Food	158.9	2.6	.3	163.0	3.5	.6	156.9	2.5	.2
Food at home	160.7	2.6	.4	166.5	3.4	.8	154.6	2.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	185.1	2.9	.9	169.8	2.7	-.8	183.8	6.0	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	151.5	2.8	-.6	163.1	4.3	1.5	150.9	2.9	1.1
Dairy products ³	139.1	6.6	.0	144.0	6.2	.4	120.9	5.1	.7
Fruits and vegetables ³	191.3	1.5	2.6	192.1	3.1	2.6	184.2	.3	-1.2
Other food at home ³	150.0	.9	-.3	165.3	1.3	-.1	144.8	2.1	.2
Food away from home	157.6	2.5	.3	161.0	3.8	.3	162.8	1.7	-.1
Alcoholic beverages	165.7	3.2	.1	167.8	3.3	.5	164.0	1.5	.2
Housing ⁴	162.5	2.5	.0	163.3	2.3	.4	172.5	2.4	.1
Shelter	185.9	3.0	.3	188.6	2.3	.7	210.2	1.9	.4
Renters' costs ^{3,5}	176.5	3.9	.3	187.4	-1.4	1.8	161.8	1.9	.8
Rent, residential	178.5	3.3	.3	169.6	2.2	.1	172.4	1.3	.3
Other renters' costs ³	264.6	6.2	.1	263.4	-5.7	4.1	209.7	5.5	4.1
Homeowners' costs ^{3,5}	174.3	2.5	.2	179.6	4.1	.2	190.6	2.0	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	175.0	2.5	.2	180.6	4.3	.2	191.3	1.9	.3
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	125.3	3.5	-.8	137.4	3.1	-.8	121.4	3.9	-.7
Fuels	121.3	4.0	-1.4	122.0	3.4	-1.4	103.9	5.8	-1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	108.1	4.0	-3.8	99.8	7.4	-3.6	94.3	6.3	-3.9
Fuel oil ³	106.5	4.0	-4.1	100.3	7.6	-4.7	96.6	5.9	-4.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3,5}	144.9	3.4	-2.2	128.6	7.1	-.1	111.8	8.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	133.1	4.1	-.8	140.7	2.3	-.8	118.2	5.6	.1
Electricity	135.8	.9	-.1	147.7	-.7	-.3	120.7	.4	-.2
Utility (piped) gas	129.7	9.2	-1.9	129.2	10.3	-1.8	116.7	22.3	1.2
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	125.4	-2.0	-.3	120.1	.7	.4	118.8	2.7	-.2
Apparel and upkeep	126.3	1.0	1.6	132.1	.4	5.3	150.0	6.8	1.9
Apparel commodities ³	121.7	1.1	1.8	129.3	.0	5.6	147.8	7.4	2.1
Men's and boys' apparel ³	120.5	.7	2.6	149.5	7.6	1.4	157.6	6.1	-.3
Women's and girls' apparel ³	114.0	1.5	.8	124.6	-7.7	12.4	141.7	10.1	5.5
Footwear ³	132.7	1.9	3.1	124.2	7.4	-1.0	142.5	-1.5	-.8
Transportation	150.8	2.8	-.1	143.4	3.9	-.7	140.3	2.8	-.4
Private transportation	146.5	3.0	-.3	141.1	3.2	-1.1	136.8	2.7	-.7
Motor fuel	105.0	7.5	-2.1	108.0	9.1	-2.8	105.0	6.8	-3.3
Gasoline	104.4	7.5	-2.0	107.7	9.2	-2.9	104.6	7.3	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.3	8.4	-2.4	105.5	10.0	-2.9	104.5	8.1	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	106.8	6.6	-2.1	114.3	9.2	-2.2	112.7	7.5	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	103.7	5.2	-1.7	108.3	7.7	-2.6	107.8	7.1	-3.1
Public transportation ³	179.4	.8	1.4	195.0	13.4	3.8	235.5	4.0	3.6
Medical care	244.7	4.3	.2	237.1	1.4	.0	231.1	3.0	-.1
Entertainment ⁸	170.2	1.7	.4	158.7	2.3	.6	171.4	4.6	-.1
Other goods and services ⁴	227.1	3.8	.0	225.9	4.5	.0	234.4	5.2	.3
Personal care ³	169.1	1.9	.8	148.4	-1.4	.3	149.8	-1.0	.0
Commodity and service group									
All items	164.2	2.6	.2	162.6	2.8	.4	167.0	3.0	.1
Commodities	143.7	1.8	.1	143.1	2.9	.5	145.4	3.0	.0
Food and beverages	159.4	2.6	.3	163.2	3.5	.6	157.5	2.4	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	132.2	1.3	.0	130.4	2.5	.5	137.3	3.6	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.7	2.1	-.2	132.5	4.1	.7	138.7	5.3	-.4
Durables	130.7	-.3	.4	125.1	.1	-.1	131.2	.9	.1
Services	187.0	3.2	.2	189.2	2.7	.3	196.2	3.0	.3
Medical care services	250.8	4.8	.1	242.0	.9	.0	236.3	2.8	-.2
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	157.5	2.5	.1	155.8	3.0	.3	154.6	3.5	.0
All items less medical care	160.9	2.5	.2	159.6	2.9	.4	164.1	3.0	.1
All items less energy	170.9	2.4	.3	170.0	2.6	.7	176.4	2.7	.3
All items less food and energy	174.4	2.3	.3	172.1	2.4	.6	181.8	2.8	.3
Energy	113.9	5.4	-1.6	115.3	5.6	-2.0	102.9	6.2	-2.0
Commodities less food	133.6	1.4	-.1	131.8	2.6	.4	138.6	3.4	-.1
Nondurables less food	133.8	2.2	-.2	134.4	4.0	.7	140.2	4.9	-.3
Nondurables	146.5	2.4	.1	148.2	3.8	.7	148.0	3.7	-.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	171.1	3.4	.1	173.2	3.0	.0	171.3	4.2	.1
Services less medical care services	182.4	3.1	.2	185.0	2.9	.4	192.8	3.0	.3

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	152.3	2.5	0.0	150.5	2.7	0.0	155.3	3.3	-0.2	150.1	3.0	-0.1
All items (December 1977 = 100)	249.0	-	-	242.5	-	-	244.1	-	-	243.2	-	-
Food and beverages	155.7	3.3	-1	149.8	2.7	-1	152.8	3.6	-6	147.4	3.9	.1
Food	155.1	3.5	-1	149.8	2.5	-2	151.6	3.6	-7	146.2	3.8	-1
Food at home	155.8	3.5	-2	151.0	2.2	-8	150.0	3.4	-1.1	143.5	4.4	-3
Cereals and bakery products ³	177.4	3.1	1.2	184.1	3.0	2.2	171.6	2.8	.0	175.9	6.0	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	149.9	3.2	-1.4	135.0	.7	-3.1	134.4	3.9	-2.0	133.3	1.9	-9
Dairy products ³	149.9	6.2	-7	148.8	5.0	-2.7	138.9	2.7	-2.0	135.5	6.8	-1.5
Fruits and vegetables ³	180.8	4.9	-1	168.1	2.9	1.0	180.2	3.1	-9	162.7	6.8	.4
Other food at home ³	140.5	1.6	.7	144.8	1.5	-3	146.3	3.8	-5	133.2	3.6	-5
Food away from home	154.2	3.4	.1	147.9	3.1	.7	155.7	4.1	.1	151.6	2.6	.4
Alcoholic beverages	162.8	2.0	.0	149.0	5.1	.4	166.8	2.9	-1	165.0	4.5	3.4
Housing ⁴	144.6	2.6	-1	145.6	3.6	.1	152.8	3.2	-1	144.1	3.4	-3
Shelter	161.7	2.5	.4	166.5	3.2	.1	170.8	3.8	.1	158.9	3.8	.4
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	158.6	2.4	.8	172.3	3.5	.2	167.4	6.5	.3	147.5	4.5	.8
Rent, residential	165.0	3.0	.3	167.5	3.3	-1	158.5	2.7	-2	147.4	2.5	.2
Other renters' costs ³	189.5	.4	2.4	235.8	3.6	.8	231.8	15.0	1.2	191.8	17.6	4.0
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	161.5	2.6	.2	166.1	3.1	.0	169.5	3.0	.1	157.3	3.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	161.6	2.6	.2	166.9	3.2	.0	170.4	3.0	.1	157.7	3.5	.1
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	123.8	5.7	-2.9	117.9	4.3	.0	131.5	3.1	-1.4	132.2	3.8	-2.1
Fuels	110.7	5.3	-5.2	102.8	4.7	-4	117.6	2.7	-2.4	104.4	3.7	-4.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	101.6	10.0	-4.2	98.6	4.4	-6.3	104.9	6.7	-5.2	95.1	9.3	-3.5
Fuel oil ³	98.3	8.9	-3.2	99.9	8.5	-4.0	94.6	6.8	-3.7	95.3	12.0	-4.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	131.1	10.9	-5.1	135.9	2.3	-7.6	144.7	6.7	-6.5	132.8	6.0	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	113.8	5.2	-5.2	108.1	4.6	.0	126.4	2.4	-2.2	111.7	3.4	-4.4
Electricity	121.5	1.8	1.3	126.9	1.6	.0	132.3	-6	-2	109.1	4.2	1.5
Utility (piped) gas	107.0	9.1	-11.4	91.8	9.3	.0	120.1	7.8	-5.3	117.5	2.5	-10.2
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	116.6	-5	1.1	124.1	4.5	.2	133.2	1.0	.9	124.4	1.0	-2
Apparel and upkeep	131.0	-4	2.9	132.0	.6	1.5	133.1	2.6	1.4	142.1	2.7	-1
Apparel commodities ³	129.7	-6	3.1	129.0	.3	1.5	130.0	3.1	1.6	141.4	2.6	-1
Men's and boys' apparel ³	124.7	-1.4	2.3	123.7	-1.6	-6	122.6	.0	-2.9	137.4	5.1	-4.5
Women's and girls' apparel ³	125.7	.4	2.3	144.9	.4	3.1	137.9	7.0	3.5	136.4	1.4	3.2
Footwear ³	129.6	-9	2.3	103.1	2.8	2.1	122.6	-4.2	1.7	172.5	.9	-1.0
Transportation	142.2	1.9	-6	142.1	1.5	-9	141.7	2.5	-8	140.2	1.5	-2
Private transportation	140.0	1.4	-9	140.0	1.6	-9	139.7	2.3	-9	135.7	1.7	-6
Motor fuel	106.1	1.4	-4.1	105.9	.1	-3.6	103.7	3.5	-3.8	102.9	5.9	-2.9
Gasoline	105.5	1.1	-4.0	105.9	-4	-3.8	103.3	3.3	-3.9	102.3	6.2	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular	104.4	1.2	-4.0	103.3	-2	-3.6	101.9	3.6	-3.7	100.2	7.1	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	113.9	.5	-4.0	115.3	-2	-3.5	116.4	4.3	-4.0	118.2	5.0	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium	106.6	.1	-3.7	110.2	-1.1	-4.6	103.8	2.3	-4.3	104.3	5.8	-2.9
Public transportation ³	177.0	8.3	3.3	239.1	.8	1.8	221.0	7.2	2.3	311.4	-9	7.0
Medical care	225.5	1.7	.2	223.9	2.1	.5	239.8	4.1	-2	215.9	2.3	.3
Entertainment ⁸	162.2	4.2	.3	147.4	2.2	.9	169.3	5.4	.9	146.8	2.2	-1
Other goods and services ⁴	216.0	3.7	.1	209.8	3.0	.6	205.5	3.0	.2	203.3	4.4	-2
Personal care ³	141.0	2.8	.5	166.6	6.3	1.9	158.5	.1	.6	134.6	3.1	.5
Commodity and service group												
All items	152.3	2.5	.0	150.5	2.7	.0	155.3	3.3	-2	150.1	3.0	-1
Commodities	140.0	1.7	.1	136.0	1.8	-3	141.2	2.9	-4	140.1	2.8	-3
Food and beverages	155.7	3.3	-1	149.8	2.7	-1	152.8	3.6	-6	147.4	3.9	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.8	.5	.2	128.8	1.3	-3	135.0	2.6	-1	136.0	2.1	-6
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.8	1.0	.0	130.5	1.4	-5	135.5	3.7	-6	138.0	3.4	-8
Durables	123.9	-3	.3	125.6	1.1	-1	131.9	.8	.5	129.1	.2	-2
Services	167.3	3.4	-1	168.0	3.4	.2	174.2	3.5	-1	163.3	3.2	-1
Medical care services	228.9	1.9	.2	225.1	2.0	.5	246.7	3.6	-4	218.0	3.0	.1
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	150.4	2.5	-1	147.1	2.5	.0	151.5	3.1	-3	148.4	2.8	-3
All items less medical care	149.0	2.5	.0	147.1	2.7	.0	151.8	3.2	-2	146.4	3.0	-2
All items less energy	158.8	2.5	.4	158.4	2.7	.2	162.4	3.2	.1	156.5	2.8	.2
All items less food and energy	159.7	2.2	.6	160.6	2.8	.2	165.3	3.1	.3	159.2	2.6	.3
Energy	108.4	3.3	-6	102.7	2.4	-1.9	109.4	3.1	-3.1	103.7	4.7	-3.6
Commodities less food	132.1	.5	.2	129.4	1.4	-3	136.1	2.6	-1	137.0	2.2	-4
Nondurables less food	137.6	1.1	.1	131.4	1.6	-4	137.2	3.5	-6	139.7	3.6	-5
Nondurables	146.1	2.2	.0	139.9	2.0	-3	143.9	3.6	-6	143.3	3.7	-3
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	160.3	4.2	-4	158.1	3.6	.4	159.8	3.3	-1	153.4	2.7	-3
Services less medical care services	162.3	3.6	.0	163.1	3.6	.2	168.5	3.5	.0	157.5	3.2	-1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	153.4	2.6	0.1	155.6	3.0	0.4	155.5	2.3	0.0	156.1	2.6	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	248.4	-	-	252.2	-	-	251.7	-	-	252.8	-	-
Food and beverages	154.6	3.5	-1	155.0	2.8	-4	155.1	2.7	-1	151.6	5.2	.1
Food	154.9	3.7	.0	155.2	2.9	-3	155.0	2.6	-1	151.9	5.5	.2
Food at home	154.0	3.5	-3	154.8	3.0	-8	153.4	2.5	-1	148.7	5.9	.2
Cereals and bakery products ³	168.5	2.4	-6	171.3	1.7	-1.2	166.7	2.5	.1	178.4	2.1	-1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	143.7	3.2	-6	144.4	3.1	-1.2	140.9	2.5	-1.5	143.7	7.4	-5
Dairy products ³	151.3	8.1	.7	147.8	10.7	.2	144.7	7.5	1.3	136.6	11.5	1.8
Fruits and vegetables ³	187.7	3.9	.0	199.4	-5	-1.2	182.7	-6	1.4	168.2	7.8	2.6
Other food at home ³	140.6	1.9	-5	139.5	3.1	.1	150.8	2.4	-2	135.9	3.3	.1
Food away from home	157.7	3.8	.3	156.8	2.7	.3	159.7	3.0	.2	160.1	4.2	-1
Alcoholic beverages	151.9	3.2	.1	153.5	2.3	.2	156.8	3.8	-9	147.5	1.4	-9
Housing ⁴	142.7	2.2	-1	149.2	3.3	.2	146.2	2.7	.1	151.0	1.4	.1
Shelter	154.8	2.3	.3	156.1	3.6	.4	157.7	2.9	.3	175.0	3.6	.2
Renters' costs ⁵	147.8	2.6	.3	164.4	3.7	1.5	143.6	2.6	.8	154.7	4.6	1.2
Rent, residential	153.3	2.2	.1	155.9	3.7	.0	147.4	2.5	.2	156.7	3.4	-1
Other renters' costs ⁵	210.0	5.7	2.4	293.7	4.1	6.8	190.0	3.0	3.8	216.3	10.1	7.3
Homeowners' costs ⁵	148.2	2.1	.1	151.7	3.5	-1	146.2	3.0	.1	160.1	3.3	-1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	148.4	2.3	.1	151.8	3.5	-1	145.9	3.1	.1	158.9	3.4	.0
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	120.7	2.3	-9	147.1	3.6	-3	142.7	3.4	.5	128.0	-3.7	-7
Fuels	109.1	2.3	-1.6	119.1	3.1	-8	135.4	4.6	.8	112.6	3.1	-1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ⁹	102.2	3.7	-2.6	118.5	8.1	-2.2	138.5	10.2	-2.1	97.8	6.5	-6.0
Fuel oil ⁹	98.0	3.3	-2.8	102.9	7.5	-2.7	92.7	18.7	.0	96.7	10.5	-5.4
Other household fuel commodities ⁹	137.7	4.0	-2.4	151.4	8.5	-1.9	166.8	9.5	-2.3	121.7	4.4	-6.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	112.4	2.3	-1.6	118.4	2.6	-6	136.6	4.4	1.0	117.4	2.8	-6
Electricity	109.9	.6	.5	117.3	1.4	.0	139.4	3.1	1.2	120.5	1.8	.3
Utility (piped) gas	116.5	6.6	-6.9	129.0	8.0	-3.2	135.3	10.9	-4	111.5	13.1	-8.5
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	128.9	1.6	-2	132.6	1.1	.3	117.1	.8	-9	120.9	2.5	.8
Apparel and upkeep	149.0	1.1	2.2	137.7	.7	3.1	148.9	-7	-3	126.6	-4.4	2.3
Apparel commodities ³	144.5	1.0	2.4	133.2	.8	3.6	147.1	-9	-3	121.2	-5.3	2.7
Men's and boys' apparel ³	145.1	.6	2.0	131.0	-3.6	2.4	134.3	.7	-1	111.2	-6.2	-7
Women's and girls' apparel ³	147.2	4.6	4.6	139.6	2.8	6.7	149.6	-7	.7	134.2	-6.3	6.8
Footwear ³	133.2	-2.1	-1	123.3	5.0	1.6	131.2	-5	-3.0	108.6	2.7	2.1
Transportation	144.2	2.8	-1	143.0	2.4	-1	143.0	2.1	-3	143.5	2.6	-5
Private transportation	144.0	2.9	-1	141.9	2.2	-3	141.5	2.1	-4	142.5	2.6	-6
Motor fuel	107.7	6.6	-1.8	105.9	7.1	-1.5	106.4	7.2	-2.0	99.9	8.8	-1.3
Gasoline	106.8	6.5	-1.7	105.1	6.7	-1.6	107.0	7.1	-1.7	98.9	9.0	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	105.0	7.4	-1.9	102.8	7.6	-1.7	102.7	7.1	-1.8	94.8	10.1	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	108.4	6.3	-1.6	110.9	6.3	-1.5	115.7	6.0	-1.9	117.2	8.4	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium	108.1	5.4	-1.5	107.2	6.1	-1.5	111.6	8.0	-1.3	105.0	6.6	-1.4
Public transportation ⁹	147.6	2.3	2.4	181.5	5.2	3.6	200.8	5.2	3.8	175.5	4.1	1.7
Medical care	233.1	2.1	.2	229.8	4.8	1.5	235.2	2.0	.2	231.9	3.9	.2
Entertainment ⁸	165.8	3.1	-1	153.7	1.5	.1	151.1	.5	.1	149.4	6.4	.2
Other goods and services ⁴	200.5	2.6	.0	224.3	4.2	1.1	208.9	3.8	.0	210.3	4.8	1.8
Personal care ³	149.6	5.1	.1	148.8	-4	-2	139.3	-2	.4	125.6	.1	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	153.4	2.6	.1	155.6	3.0	.4	155.5	2.3	.0	156.1	2.6	.2
Commodities	142.6	2.4	.1	142.0	2.2	.3	143.5	1.8	-4	138.8	2.7	.1
Food and beverages	154.6	3.5	-1	155.0	2.8	-4	155.1	2.7	-1	151.6	5.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	135.7	1.8	.2	134.9	1.7	.7	136.5	1.2	-6	131.5	1.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	137.7	2.7	.4	137.6	3.2	1.2	138.6	2.1	-6	130.7	2.0	.6
Durables	132.8	.6	.0	129.6	-2	.0	133.4	.1	-4	130.3	-1	-4
Services	166.4	2.7	.2	171.7	3.7	.4	171.0	2.9	.4	178.8	2.6	.2
Medical care services	237.6	1.9	.3	236.2	4.7	1.8	241.7	2.0	.2	235.5	4.3	.1
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	153.4	2.7	.1	156.2	2.8	.4	154.9	2.2	-1	151.8	2.4	.2
All items less medical care	149.4	2.6	.1	151.6	2.8	.3	150.8	2.4	.0	150.6	2.6	.2
All items less energy	160.1	2.4	.3	161.7	2.8	.6	161.5	2.0	.0	163.8	2.4	.4
All items less food and energy	161.5	2.2	.4	163.3	2.8	.7	163.2	1.8	.1	166.9	1.7	.4
Energy	107.6	4.6	-1.7	109.7	5.0	-1.2	118.1	5.8	-5	103.8	5.7	-1.1
Commodities less food	136.2	1.9	.1	135.4	1.7	.7	137.1	1.3	-8	131.9	1.2	.2
Nondurables less food	138.2	2.8	.3	138.2	3.1	1.1	139.4	2.3	-6	131.2	1.9	.5
Nondurables	146.2	3.2	.1	146.4	3.0	.3	146.9	2.4	-3	141.2	3.7	.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	163.4	2.8	.1	170.6	3.8	.5	169.7	2.8	.4	168.5	2.1	.2
Services less medical care services	160.0	2.8	.1	165.3	3.6	.3	162.9	3.0	.4	170.7	2.4	.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,¹ by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997		Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category	Mar. 1997			Mar. 1997		
All items	155.9	2.5	0.5	163.1	3.1	0.6
All items (December 1977 = 100)	252.3	-	-	251.5	-	-
Food and beverages	159.9	3.6	.4	156.5	3.5	.8
Food	159.2	3.7	.3	156.3	3.5	.7
Food at home	163.2	3.9	.4	154.5	3.2	.8
Cereals and bakery products ³	177.7	1.6	-1.1	170.1	5.3	2.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	152.4	5.2	.0	142.6	4.5	.4
Dairy products ³	158.8	5.6	-.4	141.5	4.9	.5
Fruits and vegetables ³	200.7	4.1	2.1	204.3	2.6	1.3
Other food at home ³	147.1	2.8	.4	137.3	.2	-.3
Food away from home	153.3	3.4	.3	159.7	3.9	.6
Alcoholic beverages	165.4	2.0	.2	162.3	4.2	1.4
Housing ⁴	153.2	3.0	.3	162.9	3.8	.3
Shelter	163.4	3.2	.3	185.0	4.4	.5
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	159.8	3.7	.5	162.5	4.4	1.2
Rent, residential	168.5	2.9	.3	166.7	3.5	.2
Other renters' costs ³	229.1	8.2	1.7	231.8	8.8	5.8
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	161.1	2.7	.1	185.7	4.4	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	160.8	2.6	.2	186.7	4.4	.2
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	140.5	4.5	.1	131.7	7.1	.1
Fuels	131.1	6.3	-.4	111.7	10.3	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ^{3 9}	109.4	11.3	-1.0	298.8	16.2	-3.0
Fuel oil ^{3 9}	108.9	18.5	-1.3	363.6	16.8	.2
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	141.8	7.0	-.8	131.5	16.1	-3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	132.8	6.2	-.4	110.1	10.1	.0
Electricity	153.1	-.8	-.5	123.0	1.8	.2
Utility (piped) gas	108.2	30.5	.0	96.1	30.2	-.3
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	126.3	1.0	-.1	119.5	-2.2	-.6
Apparel and upkeep	123.9	-4.5	2.1	140.0	-4.6	4.2
Apparel commodities ³	119.0	-5.6	2.5	139.0	-4.7	4.3
Men's and boys' apparel ³	120.7	-1.1	.8	152.4	-3.7	2.4
Women's and girls' apparel ³	110.5	-5.9	4.2	129.5	-4.9	7.2
Footwear ³	119.4	-8.3	-3.5	130.1	1.7	-.8
Transportation	143.9	2.1	.8	142.9	2.7	.1
Private transportation	141.3	1.9	.6	141.7	2.5	.0
Motor fuel	107.4	1.6	2.5	109.5	5.9	1.3
Gasoline	106.3	.6	2.7	108.0	5.0	1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.5	.4	2.9	104.5	5.3	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.4	.1	2.8	115.1	5.5	.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	108.3	-.4	2.5	108.4	3.3	2.2
Public transportation ³	191.4	5.5	3.4	170.9	5.8	1.2
Medical care	228.2	2.7	.1	247.8	5.8	.0
Entertainment ⁸	152.5	.7	.1	172.1	-1.1	1.1
Other goods and services ⁴	225.5	4.0	.4	228.9	5.5	.1
Personal care ³	159.0	-1.4	-1.1	160.6	5.2	.2

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,¹ by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Feb. 1997
Commodity and service group						
All items	155.9	2.5	0.5	163.1	3.1	0.6
Commodities	141.2	1.4	.6	142.4	1.4	.8
Food and beverages	159.9	3.6	.4	156.5	3.5	.8
Commodities less food and beverages	129.8	.0	.9	134.4	.0	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.9	-.7	1.3	141.5	.4	2.1
Durables	128.8	.9	.2	126.0	-.4	-.6
Services	171.2	3.3	.3	187.8	4.6	.3
Medical care services	230.6	2.6	.1	255.5	6.2	.0
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	154.2	2.3	.5	156.6	2.6	.6
All items less medical care	152.8	2.4	.5	158.5	2.9	.6
All items less energy	160.7	2.4	.4	169.3	2.7	.5
All items less food and energy	161.2	2.1	.4	172.3	2.6	.5
Energy	114.9	3.6	1.3	110.5	7.6	.7
Commodities less food	131.6	.2	.8	135.6	.4	.9
Nondurables less food	133.6	-.4	1.2	142.1	.8	1.9
Nondurables	146.1	1.7	.8	149.5	2.0	1.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	168.0	3.6	.4	173.5	4.8	.1
Services less medical care services	167.2	3.4	.4	181.0	4.4	.4

¹ See region and area size on table 10 for information about cross classifications.

² 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.

³ This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

⁴ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1984 = 100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986 = 100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993 = 100 base.

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

⁹ 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 ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Indexes, March 1997						
U.S. city average	156.7	176.4	147.4	145.8	188.2	145.1
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	160.8	182.6	152.7	138.3	190.1	152.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000	160.7	185.1	151.5	139.1	191.3	150.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	166.5	169.8	163.1	144.0	192.1	165.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	154.6	183.8	150.9	120.9	184.2	144.8
North Central urban	152.5	176.8	143.1	145.5	177.1	141.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	155.8	177.4	149.9	149.9	180.8	140.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	151.0	184.1	135.0	148.8	168.1	144.8
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	150.0	171.6	134.4	138.9	180.2	146.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	143.5	175.9	133.3	135.5	162.7	133.2
South urban	153.3	170.2	143.3	146.2	186.5	142.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	154.0	168.5	143.7	151.3	187.7	140.6
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	154.8	171.3	144.4	147.8	199.4	139.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	153.4	166.7	140.9	144.7	182.7	150.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	148.7	178.4	143.7	136.6	168.2	135.9
West urban	161.8	175.3	151.4	155.5	201.3	146.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	163.2	177.7	152.4	158.8	200.7	147.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	154.5	170.1	142.6	141.5	204.3	137.3
Size classes						
A ⁵	145.3	158.5	136.9	141.1	173.7	133.0
B ⁴	158.1	174.1	149.4	148.9	192.0	146.3
C ⁴	152.7	171.8	141.0	137.5	185.3	146.7
D	149.6	177.4	138.3	140.9	171.5	141.3
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	163.4	194.6	142.3	156.4	201.5	152.8
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	155.9	173.0	146.1	143.0	211.8	131.0
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	165.7	180.3	166.4	158.5	196.8	142.8
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	152.1	174.4	148.0	154.4	178.4	128.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	146.0	162.7	137.3	150.0	161.2	137.7
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	148.8	170.8	141.7	136.4	181.0	133.8
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	154.7	165.3	146.9	141.4	180.8	150.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	168.9	176.7	160.5	168.3	211.6	147.8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	162.2	168.7	144.1	146.1	245.9	136.4
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	163.0	186.3	155.1	137.1	195.3	150.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	161.6	194.3	149.0	140.2	185.7	156.5
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	149.9	161.5	144.7	146.8	149.9	152.2
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	147.7	157.8	133.6	146.4	167.4	149.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	165.2	177.3	154.1	151.5	200.5	154.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	157.3	181.3	142.6	155.4	184.6	146.6

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 ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Percent change, February 1997 to March 1997						
U.S. city average	-0.1	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	1.1	0.1
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	.4	.4	-.1	.1	1.9	-.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.4	.9	-.6	.0	2.6	-.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	.8	-.8	1.5	.4	2.6	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	.3	.0	1.1	.7	-1.2	.2
North Central urban	-.5	1.0	-1.6	-1.3	-.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-.2	1.2	-1.4	-.7	-.1	.7
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	-.8	2.2	-3.1	-2.7	1.0	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	-1.1	.0	-2.0	-2.0	-.9	-.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	-.3	1.0	-.9	-1.5	.4	-.5
South urban	-.3	-.7	-1.0	.9	.3	-.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-.3	-.6	-.6	.7	.0	-.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	-.8	-1.2	-1.2	.2	-1.2	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	-.1	.1	-1.5	1.3	1.4	-.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.2	-1.3	-.5	1.8	2.6	.1
West urban	.5	-1.0	.2	-.2	2.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.4	-1.1	.0	-.4	2.1	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	.8	2.7	.4	.5	1.3	-.3
Size classes						
A	.1	.3	-.7	-.1	1.3	.2
B ⁴	-.1	-.6	-.4	-.4	1.1	.1
C ⁴	-.3	.4	-.9	.1	.3	-.2
D	-.1	-.7	-.9	.4	1.5	.1
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	-.5	-2.2	-1.0	2.8	1.4	-1.5
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	.5	.7	-2.1	1.2	7.8	-3.0
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	.2	1.0	-.5	-1.5	.4	1.2
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	-.8	-.1	-2.0	1.7	-1.1	-.8
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-.3	1.4	-.9	-1.1	1.5	-1.5
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	-.9	-.1	-2.7	-.1	-.7	.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-.7	-2.6	.0	-.7	-2.5	.7
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	.6	-.5	.7	-.6	2.9	-.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2.1	1.9	1.1	-1.5	5.8	2.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	.3	.2	-.3	-.7	2.9	-.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	.3	3.2	-1.1	.9	-1.4	1.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	1.7	.0	2.9	1.6	4.5	-.4
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1.4	2.1	.4	-2.3	5.9	1.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	.4	-3.0	.0	2.2	.3	1.9
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	-1.3	-1.5	-3.0	-.6	-.1	-.1

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

² This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

³ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, February 1997 to March 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 ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Expenditure category						
All items	0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8
Food and beverages	.1	.2	.5	.3	.3	.3
Food	.1	.1	.5	.4	.3	.3
Food at home	-1	.2	.6	.3	.3	.4
Cereals and bakery products ²	.0	1.0	-5	.2	3.2	-3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	-7	-5	.7	-3	-1.1	.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	-4	-4	1.0	-3	-1.0	.1
Dairy products ²	-1	-1.5	-6	-7	.9	2.2
Fruits and vegetables ^{2 3}	1.1	.4	2.9	2.9	-1.4	.3
Other food at home ²	.1	1.2	-3	-7	1.1	1.9
Food away from home	.2	.2	.3	.5	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	.2	.1	.7	-2	1.2	.1
Housing ³	.1	-3	.0	.1	-1	.6
Shelter	.3	.1	-1	.4	.1	.8
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	.6	.1	-1	.6	-8	.7
Rent, residential	.2	.1	-1	.3	.3	.7
Other renters' costs ^{2 4}	2.2	.3	.3	2.1	-2.4	1.0
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	.1	.2	-3	.3	.5	.9
Owners' equivalent rent	.2	.2	-3	.3	.5	.9
Fuel and other utilities ³	-8	-4.1	.5	-1.0	-2	.1
Fuels	-1.7	-7.4	.0	-1.6	-4	-1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	-3.7	-2	-1.2	-3.4	-5.8	-1.9
Fuel oil ²	-4.1	1.3	-	-3.5	-5.8	-12.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 5}	-3.0	-2.9	-1.2	-2.4	-	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	-1.5	-7.5	.0	-1.1	.4	.0
Electricity	.3	4.2	.0	-2	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas	-5.0	-17.2	.0	-2.6	1.3	.0
Household furnishings and operation ³	.2	2.1	.2	-5	-7	-2
Apparel and upkeep	2.1	.7	1.7	2.4	3.1	3.9
Apparel commodities ^{2 4}	2.3	.7	2.1	2.6	3.5	4.3
Men's and boys' apparel ²	1.3	3.1	1.0	3.5	3.6	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel ²	3.5	-1.8	2.9	1.5	5.2	7.7
Footwear ²	.6	1.1	-4.1	3.9	3.3	-5.1
Transportation	-1	-6	1.2	.0	-1	.7
Private transportation	-4	-7	.9	-4	-1	.3
Motor fuel	-1.8	-3.7	4.4	-2.2	-1.9	1.4
Gasoline	-1.7	-3.9	4.9	-2.1	-1.7	1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular	-1.8	-4.0	5.2	-2.5	-2.6	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	-1.4	-4.0	4.9	-2.3	-2.2	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	-1.6	-3.7	4.3	-1.4	-2.3	1.5
Public transportation ²	2.7	1.6	4.7	1.8	.5	4.4
Medical care	.3	.1	.0	.2	.5	.4
Entertainment ⁷	.3	.3	.7	.3	.7	-3
Other goods and services ³	.3	-2	-5	.1	-3	2.1
Personal care ²	.1	1.1	-2.9	.2	2.5	6.4

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, February 1997 to March 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 ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Commodity and service group						
All items	0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8
Commodities	.1	.0	.8	.3	.1	.8
Food and beverages	.1	.2	.5	.3	.3	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	.2	-.1	.9	.2	.1	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	.2	-.7	1.6	.1	-.4	1.7
Durables	.1	.7	.2	.2	.8	.5
Services	.2	-.3	.2	.2	.2	.8
Medical care services	.3	.1	.0	.1	.4	.0
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	.1	-.3	.7	.2	.2	.7
All items less medical care	.2	-.2	.4	.2	.2	.8
All items less energy	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	.8
All items less food and energy	.4	.4	.3	.5	.3	.9
Energy	-1.8	-5.6	2.5	-1.9	-1.0	.7
Commodities less food	.1	-.1	.9	.2	.2	1.2
Nondurables less food	.3	-.6	1.4	.1	-.2	1.5
Nondurables	.2	-.2	.9	.2	.0	.9
Services less rent of shelter	.1	-.8	.5	.1	.3	.6
Services less medical care services	.2	-.4	.1	.3	.2	.8

¹ 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.

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

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁷ 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 1 ¹											
	U.S. city average			Baltimore, MD ²			Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH			Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	157.0	2.7	0.4	155.9	2.7	0.8	166.8	3.2	0.1	155.6	2.8	0.2
All items (1967 = 100)	467.8	-	-	464.9	-	-	482.2	-	-	457.0	-	-
Food and beverages	156.5	3.3	.1	161.0	3.1	.3	158.4	1.6	.4	160.0	3.6	-.3
Food	156.1	3.3	.0	161.7	3.2	.2	158.3	1.7	.4	158.7	3.8	-.5
Food at home	156.7	3.4	-.3	163.4	4.3	.0	155.9	1.5	.5	165.7	4.2	-.8
Cereals and bakery products ³	176.4	2.8	.1	194.6	.0	-.6	173.0	-.5	1.3	180.3	1.0	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	147.4	3.6	-.1	142.3	4.9	.4	146.1	2.3	-.3	166.4	4.5	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	147.8	4.1	-.1	144.3	5.9	.8	146.3	2.2	-.3	169.1	5.0	-.9
Dairy products ³	145.8	6.7	-.1	156.4	8.8	-.3	143.0	12.5	2.3	158.5	3.5	-.1
Fruits and vegetables ^{3,4}	188.2	3.0	1.1	201.5	11.0	-.6	211.8	7.7	7.4	196.8	10.0	-.2
Other food at home ³	145.1	2.1	.5	152.8	.1	.5	131.0	-.6	-.1	142.8	1.8	.8
Food away from home	156.0	3.2	.4	158.7	1.0	.8	164.4	1.9	.1	145.7	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages	161.5	3.0	.7	152.3	2.6	.9	161.3	1.4	.3	175.0	2.0	.8
Housing ⁴	152.5	2.7	.5	144.1	2.1	.7	162.4	4.3	.6	149.2	3.3	.0
Shelter	169.9	2.9	.8	161.8	1.8	.1	185.9	4.9	.5	169.0	3.0	.7
Renters' costs ^{5,6}	161.9	3.1	1.6	147.1	2.1	.5	172.0	5.4	1.4	165.2	3.6	.7
Rent, residential	164.7	2.7	.4	161.9	2.0	.1	175.2	4.5	.7	180.3	3.6	.5
Other renters' costs ^{5,6}	229.9	4.7	6.3	138.4	2.5	2.8	251.0	9.3	4.7	170.0	3.3	2.5
Homeowners' costs ^{5,6}	163.9	2.7	.4	152.7	1.5	-.1	168.1	4.7	.1	170.4	3.0	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	164.3	2.8	.4	153.8	1.5	-.1	168.0	4.5	.1	169.5	3.0	.7
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	129.6	3.7	-.7	118.6	5.3	1.4	134.8	4.0	.3	126.7	9.0	-.3
Fuels	116.5	4.5	-.1	110.8	5.7	2.9	117.7	5.2	.1	114.5	7.6	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	105.3	6.3	-.5	97.0	4.3	-.6	100.8	4.7	-.4	104.0	11.0	-.2
Fuel oil ³	103.0	5.7	-.4	100.4	4.3	-.6	102.2	3.7	-.5	101.5	11.1	1.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{3,7}	137.9	7.3	-.7	NA	-	-	120.8	19.6	19.6	138.4	10.6	-.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	122.9	4.2	-.1	128.5	5.9	4.2	142.6	5.3	1.1	118.1	7.6	-.8
Electricity	129.1	1.1	.5	123.7	.1	.0	142.4	6.0	1.9	125.9	8.1	1.6
Utility (piped) gas	114.9	11.6	-.4	138.8	19.3	13.2	140.7	4.6	.2	111.1	7.1	-.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	123.9	.6	.4	125.1	-.2	2.1	118.9	.6	1.3	112.4	-.2	1.0
Apparel and upkeep	133.8	-.1	4.0	133.3	-.4	4.1	146.9	-.3	-.3	122.7	-.2	6.0
Apparel commodities ^{3,5}	130.5	-.3	4.3	127.6	-.7	4.4	136.6	-.4	-.4	122.4	-.3	6.3
Men's and boys' apparel ³	128.8	-.1	1.4	123.8	-.4	.8	129.8	-.8	-.2	118.8	1.6	4.1
Women's and girls' apparel ³	129.2	.5	7.8	118.6	1.6	12.0	111.6	-.6	-.1	111.5	-.5	16.5
Footwear ³	127.9	-.7	1.5	158.2	.4	-.2	139.2	-.1	-.1	141.7	-.1	-.4
Transportation	144.2	2.3	-.3	144.1	3.1	.8	145.4	3.6	-.5	138.7	1.6	-.8
Private transportation	141.9	2.2	-.4	143.0	2.6	.2	146.0	4.1	-.5	136.3	1.3	-.1
Motor fuel	106.3	4.8	-.2	108.1	9.0	-.2	110.7	11.5	-.2	106.1	.7	-.4
Gasoline	105.7	4.4	-.2	105.6	9.1	-.2	108.8	10.7	-.2	105.2	.1	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.7	4.7	-.2	106.4	10.4	-.2	106.7	10.5	-.3	103.6	.5	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	110.4	4.5	-.1	106.6	8.9	-.1	112.0	8.6	-.1	111.5	-.7	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium	106.9	4.1	-.2	102.3	6.6	-.2	110.4	7.5	-.2	106.3	-.2	-.6
Public transportation ³	185.1	4.5	.8	167.1	11.3	12.8	138.0	-.1	-.1	162.1	4.6	2.8
Medical care	232.8	3.0	.7	234.2	1.6	.3	281.8	3.7	-.6	239.3	2.9	.4
Entertainment ⁹	159.6	2.2	.5	176.3	3.8	.1	175.7	1.9	.9	171.6	6.0	.6
Other goods and services ⁴	218.0	3.9	.6	224.2	6.4	1.7	226.4	4.6	1.6	227.4	3.9	.8
Personal care ³	151.6	1.5	.0	141.1	9.8	.6	148.1	4.4	2.4	159.0	6.4	2.5
Commodity and service group												
All items	157.0	2.7	.4	155.9	2.7	.8	166.8	3.2	.1	155.6	2.8	.2
Commodities	142.0	2.1	.4	143.3	2.6	.8	143.6	1.8	-.4	140.8	1.3	.1
Food and beverages	156.5	3.3	.1	161.0	3.1	.3	158.4	1.6	.4	160.0	3.6	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	133.1	1.3	.5	133.8	2.2	1.2	134.5	2.0	-.1	128.8	-.5	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.8	2.0	.8	137.7	3.9	1.3	137.9	2.6	-.1	135.4	.1	.3
Durables	129.6	.2	.1	126.8	-.3	1.0	129.1	1.1	.3	121.2	-.1	.4
Services	175.2	3.2	.6	174.1	2.9	.9	193.0	4.1	.5	172.3	4.3	.3
Medical care services	237.4	3.0	.6	234.9	.7	.6	294.1	4.1	-.4	240.7	3.0	.2
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	153.7	2.6	.3	155.1	3.1	1.1	162.1	2.4	-.1	152.1	2.8	.0
All items less medical care	153.5	2.7	.5	152.4	2.8	.9	161.7	3.2	.2	151.5	2.9	.1
All items less energy	163.5	2.5	.6	163.3	2.3	.9	175.1	2.8	.3	162.2	2.8	.9
All items less food and energy	165.5	2.4	.9	163.7	2.2	1.0	179.5	3.0	.2	163.0	2.5	1.2
Energy	110.7	4.6	-.2	109.0	7.3	.4	114.6	7.5	-.1	109.5	4.1	-.7
Commodities less food	134.2	1.4	.5	134.5	2.2	1.2	135.5	2.0	-.9	130.9	-.2	.4
Nondurables less food	136.4	2.1	.8	138.5	3.8	1.3	138.6	2.5	-.1	138.2	.3	.4
Nondurables	146.0	2.7	.4	148.7	3.5	.8	147.5	2.1	-.5	148.1	2.0	-.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	166.3	3.5	.4	169.7	3.9	1.4	188.2	3.3	.5	164.3	5.5	-.1
Services less medical care services	169.9	3.2	.5	169.1	3.2	.9	185.1	4.1	.7	166.3	4.5	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹											
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	147.5	3.1	0.9	154.2	1.5	0.4	156.2	3.9	0.1	166.6	2.5	0.9
All items (1967=100) ¹⁰	460.8	-	-	455.7	-	-	253.7	-	-	474.5	-	-
Food and beverages	156.3	3.4	-6	163.3	3.8	-3	164.3	4.1	.8	162.0	2.5	.7
Food	157.1	3.6	-7	161.4	4.2	-4	165.3	4.2	.9	161.8	2.5	.9
Food at home	152.1	3.5	-1.0	168.9	4.6	-9	162.2	5.2	1.2	163.0	2.3	.8
Cereals and bakery products ³	174.4	3.6	.0	176.7	1.3	-1.5	168.7	10.2	.8	186.3	3.2	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	148.0	2.9	-3.3	160.5	6.2	-2	144.1	3.2	-2.8	155.1	3.0	-3
Meats, poultry, and fish	149.9	3.7	-3.2	157.1	6.7	-4	146.2	4.1	-2.3	155.5	3.0	-3
Dairy products ³	154.4	15.7	1.8	168.3	3.6	-4.6	146.1	3.1	-2.1	137.1	4.2	-1.9
Fruits and vegetables ^{3 4}	178.4	.5	-2.0	211.6	6.9	-7	245.9	8.9	8.3	195.3	1.4	5.7
Other food at home ³	128.2	.5	.9	147.8	3.2	.7	136.4	2.1	2.2	150.7	.4	.1
Food away from home	167.6	3.8	-2	150.0	3.4	.5	172.1	2.7	.2	163.0	2.6	.9
Alcoholic beverages	148.8	1.6	1.0	180.0	1.2	.6	150.0	2.7	-1	165.2	4.0	.0
Housing ⁴	140.6	3.2	1.6	149.5	1.3	.1	149.1	3.9	.2	165.3	2.2	.7
Shelter	151.1	1.9	1.3	156.8	1.8	.1	158.1	2.7	.6	190.9	3.0	.9
Renters' costs ^{5 3 6}	164.4	1.2	2.9	151.9	2.2	.7	155.5	2.8	1.4	176.5	3.9	1.4
Rent, residential	159.5	2.1	.8	158.6	1.1	.1	147.6	2.2	-1	182.3	3.5	.7
Other renters' costs ^{5 6}	214.7	-5	7.5	228.8	8.3	4.1	275.0	6.5	9.6	270.9	6.6	5.4
Homeowners' costs ^{5 3 6}	154.5	2.3	.8	155.7	1.4	-4	154.9	2.5	.2	181.0	2.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	155.2	2.2	.7	155.1	1.2	-4	151.6	2.0	.2	181.9	2.5	.8
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	130.4	9.4	2.9	149.4	.5	.7	121.0	2.8	-2	118.0	2.6	.0
Fuels	127.3	16.5	4.6	144.4	-1.3	.0	113.0	3.2	.0	118.1	2.5	-1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	99.6	1.3	-2.8	128.0	8.8	1.4	177.4	8.1	-1.2	110.6	5.0	-4.4
Fuel oil ³	95.2	6.0	-3.1	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	110.4	4.9	-4.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 7}	119.1	-1.3	-2.6	128.1	8.8	1.4	154.3	8.1	-1.2	130.5	4.7	-4.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	129.4	17.2	4.9	144.7	-1.4	-1	111.8	3.0	.0	126.5	1.9	1.2
Electricity	133.4	3.4	.1	167.0	-9	-1	109.9	3.4	.0	127.0	-2	3.1
Utility (piped) gas	126.4	31.4	9.2	119.6	-2.8	.0	160.2	-1.5	1.0	125.7	5.5	-1.9
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	124.7	1.5	1.3	122.5	-3	-3	149.1	11.5	-9	127.3	-3.4	-1
Apparel and upkeep	125.5	-3.2	4.8	124.4	-6.8	2.0	155.0	2.4	-6.3	130.4	2.2	7.9
Apparel commodities ^{3 6}	123.1	-3.8	5.3	119.4	-8.4	2.2	146.9	2.7	-7.3	126.8	2.3	8.7
Men's and boys' apparel ³	132.4	.8	4.8	126.5	-5.1	1.6	133.0	-3.6	-8	118.5	3.1	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel ³	129.8	-10.4	5.4	115.3	-6.5	1.2	161.0	6.2	-14.6	126.6	4.0	14.6
Footwear ³	83.8	2.6	4.4	101.6	-14.5	1.7	161.8	12.9	3.0	137.6	.6	7.7
Transportation	137.9	4.1	.1	141.8	1.5	1.6	146.7	4.6	1.0	155.6	2.7	-1
Private transportation	136.9	3.2	-7	138.6	1.2	1.4	146.7	4.6	.8	148.5	2.8	-5
Motor fuel	110.9	-4	-7.4	103.5	.4	6.2	118.0	10.8	-1.3	101.6	5.8	-3.3
Gasoline	109.9	-1.1	-7.9	101.2	-1.6	6.3	117.2	10.4	-1.4	101.3	5.9	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular	108.8	-1.0	-8.3	99.2	-1.7	6.6	115.6	12.0	-1.5	100.5	6.9	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	112.5	-1.1	-7.8	99.3	-2.1	6.7	111.0	8.8	-1.3	104.2	5.3	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium	112.5	-1.1	-6.6	101.9	-2.6	5.9	117.8	8.3	-1.4	102.6	4.4	-3.2
Public transportation ³	155.5	18.3	12.7	210.4	5.4	4.9	143.0	3.8	2.5	188.8	1.7	1.8
Medical care	208.7	1.3	.6	229.5	2.0	.1	216.1	2.5	1.9	244.0	4.7	.5
Entertainment ⁹	153.4	2.6	-4	148.2	.7	.2	156.4	6.7	-1.2	165.1	1.5	-4
Other goods and services ⁴	200.6	4.8	1.4	225.8	3.4	.3	171.0	2.8	.4	226.6	3.4	.1
Personal care ³	140.5	.9	.0	161.5	-3.0	-2.3	103.0	2.4	2.0	169.5	.7	.4
Commodity and service group												
All items	147.5	3.1	.9	154.2	1.5	.4	156.2	3.9	.1	166.6	2.5	.9
Commodities	137.5	1.7	-3	140.6	.9	.4	151.3	4.9	-7	148.2	1.7	1.2
Food and beverages	156.3	3.4	-6	163.3	3.8	-3	164.3	4.1	.8	162.0	2.5	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	126.9	.6	-1	126.8	-1.1	1.0	143.0	5.4	-1.6	133.8	1.0	1.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.4	-1	-4	130.1	-2.5	1.7	136.4	5.7	-2.8	133.7	2.0	2.3
Durables	117.1	1.5	.5	124.2	.5	.1	151.5	5.0	-3	130.8	-1.3	.3
Services	159.5	4.5	2.0	168.6	2.0	.5	162.1	3.1	.9	188.5	3.2	.7
Medical care services	204.5	.9	.4	233.0	1.5	.1	217.6	2.1	1.6	250.5	5.4	.4
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	148.3	3.5	.7	154.4	1.4	.6	155.7	4.4	.0	158.5	2.3	.9
All items less medical care	144.8	3.1	.8	151.1	1.5	.5	153.1	4.1	.0	163.5	2.4	.9
All items less energy	151.7	2.7	1.1	158.7	1.6	.3	161.9	3.6	.2	173.5	2.5	1.1
All items less food and energy	150.6	2.4	1.6	158.4	1.1	.4	161.3	3.5	.1	176.9	2.4	1.1
Energy	120.5	6.8	-2.1	116.0	-3	3.5	112.0	7.3	-8	111.2	3.7	-1.4
Commodities less food	127.8	.6	.0	129.6	-9	.9	143.2	5.2	-1.5	135.1	1.1	1.6
Nondurables less food	136.1	.1	-3	134.6	-2.0	1.6	137.1	5.5	-2.6	135.5	2.1	2.0
Durables	146.4	1.7	-5	147.6	1.0	.5	151.5	4.8	-8	149.1	2.3	1.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁸	157.4	6.9	2.7	170.8	2.4	.8	155.8	3.9	1.2	169.2	3.4	.4
Services less medical care services	155.6	4.7	2.1	164.3	2.0	.4	157.1	3.2	.8	184.2	3.0	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹											
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ¹¹			St. Louis- East St. Louis, MO-IL ¹²			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹¹			Washington, DC-MD-VA ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996		Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996
Expenditure category												
All items	165.3	2.5	0.5	151.1	2.1	0.3	156.2	3.6	1.4	159.1	2.4	0.1
All items (1967=100)	480.0	-	-	444.4	-	-	475.6	-	-	476.6	-	-
Food and beverages	155.3	2.4	.2	154.1	2.8	.3	160.2	3.3	1.2	154.8	2.4	.1
Food	154.3	2.6	.1	152.6	2.6	.4	161.1	3.4	1.2	155.2	2.6	.1
Food at home	161.6	3.1	.1	147.7	1.1	.3	165.2	3.0	1.5	157.3	1.4	-.6
Cereals and bakery products ³	194.3	4.8	4.3	157.8	.8	.6	177.3	3.3	.3	181.3	-1.1	-1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	149.0	1.1	-2.4	133.6	2.2	-1.0	154.1	4.8	.7	142.6	-.7	-2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	149.3	.9	-2.3	135.8	2.7	-.9	148.8	5.7	.9	143.9	.1	-1.9
Dairy products ³	140.2	7.4	3.0	146.4	2.9	-4.6	151.5	3.5	-.1	155.4	2.8	-2.6
Fruits and vegetables ^{3,4}	185.7	2.6	-2.2	167.4	-3.3	.8	200.5	.2	7.4	184.6	4.6	2.8
Other food at home ³	156.5	3.3	.8	149.5	2.0	3.5	154.1	2.9	-.8	146.6	2.9	.5
Food away from home	138.1	1.2	.1	160.5	4.5	.5	154.3	4.2	.5	153.9	4.3	1.2
Alcoholic beverages	171.2	1.2	2.3	161.2	5.4	-.7	153.5	2.2	1.6	152.1	1.2	-.1
Housing ⁴	168.0	2.6	1.3	146.9	2.2	-.3	158.8	6.2	1.0	152.8	.4	-.3
Shelter	198.2	2.8	1.5	162.6	1.0	.1	172.2	5.1	.8	168.4	1.0	.5
Renters' costs ^{5,3,6}	191.2	3.4	3.1	153.6	-1.0	.7	166.6	5.5	.4	158.1	.9	1.0
Rent, residential	174.8	2.5	.6	145.6	1.5	.4	180.7	5.1	.7	169.4	.7	.1
Other renters' costs ^{5,6}	304.9	4.8	6.9	217.0	-5.0	1.4	220.6	8.5	-1.6	215.8	2.4	11.2
Homeowners' costs ^{5,3,6}	175.0	2.6	1.0	155.4	1.8	-.1	162.1	4.9	1.1	157.7	.8	.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	175.8	2.6	1.0	156.2	1.8	.0	161.9	4.4	1.1	158.4	.9	.1
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	130.8	4.6	.3	121.0	3.3	-4.8	144.0	17.2	.6	127.1	2.0	-2.1
Fuels	120.8	6.4	1.0	108.8	3.3	-8.6	145.6	39.1	.0	109.3	3.4	-4.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	106.9	-.2	-8.2	98.2	7.4	-22.7	157.5	.3	.1	105.1	-.2	-5.2
Fuel oil ³	100.3	-.2	-8.2	86.7	1.0	-11.5	115.6	21.9	6.8	98.4	.9	-5.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{3,7}	NA	-	-	125.3	11.1	-27.6	170.0	-.7	-.4	164.4	-2.3	-4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	136.7	7.5	2.5	111.4	3.1	-6.9	145.3	40.5	.0	115.5	3.7	-3.8
Electricity	148.6	1.8	3.2	121.7	-2.5	.3	175.0	.2	.0	118.2	1.8	.9
Utility (piped) gas	121.8	20.2	1.2	103.8	10.5	-14.3	107.8	-	.0	112.1	6.6	-9.5
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	122.2	-1.5	1.1	129.2	5.8	3.9	119.0	2.2	2.4	127.0	-3.4	-2.0
Apparel and upkeep	101.1	-1.7	3.8	125.6	.6	7.5	122.9	-4.7	4.2	149.2	4.3	1.4
Apparel commodities ^{3,5}	95.4	-2.1	4.1	123.9	.6	8.2	118.6	-5.3	4.7	145.1	4.6	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel ³	121.4	-4.0	-.1	137.4	-.9	-1.1	112.2	4.0	-7.0	148.4	1.5	-4.4
Women's and girls' apparel ³	69.1	-4.8	10.0	115.6	9.6	15.5	96.9	-8.4	13.5	147.4	8.0	7.7
Footwear ³	119.7	4.7	4.1	105.2	13.1	9.2	147.6	-10.7	1.9	131.3	4.4	-1.1
Transportation	154.1	2.3	-.9	144.3	1.3	-.2	136.7	1.5	2.2	151.0	3.4	.1
Private transportation	152.5	2.5	-1.0	143.7	1.0	-.8	132.3	.5	1.8	149.9	2.7	-.1
Motor fuel	109.4	9.5	-2.5	104.3	-.1	-8.3	110.4	-1.2	6.2	112.7	9.4	-2.0
Gasoline	107.7	9.8	-2.3	102.4	-1.2	-9.4	108.6	-2.1	6.3	111.8	9.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	106.9	10.0	-3.2	98.9	-.6	-9.8	106.1	-1.6	6.4	110.1	10.3	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	105.9	8.0	-3.1	117.1	-1.8	-9.3	103.9	-2.9	5.9	106.3	8.8	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	101.6	7.4	-3.2	103.6	-2.1	-7.7	109.1	-2.9	5.8	110.5	7.9	-1.3
Public transportation ³	178.3	1.4	1.2	159.8	9.5	16.0	196.2	9.4	5.7	166.6	12.2	2.0
Medical care	243.0	4.7	.6	223.0	4.0	1.1	216.9	2.7	.5	232.3	6.0	.2
Entertainment ⁹	178.7	2.2	.0	156.5	.3	.3	155.8	.1	-.5	166.1	4.7	.2
Other goods and services ⁴	231.9	2.9	-.7	181.3	2.2	-.4	228.1	4.3	1.7	222.3	5.0	1.4
Personal care ³	195.3	2.7	.4	100.7	-5.4	.1	160.5	1.0	1.8	170.0	6.9	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹											
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ¹¹			St. Louis- East St. Louis, MO-IL ¹²			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹¹			Washington, DC-MD-VA ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997
Commodity and service group												
All items	165.3	2.5	0.5	151.1	2.1	0.3	156.2	3.6	1.4	159.1	2.4	0.1
Commodities	139.2	1.6	.1	141.0	2.1	.4	141.8	1.3	1.9	144.1	2.7	-.1
Food and beverages	155.3	2.4	.2	154.1	2.8	.3	160.2	3.3	1.2	154.8	2.4	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	127.5	.9	-.1	133.2	1.6	.6	129.6	-.5	2.5	138.2	2.9	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	123.1	1.2	-.6	129.0	1.8	-.1	128.7	-1.4	3.2	142.0	6.2	.1
Durables	132.4	.2	.8	136.7	1.3	1.5	128.9	.9	1.6	130.7	-2.0	-.4
Services	196.4	3.1	.9	164.3	2.1	.2	171.0	5.6	.9	175.4	2.1	.2
Medical care services	250.3	5.2	.4	228.9	4.4	1.6	219.5	2.2	.1	238.0	6.3	.3
Special Indexes												
All items less shelter	156.5	2.3	.1	148.3	2.4	.4	151.1	3.0	1.6	156.4	2.9	-.1
All items less medical care	161.9	2.3	.5	147.5	1.9	.2	153.9	3.7	1.4	155.8	2.2	.1
All items less energy	172.6	2.0	.6	158.0	2.1	1.2	160.7	3.1	1.2	165.3	2.1	.3
All items less food and energy	178.4	1.9	.7	159.3	2.0	1.4	160.7	3.0	1.2	167.8	2.0	.4
Energy	114.5	7.6	-.4	105.4	1.5	-8.5	123.0	13.5	3.4	110.5	6.6	-2.9
Commodities less food	129.3	.9	.0	134.7	1.9	.5	130.7	-.2	2.5	138.7	2.7	-.1
Nondurables less food	126.1	1.2	-.3	131.5	2.2	-.2	130.0	-.9	2.9	142.3	5.8	.1
Nondurables	140.1	1.9	-.1	141.9	2.3	.1	145.3	1.4	2.0	148.3	4.4	.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	177.1	3.4	.2	158.8	3.0	.3	157.3	6.5	1.0	165.7	3.4	.0
Services less medical care services	192.4	2.9	.9	158.3	1.8	.0	168.3	5.8	1.0	170.5	1.7	.3

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

² 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.

³ This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

⁴ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Indexes are on a November 1984=100 base in Baltimore, Boston, Miami, St. Louis, Washington. Indexes are on a December 1984=100 base in the U.S., Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.

⁷ Indexes on a November 1986=100 base in Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Miami, St. Louis, and Washington. Indexes on a December 1986=100 base in U.S., Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

¹⁰ Index on a November 1977=100 base in Miami.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

^{NA} 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	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.8	-	-	31.5	1.9	1.6
1966	31.8	32.0	32.1	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.7	32.7	32.9	32.9	32.9	-	-	32.4	3.5	2.9
1967	32.9	32.9	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	-	-	33.4	3.0	3.1
1968	34.1	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.5	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.5	-	-	34.8	4.7	4.2
1969	35.6	35.8	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.3	37.5	37.7	-	-	36.7	6.2	5.5
1970	37.8	38.0	38.2	38.5	38.6	38.8	39.0	39.0	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	-	-	38.8	5.6	5.7
1971	39.8	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.6	40.7	40.8	40.8	40.9	40.9	41.1	-	-	40.5	3.3	4.4
1972	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.5	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.3	42.4	42.5	-	-	41.8	3.4	3.2
1973	42.6	42.9	43.3	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.3	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.9	46.2	-	-	44.4	8.7	6.2
1974	46.6	47.2	47.8	48.0	48.6	49.0	49.4	50.0	50.6	51.1	51.5	51.9	-	-	49.3	12.3	11.0
1975	52.1	52.5	52.7	52.9	53.2	53.6	54.2	54.3	54.6	54.9	55.3	55.5	-	-	53.8	6.9	9.1
1976	55.6	55.8	55.9	56.1	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	58.0	58.2	-	-	56.9	4.9	5.8
1977	58.5	59.1	59.5	60.0	60.3	60.7	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.9	62.1	-	-	60.6	6.7	6.5
1978	62.5	62.9	63.4	63.9	64.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	66.5	67.1	67.4	67.7	-	-	65.2	9.0	7.6
1979	68.3	69.1	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.3	73.1	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.9	76.7	-	-	72.6	13.3	11.3
1980	77.8	78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3	-	-	82.4	12.5	13.5
1981	87.0	87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	-	-	90.9	8.9	10.3
1982	94.3	94.6	94.5	94.9	95.8	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	97.6	-	-	96.5	3.8	6.2
1983	97.8	97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	-	-	99.6	3.8	3.2
1984	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.1	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.5	105.0	105.3	105.3	105.3	102.9	104.9	103.9	3.9	4.3
1985	105.5	106.0	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.3	108.7	109.0	109.3	106.6	108.5	107.6	3.8	3.6
1986	109.6	109.3	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.5	109.1	110.1	109.6	1.1	1.9
1987	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	112.4	114.9	113.6	4.4	3.6
1988	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1	117.5	118.0	118.5	119.0	119.8	120.2	120.3	120.5	116.8	119.7	118.3	4.4	4.1
1989	121.1	121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.6	125.9	126.1	122.7	125.3	124.0	4.6	4.8
1990	127.4	128.0	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.9	130.4	131.6	132.7	133.5	133.8	133.8	128.7	132.6	130.7	6.1	5.4
1991	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	135.2	137.2	136.2	3.1	4.2
1992	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	139.7	140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	139.2	141.4	140.3	2.9	3.0
1993	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	144.2	144.4	144.4	144.8	145.1	145.7	145.8	145.8	143.7	145.3	144.5	2.7	3.0
1994	146.2	146.7	147.2	147.4	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	147.2	149.3	148.2	2.7	2.6
1995	150.3	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.5	152.5	152.9	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	151.5	153.2	152.4	2.5	2.8
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	158.3	158.6	158.6	155.8	157.9	156.9	3.3	3.0
1997	159.1	159.6	160.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Commodity and service group											
All items	115.4	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	160.0
Commodities	109.3	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	142.0
Food and beverages	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	157.1
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	132.9
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	135.0
Apparel commodities ¹	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	131.0
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	140.2
Durables	109.5	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	129.9
Services	122.2	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	178.2
Rent of shelter ²	128.5	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	182.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{1 2}	112.3	116.2	119.0	122.2	127.8	131.4	134.9	135.9	138.6	143.4	144.3
Transportation services	124.6	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	184.9
Medical care services	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	212.8	227.8	235.0	237.7
Other services	129.0	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	207.3
Special indexes											
All items less food	115.5	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	160.6
All items less shelter	113.2	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	155.6
All items less homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	161.2
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	155.9
Commodities less food	106.0	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	134.1
Nondurables less food	103.7	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	136.6
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	141.4
Nondurables	109.1	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.2
Services less rent of shelter ²	124.6	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	185.2	186.7
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	172.7
Energy	88.3	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	111.2
All items less energy	119.2	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	166.5
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	169.0
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	143.0
Energy commodities	82.0	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	106.6
Services less energy services	124.4	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	183.8
Expenditure category											
Food and beverages	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	157.1
Food	114.7	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	156.6
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	168.7
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	155.0
Cereal	126.7	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	186.9
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	106.3	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	147.8
Bakery products	117.0	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	180.1
White bread	113.1	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	182.6
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	180.3
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	178.9
Other bakery products	120.3	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	179.1
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	147.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	111.9	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.2
Meats	110.4	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.1
Beef and veal	108.5	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	135.8
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	114.3
Chuck roast ¹	105.0	112.4	123.4	136.1	137.7	139.2	142.7	140.3	141.7	146.3	143.8
Round roast ¹	101.8	107.0	113.9	124.9	124.1	126.5	127.2	126.9	124.4	131.6	129.5
Round steak ¹	108.1	111.9	118.8	130.2	129.9	129.9	133.3	131.7	129.1	133.9	131.2
Sirloin steak ¹	112.9	120.8	123.4	131.5	127.5	129.1	137.6	135.8	133.4	139.1	137.0
Other beef and veal ¹	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	153.6
Bacon	108.2	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	161.2
Chops	114.3	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	153.4
Ham	118.1	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	155.2
Other pork, including sausage ¹	111.4	108.5	115.9	134.9	127.7	125.8	129.9	128.8	136.8	150.3	148.7
Other meats	112.1	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.5
Poultry	107.8	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	156.3
Fresh whole chicken	107.7	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9
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	156.9
Other poultry ¹	103.8	113.3	121.1	123.0	122.8	126.6	130.9	138.9	143.1	152.3	154.4
Fish and seafood	133.3	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	178.2
Canned fish and seafood	110.0	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	126.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ¹	146.2	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	198.6	202.8
Eggs	85.5	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	141.0

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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	106.7	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	146.1
Fresh milk and cream ¹	105.0	109.9	122.6	125.6	125.3	128.4	131.1	132.0	134.5	149.9	145.8
Fresh whole milk	104.8	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	143.8
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	105.3	109.5	122.0	124.9	124.9	129.1	131.8	133.2	135.4	151.8	148.5
Processed dairy products ¹	108.8	113.3	123.7	128.4	130.2	130.4	129.8	131.8	136.2	147.9	147.0
Cheese ¹	107.0	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.1
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	151.3
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	109.9	112.1	113.4	113.4	113.7	113.5	111.4	111.9	121.4	136.2	135.9
Fruits and vegetables ³	123.4	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	189.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	133.2	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	218.4
Fresh fruits	126.3	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	234.6
Apples	103.6	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	167.6	194.1	198.5
Bananas	107.4	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	175.2
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	126.3	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	190.1
Other fresh fruits ¹	140.4	154.8	179.7	195.7	213.1	215.3	249.3	260.8	264.5	312.9	277.3
Fresh vegetables	140.2	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	202.2
Potatoes	103.8	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	161.2
Lettuce	272.7	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	185.8
Tomatoes	139.3	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	264.5
Other fresh vegetables	126.3	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	204.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	110.0	121.9	124.9	131.6	129.7	131.4	133.2	133.8	137.5	146.2	148.0
Processed fruits ¹	112.3	124.4	125.2	134.6	131.5	134.8	133.7	133.3	138.1	147.3	148.9
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	112.1	126.2	126.3	137.4	131.8	135.3	133.4	132.6	137.2	147.4	148.5
Canned and dried fruits ¹	111.5	115.9	119.6	122.5	128.5	130.7	132.9	133.8	139.0	144.8	148.1
Processed vegetables ¹	107.3	118.9	124.8	128.1	127.6	127.3	132.8	134.7	137.1	145.1	147.1
Frozen vegetables ¹	111.5	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	146.1
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	105.7	120.7	125.4	128.5	127.3	126.6	132.1	134.4	136.2	146.5	148.3
Other food at home	110.0	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	145.5
Sugar and sweets	111.0	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	146.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	102.0	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	134.1
Sweets, including candy ¹	114.7	119.4	123.6	129.8	136.0	137.3	138.4	139.1	142.7	149.7	151.2
Fats and oils	107.7	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	142.4
Nonalcoholic beverages	104.8	107.8	111.0	113.1	112.5	112.3	114.8	131.7	129.5	126.9	129.5
Carbonated drinks	103.3	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	119.2
Coffee	110.5	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	152.3
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	112.4	115.5	120.2	126.5	129.7	132.3	131.6	132.8	135.9	139.6	139.9
Other prepared food	115.0	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	160.3
Canned and packaged soup	118.9	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	186.1
Frozen prepared food	119.0	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	146.2	144.8
Snacks	115.7	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	153.3
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	166.8
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	112.9	119.8	127.9	135.6	140.2	142.9	147.9	152.4	155.4	160.9	162.2
Food away from home	118.9	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	155.0	156.0
Lunch ¹	118.6	124.0	130.2	136.1	140.2	142.3	145.1	147.7	151.1	155.6	156.8
Dinner ¹	118.7	123.9	129.1	134.3	137.9	139.9	142.4	145.3	148.5	152.7	153.7
Other meals and snacks ¹	119.4	124.6	130.6	137.8	142.0	144.1	146.7	149.6	153.0	158.7	159.7
Alcoholic beverages	115.4	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	162.1
Alcoholic beverages at home	112.0	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.5
Beer and ale	111.5	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.3	149.0
Wine	106.1	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.4
Distilled spirits	114.8	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	149.6
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	187.6

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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ³	115.6	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	155.9
Shelter	123.7	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	175.2
Renters' costs ^{1 2}	129.1	134.1	140.1	149.5	155.8	160.2	164.4	168.2	173.2	179.1	186.8
Rent, residential	125.6	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	165.1
Other renters' costs ¹	124.1	130.0	137.2	157.0	169.7	176.7	183.3	186.2	194.2	203.8	231.7
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	232.0
Lodging while at school ²	136.5	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	220.5
Tenants' insurance ¹	122.5	126.6	129.7	131.6	134.4	138.3	142.8	148.7	152.0	155.8	157.5
Homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	128.0	134.0	140.9	147.5	153.0	157.5	162.5	167.8	174.0	178.8	179.8
Owners' equivalent rent ²	128.0	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	180.1
Household insurance ^{1 2}	126.2	130.6	134.0	136.5	140.0	144.3	149.0	155.4	158.3	162.4	163.3
Maintenance and repairs ¹	113.3	115.8	119.5	123.8	128.1	129.3	127.6	132.7	136.6	141.5	142.4
Maintenance and repair services ¹	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 ¹	109.1	112.4	115.8	116.8	123.7	121.3	123.5	126.8	129.1	132.6	134.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 4}	102.2	104.8	109.4	111.7	116.3	117.5	119.1	121.1	120.6	126.5	126.9
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	105.7	109.5	111.7	111.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	121.1	125.6	126.7	129.4
Fuel and other utilities ³	102.0	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	129.9
Fuels	95.1	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	117.2
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	105.5
Fuel oil	79.2	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	102.7
Other household fuel commodities ⁴	102.6	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	138.0
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	123.4
Electricity	107.3	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	129.7
Utility (piped) gas	91.9	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	115.1
Other utilities and public services ¹	120.9	125.5	128.2	132.7	140.2	143.6	148.8	150.6	153.9	159.1	160.5
Telephone services ¹	115.7	117.2	116.9	116.4	120.5	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.6	127.2	127.9
Local charges ¹	138.9	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	162.6
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	93.9
Water and sewerage maintenance	128.0	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	206.9
Cable television ⁵	127.9	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	224.2
Refuse collection ⁵	136.1	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	248.8
Household furnishings and operation ³	107.3	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.4
Housefurnishings ¹	103.3	105.9	105.5	106.1	107.1	108.7	110.3	110.3	111.1	111.0	111.1
Textile housefurnishings ¹	108.0	114.3	113.9	116.7	118.9	116.7	124.4	119.9	120.5	119.7	118.8
Furniture and bedding	111.5	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	134.1
Bedroom furniture	115.8	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	139.9
Sofas ¹	116.0	116.9	116.1	116.6	117.3	121.3	119.5	127.4	140.5	143.0	143.6
Living room chairs and tables ¹	109.4	113.0	112.5	118.7	116.1	120.3	129.6	130.2	137.9	136.4	136.0
Other furniture ¹	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 ¹	89.5	90.1	88.5	86.4	84.9	83.5	82.8	81.8	78.6	77.1	76.8
Video and audio products ¹	83.9	82.7	82.3	79.3	78.7	77.3	76.7	75.1	72.2	70.6	70.5
Televisions	77.9	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	62.9
Video products other than televisions ^{1 6}	-	100.0	95.1	86.1	81.4	78.6	77.0	71.9	67.1	66.7	65.9
Audio products ¹	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 ^{1 4}	98.8	102.4	101.0	100.7	98.6	99.1	100.6	104.2	102.3	103.7	103.6
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	100.4	102.0	103.3	102.3	100.6	101.3	105.8	111.0	108.9	111.3	111.2
Laundry equipment	102.7	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.8
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 4}	97.2	101.9	98.5	97.4	94.5	94.7	94.8	97.1	94.5	93.8	93.1
Information processing equipment ⁶	-	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	52.4
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2}	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	161.2
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	115.3	114.6	119.8	128.6	126.2	128.8	132.1	132.6	138.8	142.2	145.2
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 ¹	106.2	109.0	111.0	112.4	120.2	121.9	122.9	123.5	119.3	120.4	121.8
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	104.2	103.9	100.7	102.6	102.6	102.7	106.5	107.0	107.8	110.4	110.8
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 4}	98.4	100.0	97.2	96.3	95.9	96.9	93.6	91.6	88.3	89.7	90.9
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ⁷	-	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	114.2
Housekeeping supplies	112.5	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	142.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	116.8	121.7	127.3	132.4	138.0	137.4	137.2	139.3	141.4	145.3	145.8
Household paper products and stationery supplies ¹	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 ¹	110.6	113.0	120.9	122.8	123.7	123.0	127.6	128.3	133.3	133.1	136.4
Housekeeping services ¹	111.4	115.9	117.6	122.3	129.4	134.3	137.2	139.1	145.3	150.1	150.6
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 ¹	117.6	120.8	123.1	127.3	132.8	142.0	145.6	147.1	153.6	159.0	159.2
Gardening and other household services ^{1 4}	104.9	109.2	113.2	117.7	120.2	126.1	128.4	129.2	131.6	138.4	138.0

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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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Apparel and upkeep	112.7	118.0	119.2	125.3	129.6	131.4	132.6	130.5	130.6	130.3	134.5
Apparel commodities ¹	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	131.0
Apparel commodities less footwear	111.7	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	131.7
Men's and boys'	110.7	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.8	129.2
Men's	111.6	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	132.6
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	135.5
Furnishings and special clothing	110.1	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	124.7
Shirts ¹	115.3	122.6	122.9	127.9	133.1	134.6	130.8	127.3	132.0	134.5	138.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	109.4	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	129.2	131.4
Boys'	107.2	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	114.8
Women's and girls'	112.6	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.3	130.1
Women's	113.0	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	130.5
Coats and jackets	104.0	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	123.4
Dresses	119.9	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	118.5
Separates and sportswear ¹	116.8	119.3	118.7	126.0	131.2	129.5	133.3	128.6	124.9	124.7	133.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	108.0	114.3	116.3	121.3	124.1	125.0	126.8	128.2	130.7	132.6	134.6
Suits ¹	114.1	120.1	117.4	131.2	144.5	145.8	152.1	152.5	144.8	139.1	161.2
Girls'	110.2	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	128.2
Infants' and toddlers'	114.5	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	129.7
Other apparel commodities ¹	111.3	119.1	122.8	130.8	135.4	138.9	140.5	146.5	148.6	141.6	149.5
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ⁴	102.7	109.2	111.2	118.8	121.2	122.9	121.3	121.3	123.3	127.8	130.7
Watches and jewelry ⁴	109.7	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	149.2
Watches ⁴	103.4	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	129.1
Jewelry ⁴	111.5	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	154.8
Footwear	107.2	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	127.0
Men's	111.4	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	132.3
Boys' and girls'	110.0	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	131.1
Women's	102.4	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	120.8
Apparel services ¹	121.4	126.7	131.3	140.2	144.9	149.7	153.8	156.4	157.7	161.5	162.4
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ¹	122.5	129.1	134.1	141.3	145.5	150.2	155.0	157.8	159.1	164.8	165.9
Other apparel services ¹	120.4	124.4	128.6	139.5	144.5	149.5	152.9	155.1	156.6	158.2	159.0
Transportation	107.6	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	144.9
Private	106.5	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	141.5
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 ^{1 4}	101.9	104.1	105.1	105.5	109.8	112.8	116.7	120.6	122.9	124.0	123.4
Compact new cars ^{1 4}	101.4	102.5	104.7	106.5	109.0	109.8	113.3	118.2	120.1	124.0	124.0
Intermediate new cars ^{1 4}	100.5	101.9	105.6	107.3	111.2	113.5	115.9	119.8	121.5	122.5	122.4
Full-size new cars ^{1 4}	103.2	105.8	109.0	110.6	114.7	116.6	120.1	122.4	123.9	126.4	126.5
Luxury new cars ^{1 4}	104.1	109.5	111.7	114.5	117.6	121.8	124.0	127.5	130.2	133.6	133.8
New trucks ⁵	114.3	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	152.6
New motorcycles ⁴	104.1	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	162.2
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	106.4
Gasoline	81.8	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	105.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular	80.8	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	103.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	110.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	85.3	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	107.0
Automobile maintenance and repair	116.9	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.6	161.5
Body work	120.7	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	170.4
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	118.3	123.4	129.6	136.7	142.1	148.3	154.1	159.8	163.0	167.6	169.8
Maintenance and servicing	115.0	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.2	148.4
Power plant repair ¹	116.8	121.4	127.3	133.1	139.5	145.7	151.2	156.2	161.2	166.6	166.9
Other private transportation ¹	123.8	132.5	139.0	146.7	152.0	155.5	159.0	167.6	172.4	176.0	177.4
Other private transportation commodities ¹	97.5	100.3	102.3	103.8	105.3	104.7	103.3	104.3	105.2	105.2	105.1
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	131.1
Automobile parts and equipment	96.7	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	102.2
Tires	93.2	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	101.2
Other parts and equipment ¹	104.3	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	107.4
Other private transportation services ¹	129.2	139.3	146.9	156.3	162.5	167.1	171.8	182.4	188.3	192.7	194.5
Automobile insurance	149.4	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	250.2
Automobile finance charges ¹	90.3	97.8	102.0	102.0	94.8	81.6	77.0	94.7	96.6	94.7	95.4
Automobile fees ¹	124.4	131.3	138.8	152.6	156.9	166.7	170.3	176.5	177.6	179.3	185.3
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	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 ¹	129.6	136.2	143.1	147.4	149.5	158.9	162.0	173.7	172.8	176.0	188.1
Public transportation	122.1	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	188.1
Airline fares	123.9	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	201.6
Other intercity transportation	127.8	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	155.0
Intracity public transportation	119.8	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	175.4

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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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Medical care	133.1	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	233.4
Medical care commodities	134.9	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	214.7
Prescription drugs	145.7	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	248.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁴	105.4	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	145.2
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	173.4
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	170.0
Medical care services	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	237.7
Professional medical services	131.8	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	214.2
Physicians' services	133.4	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	221.9
Dental services	132.1	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	224.5
Eye care ⁴	105.3	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	141.0
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	104.5	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	151.2
Hospital and related services	135.9	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	276.7
Hospital services ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Inpatient hospital services ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Outpatient hospital services ⁴	107.1	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	223.1
Nursing home services ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Entertainment ¹	117.4	122.8	129.1	134.6	139.9	143.8	147.8	151.2	156.2	160.8	162.1
Entertainment commodities ¹	112.6	117.5	121.6	125.2	129.6	131.9	134.4	136.8	140.7	144.1	144.5
Reading materials	121.4	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	178.7
Newspapers ¹	120.8	126.6	131.6	137.8	151.1	157.2	164.0	172.2	185.3	190.8	191.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books ¹	122.1	126.6	133.3	139.4	144.0	149.0	153.1	156.4	162.8	166.7	167.0
Sporting goods and equipment	106.3	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	123.7
Sport vehicles, including bicycles	106.8	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	126.3
Other sporting goods	103.4	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.6
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ¹	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 ¹	108.0	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	126.3
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	143.2
Entertainment services ¹	124.3	130.0	138.8	146.3	152.7	158.3	163.9	168.3	174.6	180.5	182.7
Club memberships ^{1,4}	101.7	109.1	113.5	119.1	123.2	126.0	130.1	129.3	132.3	131.4	133.3
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{1,4}	107.0	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.9	141.5	152.8	156.7	160.4	167.1	172.5
Admissions	128.4	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	195.4
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	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 ^{1,4}	101.7	105.1	109.6	116.2	120.6	124.3	127.9	131.2	136.3	141.3	142.0
Other goods and services ³	132.1	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	221.4
Tobacco and smoking products	137.0	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	238.2
Personal care	116.5	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	151.8
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	143.6
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	151.6
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	137.9
Personal care services	117.9	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	161.2
Beauty parlor services for females ¹	117.7	122.7	129.7	135.2	137.9	140.9	146.0	149.0	153.9	158.2	160.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ¹	118.6	124.0	129.2	133.7	137.6	142.4	145.9	149.7	155.2	162.4	164.7
Personal and educational expenses ¹	143.4	153.0	164.0	176.3	191.1	204.2	217.5	229.2	241.8	252.9	255.8
School books and supplies	142.4	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	235.4
Personal and educational services ¹	143.6	153.2	164.2	176.6	191.8	205.3	219.0	231.1	243.7	254.8	257.6
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 ⁷	-	-	-	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	223.8
Legal service fees ⁴	105.2	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	160.7
Personal financial services ⁴	104.1	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	191.4
Funeral expenses ⁴	103.9	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	168.6
Special Indexes											
Domestically produced farm food	112.7	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	159.5
Selected beef cuts	107.6	112.0	119.6	129.5	128.2	128.4	133.0	129.2	127.6	131.1	128.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	82.3	80.8	86.2	117.2	98.7	100.5	95.2	100.8	97.0	109.0	106.8
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 ¹	111.9	116.2	118.1	123.0	129.7	134.5	136.9	139.1	145.3	150.1	150.6

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

² Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ 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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Commodity and service group											
All items	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	0.9
Commodities	4.6	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.4
Food and beverages	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	5.2	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	7.5	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-.7	1.3	.5	3.8	1.0
Apparel commodities ¹	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	-.5	3.6
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	-.2
Durables	2.1	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	.0
Services	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	1.2
Rent of shelter	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.9	1.7
Household services less rent of shelter ¹	1.4	3.5	2.4	2.7	4.6	2.8	2.7	.7	2.0	3.5	.6
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	1.1
Other services	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	1.1
Special Indexes											
All items less food	4.6	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.0
All items less shelter	4.2	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	.6
All items less homeowners' costs ¹	4.2	4.3	4.5	6.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.4	1.0
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	.9
Commodities less food	5.1	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	.6
Nondurables less food	7.2	3.7	4.7	11.6	-.2	2.4	-.5	1.3	.7	3.8	1.0
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	-.1
Nondurables	5.4	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.6
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	.8
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	1.2
Energy	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-.9
All items less energy	4.1	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	1.0
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	1.2
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	1.1
Energy commodities	17.8	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-2.3
Services less energy services	4.5	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	1.3
Expenditure category											
Food and beverages	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	.3
Food	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	.2
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	1.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes	1.3	6.9	7.2	2.3	-.4	5.4	-.2	1.8	6.3	7.5	2.5
Cereal	6.0	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	.5
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	4.7	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	.8	2.6
Bakery products	3.8	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	.2
White bread	4.4	11.0	6.1	3.8	1.5	4.1	6.9	2.7	5.5	8.3	-.4
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	.6
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	.1
Other bakery products	3.4	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.0	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.1	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-.5	4.1	5.6	-1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.3	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-.6	3.0	5.2	-.5
Meats	3.6	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	5.2	-.9
Beef and veal	6.7	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.1	2.4	-1.5
Ground beef other than canned	5.8	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-.6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	1.6	-2.8
Chuck roast ¹	5.1	7.0	9.8	10.3	1.2	1.1	2.5	-1.7	1.0	3.2	-1.7
Round roast ¹	6.0	5.1	6.4	9.7	-.6	1.9	.6	-.2	-2.0	5.8	-1.6
Round steak ¹	6.9	3.5	6.2	9.6	-.2	.0	2.6	-1.2	-2.0	3.7	-2.0
Sirloin steak ¹	9.5	7.0	2.2	6.6	-3.0	1.3	6.6	-1.3	-1.8	4.3	-1.5
Other beef and veal ¹	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	-1.2
Bacon	-4.3	-10.4	8.4	17.0	-11.6	-3.5	11.7	-2.0	13.4	24.0	-.2
Chops	-1.8	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	-1.7
Ham	-2.6	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	9.2	-1.4
Other pork, including sausage ¹	.1	-2.6	6.8	16.4	-5.3	-1.5	3.3	-.8	6.2	9.9	-1.1
Other meats	4.2	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	.9
Poultry	-9.3	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-.5	4.2	7.9	-1.0
Fresh whole chicken	-11.0	21.6	-.5	.2	-.5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.4
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	-2.8
Other poultry ¹	-7.6	9.2	6.9	1.6	-.2	3.1	3.4	6.1	3.0	6.4	1.4
Fish and seafood	10.0	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.7	1.8
Canned fish and seafood	10.2	13.5	-4.3	-.5	-.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	.2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ¹	9.9	1.6	5.3	5.0	1.8	1.0	4.9	6.2	3.7	2.0	2.1
Eggs	-17.6	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-13.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	1.7	4.4	10.3	3.1	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-1.7
Fresh milk and cream ¹	1.6	4.7	11.6	2.4	-2	2.5	2.1	.7	1.9	11.4	-2.7
Fresh whole milk	1.4	5.1	11.7	2.4	-4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-3.0
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	2.2	4.0	11.4	2.4	.0	3.4	2.1	1.1	1.7	12.1	-2.2
Processed dairy products ¹	1.8	4.1	9.2	3.8	1.4	.2	-5	1.5	3.3	8.6	-6
Cheese ¹	2.4	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-1.3
Ice cream and related products	1.4	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.5
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	.7	2.0	1.2	.0	.3	-2	-1.9	.4	8.5	12.2	-2
Fruits and vegetables ²	12.8	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	1.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	17.9	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	1.0
Fresh fruits	10.5	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-6.6
Apples	-11.4	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	2.3
Bananas	17.0	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	11.2
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	14.4	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-4.8
Other fresh fruits ¹	16.0	10.3	16.1	8.9	8.9	1.0	15.8	4.6	1.4	18.3	-11.4
Fresh vegetables	25.5	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	11.6
Potatoes	-1	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	.6
Lettuce	-	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	.7
Tomatoes	10.4	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	36.8
Other fresh vegetables	14.1	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	10.0
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	4.6	10.8	2.5	5.4	-1.4	1.3	1.4	.5	2.8	6.3	1.2
Processed fruits ¹	5.8	10.8	.6	7.5	-2.3	2.5	-8	-3	3.6	6.7	1.1
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	6.7	12.6	.1	8.8	-4.1	2.7	-1.4	-6	3.5	7.4	.7
Canned and dried fruits ¹	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.4	4.9	1.7	1.7	.7	3.9	4.2	2.3
Processed vegetables ¹	3.0	10.8	5.0	2.6	-4	-2	4.3	1.4	1.8	5.8	1.4
Frozen vegetables ¹	3.0	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	1.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	2.9	14.2	3.9	2.5	-.9	-.5	4.3	1.7	1.3	7.6	1.2
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	1.1
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	1.2	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	1.4
Sweets, including candy ¹	1.9	4.1	3.5	5.0	4.8	1.0	.8	.5	2.6	4.9	1.0
Fats and oils	1.7	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-.7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	-3.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	-.5	-.2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	2.0
Carbonated drinks	1.6	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-.3	2.9	-.4	1.0
Coffee	-14.3	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	4.6
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	2.3	2.8	4.1	5.2	2.5	2.0	-.5	.9	2.3	2.7	.2
Other prepared food	4.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	.9
Canned and packaged soup	6.1	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	.6
Frozen prepared food	5.8	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-.1	.2	.6	4.6	-1.0
Snacks	3.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-.2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	1.1
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	1.8
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	4.7	6.1	6.8	6.0	3.4	1.9	3.5	3.0	2.0	3.5	.8
Food away from home	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	.6
Lunch ¹	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3	3.0	.8
Dinner ¹	3.5	4.4	4.2	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8	.7
Other meals and snacks ¹	3.3	4.4	4.8	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	3.7	.6
Alcoholic beverages	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	1.0
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	.5	-.1	.9	3.4	1.0
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	2.6
Distilled spirits	1.2	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	.7
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	1.1

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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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ²	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	1.7
Renters' costs ¹	3.9	3.9	4.5	6.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.3	3.0	3.4	4.3
Rent, residential	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	.7
Other renters' costs ¹	4.1	4.8	5.5	14.4	8.1	4.1	3.7	1.6	4.3	4.9	13.7
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	15.4
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 ¹	3.6	3.3	2.4	1.5	2.1	2.9	3.3	4.1	2.2	2.5	1.1
Homeowners' costs ¹	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.6
Owners' equivalent rent	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.6
Household insurance ¹	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.3	1.9	2.6	.6
Maintenance and repairs ¹	3.3	2.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	.9	-1.3	4.0	2.9	3.6	.6
Maintenance and repair services ¹	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 ¹	2.0	3.0	3.0	.9	5.9	-1.9	1.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	1.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ¹	2.2	2.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	1.0	1.4	1.7	-4	4.9	.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	1.6	3.6	2.0	-2	7.4	-4.3	2.2	3.5	3.7	.9	2.1
Fuel and other utilities ²	1.6	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.4
Fuels	1.4	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-5	.7	5.6	.1
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	-4.4
Fuel oil	17.9	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-3.6
Other household fuel commodities	2.6	-.3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-6.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	.2	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-6	.8	3.8	.5
Electricity	1.8	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	.8
Utility (piped) gas	-2.9	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	.1
Other utilities and public services ¹	1.9	3.8	2.2	3.5	5.7	2.4	3.6	1.2	2.2	3.4	.9
Telephone services ¹	-1.3	1.3	-.3	-.4	3.5	-.3	1.8	.7	1.2	2.1	.6
Local charges ¹	3.3	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-.3	2.6	.9	.3
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	2.0
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	.7
Cable television	9.5	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	2.6
Refuse collection	10.2	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	.4
Household furnishings and operation ²	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.3
Housefurnishings ¹	.4	2.5	-.4	.6	.9	1.5	1.5	.0	.7	-.1	.1
Textile housefurnishings ¹	.2	5.8	-.3	2.5	1.9	-1.9	6.6	-3.6	.5	-.7	-.8
Furniture and bedding	2.1	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-.3
Bedroom furniture	.2	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	-1.1
Sofas ¹	4.5	.8	-.7	.4	.6	3.4	-1.5	6.6	10.3	1.8	.4
Living room chairs and tables ¹	2.2	3.3	-.4	5.5	-2.2	3.6	7.7	.5	5.9	-1.1	-.3
Other furniture ¹	2.4	4.0	-1.6	1.9	-.3	3.8	3.1	2.9	1.6	-.9	.0
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	-2.7	.7	-1.8	-2.4	-1.7	-1.6	-.8	-1.2	-3.9	-1.9	-.4
Video and audio products ¹	-3.7	-1.4	-.5	-3.6	-.8	-1.8	-.8	-2.1	-3.9	-2.2	-.1
Televisions	-4.4	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	.0
Video products other than televisions ¹	-	-	-4.9	-9.5	-5.5	-3.4	-2.0	-6.6	-6.7	-.6	-1.2
Audio products ¹	1.0	-.4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-.6	.1
Major household appliances ¹	-1.2	3.6	-1.4	-.3	-2.1	.5	1.5	3.6	-1.8	1.4	-.1
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	.9	1.6	1.3	-1.0	-1.7	.7	4.4	4.9	-1.9	2.2	-.1
Laundry equipment	-1.3	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-.7	3.1	.5
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ¹	-2.8	4.8	-3.3	-1.1	-3.0	.2	.1	2.4	-2.7	-.7	-.7
Information processing equipment	-	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-2.8
Other housefurnishings ¹	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.1	.0	.4	.8	.3	1.0
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	5.5	-.6	4.5	7.3	-1.9	2.1	2.6	.4	4.7	2.4	2.1
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 ¹	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.3	6.9	1.4	.8	.5	-3.4	.9	1.2
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	1.3	-.3	-3.1	1.9	.0	.1	3.7	.5	.7	2.4	.4
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ¹	-1.6	1.6	-2.8	-.9	-.4	1.0	-3.4	-2.1	-3.6	1.6	1.3
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers	-	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-1.9
Housekeeping supplies	2.9	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.0
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	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 ¹	3.2	2.2	7.0	1.6	.7	-.6	3.7	.5	3.9	-.2	2.5
Housekeeping services ¹	1.8	4.0	1.5	4.0	5.8	3.8	2.2	1.4	4.5	3.3	.3
Postage	.0	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ¹	3.1	2.7	1.9	3.4	4.3	6.9	2.5	1.0	4.4	3.5	.1
Gardening and other household services ¹	4.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	2.1	4.9	1.8	.6	1.9	5.2	-.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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Expenditure category											
Apparel and upkeep	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	0.9	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	3.2
Apparel commodities ¹	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	-.5	3.6
Apparel commodities less footwear	5.1	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-.2	-.9	4.0
Men's and boys'	3.1	6.0	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.0	.3	-1.7	.6	1.4	1.1
Men's	4.0	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	1.7
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	1.7
Furnishings and special clothing	.6	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-.5	-.2	-2.2	3.8	.1
Shirts ¹	6.4	6.3	.2	4.1	4.1	1.1	-2.8	-2.7	3.7	1.9	3.3
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	5.8	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	1.7
Boys'	-.5	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	-1.7
Women's and girls'	5.9	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	5.5
Women's	6.0	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	6.1
Coats and jackets	4.5	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	-2.1
Dresses	13.3	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	9.6
Separates and sportswear ¹	5.1	2.1	-.5	6.1	4.1	-1.3	2.9	-3.5	-2.9	-.2	6.7
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	.5	5.8	1.7	4.3	2.3	.7	1.4	1.1	2.0	1.5	1.5
Suits ¹	10.2	5.3	-2.2	11.8	10.1	.9	4.3	.3	-5.0	-3.9	15.9
Girls'	4.8	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-2.9	2.6
Infants' and toddlers'	2.4	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	2.2
Other apparel commodities ¹	8.4	7.0	3.1	6.5	3.5	2.6	1.2	4.3	1.4	-4.7	5.6
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage	2.7	6.3	1.8	6.8	2.0	1.4	-1.3	.0	9.1	-3.4	2.3
Watches and jewelry	9.7	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	6.3
Watches	3.4	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	5.3
Jewelry	11.5	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	6.5
Footwear	3.8	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	.9
Men's	2.6	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	.9
Boys' and girls'	7.0	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	.5
Women's	3.3	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	1.0
Apparel services ¹	3.9	4.4	3.6	6.8	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	.8	2.4	.6
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ¹	5.2	5.4	3.9	5.4	3.0	3.2	3.2	1.8	.8	3.6	.7
Other apparel services ¹	2.6	3.3	3.4	8.5	3.6	3.5	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	.5
Transportation	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-.2
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 ¹	1.9	2.2	1.0	.4	4.1	2.7	3.5	3.3	1.9	.9	-.5
Compact new cars ¹	1.4	1.1	2.1	1.7	2.3	.7	3.2	4.3	1.6	3.2	.0
Intermediate new cars ¹	.5	1.4	3.6	1.6	3.6	2.1	2.1	3.4	1.4	.8	-.1
Full-size new cars ¹	3.2	2.5	3.0	1.5	3.7	1.7	3.0	1.9	1.2	2.0	.1
Luxury new cars ¹	4.1	5.2	2.0	2.5	2.7	3.6	1.8	2.8	2.1	2.6	.1
New trucks	1.3	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	.7
New motorcycles	4.1	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	-.1
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	-2.0
Gasoline	18.6	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular	18.5	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	15.6	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-1.9
Automobile maintenance and repair	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.1	.6
Body work	5.5	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	1.1
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	3.1	4.3	5.0	5.5	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.7	2.0	2.8	1.3
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 ¹	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	.2
Other private transportation ¹	4.7	7.0	4.9	5.5	3.6	2.3	2.3	5.4	2.9	2.1	.8
Other private transportation commodities ¹	1.8	2.9	2.0	1.5	1.4	-.6	-1.3	1.0	.9	.0	-.1
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	-2.0	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-.7
Automobile parts and equipment	2.1	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.1
Tires	1.4	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	-.6
Other parts and equipment ¹	2.7	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	.4
Other private transportation services ¹	5.4	7.8	5.5	6.4	4.0	2.8	2.8	6.2	3.2	2.3	.9
Automobile insurance	5.8	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	.4
Automobile finance charges ¹	5.9	8.3	4.3	.0	-7.1	-13.9	-5.6	23.0	2.0	-2.0	.7
Automobile fees ¹	3.5	5.5	5.7	9.9	2.8	6.2	2.2	3.6	.6	1.0	3.3
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	1.7	6.1	6.4	17.2	4.2	6.2	2.4	.4	1.7	.1	-.1
Other automobile-related fees ¹	5.2	5.1	5.1	3.0	1.4	6.3	2.0	7.2	-.5	1.9	6.9
Public transportation	1.8	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-.9
Airline fares	1.6	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-1.5
Other intercity transportation	2.0	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	-.1
Intracity public transportation	2.4	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Medical care	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	1.2
Medical care commodities	7.1	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.6	1.3
Prescription drugs	8.0	7.8	9.5	9.9	9.4	5.7	3.3	3.3	2.0	3.2	1.3
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	1.3
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	1.3
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	1.2
Medical care services	5.6	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	1.1
Professional medical services	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	1.5
Physicians' services	6.3	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	1.6
Dental services	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	1.5
Eye care	5.3	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.6	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.4	1.2	.8
Services by other medical professionals	4.5	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.0	.8	3.0	1.9
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Inpatient hospital services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Entertainment ¹	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.9	.8
Entertainment commodities ¹	3.8	4.4	3.5	3.0	3.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.4	.3
Reading materials	3.7	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	2.6	.3
Newspapers ¹	4.6	4.8	3.9	4.7	9.7	4.0	4.3	5.0	7.6	3.0	.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books ¹	2.7	3.7	5.3	4.6	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.2	4.1	2.4	.2
Sporting goods and equipment	3.6	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-6	-1	.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles	3.0	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-1	3.9	.1	.1	1.1
Other sporting goods	4.2	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-3	.2
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ¹	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 ¹	4.5	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-9	1.0	2.8	-1
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	.4
Entertainment services ¹	4.3	4.6	6.8	5.4	4.4	3.7	3.5	2.7	3.7	3.4	1.2
Club memberships ¹	1.7	7.3	4.0	4.9	3.4	2.3	3.3	-6	2.3	-7	1.4
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ¹	7.0	5.8	7.7	5.5	4.9	4.9	8.0	2.6	2.4	4.2	3.2
Admissions	6.8	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	.8
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 ¹	1.7	3.3	4.3	6.0	3.8	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.9	3.7	.5
Other goods and services ²	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	1.2
Tobacco and smoking products	7.9	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	1.7
Personal care	3.3	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	.9
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	.6
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	.7
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	.5
Personal care services	3.8	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	1.3
Beauty parlor services for females ¹	3.9	4.2	5.7	4.2	2.0	2.2	3.6	2.1	3.3	2.8	1.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ¹	3.9	4.6	4.2	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.5	2.6	3.7	4.6	1.4
Personal and educational expenses ¹	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.5	8.4	6.9	6.5	5.4	5.5	4.6	1.1
School books and supplies	7.6	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	1.9
Personal and educational services ¹	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.6	8.6	7.0	6.7	5.5	5.5	4.6	1.1
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	2.5
Legal service fees	5.2	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	.9
Personal financial services	4.1	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.4	4.2
Funeral expenses	3.9	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.7	2.8
Special indexes											
Domestically produced farm food	3.8	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	-4
Selected beef cuts	6.3	4.1	6.8	8.3	-1.0	.2	3.6	-2.9	-1.2	2.7	-2.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	18.1	-1.8	6.7	36.0	-15.8	1.8	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	12.4	-2.0
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 ¹	2.0	3.8	1.6	4.1	5.4	3.7	1.8	1.6	4.5	3.3	.3

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

² 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	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.8	-	-	17.8	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.6	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.7	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.5	-2.2	-1.7
1928	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.2	-1.1	-1.7
1929	17.2	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.2	.6	.0
1930	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.2	-	-	16.8	-6.4	-2.3
1931	16.0	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.8	14.7	-	-	15.3	-9.3	-8.9
1932	14.4	14.2	14.1	14.0	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	-	-	13.7	-10.2	-10.5
1933	13.0	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.8	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.2	-	-	13.0	.0	-5.1
1934	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.7	13.6	13.5	13.5	-	-	13.5	2.3	3.8
1935	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.7	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	19.9	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	157.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Commodity and service group											
All items	114.2	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	157.0
Commodities	108.9	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	142.0
Food and beverages	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	156.5
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	133.1
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	134.8
Apparel commodities ¹	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	130.5
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	139.9
Durables	108.0	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	129.6
Services	121.3	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	175.2
Rent of shelter ²	116.4	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	163.5
Household services less rent of shelter ^{1 2}	103.1	106.8	109.3	112.2	117.6	120.8	124.2	124.9	127.2	131.7	132.6
Transportation services	123.6	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	182.3
Medical care services	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	237.4
Other services	127.9	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	204.1
Special indexes											
All items less food	114.1	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	157.1
All items less shelter	112.5	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	153.7
All items less homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	147.5
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	153.5
Commodities less food	105.6	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	134.2
Nondurables less food	103.3	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	136.4
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	141.1
Nondurables	108.8	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.0
Services less rent of shelter ²	112.2	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	166.3
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	169.9
Energy	87.8	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	110.7
All items less energy	118.0	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	163.5
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	165.5
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	142.5
Energy commodities	82.1	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	106.5
Services less energy services	123.7	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	181.0
Expenditure category											
Food and beverages	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	156.5
Food	114.5	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	156.1
Food at home	112.5	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	156.7
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	167.9
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	154.2
Cereal	126.7	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	186.3
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	106.6	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	148.1
Bakery products	117.2	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	180.1
White bread	113.1	125.7	133.3	138.2	140.2	145.9	155.9	160.2	169.4	183.5	182.7
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	180.6
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	177.9
Other bakery products	120.7	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.6
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	147.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	111.7	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	147.8
Meats	110.4	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	143.0
Beef and veal	108.6	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	135.6
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	114.0
Chuck roast ¹	105.5	112.9	123.9	136.6	138.5	140.1	143.5	141.2	142.2	147.2	144.8
Round roast ¹	101.9	108.1	116.2	128.0	125.9	129.1	130.1	132.3	128.6	135.9	133.4
Round steak ¹	108.5	112.0	118.9	130.3	130.1	129.8	133.3	131.5	128.9	134.1	131.4
Sirloin steak ¹	113.4	121.3	124.6	131.9	128.5	130.4	138.8	137.2	134.9	141.8	139.6
Other beef and veal ¹	115.2	125.7	133.4	147.0	145.4	148.6	154.5	153.0	156.7	159.5	159.3
Pork	112.9	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.7
Bacon	107.9	96.7	105.0	123.0	108.5	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.0	161.4	161.0
Chops	114.5	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	154.5
Ham	117.5	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	154.5
Other pork, including sausage ¹	111.3	108.5	115.8	135.1	127.8	126.0	130.2	128.8	137.2	150.5	148.7
Other meats	111.8	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	147.0
Poultry	107.4	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	156.1
Fresh whole chicken	107.4	131.0	130.0	130.3	129.8	135.4	141.3	139.7	145.2	158.9	159.5
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	156.5
Other poultry ¹	103.6	112.5	120.1	121.8	122.2	125.7	129.7	138.2	141.8	151.2	152.8
Fish and seafood	133.6	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.5
Canned fish and seafood	110.2	124.8	119.4	119.1	118.4	119.8	122.8	124.5	125.7	126.8	126.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ¹	147.0	150.0	159.3	165.2	168.7	172.0	177.8	189.0	195.9	201.4	204.3
Eggs	84.9	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	140.0

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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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	106.4	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	145.8
Fresh milk and cream ¹	104.9	109.9	122.5	125.6	125.3	128.2	131.0	131.9	134.3	149.7	145.6
Fresh whole milk	104.7	110.0	122.7	125.8	125.3	127.6	130.3	130.8	133.6	148.3	143.7
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	105.3	109.7	122.1	125.0	125.1	129.2	132.1	133.5	135.3	152.0	148.5
Processed dairy products ¹	108.5	113.1	123.5	128.1	129.8	130.1	129.3	131.3	135.8	147.6	146.6
Cheese ¹	106.7	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.5
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	151.4
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	109.3	111.5	113.0	112.8	113.0	112.8	111.0	111.5	120.9	135.5	135.3
Fruits and vegetables ³	123.0	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	188.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	132.7	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	216.9
Fresh fruits	126.0	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	231.7
Apples	104.3	130.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	199.5
Bananas	107.4	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	174.4
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	126.4	144.2	137.8	151.9	187.0	156.8	177.0	178.1	204.2	198.1	189.7
Other fresh fruits ¹	139.9	154.5	176.9	194.4	213.1	214.5	247.8	259.1	263.8	313.2	275.6
Fresh vegetables	139.5	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	202.6
Potatoes	102.7	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	161.7
Lettuce	272.4	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	184.0
Tomatoes	137.9	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	260.4
Other fresh vegetables	126.1	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	205.8
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	109.9	122.0	125.0	131.7	129.6	131.0	132.9	133.6	137.2	146.0	147.7
Processed fruits ¹	112.4	124.5	125.2	134.9	131.4	134.3	133.1	132.6	137.4	146.7	148.2
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	112.5	126.6	126.4	137.9	132.0	135.0	133.1	132.1	136.8	147.0	148.0
Canned and dried fruits ¹	111.0	115.4	119.0	122.0	127.9	130.0	131.9	133.2	138.2	144.0	147.2
Processed vegetables ¹	107.3	119.3	125.1	128.4	127.7	127.6	132.9	135.0	137.4	145.6	147.5
Frozen vegetables ¹	111.7	116.6	124.9	128.6	129.6	130.7	135.5	136.6	140.6	144.0	146.0
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	105.8	121.1	125.8	129.0	127.4	126.8	132.3	134.9	136.5	147.0	148.8
Other food at home	109.8	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	145.1
Sugar and sweets	110.9	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	146.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	102.1	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	134.5
Sweets, including candy ¹	114.6	119.2	123.5	129.6	135.8	137.2	138.3	139.1	142.6	149.5	151.2
Fats and oils	107.6	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	142.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	104.9	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	126.5	128.9
Carbonated drinks	103.6	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	119.7
Coffee	110.3	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	151.6
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	112.6	115.5	120.1	126.5	129.9	132.4	131.5	132.6	135.7	139.5	139.9
Other prepared food	114.8	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	160.1
Canned and packaged soup	119.0	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	186.7
Frozen prepared food	118.7	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	145.3	143.7
Snacks	115.6	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	153.1
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	166.9
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	112.5	119.4	127.7	135.2	140.2	142.8	147.9	152.5	155.1	160.6	162.1
Food away from home	118.8	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	156.0
Lunch ¹	118.3	123.7	129.9	135.7	139.7	141.9	144.6	147.4	150.8	155.4	156.5
Dinner ¹	118.7	123.8	129.1	134.3	137.9	140.0	142.5	145.4	148.7	152.9	153.9
Other meals and snacks ¹	119.3	124.4	130.3	137.5	141.6	143.7	146.1	149.1	152.5	158.2	159.3
Alcoholic beverages	115.1	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	161.5
Alcoholic beverages at home	111.8	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	149.0
Beer and ale	111.3	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	148.1	148.8
Wine	105.6	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.6
Distilled spirits	114.6	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	149.0
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	187.0

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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ³	114.1	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	152.5
Shelter	121.2	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	169.9
Renters' costs ^{1 2}	115.9	120.0	125.4	132.6	137.7	141.4	144.9	148.5	152.5	157.3	161.9
Rent, residential	125.3	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	164.7
Other renters' costs ¹	124.5	129.2	137.6	157.2	170.2	176.9	183.3	187.2	194.1	203.7	229.9
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	230.0
Lodging while at school ⁴	136.9	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	222.1
Tenants' insurance ¹	122.6	126.0	128.9	130.4	133.6	137.0	141.2	147.9	150.8	151.5	153.1
Homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	116.6	122.2	128.3	134.3	139.5	143.5	148.2	153.1	158.7	163.0	163.9
Owners' equivalent rent ²	116.6	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	164.3
Household insurance ^{1 2}	116.1	119.6	122.7	124.9	128.4	132.0	136.4	142.9	145.6	147.2	148.1
Maintenance and repairs ¹	112.5	115.2	119.0	123.6	130.6	129.8	127.7	132.4	135.8	140.1	140.9
Maintenance and repair services ¹	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 ¹	107.1	110.6	113.6	115.2	123.1	118.0	119.0	121.9	124.2	127.1	128.7
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 5}	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 ¹	105.4	109.8	110.8	111.1	121.2	112.9	114.5	118.7	122.1	122.3	124.4
Fuel and other utilities ³	101.7	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.6
Fuels	94.8	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	116.5
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	105.3
Fuel oil	79.5	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	103.0
Other household fuel commodities ⁵	102.4	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	137.9
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	122.9
Electricity	107.0	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	129.1
Utility (piped) gas	91.8	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	114.9
Other utilities and public services ¹	120.9	125.6	128.4	133.2	140.7	144.2	149.6	151.1	154.3	159.6	161.2
Telephone services ¹	115.6	117.1	116.7	116.4	120.4	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.4	127.0	127.7
Local charges ¹	138.5	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	161.8
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	94.4
Water and sewerage maintenance	127.9	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	204.0
Cable television ⁶	127.9	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	225.4
Refuse collection ⁶	136.1	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	248.8
Household furnishings and operation ³	106.9	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.9
Housefurnishings ¹	102.9	105.4	104.7	105.2	106.0	107.7	109.1	109.1	109.7	109.8	109.8
Textile housefurnishings ¹	108.6	115.5	114.7	117.6	119.2	117.6	124.8	121.0	121.1	119.9	119.6
Furniture and bedding	111.5	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	131.5
Bedroom furniture	115.5	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	138.2
Sofas ¹	115.7	114.7	113.5	113.7	113.6	117.7	116.3	123.5	136.9	138.6	139.1
Living room chairs and tables ¹	109.3	112.7	111.4	117.4	115.6	119.9	125.7	126.7	134.6	132.8	131.8
Other furniture ¹	105.5	109.1	107.1	109.8	109.2	114.0	115.8	118.3	119.9	118.2	118.4
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	90.1	90.8	89.2	87.1	85.9	84.8	84.4	83.6	80.5	79.2	78.9
Video and audio products ¹	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	61.9
Video products other than televisions ^{1 7}	-	100.0	94.9	85.8	80.9	79.2	78.1	72.8	67.8	67.3	66.3
Audio products ¹	91.9	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	90.2
Major household appliances ^{1 5}	98.8	102.2	101.0	101.0	98.9	99.3	101.1	104.4	102.3	103.9	103.6
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	100.6	102.4	103.6	102.7	101.0	101.7	106.5	111.9	109.5	111.8	111.2
Laundry equipment	102.9	106.6	106.0	107.9	105.8	106.3	106.9	109.9	109.5	113.1	113.6
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 5}	97.1	101.5	97.9	96.9	94.6	94.6	95.3	97.3	93.8	93.3	92.7
Information processing equipment ⁷	-	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	53.1
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2}	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	147.5
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	113.7	112.6	117.8	126.6	124.1	128.2	129.1	131.7	137.3	139.5	142.5
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	116.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ¹	106.3	109.5	111.9	113.5	120.6	122.5	123.8	124.6	120.7	122.9	123.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	102.9	103.0	100.3	102.1	101.5	102.6	106.6	107.2	108.0	110.6	111.1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 5}	98.3	100.1	97.1	96.3	95.8	97.1	93.5	91.6	88.2	89.9	91.3
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ⁸	-	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	114.4
Housekeeping supplies	112.9	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	143.5
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	116.9	121.8	127.3	132.3	137.9	137.3	136.9	139.2	141.2	145.1	145.6
Household paper products and stationery supplies ¹	109.5	115.6	121.8	126.8	127.2	127.1	129.8	130.6	144.3	145.4	146.0
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ¹	111.2	113.6	121.3	123.1	124.0	123.7	127.4	128.4	133.4	134.3	137.9
Housekeeping services ¹	111.6	116.5	117.8	122.7	131.3	135.9	139.1	141.5	148.6	152.9	153.3
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 ¹	117.3	120.0	122.1	126.9	132.3	140.1	143.8	144.6	151.6	156.5	156.6
Gardening and other household services ^{1 5}	104.7	109.0	112.1	116.4	119.0	124.9	127.0	127.7	130.2	137.1	136.4

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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Apparel and upkeep	112.6	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	133.8
Apparel commodities ¹	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	130.5
Apparel commodities less footwear	111.7	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	131.0
Men's and boys'	110.4	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	128.8
Men's	111.5	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.3
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	136.9
Furnishings and special clothing	110.0	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	126.8
Shirts ¹	116.1	123.3	123.7	129.0	133.8	135.8	132.1	127.8	133.4	135.7	139.8
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	109.3	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	129.0	130.9
Boys'	107.1	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	114.5
Women's and girls'	112.6	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	121.7	129.2
Women's	112.7	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	129.0
Coats and jackets	105.0	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	128.7
Dresses	122.5	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	118.3
Separates and sportswear ¹	116.7	119.2	118.3	125.3	129.9	128.6	131.6	127.7	124.3	124.1	132.9
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	107.6	113.7	115.8	120.9	123.7	124.4	125.8	128.1	130.2	131.9	134.1
Suits ¹	107.2	113.4	110.3	122.0	132.8	131.1	136.9	138.6	131.5	128.7	148.4
Girls'	112.0	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	130.5
Infants' and toddlers'	116.4	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	130.7
Other apparel commodities ¹	110.6	117.8	121.5	128.8	132.6	137.3	140.1	144.1	145.3	139.7	149.5
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ⁵	102.7	109.1	110.8	118.2	120.6	122.1	120.9	120.9	130.8	126.9	130.2
Watches and jewelry ⁵	109.0	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	149.3
Watches ⁵	103.6	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	127.6
Jewelry ⁵	110.6	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	155.5
Footwear	108.0	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	127.9
Men's	111.9	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	132.8
Boys' and girls'	110.6	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	131.5
Women's	102.6	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	121.0
Apparel services ¹	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 ¹	122.3	128.8	133.8	140.8	145.2	149.9	154.8	157.6	158.7	164.4	165.6
Other apparel services ¹	120.2	124.0	128.4	139.0	144.1	149.1	152.8	155.0	156.4	158.0	158.8
Transportation	107.3	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	144.2
Private	106.4	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.8	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	141.9
New vehicles	116.1	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	146.8
New cars	116.3	118.9	121.7	123.3	127.2	130.1	133.8	138.1	140.4	142.7	142.5
Subcompact new cars ^{1 6}	101.8	104.2	105.4	105.8	109.8	112.6	116.5	120.5	122.7	123.7	123.1
Compact new cars ^{1 6}	101.2	102.5	104.9	108.6	109.2	109.8	113.2	117.8	119.9	123.8	123.8
Intermediate new cars ^{1 6}	100.4	101.9	105.9	107.6	111.3	113.7	116.2	120.1	121.7	122.6	122.6
Full-size new cars ^{1 6}	103.1	105.8	109.1	110.5	114.3	118.0	119.7	122.0	123.4	125.9	125.8
Luxury new cars ^{1 6}	103.8	109.2	111.6	114.6	117.2	121.7	124.3	128.1	130.5	134.2	134.5
New trucks ⁶	114.3	118.9	121.0	125.9	130.3	133.8	140.0	145.1	149.3	153.0	154.2
New motorcycles ⁶	104.0	109.4	114.1	117.4	123.7	128.9	138.3	149.4	156.5	163.1	162.8
Used cars	116.2	120.1	119.8	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	158.8	155.7
Motor fuel	82.0	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	98.4	108.9	108.3
Gasoline	81.9	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	105.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular	80.8	78.8	83.2	115.4	98.2	97.8	91.1	97.8	93.5	106.5	103.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	110.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	85.3	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	106.9
Automobile maintenance and repair	117.0	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	161.4	162.5
Body work	121.3	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.8	170.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	116.6	123.8	129.9	137.1	143.0	149.3	155.2	160.8	164.2	166.7	171.0
Maintenance and servicing	114.7	118.3	122.0	128.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.6	148.8
Power plant repair ¹	116.8	121.8	127.4	133.3	139.4	145.9	151.2	156.3	161.4	166.5	166.9
Other private transportation ¹	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 ¹	97.4	99.9	101.9	103.2	104.8	104.0	102.6	103.5	104.4	104.3	104.1
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	100.8	109.4	109.1	118.7	117.9	117.4	117.7	125.0	129.0	130.6	129.5
Automobile parts and equipment	96.5	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.8	101.4	101.3
Tires	93.3	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	100.5
Other parts and equipment ¹	103.9	104.4	106.8	108.6	109.7	108.5	106.8	105.3	106.4	108.0	108.5
Other private transportation services ¹	127.1	137.1	144.7	153.8	159.8	163.5	167.6	178.4	184.5	188.6	190.2
Automobile insurance	148.8	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.8	249.0	249.8
Automobile finance charges ¹	90.4	98.1	102.3	102.5	95.3	81.9	76.7	84.4	96.5	93.9	94.8
Automobile fees ¹	123.3	130.5	137.9	151.4	158.8	166.4	170.1	175.2	177.0	178.3	183.2
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	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 ¹	129.3	136.5	143.2	146.2	149.1	158.6	161.4	172.3	172.2	175.4	187.1
Public transportation	121.3	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	185.1
Airline fares	122.7	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	200.3
Other intercity transportation	128.0	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	157.2
Intracity public transportation	120.2	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	175.1

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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Medical care	133.4	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	232.8
Medical care commodities	134.1	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	212.1
Prescription drugs	145.7	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	244.9	248.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁵	105.3	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.5	144.2
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	171.3
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	173.2
Medical care services	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	237.4
Professional medical services	132.0	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	215.4
Physicians' services	133.6	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	222.6
Dental services	132.0	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	224.1
Eye care ⁵	105.3	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	141.3
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	105.0	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	154.9
Hospital and related services	135.4	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	273.0
Hospital services ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Inpatient hospital services ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Outpatient hospital services ⁵	107.2	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	223.2
Nursing home services ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Entertainment ¹	116.9	122.2	128.4	133.3	138.4	142.2	146.1	149.2	153.8	158.4	159.6
Entertainment commodities ¹	112.6	117.6	121.7	124.8	129.0	131.5	133.9	136.1	139.4	142.9	143.4
Reading materials	121.4	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	179.8
Newspapers ¹	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 ¹	122.3	127.0	133.6	139.5	144.4	149.1	153.4	156.5	162.5	166.6	166.9
Sporting goods and equipment	107.8	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	125.4
Sport vehicles, including bicycles	108.9	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	128.6
Other sporting goods	103.9	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	118.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ¹	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 ¹	107.8	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	127.3
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	143.1
Entertainment services ¹	124.0	129.7	138.7	146.1	152.5	158.1	163.8	168.3	174.6	180.7	182.8
Club memberships ¹	102.0	110.5	115.3	120.7	125.3	128.0	132.6	131.8	134.8	133.5	135.9
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ¹	106.9	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.2	140.6	152.1	155.6	159.3	165.9	171.0
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 ⁵	105.3	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	168.6
Other entertainment services ¹	101.6	105.2	109.9	116.3	120.8	124.4	127.6	130.9	135.7	140.3	140.8
Other goods and services ³	131.3	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	218.0
Tobacco and smoking products	137.2	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	237.7
Personal care	116.4	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	151.6
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	144.3
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	154.0
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	138.4
Personal care services	117.8	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	161.2
Beauty parlor services for females ¹	117.5	122.7	129.4	135.2	137.9	140.8	146.1	148.9	153.7	158.4	160.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ¹	118.4	123.8	128.7	133.2	137.4	142.5	145.6	149.6	155.3	162.3	164.6
Personal and educational expenses ¹	143.0	152.3	163.1	174.7	188.7	200.5	213.3	224.9	237.3	248.3	251.6
School books and supplies	141.9	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	237.1
Personal and educational services ¹	143.3	152.7	163.4	175.0	189.3	201.2	214.5	226.5	238.9	249.8	253.0
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	269.6
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 ⁵	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	133.3
Personal expenses	136.0	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	223.2
Legal service fees ⁵	105.2	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	161.1
Personal financial services ⁵	104.5	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	190.5
Funeral expenses ⁵	104.6	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	170.5
Special indexes											
Domestically produced farm food	112.4	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	158.6
Selected beef cuts	107.8	112.1	120.0	129.9	128.5	128.8	133.3	129.7	127.8	131.6	128.4
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	82.3	80.9	86.3	117.1	98.8	100.3	95.0	100.6	96.9	109.3	106.7
Utilities and public transportation	109.6	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ¹	113.1	117.9	119.4	124.6	133.1	137.6	140.1	142.9	149.9	154.3	154.7

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

² Indexes on a December 1984 = 100 base.

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982 = 100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986 = 100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983 = 100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1988 = 100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1990 = 100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993 = 100 base.

¹⁰ 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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Commodity and service group											
All items	4.5	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.3	0.7
Commodities	4.7	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	.4
Food and beverages	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	5.6	3.0	3.2	7.9	-.1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.6	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	8.0	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	.9
Apparel commodities ¹	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	-.4	3.8
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	-.4
Durables	2.6	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.5	.0
Services	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	1.0
Rent of shelter	4.8	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	1.3
Household services less rent of shelter ¹	1.3	3.6	2.3	2.7	4.8	2.7	2.8	.6	1.8	3.5	.7
Transportation services	4.3	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	.4
Medical care services	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	1.2
Other services	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	1.2
Special indexes											
All items less food	4.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	.8
All items less shelter	4.4	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.6
All items less homeowners' costs ¹	4.3	4.3	4.4	6.4	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.2	3.5	.8
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	.7
Commodities less food	5.4	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	.5
Nondurables less food	7.5	3.5	5.0	12.3	-.6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	8.8	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	.8	5.9	-.1
Nondurables	5.4	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	.6
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	.8
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	1.1
Energy	8.8	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	-1.2
All items less energy	4.1	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	.9
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	1.1
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	1.1
Energy commodities	18.0	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-2.7
Services less energy services	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	1.1
Expenditure category											
Food and beverages	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	.3
Food	3.4	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	.2
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	1.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes	1.2	6.7	7.3	2.2	-.2	5.0	-.2	1.7	6.5	7.6	2.4
Cereal	5.9	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	.5
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	4.9	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	2.7
Bakery products	3.9	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	.2
White bread	4.3	11.1	6.0	3.7	1.4	4.1	6.9	2.8	5.7	8.3	-.4
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	.7
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	.1
Other bakery products	3.4	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.0	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-.7	4.2	5.7	-1.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.2	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-.7	3.0	5.3	-.7
Meats	3.5	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-1.0
Beef and veal	6.7	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.2	2.5	-1.6
Ground beef other than canned	5.9	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-.6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	1.6	-3.1
Chuck roast ¹	5.1	7.0	9.7	10.3	1.4	1.2	2.4	-1.6	.7	3.5	-1.6
Round roast ¹	6.1	6.1	7.5	10.2	-1.6	2.5	.8	1.7	-2.8	5.7	-1.8
Round steak ¹	7.0	3.2	6.2	9.6	-.2	-.2	2.7	-1.4	-2.0	4.0	-2.0
Sirloin steak ¹	9.8	7.0	2.7	5.9	-2.6	1.5	6.4	-1.2	-1.7	5.1	-1.6
Other beef and veal ¹	7.5	9.1	6.1	10.2	-1.1	2.2	4.0	-1.0	2.4	1.8	-.1
Pork	-1.8	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-.7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-1.2
Bacon	-4.3	-10.4	8.6	17.1	-11.8	-3.4	11.7	-2.0	13.2	24.2	-.2
Chops	-1.5	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	-1.5
Ham	-3.0	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.5	-1.5
Other pork, including sausage ¹	.1	-2.5	6.7	16.7	-5.4	-1.4	3.3	-1.1	6.5	9.7	-1.2
Other meats	4.0	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	.7
Poultry	-9.4	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-.4	4.1	7.9	-.9
Fresh whole chicken	-11.4	22.0	-.8	.2	-.4	4.3	4.4	-1.1	3.9	9.4	.4
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	-2.7
Other poultry ¹	-7.3	8.6	6.8	1.4	.3	2.9	3.2	6.6	2.6	6.6	1.1
Fish and seafood	10.0	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	1.1
Canned fish and seafood	10.4	13.2	-4.3	-.3	-.6	1.2	2.5	1.4	1.0	.9	-.1
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ¹	9.9	2.0	6.2	3.7	2.1	2.0	3.4	6.3	3.7	2.8	1.4
Eggs	-17.9	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-13.7

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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	1.6	4.5	10.4	3.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-1.8
Fresh milk and cream ¹	1.6	4.8	11.5	2.5	-.2	2.3	2.2	.7	1.8	11.5	-2.7
Fresh whole milk	1.4	5.1	11.5	2.5	-.4	1.8	2.1	.4	2.1	11.0	-3.1
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	2.2	4.2	11.3	2.4	.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.3	12.3	-2.3
Processed dairy products ¹	1.6	4.2	9.2	3.7	1.3	.2	-.6	1.5	3.4	8.7	-.7
Cheese ¹	2.1	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-.8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.5
Ice cream and related products	1.4	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	.7
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	.6	2.0	1.3	-.2	.2	-.2	-1.6	.5	8.4	12.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables ²	12.5	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	1.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	17.6	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	1.2
Fresh fruits	10.3	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-6.6
Apples	-11.0	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	2.2
Bananas	17.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	-.4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	10.9
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	14.7	14.1	-4.4	10.2	23.1	-16.1	12.9	.6	14.7	-3.0	-4.2
Other fresh fruits ¹	15.9	10.4	14.5	9.9	9.6	.7	15.5	4.6	1.8	18.7	-12.0
Fresh vegetables	25.1	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	11.8
Potatoes	-.3	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	.9
Lettuce	-	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	.5
Tomatoes	10.3	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	36.7
Other fresh vegetables	14.2	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	9.8
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	4.5	11.0	2.5	5.4	-1.6	1.1	1.5	.5	2.7	6.4	1.2
Processed fruits ¹	5.7	10.8	.6	7.7	-2.6	2.2	-.9	-.4	3.6	6.8	1.0
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	6.6	12.5	-.2	9.1	-4.3	2.3	-1.4	-.8	3.6	7.5	.7
Canned and dried fruits ¹	2.9	4.0	3.1	2.5	4.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	3.8	4.2	2.2
Processed vegetables ¹	3.0	11.2	4.9	2.6	-.5	-.1	4.2	1.6	1.8	6.0	1.3
Frozen vegetables ¹	2.9	4.4	7.1	3.0	.8	.8	3.7	.8	2.9	2.4	1.4
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	3.0	14.5	3.9	2.5	-1.2	-.5	4.3	2.0	1.2	7.7	1.2
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	1.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	1.3	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	1.4
Sweets, including candy ¹	1.7	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.8	1.0	.8	.6	2.5	4.8	1.1
Fats and oils	1.8	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-.6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	-3.0	2.8	3.2	1.9	-.4	-.2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	1.9
Carbonated drinks	1.7	1.5	4.9	.8	.9	1.5	1.8	-.3	2.9	-.5	1.0
Coffee	-14.4	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	4.6
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	2.3	2.6	4.0	5.3	2.7	1.9	-.7	.8	2.3	2.8	.3
Other prepared food	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	.8
Canned and packaged soup	6.2	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	.6
Frozen prepared food	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-.4	.3	.4	5.0	-1.1
Snacks	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-.4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	1.1
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	1.8
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	4.6	6.1	7.0	5.9	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.1	1.7	3.5	.9
Food away from home	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	.6
Lunch ¹	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	3.1	.7
Dinner ¹	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.8	.7
Other meals and snacks ¹	3.3	4.3	4.7	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.7	.7
Alcoholic beverages	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	1.0
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.2	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-.2	.9	3.3	.9
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	2.6
Distilled spirits	1.1	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	.7
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	1.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ²	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	1.0
Shelter	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	1.3
Renters' costs ¹	3.9	3.5	4.5	5.7	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.9
Rent, residential	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	.6
Other renters' costs ¹	4.3	3.8	6.5	14.2	8.3	3.9	3.6	2.1	3.7	4.9	12.9
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	14.4
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 ¹	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.7	2.0	.5	1.1
Homeowners' costs ¹	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.7	.6
Owners' equivalent rent	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.6
Household insurance ¹	3.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.8	1.9	1.1	.6
Maintenance and repairs ¹	3.0	2.4	3.3	3.9	5.7	-.6	-1.6	3.7	2.6	3.2	.6
Maintenance and repair services ¹	4.2	1.6	3.9	6.0	4.5	2.4	-3.6	4.7	3.1	3.7	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ¹	1.7	3.3	2.7	1.4	6.9	-4.1	.8	2.4	1.9	2.3	1.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ¹	1.9	2.1	5.2	2.7	4.3	-.7	.1	.9	.7	5.2	.7
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	1.5	4.2	.9	.3	9.1	-6.8	1.4	3.7	2.9	.2	1.7
Fuel and other utilities ²	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5
Fuels	1.2	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-.6	.6	5.7	.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	12.2	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-4.8
Fuel oil	18.0	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-3.6
Other household fuel commodities	2.4	-.2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-6.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	.2	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-.8	.6	4.1	.5
Electricity	1.7	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	.8
Utility (piped) gas	-2.9	3.7	2.6	1.7	-.1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	.0
Other utilities and public services ¹	2.0	3.9	2.2	3.7	5.6	2.5	3.7	1.0	2.1	3.4	1.0
Telephone services ¹	-1.0	1.3	-.3	-.3	3.4	-.2	1.8	.7	1.1	2.1	.6
Local charges ¹	3.6	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-.4	2.3	.9	.3
Interstate toll calls	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.8	.1
Intrastate toll calls	-3.0	-4.2	-2.5	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.1	-.9	-3.5	6.2	2.1
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.2	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	.7
Cable television	9.7	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	2.7
Refuse collection	9.9	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	.4
Household furnishings and operation ²	1.0	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.3
Housefurnishings ¹	.4	2.4	-.7	.5	.8	1.6	1.3	.0	.5	.1	.0
Textile housefurnishings ¹	.9	6.4	-.7	2.5	1.4	-1.3	6.1	-3.0	.1	-1.0	-.3
Furniture and bedding	2.0	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-.3
Bedroom furniture	.3	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	-1.0
Sofas ¹	5.0	-.9	-1.0	.2	-.1	3.6	-1.2	6.2	10.9	1.2	.4
Living room chairs and tables ¹	1.9	3.1	-1.2	5.4	-1.5	3.7	4.8	.8	6.2	-1.3	-.8
Other furniture ¹	2.5	3.4	-1.8	2.5	-.5	4.4	1.6	2.2	1.4	-1.4	.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	-2.7	.8	-1.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.3	-.5	-.9	-3.7	-1.6	-.4
Video and audio products ¹	-3.7	-1.2	-.8	-3.7	-.6	-1.4	-.5	-2.5	-3.9	-2.4	-.1
Televisions	-4.9	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-.7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	.3
Video products other than televisions ¹	-	-	-5.1	-9.6	-5.7	-2.1	-1.4	-6.8	-6.9	-.7	-1.5
Audio products ¹	.9	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-.7	.0
Major household appliances ¹	-1.2	3.4	-1.2	.0	-2.1	.4	1.8	3.3	-2.0	1.6	-.3
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	1.1	1.8	1.2	-.9	-1.7	.7	4.7	5.1	-2.1	2.1	-.5
Laundry equipment	-1.1	3.6	-.6	1.8	-1.9	.5	.6	2.8	-.4	3.3	.4
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ¹	-2.9	4.5	-3.5	-1.0	-2.4	.0	.7	2.1	-3.6	-.5	-.6
Information processing equipment	-	-	-7.3	-3.2	-3.1	-7.2	-7.9	-8.1	-10.0	-10.6	-3.3
Other housefurnishings ¹	1.7	2.2	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	-.3	.7	.6	.7	.8
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	6.2	-1.0	4.6	7.5	-2.0	3.3	.7	2.0	4.3	1.6	2.2
Clocks, lamps, and decor items	1.4	3.2	6.0	.1	3.5	2.4	-3.4	-.4	3.7	-3.9	2.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ¹	1.4	3.0	2.2	1.4	6.3	1.6	1.1	.6	-3.1	1.8	.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	.9	.1	-2.6	1.8	-.6	1.1	3.9	.6	.7	2.4	.5
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ¹	-1.7	1.8	-3.0	-.8	-.5	1.4	-3.7	-2.0	-3.7	1.9	1.6
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers	-	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-2.2
Housekeeping supplies	2.9	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-.3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	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 ¹	.9	5.6	5.4	4.1	.3	-.1	2.1	.6	10.5	.8	.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ¹	2.8	2.2	6.8	1.5	.7	-.2	3.0	.8	3.9	.7	2.7
Housekeeping services ¹	1.5	4.4	1.1	4.2	7.0	3.5	2.4	1.7	5.0	2.9	.3
Postage	.0	13.6	.0	.0	16.2	.0	.0	.0	10.4	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ¹	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	5.9	2.6	.6	4.8	3.2	.1
Gardening and other household services ¹	4.7	4.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	5.0	1.7	.6	2.0	5.3	-.5

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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										Mar.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Apparel and upkeep	4.8	4.4	0.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	0.7	-1.5	0.2	-0.2	3.5
Apparel commodities ¹	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	-.4	3.8
Apparel commodities less footwear	5.2	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-.8	4.4
Men's and boys'	3.1	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	1.0
Men's	4.3	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	1.8
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	1.6
Furnishings and special clothing	.9	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-.1	.6	-2.7	4.3	.9
Shirts ¹	6.6	6.2	.3	4.3	3.7	1.5	-2.7	-3.3	4.4	1.7	3.0
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	5.9	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-.8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5
Boys'	-.7	4.9	-.8	1.6	2.6	-.9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	-1.9
Women's and girls'	6.1	3.2	-.6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-.6	-1.3	6.2
Women's	6.3	2.8	-.6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	6.8
Coats and jackets	4.9	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	2.1
Dresses	15.3	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	11.7
Separates and sportswear ¹	5.4	2.1	-.8	5.9	3.7	-1.0	2.3	-3.0	-2.7	-.2	7.1
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	.4	5.7	1.8	4.4	2.3	.6	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.7
Suits ¹	8.8	5.8	-2.7	10.6	8.9	-1.3	4.4	1.2	-5.1	-2.1	15.3
Girls'	5.2	5.3	-.4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-.1	3.4
Infants' and toddlers'	2.6	3.4	-.8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	2.0
Other apparel commodities ¹	7.9	6.5	3.1	6.0	3.0	3.5	2.0	2.9	.8	-3.9	7.0
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage	2.7	6.2	1.6	6.7	2.0	1.2	-1.0	.0	8.2	-3.0	2.6
Watches and jewelry	9.0	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-.5	-4.0	7.9
Watches	3.6	4.1	-.3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	5.5
Jewelry	10.6	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	8.4
Footwear	4.2	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	.7
Men's	2.9	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-.7	1.1
Boys' and girls'	7.4	3.7	3.4	4.1	-.4	-.2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	.2
Women's	3.4	5.6	-.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	.7
Apparel services ¹	3.7	4.1	3.8	6.9	3.4	3.3	2.8	1.6	.8	2.2	.6
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ¹	5.2	5.3	3.9	5.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.8	.7	3.6	.7
Other apparel services ¹	2.8	3.2	3.5	8.3	3.7	3.5	2.5	1.4	.9	1.0	.5
Transportation	6.7	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-.4
Private	6.9	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	-.4
New vehicles	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	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 ¹	1.8	2.4	1.2	.2	3.8	2.7	3.5	3.4	1.8	.8	-.6
Compact new cars ¹	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.6	2.4	.5	3.1	4.1	1.8	3.3	.0
Intermediate new cars ¹	.4	1.5	3.9	1.6	3.4	2.2	2.2	3.4	1.3	.7	.0
Full-size new cars ¹	3.1	2.4	3.3	1.3	3.4	1.5	3.2	1.9	1.1	2.0	-.1
Luxury new cars ¹	3.8	5.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.8	2.1	3.1	1.9	2.8	.2
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	-.2
Used cars	8.8	3.4	-.5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.8	-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	-2.4
Gasoline	18.7	-1.8	8.5	36.7	-18.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular	18.5	-2.5	5.6	36.7	-16.6	1.5	-8.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	15.8	-.7	8.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-2.1
Automobile maintenance and repair	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	.7
Body work	5.5	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	1.1
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	3.1	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.3	4.4	4.0	3.8	2.1	2.7	1.4
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 ¹	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.2	.2
Other private transportation ¹	4.5	6.9	4.9	5.4	3.5	1.8	2.0	5.5	3.1	1.9	.7
Other private transportation commodities ¹	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.3	1.6	-.8	-1.3	.9	.9	-.1	-.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	-2.0	8.7	-.3	7.0	1.0	-.4	.3	6.2	3.2	1.2	-.8
Automobile parts and equipment	1.9	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-.8	-1.5	.3	.6	-.2	-.1
Tires	1.5	3.8	2.1	-.2	2.2	-.4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-.7
Other parts and equipment ¹	2.5	.5	2.3	1.7	1.0	-1.1	-1.6	-1.4	1.0	-.4	.5
Other private transportation services ¹	5.3	7.9	5.5	6.3	3.9	2.3	2.5	6.4	3.4	2.2	.8
Automobile insurance	5.8	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	.3
Automobile finance charges ¹	6.0	8.5	4.3	.2	-7.0	-14.1	-6.3	23.1	2.2	-2.7	1.0
Automobile fees ¹	3.3	5.8	5.7	9.8	3.6	6.1	2.2	3.0	1.0	.7	2.7
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	1.6	6.1	6.2	16.0	4.7	5.9	2.5	.4	1.8	.1	-.1
Other automobile-related fees ¹	5.5	5.6	4.9	2.1	2.0	6.4	1.8	6.8	-.1	1.9	6.7
Public transportation	1.6	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-1.0
Airline fares	1.1	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-2.1
Other intercity transportation	2.1	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	-.4
Intracity public transportation	2.2	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	.6

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Expenditure category											
Medical care	6.1	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.1	1.2
Medical care commodities	7.0	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	1.3
Prescription drugs	8.1	7.7	9.5	10.0	9.4	5.6	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.0	1.3
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	1.2
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	1.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	2.9	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.2	.9
Medical care services	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	1.2
Professional medical services	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	1.5
Physicians' services	6.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	1.6
Dental services	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	1.4
Eye care	5.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	.6
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	2.2
Hospital and related services	7.0	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	1.0
Hospital services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Inpatient hospital services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Entertainment ¹	3.9	4.5	5.1	3.8	3.8	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.1	3.0	.8
Entertainment commodities ¹	3.6	4.4	3.5	2.5	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.5	.3
Reading materials	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	.3
Newspapers ¹	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 ¹	2.9	3.8	5.2	4.4	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.0	3.8	2.5	.2
Sporting goods and equipment	3.5	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles	2.9	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	.9
Other sporting goods	4.2	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ¹	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 ¹	3.8	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-.8	1.1	3.2	-.1
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	.5
Entertainment services ¹	4.3	4.6	6.9	5.3	4.4	3.7	3.6	2.7	3.7	3.5	1.2
Club memberships ¹	2.0	8.3	4.3	4.7	3.8	2.2	3.6	-.6	2.3	-1.0	1.8
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ¹	6.9	5.9	7.7	5.5	4.4	4.8	8.2	2.3	2.4	4.1	3.1
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	.8
Other entertainment services ¹	1.6	3.5	4.5	5.8	3.9	3.0	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.4	.4
Other goods and services ²	6.2	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	1.3
Tobacco and smoking products	7.9	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	1.6
Personal care	3.2	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	2.9	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	-.8	.6
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	.6
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	.5
Personal care services	3.6	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	1.1
Beauty parlor services for females ¹	3.6	4.4	5.5	4.5	2.0	2.1	3.8	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ¹	3.7	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.7	2.2	2.7	3.8	4.5	1.4
Personal and educational expenses ¹	6.6	6.5	7.1	7.1	8.0	6.3	6.4	5.4	5.5	4.6	1.3
School books and supplies	7.6	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	1.8
Personal and educational services ¹	6.5	6.6	7.0	7.1	8.2	6.3	6.6	5.6	5.5	4.6	1.3
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	.9
Personal expenses	4.7	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	2.5
Legal service fees	5.2	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	.9
Personal financial services	4.5	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	4.0
Funeral expenses	4.6	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	2.8
Special indexes											
Domestically produced farm food	3.6	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	-.4
Selected beef cuts	6.4	4.0	7.0	8.3	-1.1	.2	3.5	-2.7	-1.5	3.0	-2.4
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	17.9	-1.7	6.7	35.7	-15.6	1.5	-5.3	5.9	-3.7	12.8	-2.4
Utilities and public transportation	1.2	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-.6	1.7	4.8	.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ¹	1.7	4.2	1.3	4.4	6.8	3.4	1.8	2.0	4.9	2.9	.3

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

² 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 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)	
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
U.S. city average	\$32.974	\$31.587	\$72.626	\$68.687	\$49.434	\$49.516	\$1.127	\$1.079
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	42.467	41.921	89.501	87.631	65.082	64.931	1.133	1.081
Size A - More than 1,200,000	42.852	42.265	90.302	88.278	68.194	68.047	1.180	1.129
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	41.758	41.191	86.047	84.367	56.455	56.293	1.041	.991
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	39.368	39.611	85.317	86.096	50.663	50.521	1.111	1.059
North Central urban	31.458	28.873	66.588	59.667	45.426	45.706	1.048	1.013
Size A - More than 1,200,000	31.807	28.878	67.335	59.414	46.962	47.344	1.051	1.025
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	28.759	28.763	55.031	55.104	48.474	48.458	1.077	1.033
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	30.946	29.690	68.575	65.062	41.625	41.598	1.030	.992
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	30.903	27.911	66.897	58.282	37.308	37.826	NA	NA
South urban	34.926	33.344	73.989	69.939	42.394	42.556	1.130	1.097
Size A - More than 1,200,000	35.827	33.697	74.002	68.814	44.513	44.662	1.232	1.195
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	37.462	35.980	79.051	75.459	42.195	42.224	1.066	1.036
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	31.713	31.718	71.137	69.771	41.517	41.854	NA	NA
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	30.327	28.185	69.618	66.379	37.078	37.168	1.120	1.059
West urban	24.422	24.406	61.782	61.522	50.463	50.432	1.222	1.178
Size A - More than 1,250,000	24.244	24.244	62.599	62.599	50.916	50.888	1.246	1.173
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	22.178	22.133	51.293	51.184	37.301	37.366	1.182	1.186
Size classes								
A	33.492	31.946	73.997	69.608	52.798	52.875	1.176	1.126
B	33.200	32.667	70.545	69.157	47.686	47.652	1.050	1.004
C	30.090	29.656	67.512	65.844	42.337	42.499	1.106	1.062
D	30.515	28.182	66.305	59.917	39.880	40.042	1.071	1.011
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	34.593	30.485	71.910	59.916	57.725	59.825	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	44.802	43.940	92.440	89.301	74.043	73.821	1.229	1.185
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	37.676	38.240	83.600	84.309	62.809	62.809	1.050	.989
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	21.100	21.100	62.164	62.164	61.080	61.080	NA	NA
Baltimore, MD	39.820	40.480	84.540	86.190	47.870	47.870	1.252	1.204
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	46.277	46.277	102.042	102.042	63.894	63.894	1.168	1.107
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	28.256	29.832	64.718	68.017	60.556	60.602	NA	NA
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	46.794	47.067	104.359	105.095	45.791	45.791	NA	NA
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	38.498	33.441	75.885	63.285	37.393	37.000	NA	NA
Washington, DC-MD-VA	43.938	43.077	89.529	87.197	40.755	41.012	1.213	1.186
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	32.493	26.015	73.409	57.316	45.470	45.470	NA	NA
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	27.798	26.022	55.517	52.183	47.323	47.323	NA	NA
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	25.837	27.257	49.674	53.177	39.853	41.169	NA	NA
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	40.058	40.655	82.343	83.891	52.891	52.891	.955	.871

¹ 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 (pipcd) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (pipcd) gas		Range of therm consumption for Mar. 1997		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Mar. 1997	
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Low	High	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Low	High
U.S. city average	\$0.730	\$0.692	1	2,800	\$0.092	\$0.093	5	6,301
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	.907	.891	1	2,800	.123	.123	110	5,069
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.922	.904	5	862	.129	.129	110	3,750
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	.854	.839	1	505	.108	.107	173	5,069
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	.790	.799	19	328	.092	.092	227	2,865
North Central urban	.644	.579	6	1,124	.086	.086	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.649	.574	6	1,124	.090	.091	5	3,785
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	.582	.583	20	380	.087	.087	220	4,517
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	.653	.618	12	623	.076	.076	39	3,404
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.638	.573	22	668	.066	.067	252	2,397
South urban	.826	.783	1	1,230	.076	.077	32	6,301
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.830	.772	7	394	.078	.079	148	6,301
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	.882	.854	1	1,230	.077	.077	112	6,229
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	.804	.800	3	278	.074	.075	94	4,249
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.748	.685	5	283	.072	.073	32	5,536
West urban	.606	.603	5	1,557	.099	.099	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,250,000	.611	.611	15	1,557	.100	.099	103	5,033
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	.504	.502	24	606	.078	.078	101	3,146
Size classes								
A	.741	.698	5	1,557	.099	.099	5	6,301
B	.739	.728	1	1,230	.088	.088	112	6,229
C	.680	.666	3	623	.077	.078	39	4,249
D	.859	.597	5	2,800	.076	.076	32	5,536
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	.839	.529	24	1,124	.115	.120	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	.961	.937	5	579	.142	.142	125	3,750
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	.847	.858	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	.598	.598	15	293	.127	.127	200	1,746
Baltimore, MD	.897	.913	34	125	.076	.076	541	4,252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1.078	1.078	18	232	.122	.122	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	.627	.663	41	561	.107	.107	298	2,259
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.806	1.813	7	13	.089	.089	380	2,807
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	.700	.584	73	314	.069	.070	5	2,808
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1.135	1.088	20	68	.071	.071	415	3,401
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	.754	.593	20	394	.072	.072	242	6,250
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	.571	.532	10	1,016	.097	.097	27	1,534
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	.808	.844	18	209	.072	.075	312	6,301
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	.769	.783	72	632	.092	.092	245	2,808

¹ 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 ¹		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium	
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
U.S. city average	\$1.312	\$1.293	\$1.255	\$1.235	\$1.348	\$1.329	\$1.434	\$1.415
Region and area size ²								
Northeast urban	1.381	1.349	1.316	1.281	1.419	1.388	1.496	1.464
Size A - More than 1,200,000	1.378	1.351	1.309	1.278	1.414	1.386	1.487	1.462
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	1.422	1.382	1.366	1.326	1.470	1.437	1.543	1.502
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	1.351	1.308	1.289	1.245	1.386	1.347	1.479	1.434
North Central urban	1.266	1.218	1.224	1.178	1.300	1.250	1.384	1.334
Size A - More than 1,200,000	1.287	1.236	1.243	1.191	1.337	1.284	1.410	1.364
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	1.237	1.189	1.183	1.140	1.291	1.244	1.364	1.302
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	1.244	1.196	1.205	1.161	1.265	1.215	1.354	1.296
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.237	1.203	1.210	1.180	1.239	1.198	1.335	1.297
South urban	1.275	1.255	1.212	1.192	1.311	1.290	1.393	1.373
Size A - More than 1,200,000	1.270	1.248	1.206	1.184	1.316	1.295	1.391	1.372
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	1.309	1.289	1.233	1.213	1.322	1.302	1.404	1.382
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	1.243	1.222	1.194	1.172	1.291	1.267	1.376	1.358
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.278	1.264	1.224	1.211	1.312	1.298	1.405	1.386
West urban	1.359	1.386	1.305	1.329	1.404	1.435	1.490	1.520
Size A - More than 1,250,000	1.363	1.398	1.304	1.337	1.398	1.439	1.497	1.534
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	1.322	1.342	1.272	1.292	1.364	1.374	1.455	1.485
Size classes								
A	1.327	1.311	1.267	1.249	1.367	1.353	1.450	1.438
B	1.333	1.308	1.269	1.246	1.366	1.343	1.435	1.407
C	1.272	1.246	1.222	1.197	1.310	1.283	1.402	1.375
D	1.278	1.258	1.238	1.221	1.293	1.270	1.401	1.377
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	1.392	1.339	1.333	1.281	1.445	1.387	1.524	1.471
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	1.325	1.388	1.268	1.331	1.350	1.415	1.443	1.504
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	1.400	1.368	1.331	1.297	1.451	1.418	1.514	1.492
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	1.368	1.344	1.245	1.214	1.358	1.328	1.430	1.397
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	1.421	1.439	1.358	1.374	1.476	1.498	1.574	1.596
Baltimore, MD	1.335	1.317	1.286	1.264	1.378	1.358	1.416	1.409
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1.350	1.327	1.303	1.277	1.388	1.371	1.464	1.440
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1.238	1.193	1.189	1.142	1.271	1.227	1.374	1.336
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.368	1.357	1.297	1.288	1.417	1.405	1.480	1.470
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1.198	1.136	1.149	1.089	1.234	1.162	1.344	1.283
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1.331	1.312	1.269	1.244	1.365	1.347	1.445	1.436
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1.229	1.217	1.172	1.162	1.276	1.263	1.356	1.338
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	1.242	1.179	1.197	1.132	1.301	1.242	1.396	1.333
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	1.232	1.194	1.174	1.138	1.285	1.247	1.333	1.289
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	1.330	1.303	1.276	1.249	1.377	1.350	1.462	1.431

¹ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

² 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 ¹

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.308	\$0.305	\$0.343	\$0.359	\$0.300	\$0.291	\$0.303	\$0.291	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.565	.564	.553	.549	NA	NA	.554	.561	0.618	0.609
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.849	.872	.795	.790	.855	.846	.786	.839	.994	1.057
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.858	.855	.897	.912	.883	.890	.823	.805	.851	.848
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.519	1.507	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.622	1.584
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.271	1.292	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.126	1.159	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.636	2.647	NA	NA	2.419	2.367	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.560	1.488	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.550	1.406	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.857	1.822	1.801	1.786	1.842	1.769	1.892	1.852	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.398	1.356	NA	NA	1.300	1.179	1.489	1.500	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.073	2.026	2.160	2.183	1.899	1.804	2.139	2.034	2.018	2.025
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)	2.169	2.226	NA	NA	2.307	2.348	2.087	2.217	2.202	2.233
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.441	2.449	2.667	2.554	2.236	2.411	2.423	2.384	2.495	2.431
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.907	2.889	2.856	2.900	2.940	2.794	2.923	2.936	2.950	2.987
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.653	2.691	NA	NA	2.609	2.632	2.576	2.463	2.745	2.930
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.121	5.135	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.073	NA	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.879	5.640	NA	NA	5.487	5.601	5.918	5.714	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.534	5.746	NA	NA	5.987	6.445	5.848	5.948	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.139	3.145	3.380	3.490	2.973	2.874	3.088	3.078	2.999	3.010
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.977	2.977	NA	NA	2.781	2.871	3.017	2.862	3.025	3.082
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	3.184	3.130	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.591	3.587	NA	NA	3.231	3.267	3.603	3.450	3.583	3.661
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.030	4.128	3.909	4.094	4.098	4.066	3.827	4.011	4.866	4.828
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)	2.505	2.473	NA	NA	2.510	2.559	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.651	2.657	2.891	2.893	2.571	2.545	2.544	2.598	2.570	2.569
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.485	3.422	3.270	3.179	3.284	3.159	3.592	3.544	3.886	3.925
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.123	4.113	3.991	4.043	4.348	4.140	4.287	4.330	3.868	3.910
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.949	1.944	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.727	1.814	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.794	2.777	NA	NA	2.603	2.588	2.916	2.883	2.680	2.737
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)	1.306	1.251	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.284	1.207	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.130	2.124	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.175	2.174	NA	NA
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.262	2.217	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.133	2.123	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.349	2.360	NA	NA	2.199	2.219	2.437	2.467	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 ¹—Continued

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.008	1.009	1.058	1.089	1.011	0.992	0.926	0.933	1.087	1.073
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.076	1.994	2.149	2.101	1.966	1.687	1.969	1.895	2.269	2.374
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.239	1.231	1.302	1.263	1.163	1.148	1.181	1.174	1.329	1.386
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.067	1.047	NA	1.028	1.099	1.046	1.045	1.038	1.063	1.104
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.017	1.980	2.135	2.000	2.034	1.994	1.893	1.896	2.106	2.124
Eggs:										
Grade A, large, per doz.	1.132	1.056	1.315	1.273	1.028	.896	1.111	1.073	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	1.334	1.282	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.431	1.393
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	1.597	1.591	1.399	1.405	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.733	1.735
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit)	2.632	2.632	2.607	2.612	2.552	2.546	2.598	2.615	2.811	2.781
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)	2.481	2.437	NA	NA	2.482	2.405	2.591	2.617	NA	NA
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.056	2.135	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.944	2.009	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.471	3.514	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.500	3.070	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.508	3.563	NA	2.747
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	2.928	2.920	2.989	3.056	2.704	2.665	2.740	2.695	3.367	3.355
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm)	.664	.658	.643	.642	NA	NA	.667	.649	NA	NA
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.912	.914	.929	.934	.933	.902	.916	.954	.876	.867
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.518	.532	.570	.597	.475	.494	.483	.479	.568	.593
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.554	.546	.571	.565	.581	.567	.571	.529	.498	.526
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)	.489	.496	.476	.455	.470	.465	.460	.515	.553	.540
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.508	1.675	1.527	1.720	1.561	1.728	1.452	1.570	1.492	1.693
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.084	1.005	1.121	1.062	1.021	.957	1.098	1.017	1.083	.978
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	1.421	1.649	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.001	1.003	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm)	1.514	1.317	1.592	1.286	1.508	1.349	1.687	1.407	1.292	1.217
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.331	.330	.367	.365	.283	.277	.334	.336	.345	.349
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.594	.614	.670	.665	.563	.586	.599	.638	.545	.557
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.314	1.654	1.556	1.774	1.234	1.660	1.273	1.555	1.188	1.667
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.156	1.032	1.114	1.000	1.113	1.012	1.383	1.196	NA	NA
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.422	.366	.438	.394	.428	.316	.390	.336	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.524	.533	NA	NA	.505	.488	NA	NA	.449	.466
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.609	.569	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)	.738	.724	NA	NA	NA	NA	.767	.730	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.447	.501	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.437	1.397	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.364	1.162	NA	NA
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.820	.837	NA	NA	NA	NA	.807	.800	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	1.768	1.747	1.981	2.000	1.593	1.554	1.763	1.672	1.812	1.884
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.941	.940	NA	NA	.918	.916	.927	.934	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.721	.728	NA	NA	.698	.686	.673	.679	NA	NA
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.723	.745	.779	.830	NA	NA	.703	.710	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.926	.914	NA	NA	.912	.894	.918	.911	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)	.672	.678	.645	.645	NA	NA	.705	.693	.728	.758

See footnotes at end of table.

Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions ¹—Continued

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	0.429	0.431	0.443	0.456	0.434	0.430	0.427	0.433	0.417	0.411
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.418	.419	.424	.438	.418	.413	.405	.414	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.831	.819	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)	.871	.867	1.037	1.034	.787	.802	.836	.826	.881	.870
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.819	1.778	1.850	1.824	1.707	1.720	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz)	1.024	1.010	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.009	.990	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.316	3.512	3.683	3.730	3.142	3.369	NA	NA	3.218	3.482
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)	9.907	10.110	NA	NA	9.820	10.141	9.254	9.382	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm)	3.099	3.145	2.916	2.952	3.289	3.130	3.169	3.340	2.962	3.075
Alcoholic Beverages at Home:										
Malt Beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	.842	.854	.842	.928	.792	.788	.860	.827	.869	.894
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	9.385	9.459	NA	11.901	NA	9.305	NA	NA	8.369	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	4.933	5.337	4.550	5.870	4.964	4.950	6.032	5.027	4.488	5.410

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

² 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)

Nov. 1999 - 1997

Washington- Baltimore	Pricing schedule ¹	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
		Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
CPI-U								
All items	1	-	100.4	-	100.8	-	0.4	-
Food and beverages	1	-	99.9	-	100.0	-	.1	-
Housing	1	-	100.4	-	100.6	-	.2	-
Residential rent	M	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.7	0.1	.1	0.1
Apparel	1	-	99.0	-	100.3	-	1.3	-
Transportation	1	-	100.4	-	100.9	-	.5	-
Medical care	1	-	102.3	-	102.5	-	.2	-
Entertainment	1	-	100.6	-	101.1	-	.5	-
Other goods and services	1	-	100.5	-	101.6	-	1.1	-
All items less food and energy	1	-	100.3	-	100.9	-	.6	-
All items less medical care	1	-	100.2	-	100.7	-	.5	-
Food	1	-	99.7	-	99.9	-	.2	-
Energy	M	102.5	103.1	102.7	101.4	-1.1	-1.6	-1.3
CPI-W								
All items	1	-	100.4	-	100.8	-	.4	-
Food and beverages	1	-	99.9	-	100.0	-	.1	-
Housing	1	-	100.4	-	100.5	-	.1	-
Residential rent	M	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.8	.1	.1	.2
Apparel	1	-	98.7	-	101.1	-	2.4	-
Transportation	1	-	100.6	-	101.0	-	.4	-
Medical care	1	-	101.7	-	102.0	-	.3	-
Entertainment	1	-	100.7	-	100.9	-	.2	-
Other goods and services	1	-	100.6	-	102.2	-	1.6	-
All items less food and energy	1	-	100.2	-	100.9	-	.7	-
All items less medical care	1	-	100.3	-	100.7	-	.4	-
Food	1	-	99.7	-	99.9	-	.2	-
Energy	M	102.5	103.2	103.0	101.8	-7	-1.4	-1.2

¹ 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		
	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
CPI-U All Items							
Population Size Class							
B/C	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.7	0.7	0.5	0.2
Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications							
Northeast B/C	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.5	.5	.5	.3
North Central B/C	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.2	.2	.2	.0
South B/C	100.0	100.3	100.6	100.9	.9	.6	.3
West B/C	100.0	100.4	100.8	101.2	1.2	.8	.4
CPI-W All Items							
Population Size Class							
B/C	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.6	.6	.5	.2
Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications							
Northeast B/C	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.4	.4	.4	.3
North Central B/C	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	.0	.0	-.1
South B/C	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.7	.7	.5	.2
West B/C	100.0	100.5	100.9	101.3	1.3	.8	.4

Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure

Expenditure Category	
All items	Citrus fruits
All items - old base	<i>Oranges</i>
	Other fresh fruits
Food and beverages	Fresh vegetables
Food	Potatoes
Food at home	Lettuce
Cereals and bakery products	Tomatoes
Cereals and cereal products	Other fresh vegetables
Flour and prepared flour mixes	Processed fruits and vegetables
Breakfast cereal	Canned fruits and vegetables
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	<i>Canned fruits</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Canned vegetables</i>
Bakery products	Frozen fruits and vegetables
Bread	<i>Frozen vegetables</i>
<i>White bread</i>	Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried
<i>Other breads</i>	<i>Dried beans</i>
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins	
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
	<i>Roasted coffee</i>
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	<i>Instant and freeze dried coffee</i>
Meats, poultry, and fish	Other beverage materials including tea
Meats	
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	
Processed fish and seafood	Food away from home
<i>Canned fish and seafood</i>	Full service meals and snacks
<i>Frozen fish and seafood</i>	Limited service meals and snacks
Eggs	Food at employee sites and schools
	Food from vending machines and snack bars
Dairy and related products	Other food away from home
Milk	
<i>Fresh whole milk</i>	Alcoholic beverages
<i>Other fresh milk</i>	Alcoholic beverages at home
Cheese and related products	Beer, ale, and malt beverages at home
Ice cream and related products	Distilled spirits at home
Other dairy and related products	<i>Whiskey at home</i>
	<i>Distilled spirits excluding whiskey at home</i>
Fruits and vegetables	Wine at home
Fresh fruits and vegetables	Alcoholic beverages away from home
<i>Fresh fruits</i>	<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	Medical care
Household cleaning products	Medical care commodities
Household paper products	Prescription drugs and medical supplies
Miscellaneous household products	Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies
Household operations	Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs
Housekeeping services	Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies
Gardening and lawn care services	Medical care services
Moving, storage, freight expense	Professional services
Repair of household items	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 imple
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	
<i>Admission to movies, theaters, concerts</i>	SPECIAL AGGREGATE INDEXES
<i>Admission to sporting events</i>	Commodities
Fees for lessons or instructions	Commodities less food and beverages
Recreational reading materials	Nondurables less food and beverages
Newspapers and magazines	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel
Recreational books	Durables
	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	0.037×100
Equals percent change	3.7

Energy Prices

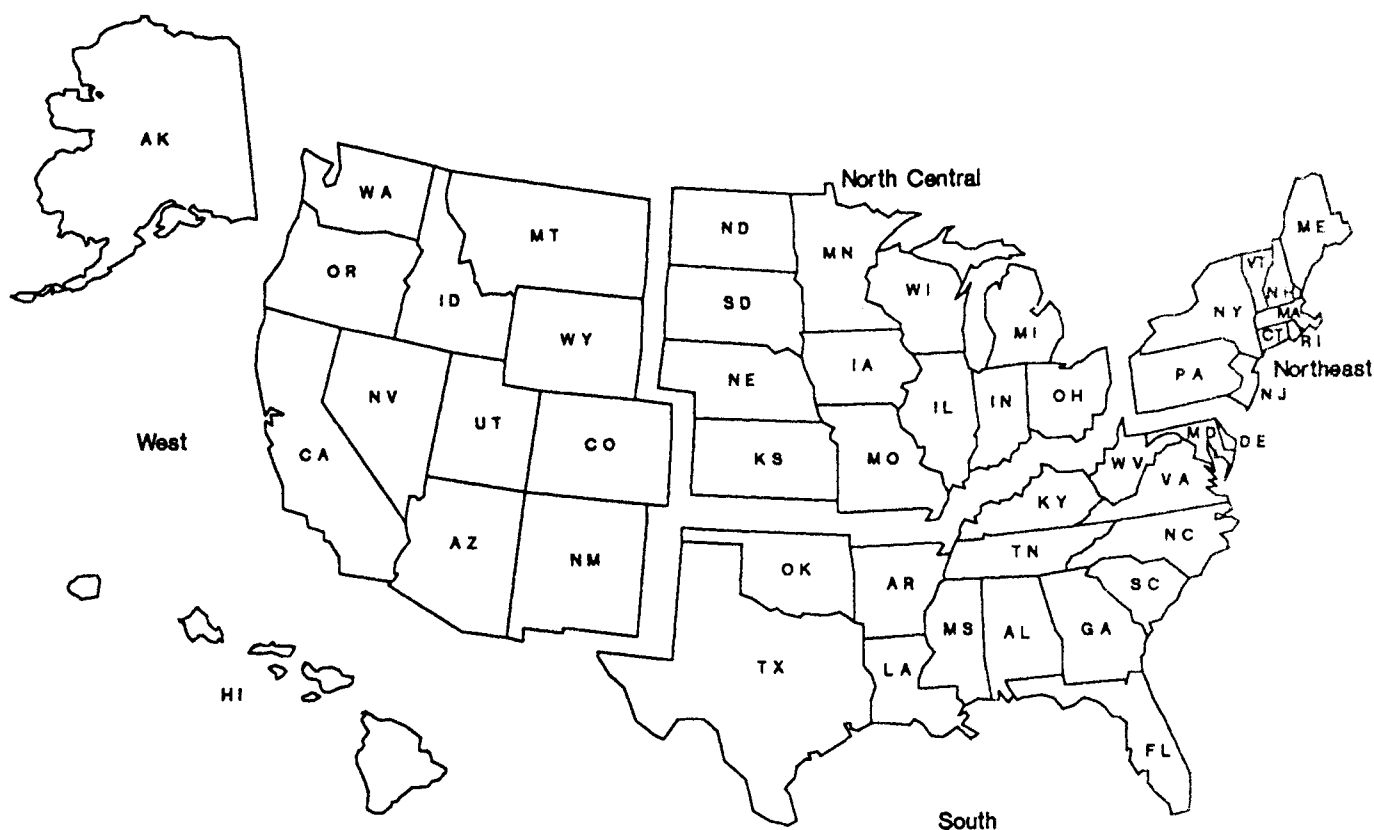
Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 15 large metropolitan areas, the four census regions, four size classifications, and 13 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by the four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area 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.¹ 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.²

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.

¹ 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.

² 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 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.