

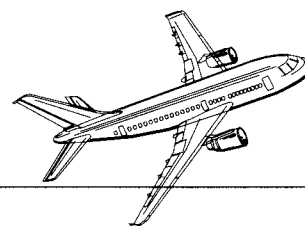
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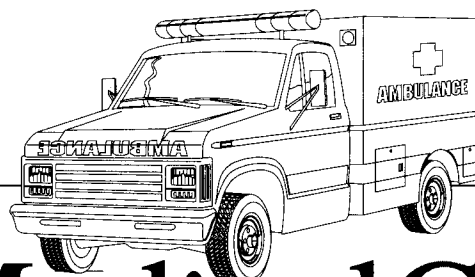
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# Price Movements

## April 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in April to a level of 160.2 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 2.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April 1997 CPI-W level of 157.2 was 2.3 percent higher than the index in April 1996.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in April, the same as in March. The food index, which was unchanged in March, declined 0.2 percent in April. Grocery store food prices decreased 0.4 percent, primarily reflecting a sharp drop in fruit and vegetable prices. The energy index declined for the second consecutive month, down 1.5 percent in April. The index for petroleum-based energy fell 2.4 percent, and the index for energy services declined 0.6 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. The larger advance in April reflects an upturn in the index for apparel and upkeep.

For the first 4 months of 1997, the CPI-U advanced at a 1.5-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent in all of 1996. The food and energy components, which had accelerated in

1996 after acting as moderating influences throughout most of the preceding 5 years, were responsible for the deceleration thus far in 1997. The food and energy indexes have declined at 0.4 percent and 6.5 percent seasonally adjusted annual rates, respectively, in the first 4 months of 1997. The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 2.7-percent SAAR in the first 4 months of 1997, about the same rate as the 2.6-percent rise for all of 1996.

The food and beverage index declined 0.2 percent in April. The index for grocery store food prices, which decreased 0.2 percent in March, fell 0.4 percent in April. The April drop reflects small declines in the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for dairy products—down 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively—coupled with a 3.4-percent decrease in the index for fruits and vegetables. Fresh vegetable prices, which rose substantially earlier in the year, declined sharply in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh vegetable prices fell 5.1 percent in April after advancing 11.6 percent in the 3-month period from December through March.) The indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables declined 1.0 and 0.6 percent, respectively, in April. Partially offsetting the declines noted above, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.4 percent in April, following declines in each of the first 3 months of the year. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, this index declined 0.1 percent.) The index for other food at home rose 1.0 percent in April, re-

**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 April 1997	12 months ended April 1997
	1996				1997				
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April		
All Items .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.5	2.5
Food and beverages .....	.5	.4	0	-.2	.3	.0	-.2	.5	2.9
Housing .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.0	.2	1.8	2.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	.2	.3	.1	.4	.2	-.3	.9	3.4	.9
Transportation .....	.3	.3	.6	-.2	.1	.1	-.4	-1.6	1.2
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	.3	3.3	3.0
Entertainment .....	.3	.2	.3	.0	.2	.2	.1	1.7	2.3
Other goods and services .....	.3	.4	.1	.4	.5	.5	.8	7.1	4.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	1.1	1.2	1.5	.8	.3	-1.7	-1.5	-11.3	.0
Food .....	.5	.4	0	-.3	.3	.0	-.2	.5	2.8
food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	3.1	2.7

flecting, in large part, a 6.8 percent increase in coffee prices. Price increases of more than 1.0 percent also were recorded for snacks, for frozen prepared foods, and for the candy and other sweets components. The other two components of the food and beverage index—restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages—each increased 0.1 percent in April.

The housing component, which was unchanged in March, rose 0.2 percent in April. Each of the three major housing groups—shelter, fuel and other utilities, and household furnishings and operations—contributed to the upturn. Shelter costs increased 0.3 percent, following a 0.2 percent rise in March. In April, within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs each increased 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs rose 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities declined 0.2 percent in April after falling 0.8 percent in March. The index for household fuels fell 0.8 percent, reflecting declines in prices for fuel oil and natural gas—down 1.8 and 3.0 percent, respectively. The index for natural gas has declined 7.1 percent in the past 2 months after increasing 17.3 percent in the preceding 11-month period. Charges for electricity rose 0.5 percent in April. The index for household furnishings and operation, which was unchanged in March, increased 0.1 percent in April.

The transportation component declined for the third time in 4 months—down 0.4 percent in April. The index for gasoline, which declined 2.1 percent in March, fell 2.6 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices dropped 0.4 percent in April.) As of April, the index for gasoline was 9.7 percent below its peak level of December 1990. New vehicle purchase costs continued to advance very moderately; the index for new vehicle prices was unchanged, and automobile finance charges increased 0.7 percent. During the 12-month period ended in April, new vehicle prices have increased

1.2 percent and automobile finance charges, 3.0 percent.

The index for used cars decreased 1.6 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, used car prices fell 0.1 percent.) Public transportation costs rose 1.2 percent in April. The index for airline fares, which rose 4.5 percent in March following the reimposition of the 10 percent Federal tax on airline fares effective March 7, increased 1.2 percent in April.

The index for apparel and upkeep turned back up in April, advancing 0.9 percent. It was the largest advance in this index since a 1.1-percent increase in February 1993. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 1.3 percent in April, reflecting a return to regular prices from heavy discounting in March associated with the early Easter holiday.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in April to a level 3.0 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs rose 0.1 percent in April. Increases in the indexes for fees for participant sports and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events—up 1.4 and 0.7 percent, respectively—were largely offset by price declines for all entertainment commodity groups—reading materials, sporting goods and equipment, and toys, hobbies, and other entertainment commodities.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.8 percent in April. A 2.4-percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products accounted for two-thirds of the April advance in this major group.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadjusted	
	Changes from preceding month								
	1996			1997					
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April		
								Compound annual rate, 3 months ended April 1997	12 months ended April 1997
All Items .....	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	2.3
Food and beverages .....	.5	.4	.1	-.2	.2	.1	-.2	.3	2.8
Housing .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.1	1.6	2.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	.2	.3	.1	.4	.4	-.3	1.0	4.3	1.0
Transportation .....	.4	.3	.6	.0	.0	-.1	-.6	-2.7	.8
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.2	3.0
Entertainment .....	.3	.3	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	1.3	2.2
Other goods and services .....	.3	.4	0	.6	.4	.5	1.0	7.6	4.6
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	1.2	1.4	1.5	.9	.3	-1.8	-1.9	-12.9	-.2
Food .....	.6	.3	.1	-.3	.3	.1	-.2	.5	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.9	2.5

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was unchanged in April.

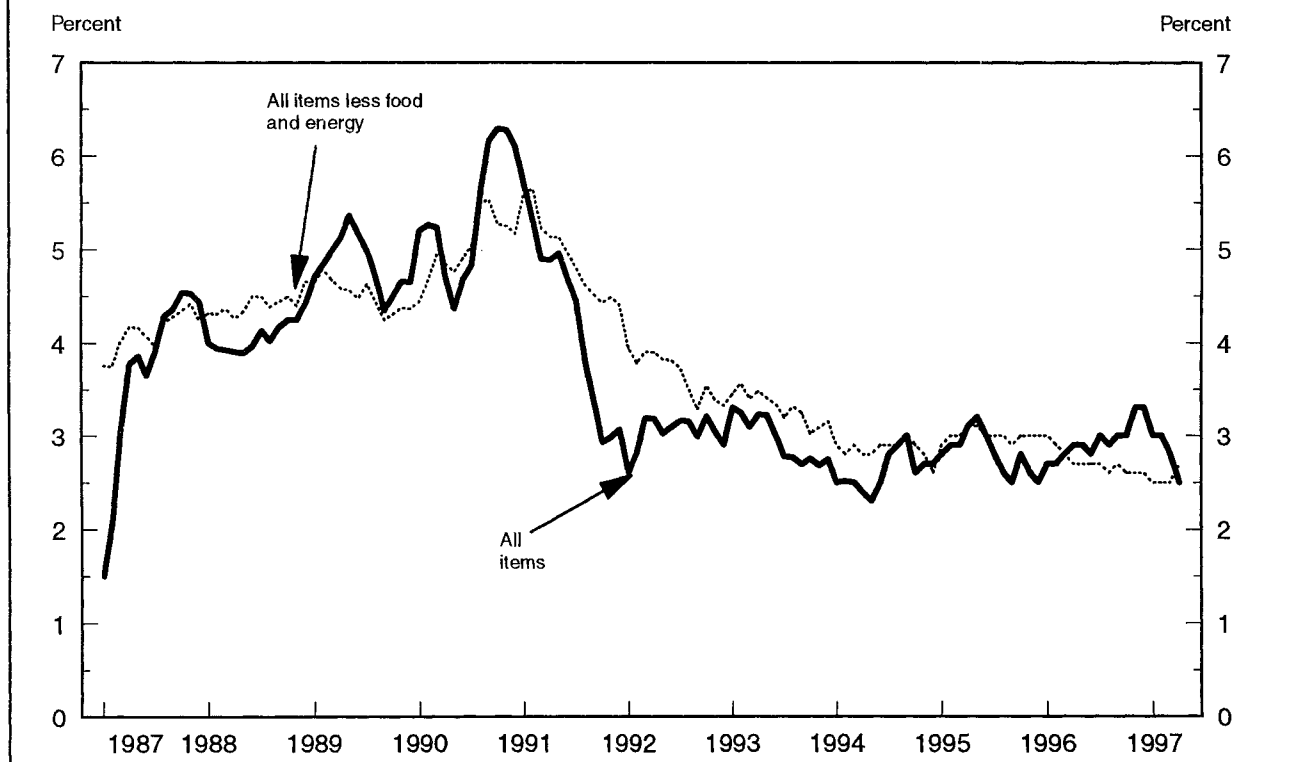
After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 160.0 in April; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 157.0.

Beginning with January 1997 data, BLS began reporting the level of the seasonally adjusted U.S. City Average All

Items CPI-U and CPI-W. Effective with the release of January 1998 data in February 1998, the seasonally adjusted All Items indexes will be fully integrated into the monthly reports.

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

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



# The Experimental CPI Using Geometric Means

The experimental CPI using geometric means for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U-XG) for March 1997 was 116.4 (on a December 1990=100 base). This is 2.5 percent higher than in March 1996. In comparison, the experimental "test Laspeyres" CPI for all urban consumers (CPI-U-XL), was 118.8 in March 1997, 2.7 percent higher than 1 year ago.

On April 10, 1997, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) introduced an experimental Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, which 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 geometric mean and test Laspeyres data will be published quarterly in the *CPI Detailed Report*. Table 1 shows the CPI-U-XG indexes for major CPI categories for the period for the last 13 months. Historical differences between the CPI-U and CPI-U-XG arise not only because of the different formulas used, but also because methodological changes made in the CPI-U over the years are reflected in the CPI-U-XG for the entire series. For historical comparison to the CPI-U-XG, therefore, BLS also has issued 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. Table 2 shows the CPI-U-XL indexes over the same time period.

For a full explanation of these series, see "The Experimental CPI using Geometric Means (CPI-U-XG)" in the March 1997 *CPI Detailed Report*.

**Table 1. The experimental CPI using Geometric Means, all urban consumers (CPI-U-XG), March 1996 through March 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
1996:											
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
March	116.4	114.1	116.7	98.9	111.8	133.9	116.0	132.9	100.5	113.4	118.8

**Table 2. The experimental "test Laspeyres" CPI, all urban consumers, (CPI-U-XL), March 1996 through March 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
1996:											
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
March	118.8	117.3	117.8	107.4	113.9	137.9	120.5	134.6	101.1	116.7	121.2

## Reprints of the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*

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

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

## Changing the item structure of the Consumer Price Index

*The changes in the 1998 CPI market basket will reflect and anticipate shifts in the consumer marketplace; what factors are involved?*

Walter Lane

The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to measure the monthly average change in prices of the goods and services U.S. consumers buy to satisfy their daily needs. The CPI is the average change in the prices paid for a fixed set or "market basket" of goods and services that consumers bought during a selected period. The market basket needs to be modified occasionally, because, for example, consumers change their preferences or new products and services emerge. During these occasions, the Bureau reexamines the CPI item structure, which is the classification scheme of the CPI market basket. The item structure is a central feature of the CPI program and many CPI processes depend on it.

As part of the 1998 CPI revision, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will introduce fairly sweeping changes in the CPI item structure. The objective of the classification revision project was to improve the index by making the structure more effective for the various ways that the CPI is used. The primary goal is to produce the most accurate all items CPI. A secondary goal is to produce more detailed indexes that are meaningful and useful to our customers and valuable for analyzing the all items index.

Major changes to the CPI item structure are intentionally infrequent. BLS is well aware that it must not undertake changes to the item structure casually or capriciously. The item structure is so central to the CPI that changes to it inevitability impose some costs to the CPI program and some burden on CPI users. For these reasons, BLS is conservative in its consideration of structural changes. However, having an item struc-

ture that is too rigid or out of date can weaken or distort the index.

For two reasons, it is best to change the item structure at the time of a CPI revision. First, the core activity of a CPI revision program is to update the CPI market basket to reflect more recent consumer spending patterns; this provides a logical opportunity to rework the item classification scheme so that it will recognize the emergence of new items, the changes to existing items and their relative importance, and the ways that people view consumer goods and services. Second, major CPI revision programs generally entail many additional activities designed to achieve major improvements to CPI processes such as its sampling and estimation techniques. The CPI sampling and estimation processes use the item structure, and changes to the item structure support these methodology improvements.

In every CPI revision since the one in 1940, there have been structural changes—some major, some minor—that yield a more accurate representation of the consumer marketplace. In the 1953 revision, the CPI added strata for frozen foods, restaurant meals, and televisions. The 1978 revision began the use of top-to-bottom sampling methods to give all consumer goods and services an opportunity for inclusion in the CPI. Accommodating the new sampling techniques required item structure changes. The 1983 introduction of the rental equivalence method of measuring the cost of owner-occupied housing<sup>1</sup> also required some changes in the CPI item structure. The 1983 changes—in the estimation method as well as in the item structure—were unusual, in that BLS incorporated them out-

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side of a major CPI revision. The 1987 changes to the structure consisted of adding new components for information processing and some other high tech items and collapsing a few components that were very small. The 1998 CPI revision will make more substantial changes to the structure. Not only will there be new components for new goods and a reduction of the structure for less important ones, but there will be a reorganization of sectors of the market basket such as 'food away from home,' 'medical care,' and 'communications' to account for the modern views of these areas.

## Uses of the item structure

The CPI item structure is the classification system used to partition the set of all consumer goods and services into a hierarchy of increasingly detailed categories. The levels of the CPI classification are:

- All items
- Major groups
- Intermediate aggregates
- Expenditure classes
- Item strata
- Entry level items

Users of CPI data may choose the level of detail needed for their analysis. The CPI program uses the levels in a number of ways. The following processes use one or more levels of the CPI item structure hierarchy:

- *Index estimation.* The *item stratum*-index area combination is the basic building block of the CPI. For example, 'breakfast cereal' is an item stratum and the Philadelphia-Wilmington metropolitan area is an index area; 'breakfast cereal' in Philadelphia-Wilmington is an item stratum-index area combination. CPI samples are drawn for each of these building blocks, which BLS calls basic indexes (or elementary aggregates). The item strata level is the lowest level in the item structure for which a comprehensive set of indexes are computed. Expenditure weights for the basic indexes reflect the consumption pattern of the CPI expenditure base period (currently, 1982–84; 1993–95, as of January 1998) and remain constant between CPI revisions. With these expenditure-period weights, the CPI aggregates the basic indexes to create indexes for the higher levels.

- *Imputation.* *Expenditure classes* are the first level of index aggregation. For example, men's footwear, boys' and girls' footwear, and women's footwear are item strata within the expenditure class for 'footwear.' An expenditure class serves two functions. It is a natural grouping of products from the user's point of view (footwear, in this case) and it is used during index estimation to impute price change when actual price change data are not available. The expenditure classes

are used to impute the index values for unsampled (unpriced) item strata, and for priced strata in some cases of temporary nonresponse. Because the expenditure classes are used for index imputation, the strata within an expenditure class are generally a group of products which are expected to have similar price movements.

- *Publication.* BLS publishes national CPI indexes for all levels of the item structure down to and including the item strata, that is, all items, major groups, intermediate aggregates, expenditure classes, and item strata. For the geographic regions and CPI local areas, BLS publishes a reduced set of CPI indexes that include all items, all major groups and selected intermediate groups, and expenditure classes.

- *Analysis.* The CPI press release announcing each month's CPI includes the *major groups* to explain the sources of price change that month. In their analysis, economists and the media use major groups and intermediate aggregates to dissect and explain the price change story. Special indexes—such as energy and all items less food and energy—cut across the structure to provide a different view of price change and price change trends. For example, many analysts believe that the all items less food and energy index, which is often called the underlying or core rate of inflation, is especially useful in forecasting longer term price movements because it excludes the portion of the consumer market that is most subject to sudden, dramatic, and often temporary, price changes due to demand and supply shocks such as bad weather or political crises.

- *Sampling.* BLS statisticians determine how many price quotations and observations should be collected for each basic index at the *expenditure class* level within groups of index areas. This process is called sample allocation.<sup>2</sup> The primary objective of sample allocation is to produce the most accurate national all items index as possible with the funds available. In each index area, each item stratum is allocated a minimum number of observations. If its expenditure class represents a large weight, or if the stratum is subject to high variability, or if it is relatively inexpensive to collect, then BLS statisticians allocate additional sample to the stratum. BLS statisticians select entry level items within item strata and match them with the sampled retail outlets for price collection. The BLS field staff who collect CPI prices, use the entry level items as the starting point for the selection of the unique product or service—within the outlet—whose prices they will follow.

## Changing the structure

The CPI item classification scheme is a structured approach to the consumer marketplace, with consumer goods defined and classified according to the consumer's view of the market. To

make improvements to the CPI item structure, we have to change the way the CPI market basket defines and groups items. To accomplish this, we changed the CPI's classification of its market basket to correspond to recent changes in the marketplace. This task includes providing a place in the market basket for new consumer products, increasing the prominence of those whose importance has grown, and diminishing the prominence of (or phasing out altogether) those things that have become obsolete or whose importance has diminished. Additional tasks include designing ways to define or view the items themselves.

*New goods.* A new consumer good or service has no clear predecessor in the marketplace and, therefore, has no obvious place in the CPI classification. In some cases, this inhibits the introduction of the new good into the CPI sample at times of sample rotation or item substitution. For example, the 'information processing equipment' strata in the current CPI item structure provides for the inclusion of computer software as well as personal computers in the index, but there are just a few software products that are actually included in the price sample. When such an item enters the consumer marketplace and becomes an important component of consumer spending, the CPI must incorporate it into the item classification scheme so that the CPI will continue to be an index of all consumer goods and services. The new item structure recognizes the growing importance of these products by including an item stratum for 'computer software and accessories.' The new classification scheme also provides new item strata or entry level items for 'cellular telephones,' 'leased cars and trucks,' and 'delivery services.'

*Blends.* Unlike a new item, which has no clear predecessor, a "blend" has multiple predecessors. When a blend straddles two strata, it can cause difficulties for the CPI. The arrival of blends is often a sign that it is time for the CPI to combine item strata. A simple example is the butter-margarine combination products; these forced the CPI to combine the strata and put the new stratum into 'fats and oils.' A related problem occurs when two different strata contain items that are close substitutes. The biggest example of this is the strata for motor vehicles. The old structure has separate strata for automobiles and for trucks, making a distinction between passenger vehicles and cargo-carrying vehicles. In recent years, consumers have shifted their spending from automobiles to trucks—in particular, from station wagons to mini-vans and sport utility vehicles. These new kinds of vehicles may be thought of as blends of automobiles and trucks as the line between automobiles and trucks has become blurred to the point of virtual meaninglessness to consumers. Consequently, the new structure has just one stratum for new vehicles.

*Increasingly important items.* The new structure adds new

entry level items or item strata to give greater prominence to 'nonalcoholic beverages,' 'baby food,' 'salad dressing,' 'gardening and lawncare services,' 'motor vehicle property taxes,' 'parking and tolls,' 'nursing homes and adult day care services,' and many other elements of consumer spending. The revised structure also will create a new major group: Education and Communication (discussed later in the article). As a result, all of these items will get a greater share of the CPI pricing samples and, in some cases, will permit us to begin publishing indexes for them.

*Obsolete and less important items.* When consumer items diminish in importance, the item structure needs to give them less prominence so that they will not absorb an excessive share of the program's resources. Often, the easiest way to accomplish this is to combine strata or entry level items. For example, the five entry level items for various kinds of dishes and drinking glasses will collapse into a single entry level item called 'dishes.' In addition, the new structure will no longer have separate strata or entry level items for 'white bread,' some cuts of meat, or types of automobile repair. Portable dishwashers will no longer be an entry level item. All of these items are still represented in the CPI, but they will receive less sample and, in some cases, we will discontinue publishing index series for them.

*New views of consumer items.* In some cases, consumers and sellers significantly change in the way they perceive consumer items, such that the CPI must replace the methods used to define and price these items. The best example of this is medical care. The current CPI has distinct item strata for various medical inputs, such as the cost of a day in a hospital room. This structure makes it difficult for the CPI to accommodate the many changes in the medical care industry (such as the shift to performing outpatient procedures). The new item structure combines the three hospital item strata ('hospital room, inpatient'; 'other inpatient services'; and 'hospital outpatient services') into a single item stratum, 'hospital services.' This will permit the CPI to take a "treatment approach" to hospital services, and will position the CPI to eventually take an "outcomes approach" to pricing medical care.<sup>3</sup>

The strata for 'food away from home' were radically changed for this reason. The traditional divisions in the sector provide strata for lunch, for dinner, and for other meals and snacks. The chief distinction among these strata is time of day. This has proven to be an unsatisfactory way to break down this fairly large component of consumer spending. Heeding the suggestions from users of these data, we created strata corresponding to types of establishments: full service restaurants, limited-service meals and snacks, food at employee sites and schools, and food from vending machines. The change in the organization of the items within 'food away from home' will not affect higher level indexes, but

these new strata may exhibit some differential movement that will help analysts understand price change within this component. For example, the full service restaurants stratum may be more sensitive to changes in labor costs, the limited service meals and snacks stratum may be driven by advertising costs and competitive pressures, and the food at employee sites and schools stratum may be highly responsive to changes in public subsidies. Taken in their entirety, the changes in the 1998 CPI item structure will reflect and anticipate the dramatic shifts that are taking place in the consumer marketplace.

*Out of scope items.* While there has always been some debate concerning whether or not a few spending elements actually belong in the CPI market basket, a detailed account of these controversies is beyond the purpose of this article. However, it is noteworthy to acknowledge a few items. One of these elements is 'finance charges': the current CPI has an item stratum for 'automobile finance charges,' but we now consider them out of scope because it is not possible to account for intertemporal purchases in an index that measures price change between periods. Therefore, interest charges are not included in the new structure. Another out-of-scope item is 'residential insurance.' The adoption of the rental equivalence approach to measuring the change in the cost of owner-occupied shelter made insurance solely based for residential structures, along with most spending on home maintenance and repairs, out of scope. Also, 'household insurance,' which excludes insurance on residential structures, because that is subsumed under 'owners' equivalent rent,' will now be combined with 'tenants insurance,' which is the only part of this stratum that is and will be sampled. The maintenance and repair items are scaled back to such a degree that they now are just part of 'tools, hardware, and supplies' or 'household operations.'

## The steps toward change

As mentioned earlier, the item strata are the basic building blocks of the CPI. To revise the strata, our first task is to define each one. The item strata definitions are used to partition the complete set of consumer goods and services in the CPI market basket. After partitioning the goods and services, we determine if the products and services within the stratum will be sampled (priced) or unsampled (unpriced). Unsampled strata typically have a tiny share of the expenditure in the market basket and are generally difficult to define in terms of product specifications and price characteristics so that there is no reliable technique to track their price changes. These item strata have an explicit expenditure weight assigned to them, but the products and services represented by these expenditures are not included in the CPI price collection program; thus, they are "unpriced." One reason for leaving a stratum unpriced is the

difficulty of finding stable outlets for it; this is true of services such as babysitting and carpools. Another reason is that the items in the stratum are so complex and changeable that we cannot accurately separate their pure price changes from changes associated with new features; examples include yachts and recreational vehicles.

*Define item strata.* The task of defining each stratum is important to the CPI. These strata will have weights that are constant until the next CPI revision. As we defined each stratum, other considerations had to be made. The following summarizes these points.

*Determine the number of strata.* The number of priced strata increased from 180 to 183, remaining basically unchanged from the old to the new classification. However, within this process, we created some new strata for new products and collapsed some existing ones. The number of "old line" strata diminished (for example, six beef strata became four because consumers changed their preferences for beef) and the number in strata of growing importance rose. (For example, nonalcoholic beverages went from three to five strata.)

*Decide the optimal number of item strata.* The CPI weights are fixed at the item strata index area level. In contrast, weights within the strata change as samples rotate, as sample items are replaced by substitute items, and as sample outlets that disappear are replaced by augmentation outlets. On the one hand, if there are very few strata, the CPI's conceptual framework of holding the expenditure weights for the reference period market basket constant will be weak. On the other hand, if there are many strata, the structure will be too rigid to accommodate changes in the market place and the samples will be too small to yield accurate measures of price change. Beginning in 1998, the item strata's fixed expenditure weights will come from the Consumer Expenditure Surveys for 1993, 1994, and 1995. Defining a large number of strata will strain the ability of these surveys to yield accurate weights. Most strata must be sampled—selecting retail outlets for them and then selecting unique items within those outlets to represent them. In addition, the strata must be priced, tracking the prices of the selected items over time. Consequently, it is important not to define an excessive number of priced strata. Too many strata will mean very small sample sizes for each basic index. Small samples are subject to high variability and other types of inaccuracies.

*Establish the optimal size of an item stratum.* We measured stratum size from preliminary estimates of their relative importances (the strata expenditure weight relative to the total expenditure weight of the market basket) which we derived from preliminary Consumer Expenditure Survey data. Final data on the relative importances for the new structure will

be available with the release of the January 1998 CPI.

We agreed that there was no reason to set a maximum size for a stratum. However, we set a *goal* for minimum stratum size for priced strata of 0.2 percent 'nonfood items' and 0.1 percent for 'food items.' 'Food items' display considerable variability and are inexpensive to collect; moreover, the CPI has traditionally had greater detail in 'food items' and users such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture depend on this detail; therefore, we set a lower minimum strata size for 'food' strata. We did not create priced strata below these limits without a special reason for doing so.

Some CPI customers are primarily interested in the price movement of particular sectors of the consumer economy and request indexes for very specific products and services within these sectors. Making these specific items into item strata (and allocating sufficient sample to each of them so as to produce publishable indexes) would take sample away from other more important items and reduce the accuracy of the national index. To determine efficient sample allocation, BLS employs "sample optimization," a technical objective which takes priority over the customer requests for specialized data series. Using empirical data from recent Consumer Expenditure Surveys, the 1998 item structure was defined to avoid strata that represent a very small share of consumer spending.

In some cases, we did create small strata. One reason for this is that we expect the strata to grow sharply and we want to prepare for this growth. A second reason is that including these items with the others to make a stratum would create an index for a rather meaningless aggregate. For example, we created a stratum for 'chicken' and left a small stratum—'other poultry including turkey.' However, we refrained from combining 'miscellaneous household products' with either 'household cleaning products' or 'household paper products' for this reason. Another example is that we let 'cigarettes' stand as an item stratum even though this "orphaned" 'tobacco products other than cigarettes.'

*Other considerations.* Besides assuring that strata were not too small, we also tried to see that they formed natural groups, as consumers would view them. In the past, some items were in industry groups. We formed item strata by putting "like items" together. "Like items" were defined according to the consumer view of products and services, not in the way that the producing industries see them. For example, using the consumer view, items within the same stratum should have some affinity, such as substitutes (butter and margarine), or complements (washers and dryers).

There were some cases, however, where putting close substitutes together in the same item strata would have made the task of drawing the outlet samples and item samples within the selected 'retail outlets' very difficult. For example, we did not combine 'housing at school' with the far larger stratum

for 'other lodging away from home' because these services are provided by distinctly different providers. For similar reasons, we did not combine 'fuel oil' with 'other household fuels.'

## Summary of actual changes

About half of the sampled and priced item strata will undergo a definition change. These changes include two or more strata collapsing together, a stratum splitting into two or more strata, and more complex realignments in which a stratum may shed part of its product/service domain while picking up other products and services. In some cases, the definitional changes do not cause a break in the index continuity. In other cases, the definitional change in the item strata is so significant that the index series is considered a new series. No index history will be available for these series. Appendixes 3, 3a, and 3b (pages 78–83) provide information about index continuity. Table 1 shows the number of priced item strata that will undergo a definition change in the 1998 item structure as a percentage of the total number of priced strata by major group.

*Priced versus unsampled (formally called unpriced) strata.* The item strata that are unsampled are not assigned any sample and their price movement is imputed from the movement of priced strata. The following tabulation shows that the number of unsampled strata grew from 24 to 27. (The count of priced strata includes four strata representing 'health insurance' retained earnings. Movements in the CPI indexes for these strata are measured as the product of changes in medical care price indexes and changes in estimated retained earnings ratios for categories of insurers.) Regardless, the share of the weight for all unpriced strata is expected to be less than 1 percent of the total expenditure weight:

	1987 CPI structure	1998 CPI structure
Total .....	207	214
Priced item strata .....	183	187
Unsampled item strata ..	24	27

*Grouping item strata.* The decisions on forming sampling strata such as our item strata are based on the needs of the CPI customers and the professional judgment of the item specialists responsible for sectors of consumer spending. Table 2 shows the change in the distribution of priced strata from the current item structure to the new one, by major group.

The total number of priced strata remained virtually unchanged; but there is considerable movement between the groups. The most obvious change is the movement from the 'housing' group to the new groups, 'recreation' and 'education and communication.' Exhibit 1 summarizes the changes within the major groups. Appendix 1, pages 62–69, provides

Major group	Priced strata with a definition change	Total priced strata	Percent
Total .....	92	187	49
Food and beverages .....	33	62	53
Housing .....	17	32	53
Apparel .....	3	16	19
Transportation .....	11	18	61
Medical care .....	2	13	15
Recreation (entertainment) .....	11	20	55
Education and communication ...	8	14	57
Other goods and services .....	7	12	58

a complete listing of the new and old item structures.

Perhaps the most obvious change to the structure is the addition of a new major group—'Education and communication.' It contains items that are of growing importance and it is expected to expand in the future. For consumers, education is expanding to become a life-long undertaking and one that they increasingly pay for out of their own pockets. In the past, 'education' has been part of the 'other goods and services' group. Communications is another growing area, which, in many ways is associated with 'education' and may be increasingly intertwined with it. In fact, we gave serious consideration to combining 'education' and 'communication' with 'recreation' because computers and some other electronic items may be used for recreation, education, or communication.

We moved items out of 'housing' because we wished to limit this major group to shelter items and items associated with shelter. Televisions and other electronic equipment may be used within a housing unit, but they are no more required shelter than are food at home items. Furthermore, the new battery-powered, highly portable electronic devices, designed for use while walking, jogging, or swimming, made it difficult for us to maintain that these items belong in 'housing' in any sense. Similar changes have occurred in telephones and telephone services. Telephones are now commonly found in vehicles and even in pockets and purses.

We attempted to remove items from categories called "other" or "miscellaneous." As mentioned, 'education' expenses moved out of 'other goods and services.' Another example is the movement of 'nonalcoholic beverages,' a category that excludes milk and milk-based drinks, out of the 'other foods' group. Over the years, it has grown so much in importance that we let it stand alone as a separate group.

'Apparel and upkeep' changed to 'apparel' because apparel services, luggage, and sewing materials moved to other major groups, leaving just apparel commodity items. Apparel services consist largely of laundry and dry cleaning services. Over the years, we have made valiant efforts to distinguish apparel laundry from household textile laundry (which has

been in 'housing'), but it is quite difficult for data collectors to maintain the distinction in the field. Based on the fact that much sewing in the home is now recreational, 'sewing materials' along with 'sewing machines' was moved from 'housing' to 'recreation.'

## Comparisons with other classification systems

The item classification scheme presented in this article is unique to the CPI. There are other statistical series that also classify the set of all consumer goods and services which the CPI calls the market basket. These series sometimes refer to this set as "consumption space." The BLS Consumer Expenditure Survey, for example, also provides data on personal consumption by category.<sup>4</sup> Another organization of consumption space is found in Personal Consumption Expenditures, which the Bureau of Economic Analysis provides as part of the National Income and Product Accounts.

The CPI staff worked with the Consumer Expenditure Survey staff during the item classification project, in part because the CPI must derive its weights from that program. Similarly, the Bureau of Economic Affairs uses CPI indexes to deflate most of the components of the Personal Consumption Expenditure series, so CPI staff tried to meet their needs to the greatest extent possible.

One point of difference among these programs is the scope of coverage. The CPI is limited to consumer items that people buy out of pocket. (One exception is the rental equivalence component for measuring owner-occupied shelter costs, which is included because it is the only way to isolate the pure consumption costs from the investment part of shelter costs.<sup>5</sup>) The Consumer Expenditure Survey reports other expenditures, such as mortgage costs, that are not within the CPI concept. The Personal Consumption Expenditure employs a broader definition of consumption. It includes, for example, employer-provided health insurance and the expenditures of nonprofit organizations.

Outside the United States, the European Economic Com-

Major group	Priced item strata		1987-98 net change
	1987 structure	1998 structure	Gain (+) or loss (-)
Total .....	183	187	+4
Food and beverages .....	59	62	+3
Housing .....	45	32	-13
Apparel .....	20	16	-4
Transportation .....	19	18	-1
Medical care .....	14	13	-1
Recreation (entertainment) .....	12	20	+8
Education and communication .....	0	14	+14
Other goods and services .....	14	12	-2

Exhibit 1.	Highlights of CPI item structure changes by major group and main Housing subgroups
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	<p>There were no significant changes to the content of this major group; the components were restructured. Within the food-at-home component, many small item strata were collapsed. Some strata were redefined to include consumption companions rather than their industry associates. For example, "butter" moved from 'dairy products' to be with "margarine" in 'fats and oils.'</p> <p>Food away from home was restructured into five new strata—'full-service restaurants,' 'limited service restaurants,' 'food at employee sites and schools,' 'food from vending machines and snack bars,' and other food away from home. These replaced the current strata for 'lunch,' for 'dinner,' and for other meals and snacks.'</p>
HOUSING—SHELTER	<p>The 'maintenance and repairs' component currently included in HOUSING—SHELTER moved to HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND OPERATIONS. This was not a significant change in the composition of SHELTER because the 'maintenance and repairs' expenditure weight was very small compared with the expenditure weight for SHELTER. There were also structural changes in SHELTER. 'Rent of primary residence' and 'lodging away from home' are now separate expenditure classes. A new item strata, 'tenants' and 'household insurance' was created by collapsing two strata.</p>
HOUSING—FUELS AND UTILITIES	<p>The HOUSING—FUELS AND UTILITIES subgroup composition changed; some current components moved to other major groups. The 'telephone' strata moved to the new EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION major group, where these strata were restructured. Cable TV moved to the RECREATION major group (formerly, ENTERTAINMENT).</p>
HOUSING—HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND OPERATIONS	<p>Several components of the current HOUSING—HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND OPERATIONS subgroup moved to other major groups. 'Televisions and sound equipment,' moved to RECREATION (formerly, ENTERTAINMENT). 'Sewing machines' joined other sewing items and also went to RECREATION. As explained under APPAREL, we combined 'household laundry and dry cleaning' with 'apparel laundry and dry cleaning' and put the combination into OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES, and combined 'household sewing' with 'clothing sewing' and put that in RECREATION. 'Maintenance and repair' moved into this HOUSING subgroup. Components that remained in the HOUSING—HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND OPERATIONS subgroup were restructured.</p>
APPAREL	<p>The composition of the current APPAREL AND UPKEEP major group changed; the new major group, APPAREL, excludes the components of apparel upkeep. 'Apparel laundry and dry cleaning' combined with 'household laundry and dry cleaning' from the HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND OPERATIONS subgroup and moved to OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES. 'Sewing items' moved to the RECREATION major group (formerly called ENTERTAINMENT.) and 'luggage' moved to OTHER APPAREL GOODS AND SERVICES. The small amount of restructuring within the remaining APPAREL strata was confined to the 'women's apparel' expenditure class.</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>The composition of TRANSPORTATION did not change; the components were restructured. Cars and trucks were combined into a single, very large item stratum. BLS will produce substratum indexes for 'new cars' and for 'new trucks.' 'Automobile finance charges' were dropped entirely from the scope of the CPI.</p>
MEDICAL CARE	<p>The composition of MEDICAL CARE did not change. Within medical care, the emphasis for the 1998 CPI revision was to improve the pricing methods. To accommodate this, the current three hospital strata were collapsed into one combined item stratum, 'hospital services.'</p>
RECREATION (formerly ENTERTAINMENT)	<p>ENTERTAINMENT changed to RECREATION to make it clearer that it includes the costs associated with active leisure activities. RECREATION now includes video and audio equipment and services, including cable TV, and sewing previously in HOUSING. RECREATION now includes other sewing items that were previously included in the old APPAREL AND UPKEEP major group. RECREATION received 'recreational reading materials' from OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES. There was a major restructuring of the expenditure classes and item strata within RECREATION.</p>
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION	<p>This is a new major group. The 'education' components were drawn from the old OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES major group; and the COMMUNICATION components, consisting of telephones, computers, and postage, were previously in HOUSING.</p>
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	<p>The size of this major group was reduced. OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES continues to include tobacco, personal care, and miscellaneous services and miscellaneous goods although these expenditure classes were restructured. 'Schoolbooks and supplies,' as well as 'daycare, tuition, and other school fees,' now form the 'education' subgroup of the new major group, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION.</p>

munity recently developed the "Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICP)" for use in programs such as consumer price indexes within the European community. COICP also has some differences from the CPI in scope and

definition. However, the European Community's classification scheme, like the CPI's, classifies items according to how consumers view them rather than by industry; as a result, the systems are fairly similar. □

## Footnotes

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<sup>1</sup> See "Changing the CPI Homeownership Method to Rental Equivalence," *CPI Detailed Report* (Bureau of Labor Statistics, January 1983), pp. 3–17.

<sup>2</sup> Sylvia G. Leaver, William H. Johnson, Robert Baskin, Samuel Scarlett, and Robert Morse, "Commodities and Services Sample Redesign for the 1998 Consumer Price Index Revision," *Proceedings of the Survey Methods Section* (American Statistical Association, 1996), forthcoming.

<sup>3</sup> See Elaine Cardenas, "Revision of the CPI hospital services component,"

in this issue, pages 40–48, for a complete description of the CPI medical care methodological changes.

<sup>4</sup> *Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1992–93*, Bulletin 2462 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 1995) is the most recent Consumer Expenditure Survey publication.

<sup>5</sup> See "Changing the CPI Homeownership Method."

# 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 Bal-

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

timore 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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	160.0	160.2	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	479.3	479.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.484	157.1	157.1	2.9	.0	.3	.0	-.2
Food .....	15.913	156.6	156.6	2.8	.0	.3	.0	-.2
Food at home .....	10.040	157.7	157.5	2.7	-.1	.5	-.2	-.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.479	176.7	176.9	2.1	.1	.1	.3	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.002	147.8	147.7	4.2	-.1	-.2	-.9	.4
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.245	146.1	145.7	6.4	-.3	-1.1	-.1	-.3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	1.974	189.3	186.4	-1.1	-1.5	3.0	.1	-3.4
Other food at home .....	2.340	145.5	146.9	2.9	1.0	.2	.1	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	146.3	147.9	4.0	1.1	.0	-.6	1.1
Fats and oils .....	.246	142.4	142.4	1.8	.0	.1	-.1	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.724	129.5	131.9	1.5	1.9	-.5	1.3	1.9
Other prepared food .....	1.039	160.3	161.1	3.7	.5	.8	-.4	.5
Food away from home .....	5.873	156.0	156.2	3.0	.1	.2	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.571	162.1	162.3	2.8	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	41.203	155.9	155.8	2.6	-.1	.3	.0	.2
Shelter .....	28.194	175.2	175.3	3.1	.1	.3	.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	7.994	186.8	186.3	3.7	-.3	.3	.3	.3
Rent, residential .....	5.731	165.1	165.5	2.9	.2	.1	.3	.2
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	2.263	231.7	228.0	5.5	-1.6	.9	.3	.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.000	179.8	180.2	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	19.616	180.1	180.5	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.3
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	.383	163.3	163.8	2.8	.3	.9	-.5	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.200	142.4	142.5	3.3	.1	.6	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.123	148.4	148.9	3.5	.3	.1	.0	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.077	134.3	133.6	2.8	-.5	1.1	.3	-.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	7.102	129.9	128.9	2.8	-.8	.3	-.8	-.2
Fuels .....	3.878	117.2	115.3	2.1	-1.6	.5	-1.5	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.424	105.5	102.1	.0	-3.2	-1.9	-3.3	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.453	123.4	121.7	2.4	-1.4	.7	-1.3	-.6
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.224	160.5	160.8	3.5	.2	.0	.1	.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.908	125.4	125.5	.6	.1	.2	.0	.1
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	3.332	111.1	111.1	-.7	.0	.2	-.3	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.093	142.8	143.3	1.3	.4	.1	.0	.4
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.482	150.6	151.1	3.1	.3	.1	.5	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.330	134.5	136.1	.9	1.2	.2	-.3	.9
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.786	131.0	132.7	.8	1.3	.2	-.4	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.280	129.2	131.4	1.9	1.7	-.9	-.2	1.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.102	130.1	131.9	1.3	1.4	.7	-.6	.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.186	129.7	133.7	.0	3.1	-.5	2.0	3.1
Footwear .....	.718	127.0	129.3	.9	1.8	.2	-.4	1.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.500	149.5	148.1	-3.5	-.9	.7	-.3	-.7
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.545	162.4	162.6	2.4	.1	.3	.1	.1
Transportation .....	17.140	144.9	144.8	1.2	-.1	-.1	.1	-.4
Private transportation .....	15.499	141.5	141.3	.7	-.1	.2	-.2	-.6
New vehicles .....	4.955	145.4	145.2	1.2	-.1	.0	.1	.0
New cars .....	3.952	142.9	142.6	.9	-.2	.0	.1	.0
Used cars .....	1.278	154.4	154.3	-2.0	-.1	.5	1.2	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	3.171	106.4	106.0	-2.4	-.4	.0	-2.1	-2.5
Gasoline .....	-	105.8	105.4	-2.6	-.4	.0	-2.1	-2.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.533	161.5	161.9	3.0	.2	-.1	.2	.2
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	4.562	177.4	177.3	2.5	-.1	.5	.3	.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.589	105.1	104.7	-.4	-.4	.3	-.3	-.1
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.973	194.5	194.5	2.9	.0	.6	.4	.2
Public transportation .....	1.642	188.1	189.8	5.9	.9	-2.0	2.2	1.2

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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Medical care .....	7.346	233.4	233.8	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.273	214.7	215.2	2.7	.2	.3	.5	.2
Medical care services .....	6.073	237.7	238.1	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.3
Professional medical services .....	3.472	214.2	214.7	3.7	.2	.1	.5	.3
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	4.352	162.1	162.2	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	1.957	144.5	144.1	.9	-.3	.1	.0	-.2
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	2.395	182.7	183.3	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	7.145	221.4	222.7	4.4	.6	.5	.5	.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.601	238.2	243.2	5.5	2.1	.6	.4	2.4
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	1.145	151.8	152.7	2.0	.6	-.1	.2	.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	.588	143.6	144.5	.2	.6	-.2	.2	.6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.557	161.2	162.0	4.0	.5	.0	.3	.5
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	4.398	255.8	256.0	4.7	.1	.6	.5	.3
School books and supplies .....	.264	235.4	235.8	4.6	.2	.4	.3	.5
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.134	257.6	257.7	4.6	.0	.6	.5	.3
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	160.0	160.2	2.5	.1	.3	.1	.1
Commodities .....	42.873	142.0	142.3	1.5	.2	.2	-.2	-.1
Food and beverages .....	17.484	157.1	157.1	2.9	.0	.3	.0	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.389	132.9	133.2	.5	.2	.1	-.3	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.147	135.0	135.8	.8	.6	.3	-.8	.1
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.786	131.0	132.7	.8	1.3	.2	-.4	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.362	140.2	140.6	.9	.3	.1	-.6	-.4
Durables .....	10.242	129.9	129.6	.1	-.2	.1	.0	-.2
Services .....	57.127	178.2	178.3	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.577	182.3	182.4	3.1	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.698	144.3	143.7	2.9	-.4	.4	-.3	-.1
Transportation services .....	7.148	184.9	185.4	3.6	.3	-.1	.8	.4
Medical care services .....	6.073	237.7	238.1	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.3
Other services .....	7.631	207.3	207.7	4.1	.2	.4	.4	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.087	160.6	160.8	2.4	.1	.2	.1	.2
All items less shelter .....	71.806	155.6	155.8	2.2	.1	.2	.0	.0
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	80.000	161.2	161.2	2.3	.0	.2	.1	.1
All items less medical care .....	92.654	155.9	156.0	2.4	.1	.3	.0	.1
Commodities less food .....	26.960	134.1	134.4	.7	.2	.1	-.2	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.718	136.6	137.4	1.0	.6	.2	-.7	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.932	141.4	141.7	1.1	.2	.1	-.7	-.4
Nondurables .....	32.631	146.2	146.6	1.9	.3	.3	-.4	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	29.550	186.7	186.8	3.4	.1	.2	.3	.3
Services less medical care services .....	51.054	172.7	172.8	3.3	.1	.2	.3	.2
Energy .....	7.049	111.2	110.0	.0	-1.1	.3	-1.7	-1.5
All items less energy .....	92.951	166.5	166.8	2.6	.2	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.038	169.0	169.4	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.364	143.0	143.5	1.1	.3	.1	.1	.3
Energy commodities .....	3.596	106.6	105.8	-2.1	-.8	-.2	-2.2	-2.4
Services less energy services .....	53.674	183.8	184.1	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84 = \$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	\$.625	\$.624	-2.5	-.2	-.3	-.2	-.2
1967 = \$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	.209	.208	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

**Table 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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.1	2.8	1.5	2.8	2.2
Food and beverages .....	156.3	156.8	156.8	156.5	5.1	5.3	.8	.5	5.2	.6
Food .....	156.0	156.5	156.5	156.2	5.4	5.3	.5	.5	5.3	.5
Food at home .....	156.7	157.5	157.2	156.5	6.5	6.6	-1.3	-.5	6.5	-.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.3	176.4	177.0	176.3	3.5	2.8	2.1	.0	3.2	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.7	148.4	147.1	147.7	9.0	8.2	2.5	-2.7	8.6	-.1
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	146.2	146.1	145.7	15.4	22.2	-4.0	-5.6	18.8	-4.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	182.2	187.7	187.8	181.5	5.6	4.4	-11.0	-1.5	5.0	-6.4
Other food at home .....	144.5	144.8	145.0	146.5	1.7	2.5	2.0	5.7	2.1	3.8
Sugar and sweets .....	146.9	146.9	146.0	147.6	6.3	3.4	4.2	1.9	4.8	3.0
Fats and oils .....	141.9	142.1	142.0	142.0	1.7	4.7	.9	.3	3.2	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.9	127.3	129.0	131.5	-3.4	-2.2	.9	11.7	-2.8	6.2
Other prepared food .....	159.4	160.6	160.0	160.8	4.2	4.7	2.5	3.6	4.4	3.1
Food away from home .....	155.3	155.6	156.0	156.2	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.3	3.3	2.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.4	161.8	161.6	161.8	2.8	4.4	3.0	1.0	3.6	2.0
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	155.2	155.6	155.6	155.9	2.9	2.6	3.4	1.8	2.8	2.6
Shelter .....	173.4	174.0	174.3	174.9	3.6	2.4	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.2
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	182.8	183.4	183.9	184.5	4.6	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.8
Rent, residential .....	164.4	164.6	165.1	165.5	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	221.1	223.1	223.7	224.6	7.3	2.2	6.0	6.5	4.8	6.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	179.0	179.5	179.8	180.4	3.2	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	179.3	179.9	180.1	180.7	3.2	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	162.9	164.3	163.5	164.2	3.8	5.1	-1.0	3.2	4.4	1.1
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	141.5	142.3	142.4	142.5	4.1	2.3	3.8	2.9	3.2	3.3
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	148.2	148.4	148.4	148.9	7.1	2.8	2.5	1.9	4.9	2.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	132.5	133.9	134.3	133.6	.3	1.2	6.3	3.4	.8	4.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	131.2	131.6	130.5	130.2	2.2	5.1	7.0	-3.0	3.7	1.9
Fuels .....	118.8	119.4	117.6	116.7	-.3	6.1	10.4	-6.9	2.8	1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	108.2	106.1	102.6	100.4	-20.2	45.9	15.8	-25.9	7.9	-7.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	125.3	126.2	124.6	123.9	2.0	2.3	10.2	-4.4	2.2	2.6
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	160.0	160.0	160.2	160.6	5.5	3.6	3.1	1.5	4.6	2.3
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	124.9	125.1	125.1	125.2	.6	1.0	.0	1.0	.8	.5
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	111.0	111.2	110.9	110.7	-1.4	.0	-.4	-1.1	-.7	-.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.3	142.5	142.5	143.0	-.3	1.1	2.3	2.0	.4	2.1
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	149.6	149.7	150.5	151.1	5.6	3.5	-.8	4.1	4.6	1.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.3	132.6	132.2	133.4	-2.1	-.6	3.1	3.4	-1.4	3.2
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	128.6	128.8	128.3	129.7	-2.8	-.6	3.2	3.5	-1.7	3.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	129.5	128.3	128.0	130.3	-1.2	-.3	6.8	2.5	-.8	4.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.7	126.6	125.8	126.8	-3.5	-1.3	6.6	3.5	-2.4	5.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	127.9	127.2	129.7	133.7	-21.9	9.2	-1.9	19.4	-7.6	8.3
Footwear .....	126.4	126.7	126.2	127.7	1.6	-.6	-1.3	4.2	.5	1.4
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	146.8	147.9	147.5	146.5	-1.0	-2.6	-9.5	-.8	-1.8	-5.2
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	161.7	162.2	162.4	162.6	2.8	1.8	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.5
Transportation .....	145.4	145.3	145.4	144.8	.0	3.4	3.1	-1.6	1.7	.7
Private transportation .....	142.4	142.7	142.4	141.6	-1.1	2.3	4.0	-2.2	.6	.9
New vehicles .....	144.4	144.4	144.6	144.6	2.5	2.0	-.6	.6	2.3	.0
New cars .....	141.9	141.9	142.0	142.0	2.6	2.0	-1.4	.3	2.3	-.6
Used cars .....	155.1	155.8	157.7	155.1	-4.7	-.3	-2.5	.0	-2.5	-1.3
Motor fuel .....	111.8	111.8	109.5	106.8	-11.5	2.3	21.0	-16.7	-4.9	.4
Gasoline .....	111.3	111.3	109.0	106.2	-11.2	1.1	21.6	-17.1	-5.3	.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	161.3	161.2	161.5	161.9	2.8	4.9	2.8	1.5	3.9	2.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	175.2	176.1	176.7	177.0	3.3	2.3	.2	4.2	2.8	2.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	104.8	105.1	104.8	104.7	-.4	.8	-1.5	-.4	.2	-.9
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	192.0	193.1	193.9	194.3	3.9	2.5	.4	4.9	3.2	2.6
Public transportation .....	185.6	181.9	185.9	188.1	8.6	15.4	-5.0	5.5	11.9	.1

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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	231.9	232.3	233.2	233.8	3.4	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.0	3.0
Medical care commodities .....	212.8	213.5	214.5	215.0	2.9	3.1	.8	4.2	3.0	2.5
Medical care services .....	236.0	236.4	237.2	237.9	3.3	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Professional medical services .....	212.4	212.7	213.7	214.4	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	161.1	161.4	161.7	161.8	2.8	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.7	1.9
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	144.0	144.2	144.2	143.9	1.4	2.3	.6	-.3	1.8	.1
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	181.1	181.6	182.1	182.7	4.1	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.4
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	220.3	221.3	222.3	224.1	3.8	3.4	3.5	7.1	3.6	5.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.2	237.6	238.5	244.2	2.8	4.4	1.4	14.3	3.6	7.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	151.5	151.8	152.7	.8	2.4	1.9	2.9	1.6	2.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	143.3	143.6	144.5	.6	.6	-2.7	2.5	.6	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.7	160.7	161.2	162.0	1.6	4.2	7.3	3.3	2.8	5.3
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	253.5	255.0	256.3	257.0	5.0	3.3	4.7	5.6	4.1	5.2
School books and supplies .....	232.2	233.2	234.0	235.1	3.1	7.4	2.8	5.1	5.2	3.9
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	255.0	256.5	257.8	258.5	4.9	3.1	4.8	5.6	4.0	5.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.1	2.8	1.5	2.8	2.2
Commodities .....	141.8	142.1	141.8	141.7	.9	3.2	2.3	-.3	2.0	1.0
Food and beverages .....	156.3	156.8	156.8	156.5	5.1	5.3	.8	.5	5.2	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.0	133.1	132.7	132.7	-1.8	1.8	3.4	-.9	.0	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.3	135.7	134.6	134.8	-2.1	1.8	5.5	-1.5	-.1	2.0
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	128.6	128.8	128.3	129.7	-2.8	-.6	3.2	3.5	-1.7	3.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	142.2	142.3	141.4	140.8	-4.0	2.9	8.9	-3.9	-.6	2.3
Durables .....	129.5	129.6	129.6	129.3	.3	.9	-.3	-.6	.6	-.5
Services .....	177.2	177.6	178.0	178.5	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.1
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	180.8	181.3	181.8	182.3	3.2	2.5	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	145.1	145.7	145.2	145.0	4.3	3.1	4.8	-.3	3.7	2.2
Transportation services .....	182.9	182.7	184.1	184.9	4.6	5.9	-.4	4.4	5.2	2.0
Medical care services .....	236.0	236.4	237.2	237.9	3.3	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Other services .....	206.1	206.9	207.8	208.4	4.3	3.0	4.4	4.5	3.6	4.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	159.9	160.2	160.3	160.6	2.1	2.8	3.1	1.8	2.4	2.4
All items less shelter .....	155.2	155.5	155.5	155.5	2.1	3.4	2.6	.8	2.8	1.7
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	160.5	160.8	160.9	161.0	2.3	3.3	2.8	1.3	2.8	2.0
All items less medical care .....	155.1	155.5	155.5	155.7	2.7	3.2	2.6	1.6	2.9	2.1
Commodities less food .....	134.2	134.4	134.1	134.0	-1.8	2.1	3.0	-.6	.2	1.2
Nondurables less food .....	136.8	137.1	136.2	136.3	-1.8	1.8	5.4	-1.5	.0	1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	142.9	143.1	142.1	141.5	-1.7	4.4	6.1	-3.9	1.3	1.0
Nondurables .....	146.1	146.5	145.9	145.7	1.4	3.4	3.6	-1.1	2.4	1.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	185.9	186.2	186.7	187.2	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	4.0	2.9
Services less medical care services .....	171.7	172.0	172.5	172.9	3.9	3.1	3.3	2.8	3.5	3.1
Energy .....	114.6	114.9	112.9	111.2	-5.6	4.5	14.9	-11.3	-.7	.9
All items less energy .....	165.5	165.9	166.2	166.6	3.2	3.0	1.7	2.7	3.1	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	167.9	168.3	168.7	169.2	2.7	2.4	2.2	3.1	2.6	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.0	142.2	142.3	142.7	.3	1.4	.8	2.0	.9	1.4
Energy commodities .....	111.5	111.3	108.8	106.2	-12.3	6.2	20.1	-17.7	-3.5	-.6
Services less energy services .....	182.4	182.9	183.4	184.0	4.1	2.9	2.7	3.6	3.5	3.1

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

**Table 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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	157.1	157.1	2.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.2
Food .....	156.6	156.6	2.8	.0	.3	.0	-.2
Food at home .....	157.7	157.5	2.7	-.1	.5	-.2	-.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.7	176.9	2.1	.1	.1	.3	-.4
Cereals and cereal products .....	168.7	168.7	-1.2	.0	-.8	.4	-.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	155.0	156.6	8.9	1.0	-.9	-.7	2.5
Cereal .....	186.9	186.2	-5.0	-.4	-.8	.5	-1.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	147.8	147.8	2.5	.0	-.2	.2	.0
Bakery products .....	180.1	180.4	3.5	.2	.2	.4	-.6
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	182.6	182.1	3.9	-.3	1.3	-.7	-.3
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	180.3	180.3	4.5	.0	.0	-.3	.0
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	178.9	179.0	3.5	.1	-.3	.2	.1
Other bakery products .....	179.1	180.7	2.4	.9	-.6	1.1	-1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.8	147.7	4.2	-.1	-.2	-.9	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.2	148.1	4.5	-.1	-.3	-.5	.3
Meats .....	143.1	143.4	4.7	.2	-.3	-.7	.6
Beef and veal .....	135.8	136.2	1.7	.3	-.8	-.7	.6
Ground beef other than canned .....	114.3	115.0	.7	.6	-.6	-2.2	.8
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	143.8	142.1	2.5	-1.2	-2.8	.8	-.1
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	129.5	129.9	6.9	.3	1.5	.2	1.6
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	131.2	129.6	-.8	-1.2	1.5	.3	-2.3
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	137.0	138.3	.4	.9	-3.2	.1	.6
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.0	160.0	2.6	.6	-1.4	.0	.6
Pork .....	153.6	153.6	10.1	.0	.1	-1.1	1.0
Bacon .....	161.2	161.7	20.9	.3	.8	.1	-.3
Chops .....	153.4	153.8	1.9	.3	2.2	-2.2	.1
Ham .....	155.2	151.0	11.4	-2.7	-.8	-1.3	2.6
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	148.7	150.7	9.8	1.3	-1.1	-1.0	1.7
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.5	148.0	4.4	.3	.5	-.2	.3
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	156.3	155.4	5.3	-.6	-.2	-1.0	-.6
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	158.9	158.5	7.8	-.3	-1.0	-.2	-.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	156.9	155.1	3.0	-1.1	.4	-1.9	-1.1
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	154.4	155.0	6.7	.4	-.8	-.2	1.7
Fish and seafood .....	178.2	176.9	2.8	-.7	-.6	1.3	-.8
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.8	127.8	1.6	.8	-.9	-.2	.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	202.8	200.6	3.0	-1.1	-.7	1.7	-1.0
Eggs .....	141.0	140.0	-1.3	-.7	1.3	-6.4	2.7
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	146.1	145.7	6.4	-.3	-1.1	-.1	-.3
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.8	144.7	5.3	-.8	-1.9	-.2	-.8
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	143.8	142.6	4.5	-.8	-1.8	-.1	-.8
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.5	6.3	-.7	-1.9	-.3	-.7
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.0	147.2	7.3	.1	-.2	.5	.5
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.1	148.2	5.2	.1	-.3	-.5	.1
Ice cream and related products .....	151.3	151.1	7.8	-.1	-.2	.1	.1
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	135.9	137.1	14.3	.9	1.0	2.7	1.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	189.3	188.4	-1.1	-1.5	3.0	.1	-3.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	218.4	213.8	-3.1	-2.1	4.6	.0	-4.6
Fresh fruits .....	234.6	235.8	1.5	.5	1.3	1.4	-1.0
Apples .....	198.5	197.2	-3.1	-.7	-2.2	-.4	-1.2
Bananas .....	175.2	168.1	2.4	-4.1	-3.0	-.6	1.6
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	190.1	202.1	-3.8	6.3	4.9	-2.1	2.0
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	277.3	278.8	3.9	.5	2.1	3.2	-2.0
Fresh vegetables .....	202.2	191.8	-8.3	-5.1	8.9	-1.8	-9.1
Potatoes .....	161.2	163.9	-9.9	1.7	-.9	-3.8	.3
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	185.8	188.6	-.4	1.5	-5.8	.7	1.5
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	264.5	228.0	-22.0	-13.8	9.3	24.9	-13.8
Other fresh vegetables .....	204.5	193.8	-4.1	-5.2	8.4	-4.5	-4.3
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.0	147.7	3.8	-.2	-.1	.1	-.6
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.9	148.4	3.9	-.3	.8	-.6	-.3
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.7	3.6	-.5	1.1	-.9	-.5
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	148.6	5.0	.3	-.1	.4	.7
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.1	147.1	3.6	.0	-.9	.8	-.5
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	146.1	147.6	4.2	1.0	.1	-1.2	1.8
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	147.6	3.3	-.5	-1.6	1.6	-1.3

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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	145.5	146.9	2.9	1.0	0.2	0.1	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	146.3	147.9	4.0	1.1	.0	-.6	1.1
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.1	134.4	2.6	.2	.3	-.9	.8
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	151.2	153.3	4.4	1.4	-.1	-.5	1.1
Fats and oils .....	142.4	142.4	1.8	.0	.1	-.1	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	129.5	131.9	1.5	1.9	-.5	1.3	1.9
Carbonated drinks .....	119.2	118.4	-2.5	-.7	-1.3	-.4	-.2
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	152.3	162.7	7.5	6.8	.5	3.9	6.8
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	140.0	2.1	.1	1.0	.0	-.4
Other prepared food .....	160.3	161.1	3.7	.5	.8	-.4	.5
Canned and packaged soup .....	186.1	186.6	4.8	.3	-.1	.5	.6
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	144.8	146.4	2.7	1.1	1.5	-.8	1.1
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	153.3	155.1	4.9	1.2	1.4	-.5	1.2
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.8	168.0	3.8	.7	.0	-.6	.7
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	162.2	161.8	3.2	-.2	.9	.0	-.2
Food away from home .....	156.0	156.2	3.0	.1	.2	.3	.1
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	156.8	157.0	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.1
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.7	153.9	2.8	.1	.1	.3	.1
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.7	159.7	3.4	.0	.3	.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.1	162.3	2.8	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.5	149.6	2.2	.1	.1	-.2	.1
Beer and ale .....	149.0	149.1	.9	.1	-.1	-.6	.2
Wine .....	145.4	145.3	5.4	-.1	.3	.7	.1
Distilled spirits .....	149.6	149.9	2.3	.2	.6	-.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	187.6	188.0	3.4	.2	.3	.1	.0
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.9	155.8	2.6	-.1	.3	.0	.2
Shelter .....	175.2	175.3	3.1	.1	.3	.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	186.8	186.3	3.7	-.3	.3	.3	.3
Rent, residential .....	165.1	165.5	2.9	.2	.1	.3	.2
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	231.7	228.0	5.5	-1.6	.9	.3	.4
Lodging while out of town .....	232.0	227.7	5.6	-1.9	.8	.2	.4
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	220.5	220.5	4.6	.0	1.0	.4	.3
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	157.5	157.8	2.9	.2	.7	.0	.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	179.8	180.2	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	180.1	180.5	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.3
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	163.3	163.8	2.8	.3	.9	-.5	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.4	142.5	3.3	.1	.6	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.4	148.9	3.5	.3	.1	.0	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	134.3	133.6	2.8	-.5	1.1	.3	-.5
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	126.9	126.2	4.0	-.6	.0	-.5	-.6
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	129.4	128.8	1.9	-.5	2.0	.9	-.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	129.9	128.9	2.8	-.8	.3	-.8	-.2
Fuels .....	117.2	115.3	2.1	-1.6	.5	-1.5	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	105.5	102.1	.0	-3.2	-1.9	-3.3	-2.1
Fuel oil .....	102.7	99.6	-1.6	-3.0	-1.6	-3.6	-1.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 5</sup> .....	138.0	132.8	4.0	-3.8	-3.8	-2.8	-3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	123.4	121.7	2.4	-1.4	.7	-1.3	-.6
Electricity .....	129.7	129.5	.5	-.2	.5	.2	.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	115.1	110.4	6.8	-4.1	1.2	-4.2	-3.0
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.5	160.8	3.5	.2	.0	.1	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.9	128.0	3.6	.1	.0	.2	.1
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.6	162.7	3.8	.1	.4	.2	.1
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.8	78.8	1.0	.0	-2.0	.0	.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	93.9	93.8	6.6	-.1	1.8	.3	-.1
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	206.9	207.1	.6	.1	.0	.3	.2
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	224.2	225.5	7.7	.6	.9	.0	.4
Refuse collection <sup>1 6</sup> .....	248.8	249.4	2.2	.2	.0	.3	.2

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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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	125.4	125.5	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	111.1	111.1	-.7	.0	.2	-.3	-.2
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.8	121.3	-1.1	2.1	.5	-1.7	2.1
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	134.1	134.5	.3	.3	-.1	.7	.3
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	139.9	141.0	2.0	.8	-.4	.5	.8
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	143.6	142.0	1.3	-1.1	.1	1.9	-1.1
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.0	136.4	-.1	.3	.1	.4	.3
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	121.6	122.4	-2.0	.7	.5	.1	-.3
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	76.8	75.3	-4.1	-2.0	.1	-.3	-2.0
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.5	68.8	-4.7	-2.4	.1	-.1	-2.4
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	62.9	62.2	-5.2	-1.1	.0	-.3	-1.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 7</sup> .....	65.9	64.1	-4.9	-2.7	-.9	.0	-2.7
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	90.3	87.4	-4.3	-3.2	.6	.0	-3.2
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	103.6	102.1	-.9	-1.4	.4	-.2	-1.4
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.2	108.7	-.7	-2.2	.7	-.4	-2.2
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.8	112.1	.7	-1.5	.4	.4	-1.5
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	93.1	92.5	-2.5	-.6	.2	-.7	-.6
Information processing equipment <sup>1 7</sup> .....	52.4	51.4	-12.7	-1.9	-.6	-1.5	-1.9
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	116.5	116.9	.8	.3	.8	-.1	.3
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.2	143.8	3.7	-1.0	1.0	-.1	-1.0
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	120.1	120.5	-.2	.3	2.3	.0	.3
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.8	124.6	.4	2.3	.9	-2.5	2.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.8	110.3	2.3	-.5	-.1	.2	-.5
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	90.9	90.3	1.8	-.7	1.0	-.2	-.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 8</sup> .....	114.2	116.0	-2.3	1.6	-1.1	2.4	1.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.8	143.3	1.3	.4	.1	.0	.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.8	146.5	3.0	.5	-.4	.1	.5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.7	145.9	-.4	.1	.1	.0	.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.4	137.0	1.6	.4	.9	.6	.4
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	150.6	151.1	3.1	.3	.1	.5	.4
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.2	159.5	3.1	.2	.0	.4	.2
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	138.0	138.7	3.4	.5	-.2	1.0	.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	134.5	136.1	.9	1.2	.2	-.3	.9
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	131.0	132.7	.8	1.3	.2	-.4	1.1
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	131.7	133.3	.8	1.2	.2	-.3	1.0
Men's and boys' .....	129.2	131.4	1.9	1.7	-.9	-.2	1.8
Men's .....	132.6	134.6	2.2	1.5	-.2	-.5	1.4
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	135.5	136.6	1.0	.8	-1.1	2.0	.1
Furnishings and special clothing .....	124.7	127.6	3.2	2.3	.5	-.5	1.6
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	138.9	142.4	4.8	2.5	-.1	-.9	2.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	131.4	131.6	-.4	.2	-.7	-2.0	.6
Boys' .....	114.8	117.9	.3	2.7	-2.7	.6	2.3
Women's and girls' .....	130.1	131.9	1.3	1.4	.7	-.6	.8
Women's .....	130.5	131.8	1.5	1.0	1.0	-.6	.3
Coats and jackets .....	123.4	121.4	2.4	-1.6	-.8	2.4	-.7
Dresses .....	118.5	118.3	-2.2	-.2	2.5	-.8	-2.8
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	133.0	137.0	2.2	3.0	-.9	-1.6	1.6
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	134.6	135.6	1.3	.7	1.4	.3	.4
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	161.2	155.0	4.6	-3.8	10.0	-.8	.8
Girls' .....	128.2	132.4	-.7	3.3	-.4	-1.0	3.2
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	129.7	133.7	.0	3.1	-.5	2.0	3.1
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	148.1	-3.5	-.9	.7	-.3	-.7
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 5</sup> .....	130.7	130.7	-.3.5	.0	-.5	1.7	.0
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	149.2	147.5	-3.5	-1.1	.7	-.1	-1.0
Watches <sup>1 5</sup> .....	129.1	127.3	-3.1	-1.4	-.6	2.3	-1.4
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	154.8	153.2	-3.6	-1.0	1.1	-.5	-.9
Footwear .....	127.0	129.3	.9	1.8	.2	-.4	1.2
Men's .....	132.3	132.8	.2	.4	.4	-.7	-.1
Boys' and girls' .....	131.1	133.1	1.8	1.5	1.7	-2.6	1.2
Women's .....	120.8	124.2	.9	2.8	-.7	1.0	1.5
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.4	162.6	2.4	.1	.3	.1	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	165.9	165.7	3.4	-.1	.5	.1	-.1
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.0	159.5	1.1	.3	.1	.2	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	144.9	144.8	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.4
Private .....	141.5	141.3	.7	-.1	.2	-.2	-.6
New vehicles .....	145.4	145.2	1.2	-.1	.0	.1	.0
New cars .....	142.9	142.6	.9	-.2	.0	.1	.0
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	123.4	123.2	.5	-.2	-.1	-.2	.2
Compact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	124.0	123.7	2.1	-.2	.2	.2	.0
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.4	122.4	.7	.0	.1	.3	.1
Full-size new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	126.5	126.3	2.1	-.2	.2	.4	.1
Luxury new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	133.8	133.0	.0	-.6	-.5	-.2	-.5
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	152.6	152.3	2.1	-.2	.4	.0	.0
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	162.2	162.4	.7	.1	-.5	-.7	.2
Used cars .....	154.4	154.3	-2.0	-.1	.5	1.2	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	106.4	106.0	-2.4	-.4	.0	-2.1	-2.5
Gasoline .....	105.8	105.4	-2.6	-.4	.0	-2.1	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.7	103.4	-2.8	-.3	-.2	-2.1	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 9</sup> .....	110.4	109.9	-2.5	-.5	-.4	-1.4	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.0	106.5	-2.2	-.5	.1	-1.8	-2.1
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	161.5	161.9	3.0	.2	-.1	.2	.2
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	170.4	171.3	4.1	.5	.5	.2	.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	169.8	170.2	3.4	.2	.1	.5	.2
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.4	148.1	1.5	-.2	-.2	.2	-.2
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.9	168.0	3.8	.7	-.1	.1	.8
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	177.4	177.3	2.5	-.1	.5	.3	.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	105.1	104.7	-.4	-.4	.3	-.3	-.1
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.1	131.5	.3	.3	-.5	.5	.3
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.2	101.8	-.4	-.4	.3	-.2	-.3
Tires .....	101.2	100.7	-.5	-.5	.0	-.6	-.2
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.4	107.0	-.5	-.4	.5	-.2	-.4
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	194.5	194.5	2.9	.0	.6	.4	.2
Automobile insurance .....	250.2	250.4	3.7	.1	.5	.4	.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	95.4	95.8	3.0	.4	.2	1.2	.7
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	185.3	184.4	.4	-.5	2.2	.8	-.5
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	183.7	183.8	-.1	.1	.0	.0	.1
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	188.1	186.2	1.0	-1.0	4.5	1.5	-1.0
Public transportation .....	188.1	189.8	5.9	.9	-2.0	2.2	1.2
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	201.6	204.1	8.7	1.2	-2.6	4.5	1.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	155.0	155.5	-1.1	.3	-1.2	.5	.3
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.4	175.5	.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Medical care .....	233.4	233.8	3.0	.2	.2	.4	.3
Medical care commodities .....	214.7	215.2	2.7	.2	.3	.5	.2
Prescription drugs .....	248.6	249.2	3.0	.2	.2	.4	.3
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 5</sup> .....	145.2	145.4	2.0	.1	.8	.3	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	173.4	172.8	2.2	-.3	1.1	.3	-.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	170.0	172.0	1.8	1.2	.2	.2	1.2
Medical care services .....	237.7	238.1	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.3
Professional medical services .....	214.2	214.7	3.7	.2	.1	.5	.3
Physicians' services .....	221.9	222.3	3.2	.2	.0	.5	.2
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	224.5	225.3	5.2	.4	.5	.4	.4
Eye care <sup>1 5</sup> .....	141.0	140.9	1.3	-.1	.4	.1	-.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	151.2	151.9	4.2	.5	.7	.4	.3
Hospital and related services .....	276.7	277.0	3.7	.1	.1	.2	.4
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.1	101.2	-	.1	.2	.1	.1
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.9	101.0	-	.1	.2	.1	.1
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	223.1	223.3	4.9	.1	.5	.4	.3
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.4	101.6	-	.2	.9	.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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change <sup>1</sup> from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	162.1	162.2	2.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	144.5	144.1	.9	-.3	.1	.0	-.2
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	178.3	1.7	-.2	.0	.2	-.2
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	191.3	191.2	1.6	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	167.0	166.5	1.8	-.3	-.1	.2	-.3
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.7	122.9	-1.1	-.6	.0	.3	-.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	126.3	125.3	-1.3	-.8	.6	.7	-.8
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	117.9	-1.0	-.6	-.5	-.1	-.6
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.6	133.4	1.3	-.1	.2	.0	-.1
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	125.9	-.1	-.3	.6	-.6	-.5
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	134.2	134.2	.6	.0	.4	.0	.0
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	143.2	143.3	3.0	.1	-.2	.4	.1
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	182.7	183.3	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	133.3	132.8	-.4	-.4	.0	.7	-.2
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	172.5	173.9	6.8	.8	-.1	1.1	1.4
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	195.4	196.7	3.2	.7	.8	-.1	.7
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	166.8	166.3	5.1	-.3	.4	.1	.0
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	142.0	142.3	3.3	.2	.0	.4	.2
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	221.4	222.7	4.4	.6	.5	.5	.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	238.2	243.2	5.5	2.1	.6	.4	2.4
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.8	152.7	2.0	.6	-.1	.2	.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	144.5	.2	.6	-.2	.2	.6
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	152.2	2.9	.4	.7	-.5	.4
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	137.9	139.0	-2.0	.8	-.9	.7	.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	161.2	162.0	4.0	.5	.0	.3	.5
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	161.1	3.8	.6	.1	.2	.6
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	164.7	164.9	5.0	.1	-.4	.8	-.2
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	255.8	256.0	4.7	.1	.6	.5	.3
School books and supplies .....	235.4	235.8	4.6	.2	.4	.3	.5
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	257.6	257.7	4.6	.0	.6	.5	.3
Tuition and other school fees .....	275.3	275.4	4.7	.0	.4	.4	.4
College tuition .....	289.3	289.3	5.2	.0	.4	.4	.5
Elementary and high school tuition .....	280.5	280.5	4.5	.0	.3	.4	.4
Day care and nursery school <sup>8</sup> .....	132.7	132.9	3.7	.2	.3	.5	.3
Personal expenses .....	223.8	224.1	4.5	.1	.8	.9	.1
Legal service fees <sup>1 5</sup> .....	160.7	161.0	3.2	.2	.3	.4	.2
Personal financial services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	191.4	190.7	4.6	-.4	1.8	1.6	-.4
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	168.6	169.4	5.9	.5	1.0	1.0	.6
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	159.5	159.2	2.8	-.2	.6	-.3	-.5
Selected beef cuts .....	128.2	128.4	1.3	.2	-.8	-.9	.6
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	106.8	106.5	-2.3	-.3	.0	-2.0	-2.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	144.9	144.4	3.4	-.3	.1	.1	-.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.6	151.1	3.1	.3	.1	.5	.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
Expenditure category								
Food and beverages .....	156.8	156.5	5.1	5.3	0.8	0.5	5.2	0.6
Food .....	156.5	156.2	5.4	5.3	.5	.5	5.3	.5
Food at home .....	157.2	156.5	6.5	6.6	-1.3	-5	6.5	-9
Cereals and bakery products .....	177.0	176.3	3.5	2.8	2.1	.0	3.2	1.0
Cereals and cereal products .....	168.4	167.8	-2.8	-2.4	3.4	-2.8	-2.6	.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	155.2	159.1	25.0	1.8	6.3	3.6	12.8	5.0
Cereal .....	185.9	184.0	-10.7	-4.8	1.1	-5.3	-7.8	-2.1
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	147.3	147.3	4.0	1.1	5.3	.0	2.5	2.6
Bakery products .....	181.0	179.9	6.6	4.6	2.5	.2	5.6	1.3
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	182.6	182.1	8.2	1.6	4.5	1.6	4.9	3.0
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	180.3	180.3	10.6	9.6	-2	-1.3	10.1	-8
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	178.9	179.0	1.6	5.6	7.0	-2	3.6	3.3
Other bakery products .....	181.2	178.9	5.6	4.6	2.7	-3.1	5.1	-2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.1	147.7	9.0	8.2	2.5	-2.7	8.6	-1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.9	148.3	9.9	7.6	3.3	-2.1	8.8	.5
Meats .....	142.8	143.7	9.0	8.5	3.1	-1.4	8.8	.8
Beef and veal .....	134.6	135.4	2.1	7.0	1.5	-3.8	4.6	-1.2
Ground beef other than canned .....	113.0	113.9	5.0	3.9	1.7	-7.7	4.5	-3.1
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	141.0	140.9	.6	15.7	3.7	-8.3	7.9	-2.5
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	129.4	7.8	19.4	-11.0	14.1	13.5	.8
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	130.2	127.2	1.6	10.0	-11.3	-2.2	5.7	-6.9
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	136.3	137.1	-3	3.0	9.6	-9.6	1.3	-4
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.0	160.0	-1.3	7.1	8.1	-3.2	2.8	2.3
Pork .....	154.7	156.2	23.8	12.0	5.8	-3	17.8	2.7
Bacon .....	163.1	162.6	70.1	25.9	-2.4	2.2	46.3	-1
Chops .....	154.5	154.6	6.8	.0	.8	.3	3.3	.5
Ham .....	154.8	158.8	19.5	18.9	6.3	2.0	19.2	4.2
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	152.1	20.8	10.0	11.5	-1.8	15.3	4.6
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.5	148.0	5.5	6.8	2.5	2.7	6.2	2.6
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	156.3	155.4	14.6	12.0	2.8	-6.9	13.3	-2.2
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	158.9	158.5	21.7	12.5	4.6	-5.6	17.0	-6
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	156.9	155.1	9.1	12.5	2.0	-10.1	10.8	-4.2
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	153.8	156.4	9.6	8.0	6.4	2.9	8.8	4.6
Fish and seafood .....	177.1	175.7	8.9	-1.6	4.4	-2	3.5	2.1
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.8	127.8	3.2	-1.6	6.2	-1.2	.8	2.4
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	201.0	199.0	10.5	-2.0	3.9	.2	4.1	2.0
Eggs .....	135.3	139.0	-1.4	16.3	-8.5	-9.7	7.1	-9.1
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	146.1	145.7	15.4	22.2	-4.0	-5.6	18.8	-4.8
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.8	144.7	15.4	19.9	-3	-10.8	17.6	-5.7
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	143.8	142.6	16.1	16.8	-1.4	-10.7	16.5	-6.2
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.5	14.6	23.6	1.3	-10.9	19.0	-5.0
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.3	148.1	14.0	20.2	-6.5	3.6	17.0	-1.6
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.1	148.2	7.3	21.3	-3.2	-2.9	14.1	-3.0
Ice cream and related products .....	151.0	151.2	11.6	19.0	1.3	.3	15.2	.8
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	137.7	139.9	43.6	29.3	-25.4	23.2	36.3	-4.2
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.8	181.5	5.6	4.4	-11.0	-1.5	5.0	-6.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	215.1	205.1	3.3	5.0	-17.5	-1.0	4.1	-9.6
Fresh fruits .....	238.8	236.4	4.7	12.2	-15.9	7.1	8.4	-5.1
Apples .....	199.1	196.8	-1.0	10.0	-5.8	-14.1	4.4	-10.0
Bananas .....	160.3	162.9	-3.7	8.1	14.7	-7.9	2.0	2.8
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	221.8	226.3	9.0	4.9	-37.6	20.7	6.9	-13.2
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	279.8	274.1	6.8	15.3	-16.9	13.6	11.0	-2.9
Fresh vegetables .....	192.9	175.3	1.7	-3.3	-19.6	-10.6	-.8	-15.2
Potatoes .....	163.5	164.0	-8.5	1.1	-15.0	-16.2	-3.8	-15.6
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	185.8	188.6	-18.8	.2	40.9	-14.1	-9.8	10.0
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	264.5	228.0	-87.4	15.0	32.6	92.4	-61.9	59.7
Other fresh vegetables .....	191.3	183.0	16.4	-6.1	-19.2	-4.0	4.6	-11.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	147.4	10.2	3.1	4.4	-2.4	6.6	1.0
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.9	148.4	14.1	-1.9	4.7	-.5	5.8	2.1
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.7	15.4	-2.1	3.3	-1.1	6.3	1.1
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	148.2	149.2	5.7	3.1	7.4	3.8	4.4	5.6
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	147.0	7.8	5.6	3.6	-2.4	6.7	.5
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	145.9	148.5	2.0	5.7	6.2	3.0	3.8	4.6
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	149.0	147.0	10.8	5.9	2.5	-5.3	8.3	-1.5

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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**

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Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	145.0	146.5	1.7	2.5	2.0	5.7	2.1	3.8
Sugar and sweets .....	146.0	147.6	6.3	3.4	4.2	1.9	4.8	3.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	133.8	134.9	5.3	3.3	.9	.9	4.3	.9
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	150.9	152.6	7.3	3.5	4.9	2.1	5.4	3.5
Fats and oils .....	142.0	142.0	1.7	4.7	.9	.3	3.2	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	129.0	131.5	-3.4	-2.2	.9	11.7	-2.8	6.2
Carbonated drinks .....	117.8	117.6	-1.3	-2.0	1.3	-7.5	-1.7	-3.2
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	152.3	162.7	-9.2	-4.0	-8	54.6	-6.6	23.8
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.8	139.3	3.3	1.8	.6	2.6	2.5	1.6
Other prepared food .....	160.0	160.8	4.2	4.7	2.5	3.6	4.4	3.1
Canned and packaged soup .....	186.9	188.1	11.4	2.9	1.3	4.1	7.0	2.7
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	144.8	146.4	7.8	.8	-4.6	7.1	4.3	1.1
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	153.3	155.1	2.7	5.2	2.9	8.7	4.0	5.8
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.2	167.4	3.0	6.6	5.4	.5	4.8	2.9
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	161.6	161.3	2.6	5.7	1.8	2.8	4.1	2.3
Food away from home .....	156.0	156.2	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.3	3.3	2.7
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	156.9	157.0	3.2	3.4	3.4	2.6	3.3	3.0
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.8	153.9	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.1	3.1	2.5
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.7	159.7	2.6	5.5	3.6	1.8	4.1	2.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.6	161.8	2.8	4.4	3.0	1.0	3.6	2.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.8	149.0	3.1	3.3	2.2	.3	3.2	1.2
Beer and ale .....	147.9	148.2	2.2	2.7	1.1	-2.1	2.5	-.5
Wine .....	144.6	144.8	5.6	6.8	4.3	4.5	6.2	4.4
Distilled spirits .....	149.6	150.0	2.8	1.9	1.4	3.0	2.3	2.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	187.6	187.6	2.2	6.1	3.7	1.7	4.1	2.7
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.6	155.9	2.9	2.6	3.4	1.8	2.8	2.6
Shelter .....	174.3	174.9	3.6	2.4	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.2
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	183.9	184.5	4.6	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.8
Rent, residential .....	165.1	165.5	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	223.7	224.6	7.3	2.2	6.0	6.5	4.8	6.2
Lodging while out of town .....	222.8	223.7	7.8	2.1	6.6	5.9	4.9	6.3
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	221.4	222.1	4.0	3.8	3.9	7.0	3.9	5.4
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	157.5	157.8	6.7	3.4	-1.8	3.6	5.0	.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	179.8	180.4	3.2	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	180.1	180.7	3.2	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	163.5	164.2	3.8	5.1	-1.0	3.2	4.4	1.1
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.4	142.5	4.1	2.3	3.8	2.9	3.2	3.3
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.4	148.9	7.1	2.8	2.5	1.9	4.9	2.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	134.3	133.6	.3	1.2	6.3	3.4	.8	4.8
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	126.9	126.2	1.7	1.0	18.5	-4.0	1.3	6.7
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	129.4	128.8	-.3	1.0	-2.8	10.2	.3	3.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.5	130.2	2.2	5.1	7.0	-3.0	3.7	1.9
Fuels .....	117.6	116.7	-.3	6.1	10.4	-6.9	2.8	1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	102.6	100.4	-20.2	45.9	15.8	-25.9	7.9	-7.3
Fuel oil .....	99.8	98.0	-28.1	56.7	10.5	-24.7	6.1	-8.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 5</sup> .....	138.0	132.8	-16.7	30.1	64.7	-34.5	4.1	3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.6	123.9	2.0	2.3	10.2	-4.4	2.2	2.6
Electricity .....	132.7	133.4	-3.0	2.8	-2.4	4.9	-.2	1.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	115.0	111.5	14.5	1.5	42.8	-21.9	7.8	5.6
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.2	160.6	5.5	3.6	3.1	1.5	4.6	2.3
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.9	128.0	9.0	2.2	2.2	1.3	5.6	1.7
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.6	162.7	12.0	1.5	-.5	2.5	6.6	1.0
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.8	78.8	2.1	1.0	9.5	-7.7	1.5	.5
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	93.9	93.8	5.1	8.8	4.0	8.5	6.9	6.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	207.1	207.5	-5.7	3.0	3.8	1.8	-1.4	2.8
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	223.4	224.4	11.8	8.5	5.2	5.5	10.1	5.4
Refuse collection <sup>1 6</sup> .....	248.8	249.4	4.3	2.6	-.5	2.3	3.5	.9

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup>	125.1	125.2	0.6	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.5
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup>	110.9	110.7	-1.4	.0	-.4	-1.1	-.7	-.7
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup>	118.8	121.3	-9.4	-.7	2.4	3.7	-5.1	3.0
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup>	134.1	134.5	.3	.9	-3.5	3.6	.6	.0
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup>	139.9	141.0	5.3	-1.4	.3	3.8	1.9	2.0
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup>	143.6	142.0	3.2	6.7	-7.8	3.7	4.9	-2.2
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup>	136.0	136.4	1.5	.6	-6.0	3.6	1.0	-1.3
Other furniture <sup>2</sup>	121.8	121.4	-3.8	-2.9	-2.3	1.0	-3.4	-.7
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup>	76.8	75.3	-4.0	-2.5	-1.5	-8.1	-3.3	-4.9
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup>	70.5	68.8	-3.8	-5.5	.0	-9.3	-4.7	-4.8
Televisions <sup>1</sup>	62.9	62.2	-5.4	-10.1	.6	-5.6	-7.8	-2.5
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 7</sup>	65.9	64.1	-9.2	-3.0	7.6	-13.7	-6.1	-3.6
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup>	90.3	87.4	-.4	-2.6	-3.5	-10.3	-1.5	-6.9
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup>	103.6	102.1	-.8	2.4	.0	-4.9	.8	-2.5
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup>	111.2	108.7	5.6	-5.6	5.6	-7.7	-.2	-1.3
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup>	113.8	112.1	-2.1	10.1	-1.8	-2.8	3.8	-2.3
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 5</sup>	93.1	92.5	-5.4	2.6	-2.5	-4.6	-1.5	-3.6
Information processing equipment <sup>1 7</sup>	52.4	51.4	-19.4	-4.2	-11.8	-14.8	-12.2	-13.3
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 5</sup>	116.5	116.9	-1.7	-.3	1.0	4.2	-1.0	2.6
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup>	145.2	143.8	-1.4	15.9	1.1	.0	6.9	.6
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup>	120.1	120.5	-4.6	-1.0	-5.6	11.0	-2.8	2.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup>	121.8	124.6	1.0	-1.9	.0	2.6	-.5	1.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup>	110.8	110.3	3.8	2.2	4.8	-1.4	3.0	1.7
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup>	90.9	90.3	10.8	-10.1	7.4	.4	-.2	3.9
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 5</sup>	114.2	116.0	-14.9	-7.5	3.3	12.2	-11.3	7.7
Housekeeping supplies	142.5	143.0	-.3	1.1	2.3	2.0	.4	2.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup>	145.8	146.5	5.4	2.0	3.9	.5	3.7	2.2
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup>	145.7	145.9	-4.6	.3	1.7	1.1	-2.2	1.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup>	136.4	137.0	-2.9	1.2	.3	8.0	-.9	4.1
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup>	150.5	151.1	5.6	3.5	-.8	4.1	4.6	1.6
Postage <sup>1</sup>	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup>	159.2	159.5	3.9	5.0	1.0	2.5	4.4	1.8
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 5</sup>	138.1	138.9	8.0	2.4	-2.0	5.7	5.1	1.8
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b>	132.2	133.4	-2.1	-.6	3.1	3.4	-1.4	3.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup>	128.3	129.7	-2.8	-.6	3.2	3.5	-1.7	3.3
Apparel commodities less footwear	128.7	130.0	-3.4	-.9	4.1	3.5	-2.2	3.8
Men's and boys'	128.0	130.3	-1.2	-.3	6.8	2.5	-.8	4.6
Men's	131.8	133.7	-.6	-1.5	8.6	3.0	-1.1	5.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	135.6	135.8	-2.4	-.6	3.0	3.9	-1.5	3.5
Furnishings and special clothing	125.4	127.4	.6	-9.1	16.5	6.5	-4.3	11.4
Shirts <sup>2</sup>	136.6	140.5	.3	7.0	4.5	7.1	3.6	5.8
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	129.4	130.2	2.2	-5.1	10.2	-7.9	-1.5	.8
Boys'	114.0	116.6	-3.7	1.4	3.5	.3	-1.2	1.9
Women's and girls'	125.8	126.8	-3.5	-1.3	6.6	3.5	-2.4	5.1
Women's	126.1	126.5	-2.9	.0	6.3	2.9	-1.4	4.6
Coats and jackets	121.3	120.5	3.1	15.7	-11.2	3.7	9.2	-4.0
Dresses	115.9	112.7	-6.1	-15.2	19.7	-4.5	-10.8	6.9
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup>	126.9	128.9	-1.3	1.0	14.4	-3.9	-.2	4.8
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup>	134.2	134.8	2.4	-1.8	-3.8	8.8	.3	2.3
Suits <sup>2</sup>	149.5	150.7	-12.9	3.5	-9.3	46.4	-5.1	15.2
Girls'	124.6	128.6	-8.1	-7.4	6.9	7.1	-7.7	7.0
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup>	129.7	133.7	-21.9	9.2	-1.9	19.4	-7.6	8.3
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup>	147.5	146.5	-1.0	-2.6	-9.5	-.8	-1.8	-5.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 5</sup>	130.7	130.7	12.0	-11.8	-16.4	4.7	-.6	-6.4
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup>	147.0	145.6	-2.6	-.8	-8.8	-1.6	-1.7	-5.3
Watches <sup>1 5</sup>	129.1	127.3	-5.4	3.8	-11.4	1.3	-.9	-5.3
Jewelry <sup>5</sup>	152.1	150.7	-.8	-.8	-10.8	-1.3	-.8	-6.2
Footwear	126.2	127.7	1.6	-.6	-1.3	4.2	.5	1.4
Men's	132.1	132.0	.0	2.5	.0	-1.5	1.2	-.8
Boys' and girls'	129.7	131.2	2.5	-3.9	8.0	.6	-.8	4.2
Women's	120.0	121.8	1.7	.0	-5.2	7.6	.8	1.0
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup>	162.4	162.6	2.8	1.8	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.5
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup>	165.9	165.7	3.8	4.8	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.6
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup>	159.0	159.5	1.8	-1.5	1.8	2.5	.1	2.2

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Expenditure category								
Transportation .....	145.4	144.8	0.0	3.4	3.1	-1.6	1.7	0.7
Private .....	142.4	141.6	-1.1	2.3	4.0	-2.2	.6	.9
New vehicles .....	144.6	144.6	2.5	2.0	-6	.6	2.3	.0
New cars .....	142.0	142.0	2.6	2.0	-1.4	.3	2.3	-6
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.9	123.1	2.0	2.0	-1.3	-6	2.0	-1.0
Compact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	123.4	123.4	5.1	2.3	-1.0	1.6	3.7	.3
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	121.8	121.9	3.3	.0	-2.3	2.0	1.7	-2
Full-size new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	125.8	125.9	3.3	3.3	-6	2.6	3.3	1.0
Luxury new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	132.5	131.9	1.8	2.4	.6	-4.4	2.1	-1.9
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	151.8	151.8	2.2	2.7	1.6	1.6	2.4	1.6
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	161.5	161.9	2.0	1.0	3.8	-3.6	1.5	.0
Used cars .....	157.7	155.1	-4.7	-3	-2.5	.0	-2.5	-1.3
Motor fuel .....	109.5	106.8	-11.5	2.3	21.0	-16.7	-4.9	.4
Gasoline .....	109.0	106.2	-11.2	1.1	21.6	-17.1	-5.3	.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.1	104.1	-12.1	.8	23.8	-18.6	-5.9	.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 9</sup> .....	110.4	109.9	1.8	-12.1	11.0	-8.9	-5.4	.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.9	107.6	-11.5	1.5	18.7	-14.2	-5.2	.9
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	161.5	161.9	2.8	4.9	2.8	1.5	3.9	2.1
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	170.4	171.3	5.5	3.6	2.2	5.1	4.5	3.6
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	169.8	170.2	1.2	7.2	1.9	3.4	4.2	2.6
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.4	148.1	2.5	4.7	-3	-8	3.6	-5
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.6	168.0	2.7	6.5	3.2	3.2	4.6	3.2
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	176.7	177.0	3.3	2.3	.2	4.2	2.8	2.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.8	104.7	-4	.8	-1.5	-4	.2	-9
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.1	131.5	2.8	.6	-3.3	1.2	1.7	-1.1
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.1	101.8	-8	1.2	-1.2	-8	.2	-1.0
Tires .....	101.0	100.8	-1.6	1.2	1.6	-3.1	-2	-8
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.4	107.0	-1.1	.0	-4	-4	-6	-4
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	193.9	194.3	3.9	2.5	.4	4.9	3.2	2.6
Automobile insurance .....	250.2	250.6	4.5	3.6	2.1	4.3	4.1	3.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	95.3	96.0	7.0	5.2	-8.1	8.8	6.1	.0
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	185.3	184.4	-4.9	-2.6	-4	10.4	-3.8	4.8
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	183.7	183.8	.0	.0	-4	.2	.0	-1
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	188.1	186.2	-9.6	-5.2	-2	21.6	-7.4	10.2
Public transportation .....	185.9	188.1	8.6	15.4	-5.0	5.5	11.9	.1
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	201.6	204.1	11.6	15.8	-3.9	12.7	13.6	4.0
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	155.0	155.5	.0	-5.7	2.9	-1.5	-2.9	.6
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.4	175.5	1.6	1.4	-2.3	2.3	1.5	.0
Medical care .....	233.2	233.8	3.4	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.0	3.0
Medical care commodities .....	214.5	215.0	2.9	3.1	.8	4.2	3.0	2.5
Prescription drugs .....	248.1	248.9	2.8	3.5	2.0	3.6	3.2	2.8
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 5</sup> .....	145.2	145.4	4.0	.6	-1.4	5.1	2.3	1.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	173.4	172.8	5.6	.7	-1.6	4.3	3.1	1.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	170.0	172.0	1.4	.2	-7	6.5	.8	2.9
Medical care services .....	237.2	237.9	3.3	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Professional medical services .....	213.7	214.4	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7
Physicians' services .....	221.5	221.9	3.0	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	224.5	225.3	4.9	5.7	4.8	5.5	5.3	5.2
Eye care <sup>1 5</sup> .....	141.0	140.9	1.2	.6	1.4	2.0	.9	1.7
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	150.9	151.3	3.9	3.0	4.1	5.5	3.5	4.8
Hospital and related services .....	276.1	277.3	4.9	2.8	4.2	3.2	3.9	3.7
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.1	101.2	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.9	101.0	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	222.3	223.5	6.9	.2	8.2	4.4	3.5	6.3
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.4	101.6	-	-	-	4.9	-	-

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					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
Expenditure category								
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	161.7	161.8	2.8	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.7	1.9
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	144.2	143.9	1.4	2.3	.6	-.3	1.8	.1
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	178.3	2.5	2.7	1.8	-.2	2.6	.8
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	191.3	191.2	1.5	1.9	2.8	.4	1.7	1.6
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	167.0	166.5	3.7	3.4	.7	-.7	3.6	.0
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.7	122.9	-6.0	-1.6	4.7	-1.3	-3.8	1.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	126.3	125.3	-7.7	-.3	1.0	2.3	-4.1	1.6
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	117.9	-4.0	-3.0	8.1	-4.6	-3.5	1.5
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.6	133.4	1.5	3.1	.3	.3	2.3	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	125.7	3.5	2.5	-4.0	-1.9	3.0	-3.0
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	134.2	134.2	2.1	.6	-2.1	1.8	1.4	-.1
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	143.2	143.3	-.6	5.0	7.0	.8	2.2	3.9
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	182.1	182.7	4.1	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.4
Club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	133.0	132.7	1.2	.6	-5.0	1.8	.9	-1.6
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	169.6	172.0	5.1	3.2	8.5	10.1	4.1	9.3
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	195.4	196.7	6.7	-.8	1.7	5.5	2.9	3.5
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	166.3	166.3	5.9	7.7	4.7	1.9	6.8	3.3
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	142.0	142.3	2.0	3.2	5.9	2.3	2.6	4.1
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	222.3	224.1	3.8	3.4	3.5	7.1	3.6	5.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	238.5	244.2	2.8	4.4	1.4	14.3	3.6	7.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.8	152.7	.8	2.4	1.9	2.9	1.6	2.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	144.5	.6	.6	-2.7	2.5	.6	-.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	152.2	-1.1	5.8	4.3	2.7	2.3	3.5
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	137.9	139.0	1.4	-3.3	-8.0	2.3	-1.0	-3.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	161.2	162.0	1.6	4.2	7.3	3.3	2.8	5.3
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	161.1	.8	3.9	6.8	3.8	2.3	5.3
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	164.5	164.2	5.7	5.4	7.7	1.0	5.6	4.3
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	256.3	257.0	5.0	3.3	4.7	5.6	4.1	5.2
School books and supplies .....	234.0	235.1	3.1	7.4	2.8	5.1	5.2	3.9
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	257.8	258.5	4.9	3.1	4.8	5.6	4.0	5.2
Tuition and other school fees .....	276.2	277.4	4.9	3.6	5.4	5.1	4.3	5.2
College tuition .....	290.1	291.6	5.1	4.1	6.5	5.2	4.6	5.9
Elementary and high school tuition .....	281.6	282.8	5.7	2.1	5.6	4.7	3.9	5.1
Day care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	132.9	133.3	4.8	3.1	3.1	4.3	3.9	3.7
Personal expenses .....	223.3	223.5	4.4	2.4	3.9	7.3	3.4	5.6
Legal service fees <sup>1 5</sup> .....	160.7	161.0	5.2	1.5	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.0
Personal financial services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	191.4	190.7	.9	1.3	3.8	12.9	1.1	8.2
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	167.9	168.9	4.8	4.0	4.0	10.6	4.4	7.2
Special indexes								
Domestically produced farm food .....	159.2	158.4	6.9	7.1	-1.7	-.5	7.0	-1.1
Selected beef cuts .....	126.7	127.5	2.9	6.8	.0	-4.3	4.8	-2.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	110.0	107.1	-11.2	2.3	20.5	-17.0	-4.7	.0
Utilities and public transportation .....	145.7	145.5	4.9	5.4	3.7	.0	5.2	1.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.6	151.1	5.6	3.5	-.5	3.8	4.6	1.6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Apr. 1997 from—
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996
<b>Food and beverages</b>									
Other breads .....	181.3	181.5	180.5	180.6	0.3	0.1	-0.6	0.1	3.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>2</sup> .....	168.4	168.3	168.0	168.0	1.6	-1	-2	.0	4.2
Fresh cakes and cupcakes .....	177.1	177.2	180.0	177.6	.9	.1	1.6	-1.3	3.6
Cookies .....	179.7	179.6	178.4	179.2	-4	-1	-7	.4	3.0
Crackers, bread, and cracker products .....	206.4	213.2	212.2	210.0	-2	3.3	-5	-1.0	5.8
Fresh sweetrolls, coffee cake, and donuts .....	174.3	174.1	174.1	175.6	.3	-1	.0	.9	2.4
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products and fresh pies, tarts, and turnovers .....	175.9	178.0	178.0	176.2	.6	1.2	.0	-1.0	1.6
Ham other than canned .....	166.4	165.5	165.3	160.2	-1.1	-5	-1	-3.1	12.6
Pork sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	147.1	145.7	147.6	1.9	-7	-1.0	1.3	12.0
Other pork <sup>2</sup> .....	155.7	153.0	150.5	152.4	1.2	-1.7	-1.6	1.3	7.6
Frankfurters .....	145.3	145.5	143.2	144.8	1.0	.1	-1.6	1.1	4.0
Bologna, liverwurst, and salami <sup>2</sup> .....	146.0	148.2	148.9	149.2	.0	1.5	.5	.2	4.1
Other lunchmeats <sup>2</sup> .....	138.1	138.7	137.3	137.9	-4	.4	-1.0	.4	2.3
Lamb and organ meats .....	159.0	160.8	163.5	161.5	-1.1	1.1	1.7	-1.2	6.5
Butter .....	110.2	108.7	114.6	115.8	-3.2	-1.4	5.4	1.0	26.8
Other dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	155.4	157.1	156.6	157.8	-1.1	1.1	-3	.8	5.2
Frozen fruit and fruit juices <sup>2</sup> .....	137.1	137.9	137.0	135.9	.5	.6	-7	-8	4.0
Other fruit juices <sup>2</sup> .....	151.1	152.2	150.8	150.4	.3	.7	-9	-3	3.1
Cut corn, canned beans except lima <sup>2</sup> .....	153.4	151.3	152.0	150.6	2.7	-1.4	.5	-9	4.3
Other processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	150.1	149.0	150.7	151.1	.1	-7	1.1	.3	3.2
Candy and chewing gum <sup>2</sup> .....	152.0	152.0	152.5	153.7	.7	.0	.3	.8	4.4
Other sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	153.2	153.5	150.2	152.9	8.3	.2	-2.1	1.8	10.1
Margarine .....	146.6	147.3	146.5	146.3	.8	.5	-5	-1	1.0
Other fats, oils, and salad dressing <sup>2</sup> .....	145.3	146.0	144.7	145.1	.7	.5	-9	.3	2.6
Nondairy substitutes and peanut butter <sup>2</sup> .....	138.1	137.8	139.0	139.5	1.8	-2	.9	.4	1.4
Roasted coffee .....	146.9	146.7	155.0	169.0	.8	-1	5.7	9.0	10.9
Instant and freeze-dried coffee .....	145.4	146.7	149.8	152.4	.1	.9	2.1	1.7	3.8
Seasonings, olives, pickles, and relish <sup>2</sup> .....	176.4	175.8	174.7	175.3	2.1	-3	-6	.3	4.5
Other condiments .....	157.5	159.3	158.3	159.7	1.9	1.1	-6	.9	3.9
Miscellaneous prepared foods and baby foods <sup>2</sup> .....	176.3	177.8	178.9	177.1	.1	.9	.6	-1.0	4.1
Other canned and packaged prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	140.5	141.4	142.7	142.3	-4	.6	.9	-3	2.2
Whiskey at home .....	148.3	148.9	149.2	149.8	.3	.4	.2	.4	2.7
Other alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.6	149.7	149.7	149.8	.5	.7	.0	.1	2.3
<b>Housing</b>									
Household linens <sup>2</sup> .....	108.6	109.6	108.5	109.6	-1.0	.9	-1.0	1.0	-3.9
Curtains, drapes, slipcovers, and sewing materials <sup>2</sup> .....	134.6	135.3	136.0	138.5	2.0	.5	.5	1.8	2.6
Soaps and detergents <sup>2</sup> .....	142.6	142.6	143.4	144.0	.3	.0	.6	.4	2.5
Other laundry and cleaning products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	146.6	146.1	147.0	1.0	-7	-3	.6	3.1
Cleansing and toilet tissue, paper towels, and napkins <sup>2</sup> .....	142.8	143.0	140.9	140.6	.3	.1	-1.5	-2	-3.4
Stationery, stationery supplies, and gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	151.8	152.3	155.7	156.1	.0	.3	2.2	.3	4.8
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b>									
Men's suits, sport coats, and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	129.2	129.5	134.0	135.4	-2.0	.2	3.5	1.0	.1
Men's coats and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	140.1	141.3	145.7	146.0	-1.7	.9	3.1	.2	2.7
Boys' coats, jackets, sweaters, and shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	112.4	110.2	113.6	115.7	-3.4	-2.0	3.1	1.8	2.4
Boys' trousers, sport coats, and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	115.7	115.8	114.0	118.0	.9	.1	-1.6	3.5	-1.3
Girls' coats, jackets, dresses, and suits <sup>2</sup> .....	124.0	123.7	126.6	132.2	-1	-2	2.3	4.4	3.1
Girls' separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	111.1	113.9	117.1	120.3	-2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	-3.7
<b>Transportation</b>									
State automobile registration <sup>2</sup> .....	205.8	205.8	205.8	205.8	.2	.0	.0	.0	
<b>Other goods and services</b>									
Products for hair, hair pieces, and wigs <sup>2</sup> .....	128.3	126.8	126.6	128.3	.4	-1.2	-2	1.3	-2.6

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	157.0	157.2	2.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	-	467.8	468.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.436	156.5	156.5	2.8	.0	.2	.1	-.2
Food .....	17.749	156.1	156.1	2.9	.0	.3	.1	-.2
Food at home .....	11.387	156.7	156.6	2.8	-.1	.3	-.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.688	176.4	176.6	2.1	.1	-.1	.4	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.535	147.4	147.3	4.1	-.1	-.3	-.8	.5
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.387	145.8	145.4	6.3	-.3	-1.1	-.1	-.3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	2.086	188.2	185.2	-1.3	-1.6	2.7	.3	-3.3
Other food at home .....	2.691	145.1	146.4	2.8	.9	.2	.1	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.373	146.2	147.9	4.0	1.2	.2	-.7	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.282	142.2	142.1	1.7	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.841	128.9	131.1	1.3	1.7	-.4	1.1	1.8
Other prepared food .....	1.194	160.1	161.0	3.8	.6	.7	-.5	.7
Food away from home .....	6.362	156.0	156.2	3.0	.1	.2	.3	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.687	161.5	161.7	2.8	.1	.1	.1	.0
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	38.747	152.5	152.4	2.6	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Shelter .....	25.867	169.9	170.1	3.0	.1	.3	.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.079	161.9	161.8	3.3	-.1	.3	.3	.4
Rent, residential .....	6.580	164.7	165.2	2.9	.3	.1	.2	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	1.499	229.9	226.9	5.2	-1.3	.6	.3	.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	17.599	163.9	164.3	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	17.277	164.3	164.6	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	.322	148.1	148.5	1.7	.3	.7	-.3	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.189	140.9	141.0	3.1	.1	.4	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.105	150.3	150.9	3.4	.4	.2	.0	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.084	128.7	128.2	2.6	-.4	.8	.3	-.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	7.344	129.6	128.6	2.7	-.8	.3	-.8	-.4
Fuels .....	3.979	116.5	114.7	2.1	-1.5	.5	-1.4	-.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.391	105.3	101.7	.1	-3.4	-2.0	-3.5	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.588	122.9	121.2	2.3	-1.4	.7	-1.2	-.8
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.365	161.2	161.5	3.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.536	123.9	124.0	.5	.1	.1	.0	.0
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	3.261	109.8	109.7	-.7	-.1	.1	-.1	-.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.129	143.5	143.9	1.6	.3	.1	.1	.4
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.145	153.3	153.7	2.7	.3	.1	.3	.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.348	133.8	135.5	1.0	1.3	.4	-.3	1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.838	130.5	132.3	.8	1.4	.4	-.3	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.286	128.8	131.1	1.9	1.8	-.9	-.2	1.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.053	129.2	130.7	.9	1.2	1.1	-.4	.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.240	130.7	134.9	.1	3.2	-.3	2.0	3.2
Footwear .....	.799	127.9	130.3	1.0	1.9	.1	-.5	1.3
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.461	149.5	149.3	-2.4	-.1	1.0	-.9	.4
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.510	161.5	161.7	2.2	.1	.3	.1	.1
Transportation .....	19.190	144.2	144.2	.8	.0	.0	-.1	-.6
Private transportation .....	17.934	141.9	141.8	.6	-.1	.1	-.1	-.8
New vehicles .....	4.893	146.6	146.4	1.3	-.1	-.1	.2	.1
New cars .....	3.533	142.5	142.3	1.0	-.1	-.1	.2	-.1
Used cars .....	2.320	155.7	155.7	-1.8	.0	.4	1.3	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	3.921	106.3	105.9	-2.5	-.4	-.1	-2.2	-2.7
Gasoline .....	-	105.7	105.4	-2.7	-.3	-.2	-2.2	-2.7
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.616	162.5	162.9	3.0	.2	-.2	.4	.2
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	5.185	172.8	172.8	2.5	.0	.4	.3	.2
Other private transportation commodities .....	.742	104.1	103.7	-.5	-.4	.1	.0	-.3
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.442	190.2	190.3	3.0	.1	.5	.3	.3
Public transportation .....	1.256	185.1	186.8	5.2	.9	-2.2	1.7	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Medical care .....	6.251	232.8	233.2	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.047	212.1	212.3	2.6	.1	.4	.3	.2
Medical care services .....	5.204	237.4	237.9	3.1	.2	.0	.4	.3
Professional medical services .....	2.973	215.4	216.0	3.8	.3	.2	.5	.3
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	4.015	159.6	159.7	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	2.036	143.4	143.0	.8	-.3	.1	.0	-.4
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.979	182.8	183.6	3.7	.4	.1	.4	.5
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	7.012	218.0	219.8	4.6	.8	.4	.5	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.117	237.7	242.7	5.4	2.1	.5	.4	2.3
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	1.107	151.6	152.6	2.0	.7	-.1	.1	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	.610	144.3	145.4	.5	.8	-.1	.1	.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.497	161.2	162.1	4.1	.6	.0	.2	.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	3.788	251.6	251.8	4.9	.1	.6	.5	.3
School books and supplies .....	.232	237.1	237.4	4.8	.1	.3	.3	.6
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.556	253.0	253.3	4.9	.1	.6	.5	.3
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	157.0	157.2	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.0
Commodities .....	47.057	142.0	142.2	1.4	.1	.2	-.1	-.2
Food and beverages .....	19.436	156.5	156.5	2.8	.0	.2	.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.621	133.1	133.4	.5	.2	.2	-.3	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	16.215	134.8	135.6	.8	.6	.2	-.7	.0
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.838	130.5	132.3	.8	1.4	.4	-.3	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.377	139.9	140.3	.9	.3	.1	-.8	-.4
Durables .....	11.407	129.6	129.3	-.1	-.2	.1	.0	-.3
Services .....	52.943	175.2	175.3	3.1	.1	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	25.329	163.5	163.7	3.0	.1	.2	.2	.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.553	132.6	132.0	2.8	-.5	.4	-.4	-.1
Transportation services .....	7.314	182.3	182.8	3.3	.3	-.1	.6	.4
Medical care services .....	5.204	237.4	237.9	3.1	.2	.0	.4	.3
Other services .....	6.542	204.1	204.6	4.2	.2	.3	.4	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	82.251	157.1	157.3	2.2	.1	.2	.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	74.133	153.7	153.8	2.1	.1	.1	.0	-.1
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	82.401	147.5	147.6	2.2	.1	.2	.0	.0
All items less medical care .....	93.749	153.5	153.6	2.3	.1	.2	.0	.1
Commodities less food .....	29.308	134.2	134.6	.6	.3	.1	-.3	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	17.901	136.4	137.1	1.0	.5	.3	-.9	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	13.064	141.1	141.4	1.1	.2	.2	-.8	-.4
Nondurables .....	35.651	146.0	146.4	1.9	.3	.2	-.3	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	27.613	166.3	166.4	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.1
Services less medical care services .....	47.738	169.9	170.0	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.2
Energy .....	7.901	110.7	109.6	-.2	-1.0	.3	-1.8	-1.9
All items less energy .....	92.099	163.5	163.9	2.6	.2	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.350	165.5	165.9	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.996	142.5	143.1	1.1	.4	.2	.1	.2
Energy commodities .....	4.312	106.5	105.8	-2.3	-.7	-.3	-2.3	-2.7
Services less energy services .....	49.354	181.0	181.3	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	\$.637	\$.636	-2.3	-.2	-.3	-.2	-.2
1967=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	.214	.214	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
Expenditure category										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.0	2.8	1.9
Food and beverages .....	156.0	156.3	156.4	156.1	5.1	5.3	1.0	.3	5.2	.6
Food .....	155.5	155.9	156.0	155.7	5.1	5.6	.5	.5	5.4	.5
Food at home .....	156.0	156.5	156.3	155.8	6.2	6.7	-1.0	-.5	6.4	-.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.2	176.0	176.7	176.0	3.5	2.6	2.8	-.5	3.0	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.3	147.9	146.7	147.4	9.1	8.0	2.5	-2.4	8.5	.0
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.6	146.0	145.8	145.4	15.8	21.2	-3.4	-5.8	18.5	-4.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	181.8	186.7	187.2	181.0	5.4	3.7	-10.9	-1.7	4.5	-6.4
Other food at home .....	144.1	144.4	144.5	145.9	1.7	2.0	2.3	5.1	1.8	3.7
Sugar and sweets .....	146.6	146.9	145.9	147.7	6.0	3.1	3.6	3.0	4.6	3.3
Fats and oils .....	141.4	141.6	141.8	141.7	1.4	4.7	.3	.9	3.0	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.4	126.9	128.3	130.6	-3.1	-2.5	.9	10.4	-2.8	5.6
Other prepared food .....	159.3	160.4	159.6	160.7	4.2	4.7	2.8	3.6	4.4	3.2
Food away from home .....	155.4	155.7	156.2	156.2	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.1	3.3	2.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	160.8	160.9	161.0	161.0	2.8	4.6	3.0	.5	3.7	1.8
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	151.9	152.2	152.3	152.5	2.7	2.4	3.5	1.6	2.6	2.5
Shelter .....	168.6	169.1	169.5	170.0	3.4	2.2	2.9	3.4	2.8	3.1
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	159.6	160.0	160.4	161.0	4.4	2.0	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4
Rent, residential .....	164.1	164.3	164.7	165.2	3.5	2.2	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	220.5	221.8	222.4	223.9	7.5	1.3	5.8	6.3	4.4	6.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	163.2	163.7	164.1	164.5	3.0	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	163.5	164.0	164.4	164.8	3.0	2.2	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.0
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	147.9	148.9	148.4	149.0	2.2	3.6	-1.6	3.0	2.9	.7
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	140.1	140.7	140.9	141.0	3.3	1.8	4.7	2.6	2.5	3.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	150.0	150.3	150.3	150.9	6.5	3.6	1.3	2.4	5.0	1.9
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	127.3	128.3	128.7	128.2	-.6	.0	8.3	2.9	-.3	5.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	130.8	131.2	130.2	129.7	2.2	4.8	7.4	-3.3	3.5	1.9
Fuels .....	118.1	118.7	117.0	115.9	.0	6.1	10.5	-7.2	3.0	1.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	108.2	106.0	102.3	100.0	-19.3	45.5	17.2	-27.0	8.4	-7.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.8	125.7	124.2	123.2	2.0	2.7	10.2	-5.0	2.3	2.3
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	160.6	160.7	160.9	161.3	5.2	3.9	3.0	1.8	4.5	2.4
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	123.5	123.6	123.6	123.6	.0	1.0	.3	.3	.5	.3
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	109.7	109.8	109.7	109.4	-1.4	.4	-.4	-1.1	-.5	-.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.9	143.1	143.2	143.8	.3	1.1	2.6	2.5	.7	2.6
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	152.5	152.6	153.0	153.7	4.3	3.2	.0	3.2	3.8	1.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.3	131.8	131.4	132.7	-2.4	-1.2	3.1	4.3	-1.8	3.7
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	128.0	128.5	128.1	129.4	-2.8	-1.6	3.2	4.4	-2.2	3.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	129.2	128.1	127.8	130.1	-1.6	.3	6.1	2.8	-.6	4.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.5	125.9	125.4	125.9	-4.1	-3.5	7.4	4.6	-3.8	6.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	128.5	128.1	130.7	134.9	-21.7	6.8	-1.2	21.5	-8.6	9.5
Footwear .....	127.6	127.7	127.0	128.6	2.2	-.6	-.9	3.2	.8	1.1
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	146.3	147.7	146.3	146.9	1.6	-1.3	-11.2	1.7	.1	-5.0
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	160.8	161.3	161.5	161.7	2.8	1.0	2.8	2.3	1.9	2.5
Transportation .....	145.2	145.2	145.1	144.2	-.8	3.1	4.0	-2.7	1.1	.6
Private transportation .....	143.0	143.2	143.0	141.9	-1.4	2.3	4.3	-3.0	.4	.6
New vehicles .....	145.7	145.6	145.9	146.0	2.8	1.9	.0	.8	2.4	.4
New cars .....	141.6	141.5	141.8	141.7	2.3	2.0	-.8	.3	2.1	-.3
Used cars .....	156.4	157.1	159.1	156.5	-4.7	.3	-2.5	.3	-2.2	-1.1
Motor fuel .....	112.1	112.0	109.5	106.5	-11.5	2.7	21.8	-18.5	-4.7	-.4
Gasoline .....	111.6	111.4	109.0	106.1	-11.9	2.3	21.9	-18.3	-5.1	-.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	162.2	161.9	162.5	162.8	2.8	4.9	2.8	1.5	3.8	2.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	171.1	171.8	172.3	172.6	3.4	2.9	.0	3.6	3.1	1.8
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	103.9	104.0	104.0	103.7	-.4	.4	-1.1	-.8	.0	-1.0
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	188.1	189.0	189.6	190.1	4.0	3.3	.2	4.3	3.6	2.2
Public transportation .....	184.0	179.9	182.9	185.1	8.9	11.8	-1.7	2.4	10.4	.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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
Expenditure category										
Medical care .....	231.2	231.6	232.4	233.0	3.4	2.7	2.6	3.2	3.0	2.9
Medical care commodities .....	210.1	211.0	211.7	212.1	2.9	3.1	.4	3.9	3.0	2.1
Medical care services .....	235.9	236.0	236.9	237.6	3.3	2.6	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.1
Professional medical services .....	213.5	213.9	215.0	215.7	3.3	3.9	3.6	4.2	3.6	3.9
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	158.8	159.0	159.2	159.3	2.9	2.3	2.3	1.3	2.6	1.8
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	142.9	143.1	143.1	142.5	1.4	2.0	.8	-1.1	1.7	-1
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	181.4	181.6	182.3	183.3	4.6	2.7	3.4	4.3	3.7	3.8
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	216.8	217.7	218.7	220.8	3.6	3.2	4.0	7.6	3.4	5.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.1	237.2	238.2	243.7	2.8	3.5	2.2	13.5	3.1	7.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	151.4	151.6	152.6	1.1	2.4	1.9	2.7	1.7	2.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.4	144.2	144.3	145.4	.8	1.1	-2.7	2.8	1.0	.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	161.2	162.1	1.3	4.7	7.3	3.3	3.0	5.3
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	249.2	250.6	251.8	252.6	4.9	3.5	5.6	5.6	4.2	5.6
School books and supplies .....	234.0	234.8	235.6	236.9	2.5	8.7	3.1	5.1	5.6	4.1
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	250.6	252.0	253.3	254.1	5.0	3.1	5.8	5.7	4.1	5.7
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.0	2.8	1.9
Commodities .....	141.9	142.2	142.0	141.7	.6	3.2	2.6	-.6	1.9	1.0
Food and beverages .....	156.0	156.3	156.4	156.1	5.1	5.3	1.0	.3	5.2	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.3	133.5	133.1	132.8	-2.1	1.8	3.7	-1.5	-.2	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.4	135.7	134.7	134.7	-2.1	1.8	6.1	-2.1	-.1	2.0
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	128.0	128.5	128.1	129.4	-2.8	-1.6	3.2	4.4	-2.2	3.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	142.2	142.4	141.2	140.7	-4.8	3.5	9.5	-4.2	-.7	2.5
Durables .....	129.3	129.4	129.4	129.0	-.3	.9	-.3	-.9	.3	-.6
Services .....	174.3	174.7	175.1	175.5	3.6	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.0
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	162.5	162.9	163.2	163.7	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	133.5	134.0	133.4	133.2	3.8	3.1	5.3	-.9	3.4	2.1
Transportation services .....	180.8	180.6	181.6	182.4	4.6	5.0	.2	3.6	4.8	1.9
Medical care services .....	235.9	236.0	236.9	237.6	3.3	2.6	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.1
Other services .....	203.0	203.7	204.6	205.3	4.5	2.8	5.1	4.6	3.7	4.8
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	156.5	156.8	156.9	157.0	1.6	2.6	3.4	1.3	2.1	2.3
All items less shelter .....	153.5	153.7	153.7	153.6	1.9	3.5	2.9	.3	2.7	1.6
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	147.1	147.4	147.4	147.4	2.2	3.4	2.8	.8	2.8	1.8
All items less medical care .....	153.0	153.3	153.3	153.4	2.2	3.2	2.9	1.0	2.7	2.0
Commodities less food .....	134.6	134.8	134.4	134.2	-1.8	1.8	3.6	-1.2	.0	1.2
Nondurables less food .....	136.9	137.3	136.1	136.0	-2.1	2.7	5.7	-2.6	.3	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	142.8	143.1	141.9	141.3	-2.0	4.4	6.7	-4.1	1.1	1.1
Nondurables .....	146.0	146.3	145.8	145.6	1.4	3.4	3.9	-1.1	2.4	1.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	165.7	166.2	166.5	166.7	4.3	3.5	3.2	2.4	3.9	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	169.1	169.4	169.7	170.1	3.9	2.7	3.4	2.4	3.3	2.9
Energy .....	114.6	114.9	112.8	110.7	-6.0	4.1	16.1	-12.9	-1.1	.5
All items less energy .....	162.6	162.9	163.3	163.6	3.0	3.0	1.7	2.5	3.0	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	164.6	164.9	165.3	165.8	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.6	141.9	142.1	142.4	.0	1.1	.9	2.3	.6	1.6
Energy commodities .....	112.0	111.7	109.1	106.2	-12.3	5.8	21.4	-19.2	-3.6	-.9
Services less energy services .....	180.0	180.3	180.9	181.5	3.9	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.0

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	156.5	156.5	2.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	-0.2
Food .....	156.1	156.1	2.9	.0	.3	.1	-.2
Food at home .....	156.7	156.6	2.8	-.1	.3	-.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.4	176.6	2.1	.1	-.1	.4	-.4
Cereals and cereal products .....	167.9	167.8	-1.2	-.1	-.8	.3	-.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	154.2	155.9	8.9	1.1	-1.0	-.8	2.7
Cereal .....	186.3	185.7	-5.1	-.3	-.8	.5	-1.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	148.1	148.1	2.5	.0	-.1	.2	.0
Bakery products .....	180.1	180.4	3.6	.2	.2	.6	-.7
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	182.7	182.0	3.8	-.4	1.2	-.5	-.4
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	180.6	180.7	4.5	.1	-.1	-.2	.1
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	177.9	178.0	3.6	.1	-.5	.3	.1
Other bakery products .....	179.6	181.1	2.5	.8	-.4	1.3	-1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.4	147.3	4.1	-.1	-.3	-.8	.5
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.8	147.8	4.5	.0	-.4	-.5	.3
Meats .....	143.0	143.4	4.7	.3	-.3	-.7	.6
Beef and veal .....	135.6	136.0	1.7	.3	-1.0	-.7	.6
Ground beef other than canned .....	114.0	115.0	.7	.9	-.3	-2.4	1.0
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	144.8	142.6	2.7	-1.5	-2.9	.9	-.1
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	133.4	133.9	6.9	.4	1.7	-.2	2.5
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	131.4	129.6	-.9	-1.4	1.5	.5	-2.5
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	139.6	140.9	1.3	.9	-3.2	.3	1.2
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.3	160.1	2.6	.5	-1.5	.1	.5
Pork .....	153.7	153.6	9.8	-.1	.0	-1.0	1.0
Bacon .....	161.0	161.5	20.6	.3	.7	.1	-.2
Chops .....	154.5	154.6	2.0	.1	1.6	-2.0	.1
Ham .....	154.5	150.7	11.1	-2.5	-.6	-1.2	2.7
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	148.7	150.8	9.6	1.4	-1.2	-1.1	1.6
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.0	147.7	4.3	.5	.6	-.3	.5
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	156.1	155.1	5.4	-.6	-.4	-.9	-.6
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	159.5	158.7	8.0	-.5	-1.0	-.1	-.5
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	154.8	3.1	-1.1	.1	-1.8	-1.1
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	152.8	153.4	6.5	.4	-.8	-.3	1.6
Fish and seafood .....	178.5	177.7	2.6	-.4	-.8	1.4	-.5
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.7	127.8	1.4	.9	-1.0	-.2	.9
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	204.3	202.7	2.9	-.8	-.8	1.6	-.5
Eggs .....	140.0	138.9	-1.4	-.8	1.4	-6.5	2.9
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	145.8	145.4	6.3	-.3	-1.1	-.1	-.3
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.6	144.5	5.3	-.8	-1.8	-.3	-.8
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	142.4	4.6	-.9	-1.8	-.1	-.9
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.6	6.3	-.6	-1.9	-.5	-.6
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.6	147.0	7.5	.3	-.2	.5	.7
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.5	147.9	5.3	.3	-.4	-.5	.3
Ice cream and related products .....	151.4	151.1	7.7	-.2	-.3	.3	-.1
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	135.3	136.6	14.1	1.0	1.1	2.7	1.3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	188.2	185.2	-1.3	-1.6	2.7	.3	-3.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	216.9	212.1	-3.6	-2.2	4.2	.2	-4.7
Fresh fruits .....	231.7	233.1	1.1	.6	1.1	1.2	-.9
Apples .....	199.5	198.2	-3.0	-.7	-2.0	-.6	-1.1
Bananas .....	174.4	167.3	2.0	-4.1	-3.3	-.5	1.8
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	189.7	200.8	-3.7	5.9	4.6	-1.6	1.6
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	275.6	277.2	3.5	.6	1.9	2.9	-2.0
Fresh vegetables .....	202.6	191.7	-8.6	-5.4	8.2	-1.0	-9.2
Potatoes .....	161.7	163.8	-10.2	1.3	-.5	-4.1	.4
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	184.0	187.4	-.3	1.8	-6.6	1.2	1.8
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	260.4	223.1	-22.2	-14.3	8.9	25.1	-14.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	205.8	195.0	-3.8	-5.2	8.3	-4.9	-4.2
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	147.4	3.8	-.2	-.3	.3	-.5
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.2	147.7	4.0	-.3	.9	-.6	-.3
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.0	147.3	3.9	-.5	1.2	-.9	-.5
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	147.2	147.7	4.8	.3	.1	.3	.4
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.5	147.5	3.5	.0	-.9	1.0	-.5
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	146.0	147.9	4.2	1.3	.3	-1.4	2.0
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	148.8	147.9	3.1	-.6	-1.6	1.7	-1.5

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	145.1	146.4	2.8	0.9	0.2	0.1	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	146.2	147.9	4.0	1.2	.2	-.7	1.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.5	134.8	2.6	.2	.2	-.9	.9
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	151.2	153.4	4.6	1.5	-.1	-.4	1.3
Fats and oils .....	142.2	142.1	1.7	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.9	131.1	1.3	1.7	-.4	1.1	1.8
Carbonated drinks .....	119.7	118.9	-2.5	-.7	-1.2	-.4	-.1
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	162.1	7.6	6.9	.4	4.0	6.9
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	139.9	2.0	.0	1.0	.1	-.5
Other prepared food .....	160.1	161.0	3.8	.6	.7	-.5	.7
Canned and packaged soup .....	186.7	187.1	4.7	.2	-.1	.4	.6
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	145.4	2.9	1.2	1.0	-.8	1.2
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	153.1	155.0	4.8	1.2	1.5	-.5	1.2
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.9	168.2	4.0	.8	.0	-.6	.8
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	162.1	161.5	3.3	-.4	.9	.1	-.2
Food away from home .....	156.0	156.2	3.0	.1	.2	.3	.0
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	156.5	156.8	3.2	.2	.3	.1	.2
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.9	154.1	2.9	.1	.1	.3	.1
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.3	159.2	3.4	-.1	.2	.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.5	161.7	2.8	.1	.1	.1	.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.0	149.2	2.1	.1	.1	-.2	.2
Beer and ale .....	148.8	149.1	1.1	.2	-.3	-.5	.3
Wine .....	143.6	143.5	5.5	-.1	.4	.8	.3
Distilled spirits .....	149.0	149.3	2.2	.2	.5	-.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	187.0	187.4	3.6	.2	.3	.3	-.1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	152.5	152.4	2.6	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Shelter .....	169.9	170.1	3.0	.1	.3	.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	161.9	161.8	3.3	-.1	.3	.3	.4
Rent, residential .....	164.7	165.2	2.9	.3	.1	.2	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	229.9	226.9	5.2	-1.3	.6	.3	.7
Lodging while out of town .....	230.0	226.6	5.3	-1.5	.3	.4	.7
Lodging while at school <sup>5</sup> .....	222.1	222.1	4.7	.0	1.5	.4	.3
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.1	153.5	1.6	.3	.9	-.1	.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	163.9	164.3	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	164.3	164.6	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Household insurance <sup>2 5</sup> .....	148.1	148.5	1.7	.3	.7	-.3	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.9	141.0	3.1	.1	.4	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.3	150.9	3.4	.4	.2	.0	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.7	128.2	2.6	-.4	.8	.3	-.4
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	125.3	124.9	5.0	-.3	-.1	.0	-.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	124.4	123.9	.7	-.4	1.5	.6	-.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	129.6	128.6	2.7	-.8	.3	-.8	-.4
Fuels .....	116.5	114.7	2.1	-1.5	.5	-1.4	-.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	105.3	101.7	.1	-3.4	-2.0	-3.5	-2.2
Fuel oil .....	103.0	99.8	-1.7	-3.1	-1.7	-3.7	-2.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 6</sup> .....	137.9	132.3	3.7	-4.1	-4.1	-3.0	-4.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	122.9	121.2	2.3	-1.4	.7	-1.2	-.8
Electricity .....	129.1	129.1	.6	.0	.6	.3	.4
Utility (piped) gas .....	114.9	110.1	6.0	-4.2	1.1	-4.2	-3.4
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	161.2	161.5	3.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.7	127.8	3.6	.1	.1	.2	.1
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.8	162.0	3.6	.1	.3	.2	.1
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.8	78.8	1.0	.0	-2.1	.0	.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	94.4	94.4	7.0	.0	2.0	.3	.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	204.0	204.2	.2	.1	.0	.2	.2
Cable television <sup>7</sup> .....	225.4	226.6	7.8	.5	.9	.1	.4
Refuse collection <sup>1 7</sup> .....	248.8	249.4	2.1	.2	.0	.2	.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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.9	124.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	109.8	109.7	-.7	-.1	.1	-.1	-.3
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	119.6	122.1	-1.1	2.1	.7	-1.2	2.1
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	131.5	131.7	.2	.2	-.1	.8	.2
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	138.2	139.4	2.3	.9	-2	.6	.9
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	139.1	137.5	.5	-1.2	.3	1.9	-1.2
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	131.8	132.4	-.4	.5	-2	.3	.5
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	118.4	118.7	-2.7	.3	.5	.3	-.8
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	78.9	77.4	-3.7	-1.9	.3	-.4	-1.9
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.5	68.8	-4.7	-2.4	.1	.0	-2.4
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	61.9	61.3	-5.3	-1.0	.2	-.3	-1.0
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	66.3	64.5	-5.0	-2.7	-.9	-.2	-2.7
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	90.2	87.2	-4.4	-3.3	.4	.1	-3.3
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	103.6	102.0	-1.1	-1.5	.3	-.4	-1.5
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.2	108.6	-1.4	-2.3	.4	-.5	-2.3
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.6	111.9	1.0	-1.5	.2	.4	-1.5
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	92.7	91.9	-2.6	-.9	.2	-1.0	-.9
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	53.1	52.4	-11.0	-1.3	-.6	-1.7	-1.3
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	115.6	116.1	.8	.4	.5	-.1	.4
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.5	141.0	2.3	-1.1	1.1	.1	-1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	117.3	-.4	.4	2.4	-.4	.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.5	126.6	.8	2.5	.2	-2.1	2.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.1	110.6	2.5	-.5	-.1	.2	-.5
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	91.3	90.5	1.8	-.9	1.0	-.2	-.9
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 9</sup> .....	114.4	116.6	-2.9	1.9	-1.5	2.4	1.9
Housekeeping supplies .....	143.5	143.9	1.6	.3	.1	.1	.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.6	146.3	3.0	.5	-.4	.1	.5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.0	146.0	-.3	.0	.1	.1	.0
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.9	138.5	2.1	.4	1.3	.7	.4
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	153.3	153.7	2.7	.3	.1	.3	.5
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.6	156.9	2.8	.2	.0	.4	.2
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 6</sup> .....	136.4	137.2	3.3	.6	-.1	.9	.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.8	135.5	1.0	1.3	.4	-.3	1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	130.5	132.3	.8	1.4	.4	-.3	1.0
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	131.0	132.6	.8	1.2	.5	-.3	1.0
Men's and boys' .....	128.8	131.1	1.9	1.8	-.9	-.2	1.8
Men's .....	133.3	135.2	2.3	1.4	-.1	-.5	1.7
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	136.9	138.2	.7	.9	-1.0	1.9	.4
Furnishings and special clothing .....	126.8	129.4	4.6	2.1	.2	.3	1.4
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	139.8	143.0	4.4	2.3	.1	-.9	2.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	130.9	131.4	-.3	.4	-.7	-1.9	1.0
Boys' .....	114.5	117.7	.2	2.8	-2.7	.2	2.4
Women's and girls' .....	129.2	130.7	.9	1.2	1.1	-.4	.4
Women's .....	129.0	129.9	1.1	.7	1.3	-.3	-.2
Coats and jackets .....	128.7	120.8	1.8	-6.1	2.9	3.3	-5.3
Dresses .....	118.3	118.0	-3.8	-.3	3.9	.7	-2.7
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	132.9	136.6	2.1	2.8	-.8	-1.6	1.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	134.1	135.2	1.2	.8	1.6	.2	.4
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	148.4	141.7	5.2	-4.5	8.7	-.3	.7
Girls' .....	130.5	134.4	.1	3.0	.4	-.9	2.9
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	130.7	134.9	.1	3.2	-.3	2.0	3.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	149.3	-2.4	-.1	1.0	-.9	.4
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 6</sup> .....	130.2	130.0	-3.3	-.2	-.5	1.9	-.2
Watches and jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	149.3	149.1	-2.2	-.1	.8	-.7	.3
Watches <sup>1 6</sup> .....	127.6	125.3	-3.1	-1.8	-.8	2.2	-1.8
Jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	155.5	155.9	-2.0	.3	1.5	-1.3	.7
Footwear .....	127.9	130.3	1.0	1.9	.1	-.5	1.3
Men's .....	132.8	133.8	.2	.8	.3	-.8	.6
Boys' and girls' .....	131.5	133.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	-2.5	1.4
Women's .....	121.0	124.6	1.1	3.0	-.7	.7	1.6
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.5	161.7	2.2	.1	.3	.1	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	165.6	165.3	3.4	-.2	.5	.1	-.2
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.8	159.3	1.1	.3	.1	.2	.3

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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 Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	144.2	144.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.6
Private .....	141.9	141.8	.6	-.1	.1	-.1	-.8
New vehicles .....	146.6	146.4	1.3	-.1	-.1	.2	.1
New cars .....	142.5	142.3	1.0	-.1	-.1	.2	-.1
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.1	122.9	.4	-.2	-.3	-.1	.2
Compact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.8	123.6	2.1	-.2	-.1	.3	.1
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.6	122.6	.7	.0	-.1	.5	.1
Full-size new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	125.8	125.6	2.0	-.2	.1	.4	.1
Luxury new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	134.5	133.8	.3	-.5	-.7	-.1	-.5
New trucks <sup>7</sup> .....	154.2	153.8	2.2	-.3	.5	.0	.0
New motorcycles <sup>6</sup> .....	162.8	163.1	1.1	.2	-.4	-.6	.2
Used cars .....	155.7	155.7	-1.8	.0	.4	1.3	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	106.3	105.9	-2.5	-.4	-.1	-2.2	-2.7
Gasoline .....	105.7	105.4	-2.7	-.3	-.2	-2.2	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.7	103.3	-2.9	-.4	-.4	-2.3	-2.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 10</sup> .....	110.4	109.9	-2.5	-.5	-.4	-1.4	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	106.9	106.4	-2.3	-.5	-.2	-1.9	-2.3
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	162.5	162.9	3.0	.2	-.2	.4	.2
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	170.5	171.3	3.9	.5	.7	.2	.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	171.0	171.4	3.4	.2	.1	.5	.2
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.8	148.6	1.6	-.1	-.2	.2	-.1
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.9	168.0	3.7	.7	-.2	.1	.8
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	172.8	172.8	2.5	.0	.4	.3	.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.1	103.7	-.5	-.4	.1	.0	-.3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	129.5	129.9	.4	.3	-.5	.5	.3
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.3	100.8	-.6	-.5	.2	-.1	-.4
Tires .....	100.5	100.0	-.6	-.5	.0	-.5	-.1
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	106.5	106.0	-.5	-.5	.4	.0	-.5
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	190.2	190.3	3.0	.1	.5	.3	.3
Automobile insurance .....	249.8	250.0	3.7	.1	.4	.4	.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	94.8	95.1	2.8	.3	.4	1.1	.6
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	183.2	182.9	.2	-.2	2.2	.3	-.2
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	181.3	181.3	-.1	.0	.0	.0	.0
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	187.1	186.1	.5	-.5	5.2	.8	-.5
Public transportation .....	185.1	186.8	5.2	.9	-2.2	1.7	1.2
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	200.3	203.5	9.3	1.6	-3.2	4.5	1.6
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	157.2	157.6	-1.3	.3	-1.3	.5	.3
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.1	175.2	.8	.1	.2	.4	.1
Medical care .....	232.8	233.2	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.3
Medical care commodities .....	212.1	212.3	2.6	.1	.4	.3	.2
Prescription drugs .....	248.2	248.6	2.8	.2	.2	.4	.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 6</sup> .....	144.2	144.2	2.1	.0	.8	.3	.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	171.3	170.7	2.2	-.4	1.2	.3	-.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	173.2	174.8	1.6	.9	-.1	.1	.9
Medical care services .....	237.4	237.9	3.1	.2	.0	.4	.3
Professional medical services .....	215.4	216.0	3.8	.3	.2	.5	.3
Physicians' services .....	222.6	223.0	3.3	.2	.0	.6	.2
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	224.1	225.0	5.2	.4	.5	.4	.4
Eye care <sup>1 6</sup> .....	141.3	141.2	1.2	-.1	.4	.1	-.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>6</sup> .....	154.9	155.8	4.6	.6	1.0	.5	.4
Hospital and related services .....	273.0	273.4	3.4	.1	.1	.3	.4
Hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.9	101.1	-	.2	.3	.0	.2
Inpatient hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.7	100.9	-	.2	.1	.1	.2
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	223.2	223.4	4.7	.1	.5	.3	.3
Nursing home services <sup>11</sup> .....	101.6	101.8	-	.2	.9	.2	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	159.6	159.7	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	143.4	143.0	.8	-.3	.1	.0	-.4
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	179.8	179.5	1.9	-.2	.1	.2	-.2
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	192.5	192.4	1.7	-.1	.2	.0	-.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.9	166.6	2.1	-.2	.0	.2	-.2
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	125.4	124.6	-1.3	-.6	-.1	.6	-.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	128.6	127.7	-1.7	-.7	.0	1.2	-.7
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	118.3	117.8	-.6	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.4
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	134.2	133.9	1.3	-.2	.3	.0	-.2
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	126.7	-.1	-.5	.6	-.6	-.8
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	135.3	135.3	1.0	.0	.4	.0	.0
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	143.1	143.1	2.9	.0	-.2	.5	.0
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	182.8	183.6	3.7	.4	.1	.4	.5
Club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	135.9	135.6	-.5	-.2	.3	.7	.1
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	171.0	172.6	6.5	.9	.5	1.0	1.4
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	195.1	196.4	3.5	.7	.7	.0	.7
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>6</sup> .....	168.6	167.9	4.7	-.4	.6	.2	-.1
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	140.8	141.4	3.4	.4	-.1	.4	.4
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	218.0	219.8	4.6	.8	.4	.5	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	237.7	242.7	5.4	2.1	.5	.4	2.3
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	152.6	2.0	.7	-.1	.1	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.3	145.4	.5	.8	-.1	.1	.8
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	154.0	155.0	3.5	.6	.8	-.7	.6
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.4	139.6	-1.6	.9	-.8	.6	.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	161.2	162.1	4.1	.6	.0	.2	.6
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	161.2	3.9	.7	.1	.1	.7
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	164.6	164.8	5.0	.1	-.2	.7	-.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	251.6	251.8	4.9	.1	.6	.5	.3
School books and supplies .....	237.1	237.4	4.8	.1	.3	.3	.6
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	253.0	253.3	4.9	.1	.6	.5	.3
Tuition and other school fees .....	269.6	269.7	4.9	.0	.3	.4	.4
College tuition .....	288.1	288.1	5.8	.0	.4	.5	.4
Elementary and high school tuition .....	279.3	279.3	4.6	.0	.4	.4	.4
Day care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	133.3	133.6	3.9	.2	.3	.4	.4
Personal expenses .....	223.2	223.7	4.8	.2	.7	.8	.1
Legal service fees <sup>1 6</sup> .....	161.1	161.5	3.5	.2	.3	.4	.2
Personal financial services <sup>1 6</sup> .....	190.5	189.9	4.6	-.3	1.9	1.2	-.3
Funeral expenses <sup>6</sup> .....	170.5	171.5	6.3	.6	.8	1.0	.5
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	158.6	158.3	2.9	-.2	.5	-.3	-.5
Selected beef cuts .....	128.4	128.7	1.3	.2	-.6	-1.0	.7
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	106.7	106.3	-2.4	-.4	-.1	-2.2	-2.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	143.0	142.5	3.3	-.3	.1	-.2	-.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	154.7	155.1	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>11</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
Expenditure category								
Food and beverages .....	156.4	156.1	5.1	5.3	1.0	0.3	5.2	0.6
Food .....	156.0	155.7	5.1	5.6	.5	.5	5.4	.5
Food at home .....	156.3	155.8	6.2	6.7	-1.0	-5	6.4	-8
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.7	176.0	3.5	2.6	2.8	-5	3.0	1.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	167.4	167.0	-2.8	-2.6	3.6	-2.8	-2.7	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	154.4	158.5	25.8	2.1	6.3	3.1	13.3	4.7
Cereal .....	185.4	183.5	-10.9	-5.2	1.5	-5.3	-8.1	-1.9
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	147.5	147.5	3.4	1.1	5.0	.3	2.2	2.6
Bakery products .....	181.0	179.8	6.6	4.6	2.5	.2	5.6	1.3
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	182.7	182.0	7.7	1.6	5.0	1.1	4.6	3.0
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	180.1	180.7	10.8	8.6	.0	-9	9.7	-4
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	177.5	178.0	2.3	5.4	7.3	-4	3.9	3.3
Other bakery products .....	181.9	179.5	5.6	4.8	2.2	-2.0	5.2	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.7	147.4	9.1	8.0	2.5	-2.4	8.5	.0
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.4	147.9	9.7	7.7	3.3	-2.1	8.7	.5
Meats .....	142.7	143.6	9.0	8.5	2.8	-1.4	8.8	.7
Beef and veal .....	134.4	135.2	2.1	7.4	1.8	-4.0	4.7	-1.2
Ground beef other than canned .....	112.8	113.9	4.7	4.3	1.0	-7.0	4.5	-3.1
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	141.8	141.6	3.8	13.6	3.1	-8.3	8.6	-2.8
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	130.9	134.2	4.5	21.4	-11.8	17.1	12.7	1.7
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	130.3	127.1	1.3	10.0	-12.1	-1.9	5.5	-7.1
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	138.6	140.2	.0	1.5	11.7	-7.1	.7	1.9
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.3	160.1	-1.0	7.4	8.6	-3.9	3.1	2.2
Pork .....	154.7	156.3	23.5	11.7	5.3	.3	17.4	2.7
Bacon .....	162.9	162.5	69.1	23.4	-5	2.0	44.5	.7
Chops .....	155.3	155.4	6.5	.8	2.6	-1.5	3.6	.5
Ham .....	154.1	158.3	20.2	17.4	4.2	3.9	18.8	4.0
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	152.0	20.4	9.7	12.1	-2.8	14.9	4.3
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.0	147.7	6.1	6.3	1.9	3.0	6.2	2.5
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	156.1	155.1	14.9	11.2	4.4	-7.4	13.0	-1.7
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	159.5	158.7	23.3	11.9	5.1	-6.3	17.4	-8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	154.8	8.2	11.7	4.1	-10.4	10.0	-3.4
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	152.2	154.7	10.0	7.7	6.2	2.4	8.9	4.3
Fish and seafood .....	177.4	176.6	7.4	-2.5	5.1	.5	2.3	2.8
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.7	127.8	3.2	-1.6	5.8	-1.5	.8	2.1
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	202.3	201.3	8.7	-3.0	5.4	1.0	2.7	3.2
Eggs .....	134.2	138.1	-1.4	16.4	-8.8	-9.5	7.1	-9.2
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	145.8	145.4	15.8	21.2	-3.4	-5.8	18.5	-4.6
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.6	144.5	16.0	19.2	-3	-10.8	17.6	-5.7
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	142.4	16.5	16.8	-1.4	-11.0	16.6	-6.3
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.6	14.9	22.9	2.1	-11.3	18.8	-4.8
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.9	147.9	14.1	19.6	-6.0	4.2	16.8	-1.1
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.5	147.9	7.0	21.4	-2.9	-2.4	14.0	-2.7
Ice cream and related products .....	151.3	151.2	12.5	18.3	1.3	-3	15.4	.5
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	137.1	138.9	44.8	30.2	-26.6	22.6	37.3	-5.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.2	181.0	5.4	3.7	-10.9	-1.7	4.5	-6.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	216.0	205.9	3.2	3.8	-17.2	-1.7	3.5	-9.8
Fresh fruits .....	236.0	233.8	3.7	11.4	-14.8	5.7	7.5	-5.1
Apples .....	199.9	197.8	-8	9.8	-6.0	-13.5	4.4	-9.8
Bananas .....	159.5	162.3	-4.9	8.4	14.2	-8.2	1.5	2.4
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	220.8	224.4	8.7	3.6	-36.0	19.3	6.1	-12.6
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	278.4	272.8	5.1	15.2	-15.0	11.5	10.0	-2.7
Fresh vegetables .....	193.0	175.2	2.5	-4.9	-20.1	-10.6	-1.2	-15.5
Potatoes .....	163.8	164.4	-10.5	-2	-13.6	-16.0	-5.5	-14.8
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	184.0	187.4	-19.1	1.4	40.0	-14.0	-9.4	9.7
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	260.4	223.1	-87.3	15.3	35.2	85.4	-61.8	58.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	192.3	184.2	19.0	-7.8	-17.5	-5.2	4.8	-11.6
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.0	147.3	9.9	3.9	4.2	-2.1	6.9	1.0
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.2	147.7	13.9	-1.4	4.4	-3	6.0	2.1
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.0	147.3	15.2	-1.6	3.3	-5	6.4	1.4
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	147.5	148.1	6.1	3.1	7.1	3.0	4.6	5.0
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	147.3	7.8	5.9	2.7	-2.1	6.9	.3
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	145.7	148.6	2.3	5.1	5.6	3.6	3.7	4.6
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	149.4	147.2	10.8	5.9	2.2	-5.5	8.3	-1.7

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					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	144.5	145.9	1.7	2.0	2.3	5.1	1.8	3.7
Sugar and sweets .....	145.9	147.7	6.0	3.1	3.6	3.0	4.6	3.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.2	135.4	5.6	3.3	.9	.9	4.4	.9
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	150.9	152.8	7.3	3.0	4.9	3.2	5.1	4.0
Fats and oils .....	141.8	141.7	1.4	4.7	.3	.9	3.0	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.3	130.6	-3.1	-2.5	.9	10.4	-2.8	5.6
Carbonated drinks .....	118.3	118.2	-2.3	-2.0	1.3	-6.8	-2.1	-2.8
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	162.1	-9.5	-4.0	-5	55.3	-6.8	24.3
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	139.2	3.3	1.8	.3	2.6	2.5	1.5
Other prepared food .....	159.6	160.7	4.2	4.7	2.8	3.6	4.4	3.2
Canned and packaged soup .....	187.4	188.6	10.9	2.8	1.5	3.9	6.8	2.7
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	145.4	9.1	.0	-3.0	6.0	4.4	1.4
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	153.1	155.0	1.9	6.1	2.4	9.0	4.0	5.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.3	167.6	3.5	6.3	5.4	.7	4.9	3.1
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	161.5	161.1	2.9	5.5	1.8	3.3	4.1	2.5
Food away from home .....	156.2	156.2	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.1	3.3	2.7
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	156.5	156.8	3.2	3.4	3.7	2.6	3.3	3.1
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	154.0	154.1	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.1	3.1	2.5
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.3	159.2	2.9	5.5	3.6	1.5	4.2	2.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.0	161.0	2.8	4.6	3.0	.5	3.7	1.8
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.3	148.6	3.1	3.3	1.9	.3	3.2	1.1
Beer and ale .....	147.8	148.2	1.9	3.0	1.4	-1.9	2.5	-3
Wine .....	142.8	143.2	6.0	6.8	3.2	5.8	6.4	4.5
Distilled spirits .....	149.0	149.3	2.5	2.2	1.4	2.4	2.3	1.9
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	187.2	187.0	2.2	6.3	4.0	1.9	4.3	3.0
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	152.3	152.5	2.7	2.4	3.5	1.6	2.6	2.5
Shelter .....	169.5	170.0	3.4	2.2	2.9	3.4	2.8	3.1
Renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	160.4	161.0	4.4	2.0	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4
Rent, residential .....	164.7	165.2	3.5	2.2	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	222.4	223.9	7.5	1.3	5.8	6.3	4.4	6.1
Lodging while out of town .....	221.4	223.0	8.0	1.3	6.2	5.8	4.6	6.0
Lodging while at school <sup>5</sup> .....	223.0	223.7	3.2	2.4	4.3	9.3	2.8	6.8
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.1	153.5	6.2	2.4	-6.1	4.3	4.3	-1.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	164.1	164.5	3.0	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	164.4	164.8	3.0	2.2	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.0
Household insurance <sup>2 5</sup> .....	148.4	149.0	2.2	3.6	-1.6	3.0	2.9	.7
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.9	141.0	3.3	1.8	4.7	2.6	2.5	3.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.3	150.9	6.5	3.6	1.3	2.4	5.0	1.9
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.7	128.2	-6	.0	8.3	2.9	-.3	5.5
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	125.3	124.9	1.0	.3	21.7	-1.6	.7	9.4
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	124.4	123.9	-1.6	-.7	-1.3	6.7	-1.1	2.6
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.2	129.7	2.2	4.8	7.4	-3.3	3.5	1.9
Fuels .....	117.0	115.9	.0	6.1	10.5	-7.2	3.0	1.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	102.3	100.0	-19.3	45.5	17.2	-27.0	8.4	-7.5
Fuel oil .....	100.1	98.1	-28.1	57.8	10.9	-25.8	6.5	-9.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 6</sup> .....	137.9	132.3	-17.0	31.8	66.8	-36.7	4.6	2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.2	123.2	2.0	2.7	10.2	-5.0	2.3	2.3
Electricity .....	132.4	132.9	-2.7	2.8	-2.7	5.3	.0	1.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	114.8	110.9	13.2	2.6	41.8	-23.3	7.8	4.3
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.9	161.3	5.2	3.9	3.0	1.8	4.5	2.4
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.7	127.8	8.7	2.2	2.2	1.3	5.4	1.7
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.8	162.0	11.2	1.5	-.2	2.5	6.2	1.1
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.8	78.8	2.1	1.0	10.0	-8.2	1.5	.5
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	94.4	94.4	5.6	9.3	4.0	9.4	7.4	6.7
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	204.0	204.4	-6.9	2.6	3.8	1.4	-2.2	2.6
Cable television <sup>7</sup> .....	224.5	225.5	11.8	8.6	5.2	5.9	10.2	5.5
Refuse collection <sup>1 7</sup> .....	248.8	249.4	4.2	2.6	-.3	2.1	3.4	.9

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.6	123.6	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	109.7	109.4	-1.4	.4	-.4	-1.1	-.5	-.7
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	119.6	122.1	-10.6	.3	.3	6.5	-5.3	3.4
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	131.5	131.7	-.3	.6	-3.0	3.4	.2	.2
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	138.2	139.4	5.4	-2.3	1.2	5.0	1.5	3.1
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	139.1	137.5	.0	7.2	-7.8	3.3	3.5	-2.4
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	131.8	132.4	2.1	-.3	-5.6	2.5	.9	-1.6
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	118.6	117.6	-4.6	-3.6	-2.3	.0	-4.1	-1.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	78.9	77.4	-3.4	-2.0	-1.5	-7.9	-2.7	-4.7
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.5	68.8	-3.8	-4.9	-1.1	-8.8	-4.4	-5.0
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	61.9	61.3	-4.3	-10.8	-1.3	-4.4	-7.6	-2.9
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	66.3	64.5	-10.7	-2.4	8.8	-14.1	-6.7	-3.3
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	90.2	87.2	-.4	-2.6	-3.5	-10.7	-1.5	-7.2
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	103.6	102.0	-1.2	3.1	.4	-6.4	1.0	-3.1
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.2	108.6	6.7	-7.0	5.6	-9.7	-.4	-2.4
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.6	111.9	-2.1	12.1	-1.8	-3.5	4.7	-2.6
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	92.7	91.9	-6.2	4.8	-2.5	-6.3	-.8	-4.4
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	53.1	52.4	-15.9	-2.8	-11.6	-13.3	-9.6	-12.4
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	115.6	116.1	-1.0	-.7	1.4	3.5	-.9	2.5
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.5	141.0	-1.7	10.9	-.3	.9	4.4	.3
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	117.3	-5.0	-1.7	-4.1	9.8	-3.4	2.6
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.5	126.6	3.2	-.9	-1.3	2.2	1.1	.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.1	110.6	4.1	2.6	4.8	-1.4	3.4	1.6
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	91.3	90.5	10.8	-10.1	8.4	-.4	-.2	3.9
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 6</sup> .....	114.4	116.6	-15.9	-8.7	3.6	11.8	-12.4	7.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	143.2	143.8	.3	1.1	2.6	2.5	.7	2.6
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.6	146.3	5.2	2.2	3.9	.5	3.7	2.2
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.0	146.0	-4.3	.3	1.9	.8	-2.0	1.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.9	138.5	-1.8	1.2	-.6	9.8	-.3	4.5
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	153.0	153.7	4.3	3.2	.0	3.2	3.8	1.6
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.6	156.9	2.1	5.3	1.3	2.3	3.7	1.8
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 6</sup> .....	136.5	137.3	6.5	3.6	-2.3	5.4	5.0	1.5
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	131.4	132.7	-2.4	-1.2	3.1	4.3	-1.8	3.7
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.1	129.4	-2.8	-1.6	3.2	4.4	-2.2	3.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	128.1	129.4	-3.7	-1.6	3.8	4.8	-2.6	4.3
Men's and boys' .....	127.8	130.1	-1.6	.3	6.1	2.8	-.6	4.4
Men's .....	132.4	134.6	-1.2	-.9	7.5	4.6	-1.1	6.1
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	137.1	137.6	-2.0	-.9	.6	5.4	-1.5	3.0
Furnishings and special clothing .....	127.9	129.7	.3	-7.2	19.3	8.1	-3.5	13.6
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	137.8	141.1	-1.5	10.2	2.3	6.5	4.2	4.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	129.0	130.3	1.5	-5.4	9.9	-6.2	-2.0	1.6
Boys' .....	113.7	116.4	-3.7	.3	5.0	-.7	-1.7	2.1
Women's and girls' .....	125.4	125.9	-4.1	-3.5	7.4	4.6	-3.8	6.0
Women's .....	125.1	124.9	-3.2	-2.6	7.4	3.3	-2.9	5.3
Coats and jackets .....	126.8	120.1	4.1	11.2	-9.8	2.7	7.6	-3.7
Dresses .....	115.9	112.8	-11.7	-25.6	21.2	7.4	-19.0	14.1
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	126.9	128.5	-1.3	1.3	14.0	-4.5	.0	4.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	133.7	134.3	3.0	-3.5	-3.6	9.5	-.3	2.7
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	137.9	138.9	-16.4	11.2	-7.5	42.2	-3.6	14.7
Girls' .....	126.6	130.3	-7.2	-7.9	6.5	10.1	-7.5	8.3
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	130.7	134.9	-21.7	6.8	-1.2	21.5	-8.6	9.5
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	146.3	146.9	1.6	-1.3	-11.2	1.7	.1	-5.0
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 6</sup> .....	130.2	130.0	12.1	-12.6	-15.2	5.1	-1.0	-5.6
Watches and jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	145.9	146.3	1.1	.3	-11.2	1.4	.7	-5.1
Watches <sup>1 6</sup> .....	127.6	125.3	-4.0	3.8	-9.8	-1.9	-.2	-5.9
Jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	151.1	152.1	3.1	.8	-14.2	3.2	1.9	-5.9
Footwear .....	127.0	128.6	2.2	-.6	-.9	3.2	.8	1.1
Men's .....	132.2	133.0	.6	2.7	-3.0	.6	1.7	-1.2
Boys' and girls' .....	130.4	132.2	2.5	-4.2	7.0	2.5	-.9	4.7
Women's .....	120.2	122.1	3.0	-.3	-4.5	6.5	1.3	.8
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.5	161.7	2.8	1.0	2.8	2.3	1.9	2.5
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	165.6	165.3	3.6	4.8	3.7	1.7	4.2	2.7
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.8	159.3	1.8	-1.8	2.0	2.6	.0	2.3

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	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			July 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1997
Expenditure category								
Transportation .....	145.1	144.2	-0.8	3.1	4.0	-2.7	1.1	0.6
Private .....	143.0	141.9	-1.4	2.3	4.3	-3.0	.4	.6
New vehicles .....	145.9	146.0	2.8	1.9	.0	.8	2.4	.4
New cars .....	141.8	141.7	2.3	2.0	-.8	.3	2.1	-.3
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.6	122.8	1.6	2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	-1.0
Compact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.2	123.3	4.7	2.6	.0	1.3	3.7	.7
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.0	122.1	3.0	.3	-2.3	2.0	1.7	-.2
Full-size new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	125.2	125.3	3.6	3.9	-1.3	2.3	3.8	.5
Luxury new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	133.3	132.6	1.8	2.7	2.1	-5.3	2.3	-1.6
New trucks <sup>7</sup> .....	153.4	153.4	2.7	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.5	1.9
New motorcycles <sup>6</sup> .....	162.1	162.4	3.0	1.2	3.2	-3.4	2.1	-.1
Used cars .....	159.1	156.5	-4.7	.3	-2.5	.3	-2.2	-1.1
Motor fuel .....	109.5	106.5	-11.5	2.7	21.8	-18.5	-4.7	-.4
Gasoline .....	109.0	106.1	-11.9	2.3	21.9	-18.3	-5.1	-.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.0	103.9	-12.8	2.7	23.7	-20.1	-5.3	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 10</sup> .....	110.4	109.9	1.8	-12.1	11.0	-8.9	-5.4	.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.8	107.3	-11.5	1.5	20.5	-16.1	-5.2	.6
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	162.5	162.8	2.8	4.9	2.8	1.5	3.8	2.1
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	170.5	171.3	6.0	3.4	1.0	5.3	4.7	3.1
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	171.0	171.4	.7	7.4	1.9	3.6	4.0	2.7
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.8	148.6	2.8	4.4	.0	-.5	3.6	-.3
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.6	168.0	1.5	7.1	3.2	3.2	4.2	3.2
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	172.3	172.6	3.4	2.9	.0	3.6	3.1	1.8
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.0	103.7	-.4	.4	-1.1	-.8	.0	-1.0
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	129.5	129.9	3.1	.6	-3.3	1.2	1.9	-1.1
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.2	100.8	-1.2	.8	-.8	-1.2	-.2	-1.0
Tires .....	100.2	100.1	-1.6	.8	.8	-2.4	-.4	-.8
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	106.5	106.0	-1.1	.8	-1.1	-.4	-.2	-.8
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	189.6	190.1	4.0	3.3	.2	4.3	3.6	2.2
Automobile insurance .....	249.8	250.2	4.6	3.8	2.3	4.1	4.2	3.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	94.8	95.4	5.7	5.6	-8.1	8.8	5.7	.0
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	183.2	182.9	-4.9	-2.2	-1.3	9.7	-3.6	4.1
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	181.3	181.3	.0	.0	-.4	.0	.0	-.2
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	187.1	186.1	-10.8	-5.2	-2.2	23.3	-8.0	9.8
Public transportation .....	182.9	185.1	8.9	11.8	-1.7	2.4	10.4	.3
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	200.3	203.5	12.1	16.4	-1.8	11.6	14.2	4.7
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	157.2	157.6	1.5	-7.3	3.3	-2.3	-3.0	.5
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.1	175.2	1.2	1.4	-1.8	2.6	1.3	.3
Medical care .....	232.4	233.0	3.4	2.7	2.6	3.2	3.0	2.9
Medical care commodities .....	211.7	212.1	2.9	3.1	.4	3.9	3.0	2.1
Prescription drugs .....	247.7	248.3	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.3	3.0	2.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 6</sup> .....	144.2	144.2	4.0	.8	-1.1	4.6	2.4	1.7
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	171.3	170.7	5.1	.5	-1.4	4.6	2.8	1.5
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	173.2	174.8	.5	1.9	.2	4.0	1.2	2.1
Medical care services .....	236.9	237.6	3.3	2.6	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.1
Professional medical services .....	215.0	215.7	3.3	3.9	3.6	4.2	3.6	3.9
Physicians' services .....	222.2	222.6	3.0	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.6
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	224.1	225.0	4.8	5.9	4.4	5.7	5.3	5.1
Eye care <sup>1 6</sup> .....	141.3	141.2	1.4	.3	1.1	2.0	.9	1.6
Services by other medical professionals <sup>6</sup> .....	154.7	155.3	3.8	3.2	3.8	7.5	3.5	5.6
Hospital and related services .....	272.4	273.4	4.3	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.1
Hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.6	101.1	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Inpatient hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.7	100.9	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	223.0	223.6	6.9	.4	7.6	4.4	3.6	6.0
Nursing home services <sup>11</sup> .....	101.6	101.8	-	-	-	5.3	-	-

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	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
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Expenditure category								
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	159.2	159.3	2.9	2.3	2.3	1.3	2.6	1.8
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	143.1	142.5	1.4	2.0	.8	-1.1	1.7	-.1
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	179.8	179.5	2.1	3.4	1.8	.2	2.7	1.0
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	192.5	192.4	1.3	1.9	3.0	.6	1.6	1.8
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.9	166.6	3.2	4.7	.5	.0	4.0	.2
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	125.4	124.6	-5.3	-1.3	1.9	-6	-3.3	.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	128.6	127.7	-5.4	-6	-2.5	1.9	-3.1	-.3
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	118.3	117.8	-4.3	-2.4	8.5	-3.6	-3.3	2.2
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	134.2	133.9	1.2	3.4	.3	.3	2.3	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	126.3	3.2	2.9	-3.4	-3.1	3.0	-3.2
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	135.3	135.3	3.6	.6	-1.8	1.8	2.1	.0
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	143.1	143.1	-9	5.0	6.7	1.1	2.0	3.9
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	182.3	183.3	4.6	2.7	3.4	4.3	3.7	3.8
Club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	135.4	135.5	.9	.6	-7.1	4.2	.7	-1.6
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	168.5	170.9	5.1	3.0	6.3	12.1	4.0	9.1
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	195.1	196.4	7.8	-8	1.7	5.7	3.4	3.7
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>6</sup> .....	168.3	168.1	5.6	6.6	4.4	2.7	6.1	3.5
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	140.8	141.4	2.4	3.2	5.3	2.6	2.8	3.9
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	218.7	220.8	3.6	3.2	4.0	7.6	3.4	5.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	238.2	243.7	2.8	3.5	2.2	13.5	3.1	7.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	152.6	1.1	2.4	1.9	2.7	1.7	2.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.3	145.4	.8	1.1	-2.7	2.8	1.0	.0
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	154.0	155.0	-1.1	7.1	5.4	2.9	3.0	4.1
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.4	139.6	1.7	-2.8	-7.7	2.6	-6	-2.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	161.2	162.1	1.3	4.7	7.3	3.3	3.0	5.3
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	161.2	.5	4.4	7.1	3.6	2.5	5.3
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	164.3	164.2	5.7	5.7	7.1	1.5	5.7	4.3
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	251.8	252.6	4.9	3.5	5.6	5.6	4.2	5.6
School books and supplies .....	235.6	236.9	2.5	8.7	3.1	5.1	5.6	4.1
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	253.3	254.1	5.0	3.1	5.8	5.7	4.1	5.7
Tuition and other school fees .....	270.4	271.6	4.9	3.7	6.5	4.7	4.3	5.6
College tuition .....	289.2	290.4	5.3	4.2	7.9	5.4	4.8	6.7
Elementary and high school tuition .....	280.4	281.6	5.5	2.5	5.5	5.0	4.0	5.2
Day care and nursery school <sup>9</sup> .....	133.3	133.8	4.4	2.8	3.7	4.3	3.6	4.0
Personal expenses .....	222.8	223.1	4.8	2.8	5.1	6.7	3.8	5.9
Legal service fees <sup>1 6</sup> .....	161.1	161.5	5.2	1.5	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.6
Personal financial services <sup>1 6</sup> .....	190.5	189.9	1.1	1.8	4.0	11.7	1.4	7.8
Funeral expenses <sup>6</sup> .....	170.0	170.9	5.3	4.2	5.7	9.4	4.8	7.5
Special indexes								
Domestically produced farm food .....	158.3	157.5	6.7	7.1	-1.3	-1.0	6.9	-1.1
Selected beef cuts .....	126.9	127.8	2.6	7.4	-9	-3.7	5.0	-2.3
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	109.8	106.9	-11.2	3.0	20.9	-18.2	-4.3	-6
Utilities and public transportation .....	143.7	143.6	4.4	4.9	4.3	-6	4.7	1.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	154.7	155.1	4.0	3.7	.3	2.9	3.9	1.6

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>11</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1997 from—			Percent change to Mar. 1997 from—		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
U.S. city average .....	M	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.2	2.5	0.4	0.1	2.8	0.6	0.3
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	166.2	166.9	167.3	167.1	2.6	.1	-.1	2.8	.7	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	166.8	167.7	168.1	167.7	2.5	.0	-.2	2.7	.8	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	164.2	164.2	164.8	165.4	3.0	.7	.4	2.9	.4	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	164.7	165.3	165.6	165.6	2.7	.2	.0	3.0	.5	.2
North Central urban .....	M	155.5	155.9	155.9	156.1	2.5	.1	.1	2.8	.3	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	156.0	156.5	156.6	156.9	2.6	.3	.2	2.6	.4	.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.3	154.4	154.6	154.8	2.4	.3	.1	2.8	.2	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	157.8	158.3	158.1	158.2	2.8	-.1	.1	3.3	.2	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	152.2	152.1	152.1	152.1	2.1	.0	.0	3.0	-.1	.0
South urban .....	M	155.7	156.1	156.5	156.7	2.3	.4	.1	2.7	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	154.9	155.2	155.4	155.7	2.2	.3	.2	2.6	.3	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	158.5	158.9	159.7	159.8	2.7	.6	.1	3.0	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	155.0	155.6	155.7	156.0	1.9	.3	.2	2.3	.5	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	154.8	155.5	156.0	156.1	2.4	.4	.1	2.9	.8	.3
West urban .....	M	159.6	160.1	160.8	161.1	2.5	.6	.2	2.8	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	159.6	160.1	160.9	161.2	2.5	.7	.2	2.7	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	164.9	165.4	166.3	166.5	2.7	.7	.1	3.0	.8	.5
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	143.6	144.1	144.4	144.5	2.4	.3	.1	2.6	.6	.2
B <sup>3</sup> .....	M	159.2	159.5	160.1	160.4	2.8	.6	.2	3.0	.6	.4
C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	159.1	159.6	159.8	160.0	2.4	.3	.1	2.8	.4	.1
D .....	M	155.9	156.2	156.4	156.5	2.3	.2	.1	2.8	.3	.1
<b>Selected local areas <sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	160.4	161.1	161.0	160.9	2.9	-.1	-.1	3.0	.4	-.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	159.1	159.2	159.8	159.9	1.4	.4	.1	1.6	.4	.4
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	169.1	170.1	170.7	170.2	2.5	.1	-.3	2.5	.9	.4
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>6</sup> .....	M	165.1	165.8	166.1	166.0	2.4	.1	-.1	2.5	.6	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>6</sup> .....	M	157.0	157.9	159.2	159.6	3.7	1.1	.3	4.1	1.4	.8
Baltimore, MD <sup>7</sup> .....	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 <sup>8</sup> .....	1	151.5	-	152.2	-	-	-	-	2.2	.5	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>7</sup> .....	1	161.6	-	161.9	-	-	-	-	2.2	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	150.7	-	150.6	1.4	-.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	155.4	-	156.0	2.4	.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	144.5	-	145.2	1.5	.5	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	2	-	156.2	-	156.6	2.5	.3	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

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

<sup>5</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Atlanta, GA; Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA; San Diego, CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

The following metropolitan areas are published annually and appear in tables 16A and 23A of the January issue of the CPI Detailed Report: New

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
All items .....	167.1	2.6	-0.1	156.1	2.5	0.1	156.7	2.3	0.1	161.1	2.5	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	263.1	-	-	254.1	-	-	254.3	-	-	260.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.0	2.2	-1	153.9	3.1	.2	155.4	2.7	.1	158.9	3.5	-2
Food .....	159.4	2.2	-1	153.2	3.2	.1	155.4	2.8	.1	158.3	3.5	-3
Food at home .....	161.1	2.1	-2	153.2	3.0	.2	154.4	2.6	.1	161.9	3.4	-6
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	182.9	1.6	.1	176.8	2.7	-1	170.7	1.6	.0	177.1	2.3	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	152.1	3.0	-4	144.5	4.3	.6	143.5	3.5	-1	151.1	6.7	-3
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	138.9	6.4	.0	145.2	5.7	-2	145.9	7.8	-3	154.0	5.4	-6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	187.2	-1.6	-2.0	174.4	-5	-1.0	186.9	-1.1	-2	196.9	-8	-2.9
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	154.2	2.3	1.6	142.9	3.3	1.0	144.1	2.6	.7	147.3	3.2	.6
Sugar and sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	156.8	3.0	1.8	146.6	5.1	2.3	142.2	2.7	.1	148.3	5.2	.3
Fats and oils <sup>2</sup> .....	150.1	1.5	.2	136.2	.6	-5	140.4	3.1	.3	144.4	1.8	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	141.4	1.4	3.4	126.8	1.7	1.3	127.4	1.5	1.9	132.5	1.8	.6
Other prepared food <sup>2</sup> .....	166.9	3.0	.4	157.2	4.6	.8	161.0	3.4	.1	160.7	3.9	.9
Food away from home .....	158.6	2.3	.0	153.7	3.3	.1	158.7	3.1	.1	153.0	3.6	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.2	3.1	.2	162.2	2.9	.2	155.4	2.3	-1	165.2	2.9	.2
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	167.6	2.7	-2	150.5	2.5	-3	147.7	2.4	.0	158.4	3.0	.1
Shelter .....	195.3	3.1	.1	171.7	2.9	.1	159.7	3.0	-1	173.8	3.2	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	205.6	4.1	-2	178.1	3.2	-2	173.0	3.2	-8	185.1	3.9	.0
Rent, residential .....	178.2	3.1	.2	162.3	2.9	.2	153.9	2.7	.3	165.7	2.8	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	257.8	6.3	-1.1	201.4	3.9	-1.1	220.8	4.1	-3.2	230.7	7.7	-1.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	201.9	2.6	.1	175.2	2.8	.2	160.8	2.9	.3	183.8	2.9	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	203.0	2.7	.1	175.7	2.9	.2	160.4	3.0	.3	183.8	2.8	.3
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	139.5	2.5	.0	144.3	3.8	.8	140.1	4.9	-4	143.4	1.6	-1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	147.4	-	.0	157.9	6.4	1.6	140.6	5.1	.1	149.3	-1	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.2	1.3	-1	131.7	1.1	-2	138.9	4.7	-1.3	136.5	5.1	-1
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	125.9	3.2	-1.1	123.1	2.8	-1.6	134.3	1.2	-1	136.3	4.8	-3
Fuels .....	117.2	1.3	-1.8	106.6	1.2	-3.0	118.8	1.2	-7	123.7	7.1	-7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	99.6	-2.5	-3.7	97.9	3.3	-2.9	110.1	4.7	-2.4	110.5	6.9	-2.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	99.4	-2.9	-3.4	95.4	.8	-1.8	97.1	4.0	-1.9	124.0	2.7	-2.4
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	123.7	-2	-5.5	130.9	5.8	-4.2	144.5	5.2	-2.8	124.1	9.1	-1.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	131.6	2.5	-1.2	111.5	1.2	-3.0	121.2	.9	-5	126.2	7.1	-7
Electricity .....	135.8	.1	-9	123.1	1.2	.1	123.1	1.2	.7	143.9	-1.0	-8
Utility (piped) gas .....	125.6	6.9	-1.8	100.7	1.0	-6.8	116.1	.1	-5.2	103.8	32.6	-8
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	161.1	6.5	.1	160.3	4.6	.1	163.0	1.2	.2	158.4	2.9	.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	126.2	-5	-3	123.4	.5	.2	127.7	1.5	.2	124.5	.4	.3
Household furnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	107.3	-2.7	-7	109.4	-5	.0	115.6	.5	.3	111.2	-7	.3
Housekeeping supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	152.8	1.6	.6	142.1	.8	.0	137.6	2.4	.3	141.6	.5	.6
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	154.6	2.7	-1	146.2	2.6	.6	156.4	3.6	.3	145.9	3.0	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.1	1.6	-3	136.4	3.0	2.3	146.6	.5	1.7	126.8	-1.6	.9
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.1	1.7	-3	134.4	3.1	2.5	143.0	.4	1.9	122.6	-2.2	.9
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.4	2.6	1.2	131.9	3.5	3.1	138.0	.6	1.8	122.3	.7	.2
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	121.9	1.2	-1.4	134.5	3.3	1.7	148.2	1.7	2.9	119.2	-2.1	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	137.1	2.2	1.5	137.3	1.4	3.8	140.6	3.2	5.3	121.1	-8.2	1.1
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	132.8	2.7	.5	133.1	1.3	3.0	130.1	.9	1.3	118.7	-2.3	2.9
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	149.9	-1.3	-2.0	150.7	5.0	4.4	153.1	-5.8	-1.5	138.5	-6.4	-2.3
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	166.9	1.3	.1	152.4	2.4	-3	172.0	2.5	.4	157.4	3.2	.0
Transportation .....	146.9	1.7	-4	142.5	.8	-1	143.4	1.2	-1	147.2	1.2	.5
Private transportation .....	142.0	1.6	-4	138.4	.0	-2	141.9	.9	-2	143.2	.6	.5
New vehicles .....	144.0	1.3	-1	142.0	.9	-1	148.7	1.0	-1	145.2	1.7	-3
New cars .....	142.1	1.1	-1	138.1	.7	-2	148.0	1.0	-1	141.0	1.0	-3
Used cars .....	157.8	-2.0	.0	154.5	-2.2	-1	154.6	-1.9	-1	152.1	-1.7	-1
Motor fuel .....	103.9	.0	-2.2	104.1	-4.6	-9	104.7	-1.3	-1.2	111.8	-3.1	2.9
Gasoline .....	103.4	.4	-2.1	103.7	-4.8	-9	104.3	-1.3	-1.1	110.8	-3.9	3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	102.1	.2	-2.4	102.3	-5.0	-9	101.6	-1.3	-1.2	108.2	-4.4	3.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	107.1	.2	-1.9	114.1	-4.8	-1.0	110.7	-1.4	-1.1	107.7	-4.0	2.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	103.7	-5	-6	107.0	-4.5	-4	107.2	-1.5	-1.0	111.3	-4.1	3.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	170.1	3.0	.2	153.5	3.9	.4	159.5	2.6	.0	165.2	2.8	.5
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	178.9	2.9	.1	171.3	2.7	.0	185.5	2.5	.2	174.4	2.0	-4
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	105.7	.1	.6	106.5	1.1	.5	103.0	-1.4	-1	103.1	-9	-1.2
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	193.4	3.2	.0	185.7	2.9	-1	208.3	3.1	.2	191.7	2.6	-2
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	187.7	2.6	-3	208.4	9.5	1.5	170.4	6.2	2.2	194.0	6.4	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Medical care .....	243.8	3.6	0.1	226.0	2.3	0.1	232.6	3.0	0.2	233.7	3.1	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	220.4	3.3	1.0	211.3	1.9	.0	209.5	2.4	-.1	224.2	3.4	.3
Medical care services .....	248.8	3.7	.0	229.6	2.4	.1	238.3	3.1	.2	236.0	3.1	.3
Professional medical services .....	223.9	3.3	.1	210.1	3.9	.2	220.2	4.5	.3	202.7	2.7	.3
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	169.7	2.9	.1	162.6	4.0	.2	159.2	2.2	-.1	157.7	.3	.0
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	147.9	1.7	.1	146.6	2.6	-.5	143.0	1.4	-.3	138.8	-2.0	-.3
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	193.5	3.7	.1	181.8	5.4	.8	179.5	2.9	.2	178.7	2.1	.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	232.0	4.3	.6	216.4	4.5	.8	214.3	4.4	.6	229.1	4.6	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>2</sup> .....	235.6	6.4	2.8	252.5	6.1	2.4	227.7	4.1	1.8	267.7	5.9	1.2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	163.9	1.5	.0	147.4	3.0	.6	145.8	2.0	.8	155.3	1.5	.8
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	264.5	4.3	.1	243.5	4.2	.1	253.4	5.1	.0	264.6	5.0	.2
Commodity and service group	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
All items .....	167.1	2.6	-.1	156.1	2.5	.1	156.7	2.3	.1	161.1	2.5	.2
Commodities .....	142.6	1.5	-.2	141.2	1.7	.4	142.7	1.5	.2	142.4	1.2	.3
Food and beverages .....	160.0	2.2	-.1	153.9	3.1	.2	155.4	2.7	.1	158.9	3.5	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.1	.9	-.3	133.8	.8	.5	135.3	.7	.3	132.3	-.3	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.0	1.4	-.2	136.8	1.4	.9	138.1	.9	.6	135.1	-.5	1.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.1	1.7	-.3	134.4	3.1	2.5	143.0	.4	1.9	122.6	-2.2	.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	139.5	1.4	-.2	140.4	.6	.1	139.2	1.2	-.1	144.0	.3	1.3
Durables .....	128.3	.0	-.4	128.9	-.2	-.2	131.7	.3	-.1	128.6	.0	-.2
Services .....	191.7	3.3	-.1	172.2	3.2	.0	171.5	2.9	.1	178.3	3.5	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	203.8	3.1	.0	176.5	3.0	.1	164.2	3.1	.0	184.3	3.1	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>4 7</sup> .....	147.8	3.8	-.5	135.8	2.6	-1.1	144.4	1.4	-.1	148.9	4.6	-.1
Transportation services .....	186.7	3.0	.0	182.0	4.4	.3	188.1	3.5	.5	186.4	3.6	.2
Medical care services .....	248.8	3.7	.0	229.6	2.4	.1	238.3	3.1	.2	236.0	3.1	.3
Other services .....	220.4	3.8	.0	198.4	4.5	.4	204.1	4.2	.2	206.9	3.8	.2
Special indexes	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
All items less food .....	168.6	2.6	-.1	156.6	2.4	.1	156.9	2.2	.1	161.7	2.3	.2
All items less shelter .....	158.1	2.3	-.2	151.9	2.4	.2	156.2	2.0	.2	157.3	2.2	.2
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	165.5	2.5	-.2	156.2	2.5	.1	160.3	2.2	.1	163.6	2.4	.2
All items less medical care .....	163.3	2.5	-.1	152.3	2.6	.1	151.8	2.2	.1	157.1	2.5	.2
Commodities less food .....	132.6	1.1	-.3	134.9	.8	.4	136.0	.7	.3	133.9	-.1	.6
Nondurables less food .....	135.0	1.7	-.2	138.2	1.5	.9	138.9	1.1	.5	137.3	-.1	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.1	1.6	-.2	141.7	.9	.2	139.7	1.4	-.1	145.4	.6	1.2
Nondurables .....	146.9	1.9	-.1	145.4	2.3	.5	146.8	1.8	.3	147.3	1.6	.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	194.8	3.6	-.1	177.1	3.4	-.2	186.0	2.9	.2	190.2	3.8	.2
Services less medical care services .....	187.0	3.3	-.1	166.8	3.3	-.1	164.3	3.0	.1	173.3	3.5	.1
Energy .....	111.5	.9	-1.9	105.0	-1.5	-2.0	109.8	.0	-.9	116.0	1.3	1.1
All items less energy .....	174.6	2.7	.0	163.6	2.9	.3	163.1	2.4	.2	166.3	2.6	.1
All items less food and energy .....	178.6	2.8	.1	166.1	2.8	.4	165.0	2.4	.3	168.3	2.4	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.3	1.3	.1	144.0	1.6	.6	145.2	1.0	.5	140.9	.3	.3
Energy commodities .....	102.6	-.7	-2.6	103.9	-4.3	-1.0	105.3	-.9	-1.4	112.8	-2.9	2.7
Services less energy services .....	197.5	3.4	.1	179.9	3.4	.2	177.0	3.1	.1	182.1	3.3	.2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996
Expenditure category												
All items .....	144.5	2.4	0.1	160.4	2.8	0.2	160.0	2.4	0.1	156.5	2.3	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	144.5	-	-	260.3	-	-	257.3	-	-	252.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	141.8	2.8	-1	156.5	2.7	-1	156.3	2.7	.3	153.3	3.5	.0
Food .....	141.4	2.9	-1	156.4	2.6	-1	155.7	2.6	.3	152.8	3.6	.1
Food at home .....	145.5	2.8	-3	158.8	2.3	-4	154.3	2.3	.4	150.9	3.7	.0
Cereals and bakery products <sup>4</sup> .....	158.7	2.2	.0	174.6	1.8	.5	172.7	2.5	.3	178.0	.9	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>4</sup> .....	136.6	4.4	-1	149.6	3.5	-5	142.3	3.9	.4	139.8	5.0	.3
Dairy products <sup>4</sup> .....	141.0	6.1	-1	147.3	7.1	-1.6	137.9	4.7	.1	140.3	9.3	-4
Fruits and vegetables <sup>4</sup> .....	171.2	-6	-1.8	190.9	-1.8	-1.6	185.3	-2.1	-1	171.8	.0	-1.6
Other food at home <sup>4</sup> .....	134.6	2.8	1.0	147.8	2.1	.9	148.6	2.9	1.0	142.8	4.2	1.3
Sugar and sweets <sup>4</sup> .....	137.4	4.2	1.5	146.4	2.9	.4	144.5	3.7	1.2	140.3	5.3	-1
Fats and oils <sup>4</sup> .....	134.6	2.1	.1	139.5	.6	.3	142.5	1.1	-2	138.6	3.4	-6
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	122.0	1.2	1.3	128.9	-5	1.9	136.8	3.1	2.2	126.1	4.2	4.3
Other prepared food <sup>4</sup> .....	144.7	3.8	.6	167.8	4.1	.5	161.6	3.2	.4	158.5	4.1	.3
Food away from home .....	135.1	3.0	.1	153.5	3.1	.2	159.5	3.2	.2	156.9	3.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	146.1	2.5	.1	158.7	3.5	.1	163.2	3.1	.4	161.0	2.9	-2
Housing <sup>5</sup> .....	139.5	2.7	-1	157.7	3.1	.1	154.5	2.7	.0	148.9	1.5	-5
Shelter .....	147.3	3.1	.1	177.1	3.2	.1	173.6	3.1	.0	168.8	2.6	-3
Renters' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	149.5	3.7	-1	197.3	3.8	-2	176.3	3.6	-6	174.4	3.0	-1.4
Rent, residential .....	137.5	3.1	.3	164.4	2.4	.2	160.1	2.7	.4	157.6	2.1	.2
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	193.2	5.3	-1.3	263.6	6.1	-9	205.1	5.7	-2.6	204.1	4.8	-4.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	146.6	2.8	.3	179.9	3.0	.2	180.5	2.9	.2	174.7	2.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>6</sup> .....	146.8	2.8	.3	180.4	3.1	.2	181.2	2.9	.2	174.3	2.5	.1
Maintenance and repairs <sup>4</sup> .....	127.4	3.9	.2	138.3	2.9	-4	155.1	1.6	-2	137.1	2.9	-1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>4</sup> .....	130.0	4.6	.5	138.9	1.4	.3	168.1	1.0	.0	148.6	4.2	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	123.0	2.8	-4	138.2	4.5	-9	140.1	2.5	-4	119.7	.0	-3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>5</sup> .....	128.5	3.0	-1.1	133.7	4.1	-3	133.5	3.2	.0	125.2	-1.6	-1.6
Fuels .....	126.2	1.9	-2.0	113.4	4.0	-8	120.3	3.2	-2	106.0	-1.6	-3.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	146.8	-1.5	-2.7	98.5	2.2	-3.8	102.5	.9	-4.4	96.4	2.0	-2.6
Fuel oil <sup>4</sup> .....	149.1	-2.7	-2.8	98.9	.7	-2.8	96.1	-9	-3.9	92.4	.2	-3.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	137.8	4.3	-1.7	129.8	4.1	-5.3	132.2	3.7	-5.2	129.2	4.2	-2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.3	2.2	-2.0	120.1	4.3	-4	127.4	3.5	.4	113.7	-2.0	-3.5
Electricity .....	127.9	.2	-8	127.3	.9	-2	136.0	1.6	2.2	121.5	-1.1	-1.9
Utility (piped) gas .....	118.3	5.9	-4.2	107.8	15.4	-1.0	114.3	9.1	-4.5	101.9	-4.3	-7.8
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	131.5	4.5	.2	176.1	4.1	.3	161.2	3.1	.2	163.3	-1.6	.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>5</sup> .....	118.1	.3	.0	126.9	1.2	.3	124.5	.7	.2	125.5	1.2	.2
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	107.1	-1.3	-4	115.7	.3	.5	108.4	-5	.3	110.8	.5	.4
Housekeeping supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	135.5	.7	.6	135.3	3.0	-2	142.1	1.9	.1	137.3	1.4	.1
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	134.6	3.5	.4	154.4	2.6	.3	156.6	2.3	.3	155.6	2.6	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	125.5	.2	.8	136.7	3.2	2.5	143.3	1.0	.4	137.3	2.0	3.8
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	124.3	-1	.8	132.7	3.4	2.6	140.8	1.0	.5	134.4	1.8	4.1
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	120.9	1.3	1.3	137.5	4.4	3.8	139.1	1.4	.9	122.9	.5	1.7
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	121.1	.3	.7	137.4	3.4	2.8	141.9	1.1	-1	141.8	3.3	6.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	113.4	-3.0	2.6	133.1	7.9	.2	154.2	1.2	1.7	142.2	3.2	15.0
Footwear <sup>4</sup> .....	129.4	.4	2.1	116.3	2.8	1.3	130.7	.4	.8	128.4	1.9	2.6
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	145.7	-5.1	-2.0	126.2	-1.0	1.6	159.0	.3	1.2	143.3	-2.3	-1.0
Apparel services <sup>4</sup> .....	136.6	2.7	-1	168.4	1.9	.8	168.8	.7	-1	165.1	3.6	.9
Transportation .....	142.8	1.3	.0	143.6	1.2	-1	144.2	.8	-2	143.8	1.3	.2
Private transportation .....	142.0	.9	.0	139.9	.6	-2	140.7	.3	-3	139.0	.8	-2
New vehicles .....	127.6	1.4	-2	143.1	.4	-2	145.5	1.0	-3	145.8	.8	.0
New cars .....	125.8	1.2	-2	138.3	.1	-1	143.8	1.1	-3	142.1	.5	-1
Used cars .....	145.9	-1.8	.0	154.1	-2.0	-1	155.0	-1.7	-1	149.6	-2.7	-2
Motor fuel .....	154.8	-2.9	-1	105.7	-1.2	-3	104.8	-2.6	-1.0	104.3	-9	-1.0
Gasoline .....	154.0	-3.3	.0	105.2	-1.5	-2	104.7	-2.6	-1.0	103.8	-6	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	154.4	-3.6	.1	102.7	-1.5	-4	101.9	-2.7	-1.2	100.1	-6	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	107.2	-3.4	-1	111.0	-8	-5	114.4	-2.2	-7	114.7	-5	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	143.9	-2.7	-3	107.5	-1.4	.1	108.5	-1.8	-7	106.5	-1.0	-1.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	144.9	3.4	.4	166.7	2.7	.5	157.5	1.4	-6	147.0	3.6	.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	149.6	2.6	-1	173.7	2.4	-6	180.7	2.1	.3	175.6	3.2	.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	108.6	-1	-5	98.8	-8	-7	104.9	-3	.1	119.5	-1.2	.3
Other private transportation services <sup>8</sup> .....	157.9	2.9	.0	191.7	2.8	-5	201.7	2.4	.4	191.3	4.1	.3
Public transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	149.6	4.8	.3	211.3	8.3	2.1	212.9	7.6	.7	235.0	7.5	4.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category												
Medical care .....	185.0	2.6	0.1	233.3	3.6	0.3	237.9	3.3	0.3	227.7	3.0	0.1
Medical care commodities .....	173.4	2.1	.1	216.8	4.0	.5	207.6	3.8	.3	214.2	2.2	.1
Medical care services .....	187.6	2.8	.1	237.3	3.6	.3	245.1	3.2	.3	231.5	3.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	169.8	3.2	.1	210.4	5.2	.4	224.0	3.6	.4	221.9	4.1	.3
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	144.7	2.9	.1	158.6	.7	.0	165.1	1.9	-.2	148.1	2.6	.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	133.3	1.7	-.2	140.1	-1.1	-.5	147.1	.0	-.3	139.4	2.2	-.2
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	154.0	3.8	.4	182.9	2.4	.5	188.7	3.5	-.1	160.3	3.0	.6
Other goods and services <sup>5</sup> .....	179.5	4.2	.7	223.0	4.4	.4	218.8	4.6	.6	216.6	5.5	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>4</sup> .....	190.7	4.9	2.9	252.2	5.2	1.0	243.9	6.2	1.3	232.2	8.2	1.5
Personal care <sup>4</sup> .....	136.8	2.5	.5	151.0	.6	-.1	152.6	2.1	1.9	135.9	1.6	-.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	191.0	4.5	.1	256.8	5.2	.2	251.1	4.5	-.1	257.3	5.4	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items .....	144.5	2.4	.1	160.4	2.8	.2	160.0	2.4	.1	156.5	2.3	.1
Commodities .....	136.2	1.3	.1	141.3	1.7	.2	142.5	1.5	.1	140.3	2.0	.4
Food and beverages .....	141.8	2.8	-.1	156.5	2.7	-.1	156.3	2.7	.3	153.3	3.5	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.4	.2	.2	132.6	1.1	.5	134.5	.6	.0	133.0	1.1	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	141.1	.2	.6	135.1	2.0	.7	138.4	1.1	.1	135.0	2.1	1.2
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	124.3	-.1	.8	132.7	3.4	2.6	140.8	1.0	.5	134.4	1.8	4.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	151.8	.5	.5	139.4	1.4	-.1	140.0	1.1	-.2	137.3	2.2	.0
Durables .....	120.7	.2	-.4	129.5	-.2	.1	129.6	.0	-.1	130.5	-.3	-.2
Services .....	151.1	3.3	.0	180.3	3.6	.2	179.1	3.2	.1	174.3	2.5	-.2
Rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	147.7	3.1	.1	185.1	3.3	.1	180.1	3.1	.0	174.6	2.6	-.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> <sup>8</sup> .....	129.3	3.4	-.6	147.0	3.8	.0	146.5	3.0	.2	141.3	-.9	-1.2
Transportation services .....	152.8	3.5	.2	188.4	3.7	.2	190.8	3.1	.2	187.4	4.6	1.0
Medical care services .....	187.6	2.8	.1	237.3	3.6	.3	245.1	3.2	.3	231.5	3.2	.2
Other services .....	169.2	4.1	.2	208.5	3.9	.3	205.6	3.9	.0	202.5	4.7	.2
Special indexes												
All items less food .....	145.1	2.3	.1	161.1	2.7	.2	160.8	2.4	.1	157.1	2.0	.1
All items less shelter .....	143.4	2.2	.1	155.6	2.5	.2	156.4	2.2	.1	153.6	2.1	.2
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup> .....	144.0	2.3	.0	161.4	2.7	.2	160.4	2.3	.1	157.7	2.2	.1
All items less medical care .....	142.3	2.4	.1	156.1	2.6	.1	155.3	2.3	.1	151.4	2.2	.1
Commodities less food .....	133.3	.5	.3	133.6	1.2	.5	135.6	.8	.0	133.9	1.2	.6
Nondurables less food .....	141.6	.4	.6	136.3	2.1	.7	139.6	1.2	.0	136.2	2.1	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	150.9	.7	.5	140.1	1.5	-.1	141.3	1.4	-.1	138.6	2.3	.0
Nondurables .....	141.5	1.7	.2	145.7	2.3	.2	147.2	1.9	.2	144.2	2.8	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	154.8	3.5	-.1	187.5	3.8	.2	188.2	3.3	.2	183.5	2.4	-.1
Services less medical care services .....	148.1	3.3	.1	174.7	3.6	.1	172.3	3.2	.1	167.2	2.4	-.2
Energy .....	137.9	-.4	-1.1	108.2	1.8	-.6	111.8	.6	-.5	103.7	-1.3	-2.4
All items less energy .....	145.0	2.6	.1	167.5	2.8	.2	166.9	2.6	.2	164.0	2.6	.2
All items less food and energy .....	145.8	2.6	.2	170.2	2.8	.3	169.7	2.5	.2	166.7	2.4	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	130.7	.8	.3	142.7	1.5	.6	145.1	1.3	.3	143.5	1.4	.8
Energy commodities .....	154.0	-2.8	-.3	104.8	-.8	-.8	104.8	-2.2	-1.5	103.5	-.7	-1.2
Services less energy services .....	153.0	3.3	.1	186.7	3.5	.2	185.0	3.2	.1	181.4	2.8	.1

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

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

<sup>5</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996 Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996 Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996 Mar. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items .....	167.7	2.5	-0.2	165.4	3.0	0.4	165.6	2.7	0.0
All items (December 1977 = 100) .....	259.1	-	-	266.1	-	-	274.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.5	2.1	-3	164.3	2.7	.1	158.7	1.9	.3
Food .....	158.9	2.1	-3	164.0	2.6	.1	158.2	1.9	.3
Food at home .....	160.9	2.0	-4	166.6	2.3	.1	156.2	2.2	.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	183.6	1.0	-6	171.8	2.9	.9	187.8	4.1	2.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	150.9	3.0	-6	163.2	4.3	.1	151.3	2.4	-4
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	140.4	6.3	.2	143.2	6.7	-.8	120.1	3.0	-.5
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.3	-1.5	-2.6	189.3	-3.0	-1.8	184.5	-1.0	-.5
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	153.0	2.2	1.7	166.6	1.3	1.6	146.6	2.9	1.0
Food away from home .....	158.0	2.2	.1	161.5	3.3	.0	163.2	1.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.3	3.5	.2	170.3	3.3	.5	165.3	1.3	.1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	167.7	2.6	-3	166.9	3.3	.3	166.2	2.7	.1
Shelter .....	194.1	3.2	-1	197.1	3.8	.6	197.7	2.4	.2
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	205.5	4.2	-5	212.6	4.3	1.6	192.0	4.0	.2
Rent, residential .....	178.9	3.5	.2	170.1	2.2	.4	173.1	1.5	.4
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	261.7	5.9	-2.1	271.1	7.1	3.3	213.1	9.5	-1
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	197.8	2.8	.2	205.9	3.7	.2	212.2	2.0	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	198.6	2.8	.2	207.6	3.9	.2	213.3	2.0	.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	124.9	3.1	-1.2	134.1	3.6	-.5	120.7	2.8	-1.1
Fuels .....	119.8	1.2	-1.9	118.7	2.1	-1.2	103.5	1.5	-1.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	105.0	-2.9	-2.9	94.3	-2.3	-5.3	90.4	-2.4	-5.2
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	103.2	-3.5	-3.1	97.3	-.8	-3.0	92.2	-2.6	-4.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	144.6	3.0	-.3	110.7	-7.8	-13.9	103.3	-.8	-7.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	131.0	2.2	-1.7	141.5	3.4	.2	117.7	3.5	.2
Electricity .....	133.7	.1	-1.5	148.5	.9	.6	119.5	-.7	-.3
Utility (piped) gas .....	127.5	5.6	-1.9	128.2	10.3	-.8	118.5	18.9	1.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	127.1	-1.2	-.5	121.2	.1	-1	123.2	4.1	1.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	128.6	.9	-.8	137.8	5.5	4.6	144.1	3.4	-2.4
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	123.7	.8	-1.0	134.9	5.6	5.0	141.2	3.6	-2.7
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	123.4	.6	1.1	153.0	10.5	2.1	158.0	5.5	2.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	116.5	1.0	-2.3	132.7	2.1	8.9	132.7	2.7	-8.2
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	132.8	3.2	-.6	126.9	7.6	4.0	146.9	-2.1	2.6
Transportation .....	149.3	1.5	-.5	141.8	2.0	-.4	143.7	2.1	.0
Private transportation .....	144.4	1.7	-.5	138.5	1.0	-.6	136.1	1.3	-.2
Motor fuel .....	103.0	-.1	-2.0	105.5	.9	-2.3	102.9	-.4	-2.0
Gasoline .....	102.3	.1	-2.1	105.3	1.2	-2.3	102.7	.6	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.0	.1	-2.3	103.0	1.2	-2.4	102.3	.6	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	104.7	-.6	-2.0	112.2	1.9	-1.8	110.7	.9	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	102.2	-.9	-1.6	106.1	.7	-1.9	106.3	.8	-1.4
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	178.7	.4	-.7	197.3	13.3	1.2	254.8	9.2	1.9
Medical care .....	246.9	4.2	.0	239.9	1.4	.4	230.5	3.2	.6
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	172.7	3.2	.2	157.0	1.3	-.1	172.1	3.7	-.5
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	229.3	4.0	.8	228.8	5.2	.3	238.2	4.5	.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	168.5	2.2	-.1	150.8	-1.2	.5	149.4	-1.1	.4
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	167.7	2.5	-.2	165.4	3.0	.4	165.6	2.7	.0
Commodities .....	143.4	1.3	-.3	142.1	2.4	.4	140.8	1.8	-.4
Food and beverages .....	159.5	2.1	-.3	164.3	2.7	.1	158.7	1.9	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.8	.6	-.5	129.0	2.1	.5	130.2	1.7	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.4	1.1	-.2	130.7	3.4	.8	134.5	1.8	-1.5
Durables .....	130.0	-.2	-.7	124.7	-.2	.1	123.8	1.5	.4
Services .....	190.6	3.4	-.2	192.8	3.5	.4	193.2	3.3	.2
Medical care services .....	252.5	4.5	-.2	244.3	.9	.3	234.8	2.7	.4
Special indexes									
All items less shelter .....	158.8	2.2	-.3	156.6	2.7	.3	156.1	2.8	-.1
All items less medical care .....	163.8	2.4	-.2	161.6	3.1	.4	162.3	2.6	-.1
All items less energy .....	174.5	2.6	-.1	174.1	3.1	.5	174.7	2.8	.1
All items less food and energy .....	178.6	2.8	-.1	176.9	3.2	.6	179.0	3.0	.1
Energy .....	113.0	.7	-2.0	113.2	1.6	-1.6	102.1	.7	-1.9
Commodities less food .....	133.3	.8	-.4	130.6	2.1	.5	131.6	1.6	-.8
Nondurables less food .....	135.5	1.3	-.2	132.8	3.4	.8	136.3	1.8	-1.3
Nondurables .....	147.3	1.7	-.3	146.9	3.0	.4	146.3	1.8	-.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	194.2	3.5	-.2	195.2	3.1	.1	194.3	4.5	.2
Services less medical care services .....	185.7	3.3	-.2	187.9	3.8	.4	189.7	3.4	.2

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	156.9	2.6	0.2	154.8	2.4	0.1	158.2	2.8	0.1	152.1	2.1	0.0
All items (December 1977=100) .....	259.0	-	-	250.2	-	-	251.9	-	-	243.8	-	-
Food and beverages .....	156.0	3.2	.1	149.1	2.2	-.6	154.2	3.6	.7	148.6	3.1	.3
Food .....	155.4	3.3	.1	149.2	2.1	-.7	153.2	3.5	.7	147.4	2.9	.3
Food at home .....	156.2	3.4	.2	150.1	1.4	-1.2	152.2	3.1	1.1	145.3	3.2	.4
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	177.5	3.0	.1	181.5	3.4	-1.5	172.8	2.4	.5	175.3	1.2	-.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	151.0	4.8	.5	136.2	1.8	.2	136.1	4.7	.9	136.4	3.0	1.4
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	150.3	7.0	.1	142.5	1.6	-4.3	139.2	2.5	.1	138.2	9.0	1.7
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	176.9	-.5	-1.1	162.4	-4.0	-4.6	182.6	.1	1.5	162.5	2.3	-1.1
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	142.1	3.1	.9	146.6	3.2	1.5	148.7	4.4	1.5	133.2	2.2	.3
Food away from home .....	154.3	3.1	.0	147.9	3.3	.4	155.7	4.3	.1	151.7	2.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.7	2.1	.2	147.6	4.8	-.3	167.5	3.8	1.0	166.4	4.9	.2
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	150.5	2.2	-.2	152.5	3.8	.3	154.7	2.5	-.4	143.4	2.1	-.7
Shelter .....	172.7	2.6	-.2	179.3	3.9	.3	174.3	3.3	-.2	158.2	3.1	-.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	176.9	2.1	.1	198.0	6.1	.2	182.0	4.3	-1.0	160.7	4.3	-.7
Rent, residential .....	165.4	3.0	.3	167.8	3.3	.2	159.3	3.0	.5	147.4	2.2	.0
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	187.8	.2	-.4	236.5	9.0	.3	223.5	6.4	-3.4	184.5	9.4	-2.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	176.8	2.7	.3	179.1	3.3	.4	177.3	3.0	.1	165.2	2.7	-.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	176.9	2.7	.2	180.3	3.4	.4	178.2	2.9	.1	165.3	2.7	-.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	121.1	3.5	-1.9	117.9	3.7	-.5	128.2	1.7	-1.5	127.9	.4	-2.2
Fuels .....	107.0	1.5	-3.4	102.3	4.2	-.9	113.7	1.1	-2.5	99.3	-2.6	-4.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	98.5	2.8	-4.0	95.9	3.8	-3.0	101.5	2.5	-2.3	93.4	4.7	-1.0
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	95.9	-1.2	-3.0	98.4	2.2	-1.5	94.0	.9	-.7	95.1	5.5	-.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	126.2	8.0	-5.0	130.1	5.2	-4.3	138.7	4.6	-4.1	130.7	4.0	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	109.8	1.4	-3.4	107.7	4.1	-.7	122.3	1.1	-2.5	106.4	-3.0	-4.7
Electricity .....	122.6	2.3	.4	126.6	1.6	-.2	133.0	-.1	.5	107.4	-.6	-1.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	98.2	.4	-7.6	90.4	8.4	-1.6	111.8	2.9	-6.9	107.9	-5.8	-8.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	118.4	-.6	-.2	124.8	3.7	1.1	135.2	.7	.1	124.1	.6	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	135.1	3.4	2.8	136.3	.5	1.8	134.1	4.0	.8	148.0	2.7	3.0
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	133.7	3.6	3.2	133.4	.2	2.0	130.4	4.3	.9	147.5	2.6	3.1
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	132.8	4.0	4.2	130.1	-2.8	1.5	126.6	5.2	1.6	138.8	6.3	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	126.8	3.9	1.4	147.4	1.5	2.3	136.0	4.5	.1	152.4	1.3	5.0
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	134.7	1.4	3.8	107.2	-.1	1.8	124.4	2.3	2.2	162.8	.3	1.8
Transportation .....	143.7	1.2	-.1	141.5	.0	-.2	141.9	.7	-.2	139.6	-.1	.1
Private transportation .....	140.6	.2	-.1	137.3	-.3	-.4	138.4	.4	-.2	131.3	-.6	-.5
Motor fuel .....	105.1	-.4	-.8	105.9	-.5	.0	102.3	-.7	-1.4	101.5	-.2	-1.4
Gasoline .....	104.6	-.5	-.7	106.0	-.6	.1	102.0	-.7	-1.3	100.9	-.2	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.5	-.5	-.7	103.0	-.6	-.3	100.4	-.7	-1.5	98.6	-.1	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	113.1	-.5	-.7	115.3	-.5	.0	114.8	-.4	-1.4	116.1	-.3	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	106.1	-.6	-.7	111.6	-.5	1.3	103.0	-.4	-.8	103.8	-.1	-.5
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	184.0	12.4	.5	240.6	3.6	2.7	221.1	7.5	.0	342.5	4.5	6.8
Medical care .....	223.6	1.6	.0	223.9	2.4	.4	241.0	3.8	.2	218.7	2.4	.3
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	165.2	5.2	.3	152.1	-.2	-.3	170.7	5.2	.4	152.1	2.2	.3
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	221.7	4.9	1.0	214.4	3.4	.6	209.2	3.6	.7	205.3	5.3	.2
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	141.5	3.4	.4	166.1	3.8	-.2	161.1	1.1	2.2	134.6	3.4	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	156.9	2.6	.2	154.8	2.4	.1	158.2	2.8	.1	152.1	2.1	.0
Commodities .....	142.4	1.6	.4	136.5	.8	.1	142.4	2.4	.4	140.3	1.7	.4
Food and beverages .....	156.0	3.2	.1	149.1	2.2	-.6	154.2	3.6	.7	148.6	3.1	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	134.0	.6	.6	130.1	.1	.5	135.7	1.6	.1	135.4	.8	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	138.2	1.5	1.2	131.9	-.3	.6	135.7	2.1	.1	139.6	1.7	.9
Durables .....	126.3	-.9	-.6	129.1	.6	.4	135.2	.8	.1	129.7	-.4	-.3
Services .....	172.0	3.4	.0	174.2	3.5	.2	176.3	3.1	-.2	165.0	2.4	-.3
Medical care services .....	226.6	1.8	.0	225.3	2.4	.5	248.9	3.3	.2	221.3	3.0	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	152.4	2.6	.1	148.2	1.8	.1	153.8	2.6	.2	150.7	1.7	.1
All items less medical care .....	153.4	2.6	.2	151.2	2.4	.1	153.9	2.7	.1	147.2	2.0	-.1
All items less energy .....	163.9	2.9	.4	163.3	2.6	.2	166.1	3.2	.2	159.6	2.5	.3
All items less food and energy .....	166.1	2.8	.5	166.5	2.7	.4	169.4	3.0	.1	162.3	2.4	.2
Energy .....	106.4	-1.7	-2.1	101.7	-.3	-.4	107.4	-1.6	-2.0	99.0	-2.7	-3.1
Commodities less food .....	135.2	.7	.5	130.6	.2	.5	136.8	1.7	.1	136.3	1.0	.4
Nondurables less food .....	139.7	1.5	1.2	132.5	.0	.5	137.3	2.2	.1	141.1	1.9	.9
Nondurables .....	147.4	2.4	.6	140.1	.9	.1	144.5	2.8	.4	144.8	2.4	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	177.3	4.1	-.2	172.5	3.0	.0	181.9	2.9	-.2	174.3	1.9	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	167.2	3.5	.0	169.8	3.6	.1	169.8	3.1	-.3	157.7	2.3	-.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	155.7	2.2	0.2	159.8	2.7	0.1	156.0	1.9	0.2	156.1	2.4	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	251.4	-	-	260.9	-	-	252.5	-	-	253.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	155.8	2.8	.1	156.0	2.4	.0	156.4	2.4	.3	152.0	3.8	-.3
Food .....	155.9	2.9	.1	156.0	2.4	.0	156.3	2.4	.3	152.2	3.9	-.3
Food at home .....	154.8	2.7	.1	156.5	2.3	-.1	155.0	2.0	.4	149.2	4.0	-.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	170.2	3.4	-.1	170.9	-.5	.4	166.6	1.5	-.5	179.5	1.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	143.4	3.1	-.1	145.2	3.4	-.4	141.6	3.2	.4	144.1	5.4	-.6
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	151.0	6.0	-.4	147.6	10.4	-.4	145.2	6.8	.5	134.2	10.0	-1.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	189.7	.6	.2	200.4	-1.9	-.3	183.3	-3.2	.1	165.1	-.3	-1.3
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	141.6	1.9	.5	141.2	2.5	.3	153.5	2.7	1.0	138.4	4.8	1.2
Food away from home .....	159.1	3.3	.1	156.6	2.6	.2	160.5	2.9	.2	160.0	3.8	-.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	154.9	1.9	-.2	156.7	2.7	.1	158.0	3.0	-.1	147.2	.8	-.7
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	145.6	2.4	.1	154.7	2.9	-.3	144.0	2.6	.3	147.8	1.1	-.5
Shelter .....	158.5	2.8	.3	165.0	3.3	-.4	153.0	2.7	-.1	168.5	3.4	-.2
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	168.6	3.2	-.1	193.1	3.4	-1.6	158.4	2.6	-.8	177.7	3.4	-2.1
Rent, residential .....	155.0	2.4	.5	156.1	3.4	.1	147.7	2.6	.2	157.2	3.1	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	207.6	5.6	-1.5	284.8	3.3	-4.3	185.0	2.7	-2.8	205.7	3.7	-5.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	159.9	2.5	.5	164.1	3.3	.1	155.1	2.8	.1	170.4	3.4	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	160.0	2.7	.6	163.8	3.3	.1	154.8	2.9	.1	168.8	3.6	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	119.7	.6	-1.2	145.7	3.3	-.1	144.9	3.4	1.6	124.5	-5.2	-1.7
Fuels .....	106.7	-.8	-2.3	118.9	2.7	-.5	138.9	4.0	2.7	108.6	-2.4	-3.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	102.8	1.8	-.1	112.5	6.4	-2.6	126.7	7.0	-3.9	99.5	1.7	-2.9
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	99.5	1.8	.4	99.8	3.9	-2.8	90.0	15.4	-2.8	93.4	2.3	-3.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	138.1	1.7	-.9	147.8	8.3	-2.4	159.8	5.1	-4.2	118.7	1.2	-2.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	109.6	-1.1	-2.5	118.6	2.3	-.2	140.7	3.8	3.1	112.8	-2.8	-3.8
Electricity .....	108.9	.1	-.7	117.4	1.2	.0	145.4	3.5	4.4	117.1	-1.7	-2.7
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.2	-4.2	-7.2	128.4	8.0	-.9	131.1	5.8	-3.0	98.1	-11.5	-11.9
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	132.0	2.6	.8	133.9	.7	-.2	117.4	.5	.0	123.2	1.8	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	151.9	-.6	.9	140.5	2.6	2.6	149.7	-.3	1.0	135.2	2.7	4.9
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	147.4	-1.0	1.0	135.6	2.8	2.7	148.0	-.4	1.2	131.1	2.7	5.6
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	144.9	1.0	.5	138.8	3.4	6.7	133.3	-1.5	-1.0	120.7	-3.5	2.1
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	149.9	-.2	2.4	139.8	3.4	1.5	155.4	1.1	2.8	145.5	6.4	8.3
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	139.2	-.1	2.7	123.7	2.1	.7	129.3	-1.4	-1.1	110.7	8.5	2.2
Transportation .....	143.2	1.6	.1	142.9	1.2	.1	144.5	.2	-.5	142.9	1.7	-.1
Private transportation .....	142.9	1.2	-.1	140.1	.7	-.1	142.3	-.1	-.5	141.2	1.5	-.1
Motor fuel .....	106.5	-2.0	-1.2	105.1	-.1	-.8	104.9	-2.0	-1.4	98.1	-.2	-1.8
Gasoline .....	105.6	-2.3	-1.3	104.6	-.3	-.5	105.5	-1.9	-1.4	97.2	.0	-1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.6	-2.2	-1.2	102.2	-.1	-.6	101.3	-1.9	-1.5	93.1	.5	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	107.1	-2.5	-1.2	110.3	-.5	-.5	114.2	-1.9	-1.3	115.5	.3	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.5	-1.8	-1.1	106.6	-1.0	-.6	110.1	-1.4	-1.3	103.5	-1.5	-1.4
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	149.9	5.9	3.4	197.2	8.5	2.5	196.6	5.2	-.7	179.4	4.2	.8
Medical care .....	232.7	1.9	.1	230.1	4.9	.3	234.8	2.3	.3	233.1	3.6	.0
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	167.4	3.0	.3	159.7	1.2	-.2	153.6	.1	-.3	151.2	5.7	-.2
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	207.6	3.4	.4	230.2	4.7	.4	212.6	4.9	.9	208.4	5.7	.8
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	151.4	4.0	.3	150.6	-1.0	.1	144.0	2.8	3.0	125.2	.2	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	155.7	2.2	.2	159.8	2.7	.1	156.0	1.9	.2	156.1	2.4	.1
Commodities .....	143.0	1.3	.1	143.3	1.6	.2	143.2	1.1	.1	139.2	2.2	.4
Food and beverages .....	155.8	2.8	.1	156.0	2.4	.0	156.4	2.4	.3	152.0	3.8	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	135.6	.5	.2	135.8	1.1	.4	135.5	.1	.1	132.2	1.4	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.0	.1	.4	139.0	2.0	.8	140.4	.5	.3	133.6	2.4	1.4
Durables .....	134.3	1.1	.0	131.0	-.2	-.3	130.0	-.2	-.2	130.3	-.2	.1
Services .....	168.6	2.8	.2	176.9	3.6	.0	170.1	2.8	.2	174.2	2.6	-.2
Medical care services .....	237.8	2.0	.2	235.9	5.1	.3	242.3	2.3	.4	236.8	4.0	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	155.1	2.0	.2	158.6	2.6	.3	157.3	1.7	.3	153.0	2.1	.1
All items less medical care .....	151.4	2.2	.2	155.3	2.5	.0	150.5	1.9	.1	149.8	2.3	.1
All items less energy .....	162.7	2.5	.4	166.2	2.8	.1	161.2	2.0	.1	163.8	2.8	.2
All items less food and energy .....	164.3	2.3	.4	168.7	2.9	.2	162.6	1.9	.1	166.6	2.5	.4
Energy .....	105.3	-1.5	-1.8	108.8	1.4	-.5	120.6	1.5	1.0	101.2	-1.6	-3.0
Commodities less food .....	136.4	.6	.2	136.5	1.2	.3	136.3	.3	.1	132.5	1.3	.8
Nondurables less food .....	138.0	.3	.4	139.8	2.0	.7	141.2	.7	.2	134.0	2.3	1.3
Nondurables .....	146.4	1.5	.2	147.7	2.2	.3	148.5	1.5	.3	142.7	3.1	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	183.7	2.8	.2	190.8	3.9	.3	187.1	2.7	.5	183.3	1.9	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	162.3	2.9	.2	170.6	3.5	-.1	161.3	2.8	.2	165.1	2.3	-.4

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
All items .....	161.2	2.5	0.2	166.5	2.7	0.1
All items (December 1977 = 100) .....	262.8	-	-	258.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.8	3.4	-1	156.1	3.0	-2
Food .....	159.2	3.6	-2	155.5	2.8	-4
Food at home .....	163.3	3.6	-4	153.3	2.1	-7
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	179.5	2.3	1.0	168.6	2.8	-1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.6	6.6	-1	144.1	7.1	.7
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	157.7	5.3	-3	141.8	5.4	.2
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	195.7	-5	-2.9	195.1	-4.4	-3.2
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	148.3	3.7	.6	136.7	.3	-4
Food away from home .....	153.6	3.6	.3	159.7	4.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.2	2.4	.2	163.8	4.3	1.1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	160.1	3.1	.1	165.7	3.5	.1
Shelter .....	173.9	3.4	.1	188.8	4.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	189.4	4.2	.1	186.2	4.5	-3
Rent, residential .....	168.5	3.1	.3	167.4	3.9	.7
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	232.3	8.1	-7	221.1	6.5	-3.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	184.5	3.0	.2	205.5	4.2	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	184.4	2.8	.2	207.0	4.2	.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	141.0	4.3	-1	130.2	6.5	-1.0
Fuels .....	129.7	6.1	-5	109.0	9.7	-2.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3 9</sup> .....	107.2	3.7	-2.0	281.7	11.5	-3.5
Fuel oil <sup>3 9</sup> .....	107.3	1.9	-2.5	356.5	10.4	-9
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	138.7	5.5	-1.4	126.7	11.5	-3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	131.8	6.2	-5	107.4	9.5	-2.5
Electricity .....	151.5	-1.2	-7	122.3	.6	-6
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.8	30.8	.0	90.8	30.8	-5.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	126.1	.6	.1	123.8	-2.6	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	123.6	-3.1	.6	141.7	-2.5	1.4
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	118.7	-4.0	.8	140.1	-2.7	1.5
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	118.6	.1	-6	153.3	-1.5	3.4
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	113.4	-3.6	2.5	128.6	-5.9	-2
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	122.6	-4.3	4.0	130.2	6.0	1.4
Transportation .....	146.1	1.0	.5	147.0	1.1	.4
Private transportation .....	142.2	.4	.6	144.9	.4	.2
Motor fuel .....	111.2	-4.1	3.3	111.1	-2.4	1.4
Gasoline .....	110.2	-5.0	3.6	109.8	-3.1	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.8	-5.5	4.0	106.0	-3.1	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	105.5	-5.1	3.0	118.2	-3.1	2.7
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	112.0	-5.2	3.5	109.7	-3.2	1.1
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	191.8	5.1	-1	180.2	10.2	2.6
Medical care .....	230.1	2.4	.2	249.9	5.9	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	156.8	.9	-1	171.2	-2.2	-3
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	236.1	4.5	.6	228.2	5.2	.3
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	160.6	.7	1.3	160.9	5.9	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	161.2	2.5	0.2	166.5	2.7	0.1
Commodities .....	142.3	1.1	.3	142.9	.4	.1
Food and beverages .....	159.8	3.4	-.1	156.1	3.0	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.1	-.8	.6	135.4	-1.1	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.2	-1.6	1.4	143.6	-.3	.9
Durables .....	127.8	.8	-.3	125.8	-2.1	-.6
Services .....	177.9	3.4	.1	189.1	4.3	.2
Medical care services .....	231.0	2.4	.2	258.9	6.4	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	157.4	2.1	.2	159.2	2.0	.1
All items less medical care .....	157.6	2.5	.2	161.3	2.3	.1
All items less energy .....	166.1	2.6	.1	173.2	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy .....	167.9	2.4	.2	176.8	2.6	.3
Energy .....	116.7	.3	1.6	110.1	2.5	-.4
Commodities less food .....	132.9	-.5	.6	136.6	-.8	.3
Nondurables less food .....	135.7	-1.2	1.2	144.9	.1	1.0
Nondurables .....	147.0	1.2	.5	150.3	1.3	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	191.0	3.5	.1	195.0	4.4	.2
Services less medical care services .....	173.7	3.5	.1	181.9	4.1	.2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Indexes, April 1997						
U.S. city average .....	157.5	176.9	147.7	145.7	186.4	146.9
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	161.1	182.9	152.1	138.9	187.2	154.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	160.9	183.6	150.9	140.4	187.3	153.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	166.6	171.8	163.2	143.2	189.3	166.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	156.2	187.8	151.3	120.1	184.5	146.6
North Central urban .....	153.2	176.8	144.5	145.2	174.4	142.9
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	156.2	177.5	151.0	150.3	176.9	142.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	150.1	181.5	136.2	142.5	162.4	146.6
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	152.2	172.8	136.1	139.2	182.6	148.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	145.3	175.3	136.4	138.2	162.5	133.2
South urban .....	154.4	170.7	143.5	145.9	186.9	144.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	154.8	170.2	143.4	151.0	189.7	141.6
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	156.5	170.9	145.2	147.6	200.4	141.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	155.0	166.6	141.6	145.2	183.3	153.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	149.2	179.5	144.1	134.2	165.1	138.4
West urban .....	161.9	177.1	151.1	154.0	196.9	147.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	163.3	179.5	152.6	157.7	195.7	148.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.3	168.6	144.1	141.8	195.1	136.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>5</sup> .....	145.5	158.7	136.6	141.0	171.2	134.6
B <sup>4</sup> .....	158.8	174.6	149.6	147.3	190.9	147.8
C <sup>4</sup> .....	154.3	172.7	142.3	137.9	185.3	148.6
D .....	150.9	178.0	139.8	140.3	171.8	142.8
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	161.7	194.5	143.6	153.1	199.3	150.9
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	157.1	172.9	149.2	146.6	195.4	136.7
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	164.9	179.5	166.9	156.5	189.3	143.8
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	153.7	171.4	151.5	154.0	183.0	128.0
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	146.3	159.9	139.8	150.0	156.9	138.6
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	150.5	174.8	142.8	139.2	176.7	139.1
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	154.0	166.5	143.8	142.4	180.7	151.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	168.9	176.8	161.0	166.6	206.8	149.8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	163.6	169.7	145.6	144.8	243.9	135.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	162.9	186.4	153.8	138.1	190.1	154.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	161.6	188.5	146.5	141.7	190.4	157.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>6</sup> .....	150.4	158.0	143.1	149.5	150.4	156.3
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	147.5	157.7	135.4	146.1	162.8	148.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	165.5	180.7	152.6	150.3	194.9	157.7
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	160.8	184.5	144.6	160.0	190.6	149.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Percent change, March 1997 to April 1997						
U.S. city average .....	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-1.5	1.0
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	-2	.1	-.4	.0	-2.0	1.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-4	-.6	-.6	.2	-2.6	1.7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.1	.9	.1	-.8	-1.8	1.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	2.5	-.4	-.5	-.5	1.0
North Central urban .....	.2	-.1	.6	-.2	-1.0	1.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.2	.1	.5	.1	-1.1	.9
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-1.2	-1.5	.2	-4.3	-4.6	1.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	1.1	.5	.9	.1	1.5	1.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.4	-.5	1.4	1.7	-1.1	.3
South urban .....	.1	.0	-.1	-.3	-.2	.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.1	-.1	-.1	-.4	.2	.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.1	.4	-.4	-.4	-.3	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	-.5	.4	.5	.1	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	-.3	.4	-.6	-1.8	-1.3	1.2
West urban .....	-.6	.7	-.3	-.6	-2.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.4	1.0	-.1	-.3	-2.9	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.7	-1.4	.7	.2	-3.2	-.4
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	-.3	.0	-.1	-.1	-1.8	1.0
B <sup>4</sup> .....	-.4	.5	-.5	-1.6	-1.6	.9
C <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	.3	.4	.1	-.1	1.0
D .....	.0	-.1	.3	-.4	-1.6	1.3
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	-.9	-.5	.6	-2.9	-2.4	-.8
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	-.8	.2	1.0	1.9	-8.9	3.4
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	-.7	-.8	-.2	-1.2	-2.5	.6
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.5	-2.2	1.7	-.4	2.6	-.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.0	-1.2	1.7	.7	-1.8	-.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	1.0	2.6	.4	2.2	-2.0	2.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	-.1	1.1	-1.4	.8	-.3	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	-.5	.3	.1	-.8	-3.4	1.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	-.5	-1.7	.9	-.1	-1.5	-.6
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	-.6	.1	-1.1	-.4	-2.7	1.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	-.2	-3.1	-.9	.6	2.6	.2
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	-.3	-2.2	-1.2	1.0	-2.0	2.7
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	-.3	-.1	1.5	.1	-4.9	.7
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	-.2	1.5	-1.4	.0	-2.6	2.3
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	1.7	1.5	.8	2.4	3.8	.8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.4	-.2	-.4	-.1	-.1
Food .....	.0	-.4	-.2	-.4	-.1	-.1
Food at home .....	-.1	-.7	-.5	-.6	-.2	-.2
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-.8	.3	.1	-3.1	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	-.1	-.2	.1	-1.1	-.9	-1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	-.1	-.1	.6	-1.1	-1.0	-.9
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	-.3	-1.2	-.8	-.4	.6	.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-1.5	-2.5	-3.4	-2.7	2.6	-2.6
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	.6	1.1	1.7	.2	2.3
Food away from home .....	.1	.1	.3	.0	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.1	-.4	.1	.2	.1	.1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	-.1	-.6	-.2	-.4	.1	.3
Shelter .....	.1	.4	-.2	-.1	.2	.6
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	-.3	.5	-.8	-.5	-.5	.9
Rent, residential .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	-1.6	1.2	-4.4	-2.7	-1.4	2.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.2	.4	.1	.1	.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.2	.4	.1	.1	.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	-.8	-3.1	.3	-2.2	.0	-1.2
Fuels .....	-1.6	-5.7	.6	-3.4	-.2	-2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	-3.2	-3.4	-1.1	-3.7	-2.1	.1
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	-3.0	-2.7	-	-3.9	-2.0	.5
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-3.8	-4.3	-1.1	-.8	-	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	-1.4	-5.7	.6	-3.3	.0	-2.6
Electricity .....	-.2	1.1	.8	-3.0	.0	-3.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	-4.1	-13.1	.0	-4.0	.2	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	.1	-2.7	-.4	-.4	-.8	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	1.2	5.4	.5	-1.5	.4	.5
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	1.3	5.9	.8	-1.8	.4	.5
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	1.7	6.3	-1.2	.3	1.9	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	1.4	5.4	3.7	-2.7	-2.5	1.0
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	1.8	8.3	4.5	-1.7	3.4	7.2
Transportation .....	-.1	-.6	.5	-.6	-.4	.4
Private transportation .....	-.1	-.5	.6	-.5	-.3	.8
Motor fuel .....	-.4	-2.0	4.0	-1.7	-2.7	4.8
Gasoline .....	-.4	-2.1	4.2	-1.8	-2.7	5.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-.3	-2.4	4.4	-1.8	-3.3	5.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	-.5	-1.7	3.6	-1.7	-2.6	4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-.5	-2.0	3.9	-1.8	-1.7	4.8
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	.9	-1.4	-.5	-1.2	-1.5	-1.2
Medical care .....	.2	.1	-.2	-.1	.0	.6
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	.1	.5	-.1	.8	-1.7	-.2
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	.6	.9	.5	.9	.6	.2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	.6	.6	2.4	.1	-.2	.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, March 1997 to April 1997 —Continued**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
Commodities .....	.2	.1	.3	-.4	-.3	.4
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.4	-.2	-.4	-.1	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.2	.4	.6	-.5	-.5	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.6	2.1	1.4	-.4	-.1	1.9
Durables .....	-.2	-2.6	-.6	-.7	-.9	-.9
Services .....	.1	-.1	-.2	-.3	.1	.2
Medical care services .....	.2	.1	-.3	-.3	-.1	.7
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.1	-.3	.1	-.4	-.2	.1
All items less medical care .....	.1	-.1	.1	-.4	-.1	.3
All items less energy .....	.2	.2	-.1	-.2	.0	.2
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.4	-.1	-.1	.1	.2
Energy .....	-1.1	-4.0	2.4	-2.8	-1.0	1.1
Commodities less food .....	.2	.3	.6	-.5	-.4	.8
Nondurables less food .....	.6	1.8	1.3	-.4	-.1	1.7
Nondurables .....	.3	.7	.5	-.4	-.1	.7
Services less rent of shelter .....	.1	-.6	-.1	-.4	.0	-.4
Services less medical care services .....	.1	-.1	-.1	-.3	.1	.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 <sup>1</sup>												
	U.S. city average			Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI			Dallas- Fort Worth, TX			Detroit- Ann Arbor, Mi			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category													
All items .....	160.2	2.5	0.4	160.9	2.9	-0.1	150.6	1.4	-0.1	156.0	2.4	0.4	
All items (1967=100) .....	479.7	-	-	480.7	-	-	472.3	-	-	463.7	-	-	
Food and beverages .....	157.1	2.9	.1	159.0	2.7	-3	155.3	2.3	-3	151.0	3.0	.1	
Food .....	156.6	2.8	.1	157.9	2.9	-3	153.3	2.9	-1	150.4	3.0	.1	
Food at home .....	157.5	2.7	-1	164.9	3.1	-6	146.3	1.9	-3	150.5	3.4	.1	
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	176.9	2.1	.1	179.5	.3	.2	159.9	4.1	.3	174.8	2.2	2.5	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	4.2	-7	166.9	5.2	-7	139.8	2.6	1.0	142.8	4.2	-2.1	
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.1	4.5	-4	169.7	5.3	-5	140.5	3.1	1.3	143.5	4.4	-1.9	
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	145.7	6.4	-3	156.5	5.0	-2.7	150.0	6.1	-5	139.2	8.8	2.1	
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	186.4	-1.1	-5	189.3	-1.0	-2.3	156.9	-4.6	-1.1	176.7	1.9	-2.6	
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	146.9	2.9	1.0	143.8	4.4	1.7	138.6	2.6	-1.6	139.1	2.0	2.8	
Food away from home .....	156.2	3.0	.4	145.8	2.6	.4	164.7	4.1	.0	151.1	2.2	.0	
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.3	2.8	.3	171.3	1.6	-3	178.0	-1.7	-4	158.6	3.1	.1	
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.8	2.6	.0	157.7	2.3	-9	136.7	1.9	-9	149.4	3.1	.4	
Shelter .....	175.3	3.1	.4	184.6	3.1	.5	143.4	3.7	.7	170.5	3.0	.7	
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	186.3	3.7	.5	185.2	3.2	.6	150.6	3.6	.5	167.9	2.1	.1	
Rent, residential .....	165.5	2.9	.4	180.7	3.6	.3	141.0	3.8	.4	156.0	2.5	.6	
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	228.0	5.5	.7	171.1	1.3	1.4	164.1	3.0	.8	176.2	1.3	-7	
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	180.2	2.8	.4	191.4	3.2	.5	149.5	3.8	.9	174.6	3.3	.9	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	180.5	2.8	.3	190.1	3.2	.5	151.8	4.0	.9	175.5	3.4	.9	
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	128.9	2.8	-1.6	123.0	5.3	-7.0	119.8	-4.8	-9.0	125.3	5.1	-1.9	
Fuels .....	115.3	2.1	-3.3	108.7	.9	-12.5	107.2	-11.3	-17.0	106.6	1.8	-3.8	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	102.1	.0	-6.8	101.0	5.6	-4.1	116.0	9.4	-10.4	99.0	-.3	-5.4	
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	99.6	-1.6	-6.9	98.8	2.9	-1.4	NA	-	-	105.5	-3.3	-5.6	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	132.8	4.0	-6.5	132.5	9.3	-7.1	121.5	9.4	-10.5	112.3	3.3	-5.2	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	121.7	2.4	-2.9	111.5	.8	-12.6	106.6	-11.4	-17.1	109.6	2.0	-3.7	
Electricity .....	129.5	.5	.2	127.3	9.3	5.4	114.6	.1	.0	130.5	-2.0	.0	
Utility (piped) gas .....	110.4	6.8	-8.8	96.6	-8.0	-28.0	91.0	-31.9	-42.8	94.6	6.5	-7.3	
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	125.5	.6	.2	112.9	-5.0	-.4	136.1	1.8	.9	115.3	.5	1.7	
Apparel and upkeep .....	136.1	.9	3.2	131.5	7.7	6.0	139.8	-6.4	2.9	142.1	3.7	3.1	
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	132.7	.8	3.5	131.6	8.0	6.6	132.0	-8.5	3.3	141.4	4.1	3.5	
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.4	1.9	3.2	131.0	7.6	10.0	113.7	-9.5	3.0	129.5	1.8	8.3	
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.9	1.3	4.6	122.6	10.5	2.9	125.5	-7.9	13.9	149.9	7.7	-2.8	
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	129.3	.9	2.4	153.4	7.1	9.6	159.8	-12.9	4.5	137.0	-8.5	5.4	
Transportation .....	144.8	1.2	.0	140.6	.7	-1.0	143.9	1.4	-.1	147.7	.1	-.5	
Private transportation .....	141.3	.7	-.4	138.2	.0	-1.1	145.1	1.1	-.3	145.4	-.7	-.8	
Motor fuel .....	106.0	-2.4	-1.9	104.0	-5.8	-5.6	105.5	-5.8	-1.9	100.6	-6.9	-5.6	
Gasoline .....	105.4	-2.6	-1.9	103.0	-6.4	-5.9	105.1	-5.7	-1.6	100.3	-7.1	-5.4	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.4	-2.8	-2.0	101.1	-6.6	-6.3	102.5	-5.4	-1.4	100.2	-7.6	-5.2	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	109.9	-2.5	-1.9	109.6	-6.2	-5.6	106.4	-7.2	-1.6	113.8	-7.6	-5.7	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	106.5	-2.2	-1.9	104.2	-6.0	-5.6	105.9	-5.4	-2.0	103.2	-5.6	-5.5	
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	189.8	5.9	4.1	159.9	5.9	.8	134.7	7.0	3.4	194.7	12.8	5.5	
Medical care .....	233.8	3.0	.5	234.7	2.9	.2	224.1	-.6	.7	213.5	-.6	-.2	
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	162.2	2.3	.2	174.0	7.4	.9	169.8	5.1	1.1	159.0	3.6	-.4	
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	222.7	4.4	.9	231.0	5.1	.9	203.4	5.6	.3	225.6	4.5	1.5	
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	152.7	2.0	.8	160.8	8.9	1.8	173.9	5.3	.8	134.4	1.2	.0	
Commodity and service group													
All items .....	160.2	2.5	.4	160.9	2.9	-.1	150.6	1.4	-.1	156.0	2.4	.4	
Commodities .....	142.3	1.5	.4	143.3	1.4	.1	140.8	-.6	.5	140.3	1.6	.5	
Food and beverages .....	157.1	2.9	.1	159.0	2.7	-3	155.3	2.3	-3	151.0	3.0	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.2	.5	.5	132.9	.4	.5	132.6	-2.0	.8	134.1	.6	.8	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.8	.8	.9	138.3	3.1	1.5	132.4	-4.0	1.8	139.4	1.5	.9	
Durables .....	129.6	.1	-.2	123.5	-4.0	-1.4	134.3	.7	-.5	123.1	-.9	.6	
Services .....	178.3	3.2	.3	178.2	4.1	-.3	160.0	3.2	-.5	173.1	3.2	.3	
Medical care services .....	238.1	3.0	.4	234.9	2.8	.3	233.5	-1.7	-.5	220.7	-1.3	-.6	
Special indexes													
All items less shelter .....	155.8	2.2	.3	153.6	2.8	-.4	153.8	.7	-.3	152.3	2.2	.3	
All items less medical care .....	156.0	2.4	.3	157.2	2.9	-.1	146.5	1.5	-.1	153.2	2.7	.5	
All items less energy .....	166.8	2.6	.5	168.1	3.3	.6	158.0	2.1	.6	163.1	2.8	.8	
All items less food and energy .....	169.4	2.7	.7	170.7	3.4	.8	159.1	2.0	.7	166.2	2.8	1.0	
Energy .....	110.0	.0	-.7	105.9	-2.3	-9.4	105.7	-8.6	-10.0	105.0	-2.6	-4.7	
Commodities less food .....	134.4	.7	.4	134.8	.4	.4	134.1	-2.0	.7	135.1	.7	.7	
Nondurables less food .....	137.4	1.0	.9	140.6	2.9	1.4	134.9	-3.8	1.7	140.5	1.7	.9	
Nondurables .....	146.6	1.9	.5	149.0	2.8	.5	144.0	-1.2	.9	145.4	2.3	.5	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	186.8	3.4	.2	179.6	5.0	-1.3	183.9	2.5	-1.6	180.5	3.2	-.2	
Services less medical care services .....	172.8	3.3	.3	173.5	4.3	-.4	153.8	3.6	-.5	168.9	3.6	.4	

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	145.2	1.5	0.5	159.9	1.4	0.4	170.2	2.5	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	465.8	-	-	472.3	-	-	491.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	146.3	3.8	-3	163.0	3.9	.4	162.3	2.4	.0
Food .....	146.5	4.2	-2	161.2	4.1	.2	161.7	2.2	.0
Food at home .....	154.0	4.7	-8	168.9	4.4	.1	162.9	2.2	-.4
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	166.5	6.6	-1.5	176.8	1.8	-.2	186.4	.8	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	143.8	5.6	-1.3	161.0	8.6	.9	153.8	3.8	-1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	146.8	7.0	-1.4	158.6	9.3	1.6	154.3	3.8	-1.3
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	142.4	7.1	.2	166.6	3.7	-1.3	138.1	3.2	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	180.7	1.3	-2.8	206.8	.6	-.7	190.1	-.1	-.1
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	151.0	3.9	1.0	149.8	5.1	.7	154.3	2.5	.9
Food away from home .....	134.4	3.3	.9	150.3	3.5	.6	163.6	2.3	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	143.0	.9	-1.3	179.4	2.3	.7	169.3	4.8	.0
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	126.0	2.1	.9	155.2	1.0	-.3	170.5	2.5	-.2
Shelter .....	140.8	2.0	.4	165.8	1.8	-.4	198.1	3.1	.4
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	149.8	1.9	.5	175.5	2.2	-.8	206.4	4.3	.2
Rent, residential .....	133.9	2.1	.1	158.8	1.3	.1	183.1	3.6	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	274.7	1.4	1.4	219.5	5.2	-.4	265.0	6.1	-.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	134.0	2.1	.2	174.9	1.5	-.2	203.8	2.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	129.9	3.3	.2	174.5	1.4	-.2	204.7	2.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	103.0	-.1	2.1	150.5	.7	.9	117.6	2.9	-3.1
Fuels .....	93.7	-.7	3.9	145.0	-.8	.6	115.1	-1.1	-4.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	126.5	7.8	-2.2	107.0	-2.3	-7.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	106.2	-2.9	-7.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	120.4	1.2	-1.1	126.5	7.8	-2.2	130.8	7.3	-3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	93.4	-.7	4.1	145.3	-.8	.6	122.6	-.8	-4.3
Electricity .....	93.8	-2.9	3.6	168.2	-.1	.8	123.6	-1.4	-3.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	94.3	6.8	5.8	119.7	-2.8	.0	120.9	.2	-6.4
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	112.3	4.4	2.1	120.0	-2.4	-.4	130.2	-2.3	-.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	142.1	.0	1.2	125.1	-3.8	2.4	132.4	1.5	1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	142.1	-.1	1.2	120.4	-4.9	2.9	128.3	1.7	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	165.6	1.8	-.7	124.0	-3.1	-.1	123.7	3.1	6.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	142.6	-2.3	-.6	120.3	-1.2	6.9	127.2	2.7	-1.8
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	132.5	9.5	8.1	107.0	-9.0	-.2	136.2	1.3	2.7
Transportation .....	143.2	1.3	.7	146.7	.1	2.0	154.1	1.0	-.3
Private transportation .....	141.6	1.1	-.6	142.0	-.6	1.6	146.3	1.2	-.8
Motor fuel .....	101.7	-7.5	-3.9	107.7	-5.9	8.6	100.0	-1.1	-3.8
Gasoline .....	101.3	-7.9	-3.9	105.6	-7.4	9.2	99.6	-1.1	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.1	-7.8	-4.0	103.7	-8.0	9.9	98.7	-.7	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	104.3	-7.8	-3.9	102.9	-7.4	8.7	102.4	-1.3	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	98.3	-8.0	-3.8	105.9	-7.9	8.3	100.9	-2.0	-3.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	203.5	4.2	18.8	208.5	5.1	4.6	188.8	.3	1.7
Medical care .....	228.2	1.3	1.0	231.5	1.2	-.1	243.4	4.6	.1
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	161.3	-.9	.2	148.4	1.1	.0	168.4	4.5	1.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	194.0	-4.0	-.7	240.2	4.0	.2	228.1	4.0	1.0
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	121.9	.7	-.2	162.6	.3	.1	167.5	1.0	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	145.2	1.5	.5	159.9	1.4	.4	170.2	2.5	.1
Commodities .....	136.9	1.0	-.1	142.4	.5	1.0	146.5	1.2	-.1
Food and beverages .....	146.3	3.8	-.3	163.0	3.9	.4	162.3	2.4	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.1	-.6	.0	129.1	-2.0	1.5	134.0	.3	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.4	-3.1	-.8	133.4	-2.8	3.0	135.6	1.0	-.1
Durables .....	131.8	3.4	1.2	122.7	-.8	-.7	130.9	-1.1	-.5
Services .....	154.4	1.8	1.1	175.4	1.9	.0	191.2	3.4	.1
Medical care services .....	228.0	1.6	1.2	233.2	.8	-.3	249.2	5.1	-.2
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	146.3	1.3	.6	158.5	1.1	.8	159.9	2.2	-.1
All items less medical care .....	140.2	1.4	.4	156.0	1.4	.5	166.6	2.4	.0
All items less energy .....	152.8	1.9	.6	164.3	1.7	.2	177.0	2.7	.3
All items less food and energy .....	154.2	1.4	.8	165.3	1.2	.2	180.9	2.8	.4
Energy .....	98.2	-4.7	-.6	120.2	-3.7	4.8	109.3	-1.1	-4.5
Commodities less food .....	131.5	-.5	-.1	131.8	-1.7	1.5	135.5	.6	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	130.9	-2.7	-.8	137.3	-2.2	2.7	137.6	1.3	-.1
Nondurables .....	138.7	.4	-.5	149.0	.9	1.5	150.3	1.8	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	166.8	1.2	1.8	195.6	2.2	.5	191.3	3.6	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	146.0	1.9	1.2	170.6	2.1	.1	186.7	3.1	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>9</sup>			Pittsburgh- Beaver Valley, PA <sup>10</sup>			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>9</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	166.0	2.4	0.1	156.6	2.5	0.3	159.6	3.7	1.1
All items (1967=100) .....	479.5	-	-	477.8	-	-	490.5	-	-
Food and beverages .....	153.8	1.7	.1	152.1	1.5	.9	159.8	2.8	.2
Food .....	152.8	1.9	.0	150.9	1.2	.9	160.4	3.0	.1
Food at home .....	161.6	2.2	-.1	150.4	.0	1.3	165.5	2.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	188.5	2.4	.1	158.0	-3.2	-2.3	180.7	4.8	-1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	146.5	-.1	-2.1	143.1	3.9	1.3	152.6	3.5	-1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	146.5	-.1	-2.1	145.5	4.6	1.7	147.9	4.5	-.9
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	141.7	8.0	1.6	149.5	11.2	2.7	150.3	3.1	2.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	190.4	3.0	.6	150.4	-16.1	2.1	194.9	-3.2	-2.6
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	157.1	1.8	1.0	156.3	5.8	2.3	157.7	4.7	4.4
Food away from home .....	137.8	1.1	.2	152.3	3.8	-.1	154.6	4.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.1	.5	1.1	167.0	5.7	.7	154.9	1.6	.4
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	166.7	2.8	.0	155.4	1.8	.2	163.2	6.2	.9
Shelter .....	195.6	3.2	.3	169.6	.5	.5	179.6	5.7	1.4
Renters' costs <sup>4,5</sup> .....	220.1	2.9	-1.4	172.4	2.9	2.6	205.8	6.7	1.7
Rent, residential .....	175.2	2.8	.5	149.7	.1	.1	181.8	5.6	1.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	301.3	3.2	-3.8	214.5	7.8	6.8	219.2	10.5	2.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,5,6</sup> .....	197.7	3.3	1.0	168.1	-.4	-.1	193.3	5.2	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	198.6	3.3	1.0	168.4	-.4	-.2	193.6	4.8	1.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.4	3.6	-.3	146.8	6.9	.5	144.4	14.5	-1.2
Fuels .....	120.9	4.5	-.7	142.2	11.2	.7	140.2	32.0	-2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.7	-6.9	-7.8	113.9	-6.6	-4.6	149.4	3.1	-2.2
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	98.3	-6.9	-7.7	82.7	-13.0	-10.3	116.2	6.7	-12.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	NA	-	-	150.9	-2.1	-.6	170.0	2.8	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	136.9	6.5	.5	144.6	11.7	.8	140.2	32.9	-2.6
Electricity .....	148.6	1.4	.0	137.7	-.5	.0	168.4	-3.8	-3.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	122.0	18.8	1.5	150.0	22.7	1.5	107.8	659.2	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	121.5	-.4	-1.2	126.9	.3	-1.1	118.6	1.5	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	104.8	-.5	3.6	140.3	4.5	-.3	117.9	-4.0	4.0
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	99.6	-.7	4.0	137.3	4.6	-.4	112.7	-4.8	4.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	117.4	-.4	5.6	121.9	1.4	1.8	108.5	4.3	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	73.8	-2.1	3.5	143.8	1.1	-2.6	94.7	-7.5	8.9
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	120.1	10.0	6.0	126.4	18.9	-.8	147.7	-2.8	1.7
Transportation .....	153.0	2.0	-.4	132.5	3.0	-.5	135.3	.3	1.7
Private transportation .....	150.8	1.8	-.4	131.7	3.3	-.8	129.0	-.6	1.2
Motor fuel .....	106.5	-.1	-4.5	104.8	-.9	-3.9	115.7	-6.1	6.2
Gasoline .....	104.8	.5	-4.4	105.1	-.5	-3.9	114.1	-6.9	6.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.4	-.4	-5.7	102.6	-.6	-4.3	111.9	-7.0	6.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	103.1	-1.2	-4.8	114.0	-.1	-3.9	108.7	-7.3	6.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	99.9	.2	-3.9	106.1	.4	-3.1	114.3	-6.2	6.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	176.0	3.6	-.3	134.1	-3.3	8.9	187.2	4.6	3.8
Medical care .....	247.0	4.3	.3	229.0	1.9	1.0	220.6	3.0	.9
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	180.7	1.4	-.7	164.6	1.5	.2	167.2	.2	-.6
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	239.6	3.4	.5	212.9	6.7	.4	237.4	5.0	2.6
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	195.9	2.7	2.4	129.4	9.0	.6	165.0	4.2	5.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	166.0	2.4	.1	156.6	2.5	.3	159.6	3.7	1.1
Commodities .....	136.7	1.0	.0	142.6	2.4	.1	141.0	.7	1.1
Food and beverages .....	153.8	1.7	.1	152.1	1.5	.9	159.8	2.8	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	125.8	.3	-.2	136.2	3.0	-.4	128.2	-1.1	1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	125.7	.3	-.1	138.9	3.7	-.5	131.5	-2.0	3.5
Durables .....	127.4	.4	-.2	131.5	1.9	-.5	122.7	.4	-.5
Services .....	196.8	3.4	.2	172.4	2.6	.4	175.3	5.5	1.0
Medical care services .....	253.2	4.5	.3	226.1	.6	.3	220.5	2.8	.8
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	157.5	2.1	.1	153.2	3.1	.2	153.4	2.6	.9
All items less medical care .....	162.0	2.3	.1	152.4	2.5	.2	156.8	3.7	1.1
All items less energy .....	173.0	2.4	.3	160.9	2.2	.4	163.9	3.4	1.0
All items less food and energy .....	178.5	2.5	.4	163.7	2.4	.2	164.9	3.5	1.2
Energy .....	114.9	2.9	-2.0	125.8	5.7	-1.3	123.8	9.3	1.7
Commodities less food .....	127.5	.4	-.1	137.5	3.2	-.4	129.7	-.9	1.7
Nondurables less food .....	128.3	.3	-.1	140.7	3.8	-.4	133.2	-1.6	3.0
Nondurables .....	140.2	1.2	.0	145.9	2.5	.2	146.3	.8	1.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	203.6	3.7	.2	180.1	4.5	.4	178.8	5.7	.6
Services less medical care services .....	192.3	3.3	.2	167.3	2.8	.4	172.4	5.7	1.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1997 from—			Percent change to Mar. 1997 from—		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Mar. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
U.S. city average .....	M	156.3	156.8	157.0	157.2	2.3	0.3	0.1	2.7	0.4	0.1
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	163.5	164.2	164.5	164.4	2.6	.1	-.1	2.7	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	163.1	163.9	164.2	163.9	2.4	.0	-.2	2.6	.7	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	162.0	161.9	162.6	163.1	2.9	.7	.3	2.8	.4	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	166.3	166.8	167.0	167.0	2.5	.1	.0	3.0	.4	.1
North Central urban .....	M	152.1	152.4	152.4	152.6	2.4	.1	.1	2.8	.2	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	151.9	152.3	152.3	152.6	2.4	.2	.2	2.5	.3	.0
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	150.5	150.5	150.5	150.8	2.4	.2	.2	2.7	.0	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	155.2	155.6	155.3	155.4	2.7	-.1	.1	3.3	.1	-.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.5	150.3	150.1	150.0	2.0	-.2	-.1	3.0	-.3	-.1
South urban .....	M	154.2	154.5	154.8	155.1	2.2	.4	.2	2.7	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.1	153.2	153.4	153.6	2.0	.3	.1	2.6	.2	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.7	155.0	155.6	155.8	2.6	.5	.1	3.0	.6	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.9	155.5	155.5	155.8	1.8	.2	.2	2.3	.4	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	155.3	155.8	156.1	156.3	2.2	.3	.1	2.6	.5	.2
West urban .....	M	156.3	156.8	157.4	157.8	2.3	.6	.3	2.6	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	154.7	155.2	155.9	156.2	2.2	.6	.2	2.5	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	161.7	162.1	163.1	163.3	2.6	.7	.1	3.1	.9	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	142.5	143.0	143.2	143.4	2.3	.3	.1	2.5	.5	.1
B <sup>3</sup> .....	M	156.3	156.5	157.0	157.3	2.6	.5	.2	2.9	.4	.3
C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	158.2	158.7	158.8	159.0	2.3	.2	.1	2.8	.4	.1
D .....	M	155.3	155.4	155.4	155.6	2.1	.1	.1	2.6	.1	.0
<b>Selected local areas <sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	155.3	155.9	155.6	155.3	2.5	-.4	-.2	2.8	.2	-.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	153.6	153.6	154.2	154.3	1.2	.5	.1	1.5	.4	.4
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	165.1	166.2	166.6	166.1	2.4	-.1	-.3	2.5	.9	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>6</sup> .....	M	164.4	164.9	165.3	165.1	2.4	.1	-.1	2.5	.5	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>6</sup> .....	M	154.1	155.0	156.2	156.7	3.2	1.1	.3	3.6	1.4	.8
Baltimore, MD <sup>7</sup> .....	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 <sup>8</sup> .....	1	150.6	-	151.1	-	-	-	-	2.1	.3	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>7</sup> .....	1	158.9	-	159.1	-	-	-	-	2.4	.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	150.8	-	150.4	1.2	-.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	150.3	-	151.0	2.3	.5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	143.6	-	144.1	1.3	.3	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	2	-	149.6	-	150.1	2.5	.3	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

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

<sup>5</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Atlanta, GA; Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA; San Diego, CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

The following metropolitan areas are published annually and appear in tables 16A and 23A of the January issue of the CPI Detailed Report: New

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items .....	164.4	2.6	-0.1	152.6	2.4	0.1	155.1	2.2	0.2	157.8	2.3	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	256.7	-	-	246.8	-	-	251.1	-	-	253.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.6	2.2	-1	153.7	3.1	.2	154.4	2.7	.0	158.6	3.4	-2
Food .....	159.1	2.2	-1	153.0	3.1	.2	154.6	2.7	.1	157.9	3.5	-2
Food at home .....	160.4	2.0	-2	152.9	3.0	.3	153.2	2.5	-1	161.0	3.4	-5
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	182.5	1.6	-1	176.6	2.7	-1	170.3	1.6	.1	176.6	2.4	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	152.3	3.0	-3	144.0	4.2	.6	143.0	3.5	-2	150.8	6.6	-4
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	138.5	6.5	.1	145.1	5.5	-3	145.5	7.6	-5	154.6	5.3	-6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	185.8	-2.1	-2.3	175.1	-8	-1.1	185.9	-1.5	-3	195.7	-1.0	-2.8
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	154.1	2.3	1.4	142.8	3.2	1.0	143.1	2.5	.6	147.0	3.2	.6
Sugar and sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	155.9	2.8	1.6	146.9	5.0	2.5	143.0	3.0	.1	148.3	5.3	.3
Fats and oils <sup>2</sup> .....	150.0	1.3	.1	136.6	.6	-5	139.2	3.0	-1	144.2	1.8	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	140.9	1.3	3.1	126.9	1.5	1.1	126.4	1.0	1.8	131.0	1.4	.4
Other prepared food <sup>2</sup> .....	168.1	3.1	.2	157.1	4.5	.8	160.4	3.4	.2	160.6	4.2	1.0
Food away from home .....	159.0	2.4	.1	153.7	3.4	.1	158.2	3.1	.1	153.4	3.6	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.8	2.9	.2	162.6	2.9	.3	152.5	2.4	-2	165.3	2.9	.2
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	164.4	2.6	-1	145.9	2.5	-2	146.5	2.3	.1	154.9	2.9	.1
Shelter .....	191.0	3.0	.2	163.8	2.9	.1	158.0	2.9	.1	168.1	3.0	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	176.4	3.7	.1	160.3	3.1	-1	151.1	2.9	-3	158.8	3.5	.1
Rent, residential .....	177.6	3.0	.3	162.6	3.0	.2	153.6	2.7	.3	165.9	2.8	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	258.4	6.2	-4	202.5	3.7	-1.1	220.8	3.7	-3.2	227.8	7.1	-1.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	178.4	2.6	.2	163.3	2.8	.2	150.1	2.9	.3	164.4	2.8	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	179.2	2.7	.2	163.7	2.9	.2	150.0	3.0	.3	164.2	2.6	.2
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	137.1	2.2	.0	140.0	3.2	.6	142.5	3.7	-4	143.6	3.2	-1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	148.8	-	.0	156.3	6.2	1.2	145.1	3.3	.1	145.7	.6	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	119.7	1.3	.0	121.7	.0	-2	138.9	4.3	-1.2	137.6	5.5	-1
Fuel and other utilities <sup>5</sup> .....	125.8	3.5	-9	123.5	2.8	-1.7	134.7	1.2	-1	135.8	4.5	-2
Fuels .....	117.1	1.7	-1.6	106.8	1.3	-3.0	118.4	1.2	-6	123.7	6.2	-7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	99.3	-2.6	-4.0	97.9	3.6	-3.1	109.9	4.4	-2.7	112.6	7.1	-1.7
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	99.6	-2.9	-3.5	95.7	1.4	-1.7	97.5	3.2	-2.2	125.1	4.0	-2.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	123.2	-9	-6.1	130.1	5.8	-4.2	143.2	5.1	-2.8	127.3	8.8	-1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	131.6	2.8	-1.0	111.6	1.3	-3.0	121.0	1.0	-4	126.0	6.1	-7
Electricity .....	136.0	.2	-7	122.9	1.2	.1	122.6	1.2	.7	144.0	-9	-7
Utility (piped) gas .....	125.5	7.4	-1.6	100.9	1.3	-6.7	116.6	.4	-5.1	103.4	28.4	-8
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	161.0	6.3	.1	161.4	4.7	.1	165.3	1.2	.3	157.1	2.9	.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.7	-9	-2	121.8	.4	.0	126.2	1.7	.2	124.3	.0	.2
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	104.7	-3.1	-7	107.8	-5	-2	114.3	.8	.3	111.3	-1.2	.1
Housekeeping supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	152.8	1.9	.5	143.6	.8	.0	137.9	3.0	.3	142.5	.6	.6
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	159.6	2.1	-1	146.8	2.4	.4	160.3	3.2	.3	148.7	2.8	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.1	1.5	-2	135.5	2.5	2.2	146.0	.9	1.8	127.8	-1.8	.8
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	1.4	-3	133.8	2.5	2.4	142.4	.8	2.1	123.9	-2.3	.9
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.3	2.3	1.2	129.4	3.4	3.0	137.7	1.5	1.8	125.2	.1	.4
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	118.5	.3	-1.3	133.0	2.2	1.0	148.0	1.6	2.7	119.7	-1.2	2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.2	2.7	1.5	140.0	.5	3.7	140.3	2.3	4.9	122.0	-7.8	1.4
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	132.7	3.4	.7	134.4	1.4	2.9	128.8	.5	1.1	122.5	-2.5	3.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	153.1	-1.0	-3.0	158.0	7.0	7.1	154.7	-4.0	.1	135.7	-7.3	-3.6
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	166.3	1.3	.1	149.9	2.1	-1	172.3	2.3	.4	158.3	2.9	-1
Transportation .....	147.0	1.4	-4	141.7	.4	-1	143.2	.7	-1	145.6	.9	.6
Private transportation .....	143.2	1.4	-5	139.2	-1	-2	142.2	.6	-2	143.2	.6	.6
New vehicles .....	145.3	1.3	-2	144.6	1.0	-1	148.4	1.0	-1	147.4	2.1	-2
New cars .....	141.7	1.0	-1	139.1	.8	-2	147.1	1.2	-1	141.1	1.2	-1
Used cars .....	157.8	-2.0	.1	156.6	-2.2	-1	156.1	-1.8	-1	152.8	-1.2	-1
Motor fuel .....	103.8	.0	-2.1	104.3	-4.7	-9	104.6	-1.5	-1.1	111.6	-3.0	2.9
Gasoline .....	103.3	.3	-2.1	103.9	-4.9	-9	104.2	-1.6	-1.1	110.7	-3.7	3.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	102.0	.3	-2.3	102.5	-5.0	-8	101.5	-1.5	-1.2	108.0	-4.3	3.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	107.1	.2	-1.9	114.1	-4.8	-1.0	110.7	-1.4	-1.1	107.7	-4.0	2.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	103.3	-6	-1.7	106.9	-4.6	-4	107.0	-1.7	-1.0	111.3	-4.0	3.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	171.8	2.9	.2	154.1	3.8	.3	160.8	2.5	.1	166.4	2.8	.5
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	176.8	2.9	-1	167.4	2.7	.1	180.4	2.4	.2	168.9	2.0	-3
Other private transportation commodities .....	106.3	.0	-4	105.5	1.4	.5	101.3	-1.6	-2	101.4	-1.4	-1.3
Other private transportation services <sup>7</sup> .....	190.8	3.2	.0	181.6	2.8	.0	203.8	3.0	.2	187.8	2.7	-1
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	185.8	2.1	.2	197.8	9.0	1.3	171.5	6.2	1.9	190.0	5.0	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category													
Medical care .....	242.0	3.6	0.2	226.7	2.4	0.1	233.0	3.0	0.2	232.3	3.2	0.3	
Medical care commodities .....	217.5	3.3	1.0	210.1	1.9	-.1	208.5	2.3	-.3	218.3	3.0	.3	
Medical care services .....	247.2	3.6	.0	230.4	2.5	.1	238.7	3.1	.3	235.6	3.2	.3	
Professional medical services .....	224.9	3.5	.1	210.9	3.9	.2	221.0	4.4	.3	205.4	2.8	.4	
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	168.3	2.7	.1	160.0	4.0	.3	156.0	2.0	-.1	154.4	.1	.0	
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	1.8	.1	144.7	2.4	-.5	141.1	1.0	-.4	137.7	-1.9	-.3	
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	195.5	3.5	.1	180.5	5.7	1.0	181.0	3.1	.2	178.0	2.1	.4	
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	230.9	4.7	.8	213.9	4.8	1.1	211.3	4.2	.7	225.1	4.6	.6	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>2</sup> .....	236.6	6.5	2.7	251.2	6.0	2.4	227.0	3.5	1.8	267.5	5.9	1.2	
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	163.9	1.4	.1	147.8	3.1	.7	145.3	1.9	.8	155.2	1.5	1.0	
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	265.2	4.7	.1	235.4	4.4	.1	248.9	5.3	.0	260.8	5.1	.2	
Commodity and service group													
All items .....	164.4	2.6	-.1	152.6	2.4	.1	155.1	2.2	.2	157.8	2.3	.3	
Commodities .....	143.7	1.5	-.2	140.1	1.6	.3	142.5	1.4	.2	142.6	1.2	.3	
Food and beverages .....	159.6	2.2	-.1	153.7	3.1	.2	154.4	2.7	.0	158.6	3.4	-.2	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.5	.8	-.3	132.4	.5	.4	135.6	.6	.3	132.8	-.4	.5	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.7	1.6	-.2	136.3	1.2	.9	137.8	1.0	.6	135.2	-.6	1.3	
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	1.4	-.3	133.8	2.5	2.4	142.4	.8	2.1	123.9	-2.3	.9	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	139.5	1.6	-.1	140.1	.6	.1	138.7	1.0	-.1	143.7	.1	1.4	
Durables .....	129.7	-.2	-.3	126.0	-.2	-.2	131.6	.1	-.1	129.8	.0	-.3	
Services .....	189.1	3.3	.1	168.2	3.2	-.1	170.7	2.9	.2	174.3	3.3	.2	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	178.4	3.0	.2	162.8	2.9	.1	150.4	2.9	.1	162.0	3.0	.2	
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	135.0	3.9	-.4	125.1	2.7	-1.3	134.7	1.2	.0	135.5	4.4	-.1	
Transportation services .....	185.3	2.9	.1	177.2	4.0	.3	187.8	3.2	.4	182.7	3.1	.2	
Medical care services .....	247.2	3.6	.0	230.4	2.5	.1	238.7	3.1	.3	235.6	3.2	.3	
Other services .....	222.2	4.1	.0	191.8	4.7	.5	202.5	4.4	.2	201.3	3.8	.2	
Special indexes													
All items less food .....	165.5	2.5	-.1	152.4	2.3	.1	155.0	2.0	.2	157.8	2.1	.3	
All items less shelter .....	156.6	2.3	-.2	150.1	2.2	.1	154.6	2.0	.2	154.8	2.0	.2	
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	151.5	2.5	-.1	144.7	2.3	.1	146.8	2.1	.2	148.2	2.2	.2	
All items less medical care .....	161.2	2.5	-.1	149.2	2.4	.1	150.6	2.1	.1	154.4	2.3	.2	
Commodities less food .....	134.0	1.1	-.2	133.6	.8	.5	136.1	.7	.3	134.4	-.1	.5	
Nondurables less food .....	134.7	1.7	-.1	137.8	1.2	.8	138.3	1.0	.5	137.4	-.1	1.1	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.1	1.7	-.1	141.5	.9	.2	138.9	1.1	-.1	144.8	.6	1.2	
Nondurables .....	146.8	1.9	-.1	145.2	2.2	.6	146.2	1.9	.3	147.5	1.7	.5	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	171.7	3.6	-.1	158.8	3.5	-.2	167.8	2.8	.2	168.9	3.6	.1	
Services less medical care services .....	184.7	3.2	.0	162.9	3.2	-.1	163.6	2.9	.2	169.6	3.3	.1	
Energy .....	110.7	1.0	-1.8	105.2	-1.8	-1.9	109.5	-.2	-.9	116.4	.6	1.4	
All items less energy .....	171.9	2.6	.1	159.7	2.8	.3	161.6	2.3	.2	162.8	2.5	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	175.7	2.7	.1	161.4	2.7	.4	163.4	2.3	.3	164.1	2.2	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	144.2	1.3	.1	141.8	1.6	.6	144.7	1.0	.5	141.3	.3	.2	
Energy commodities .....	102.7	-.6	-2.5	104.3	-4.2	-.9	105.3	-1.1	-1.2	112.7	-2.8	2.8	
Services less energy services .....	195.1	3.3	.1	175.7	3.4	.2	176.7	3.0	.2	178.1	3.2	.2	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	
All items .....	143.4	2.3	0.1	157.3	2.6	0.2	159.0	2.3	0.1	155.6	2.1	0.1	
All items (December 1977=100) .....	143.4	-	-	253.9	-	-	254.7	-	-	251.5	-	-	
Food and beverages .....	141.6	2.9	-1	155.8	2.6	-2	155.5	2.7	.3	152.4	3.5	.1	
Food .....	141.2	2.9	-1	155.8	2.5	-1	155.0	2.7	.3	151.8	3.6	.1	
Food at home .....	145.0	2.8	-2	157.5	2.1	-4	153.3	2.4	.4	149.7	3.7	.1	
Cereals and bakery products <sup>4</sup> .....	158.5	2.3	.0	174.8	1.7	.4	172.3	2.5	.3	177.2	.9	-1	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>4</sup> .....	136.7	4.4	-1	148.8	3.4	-4	141.5	3.9	.4	138.8	5.0	.4	
Dairy products <sup>4</sup> .....	141.1	6.2	.0	146.5	6.9	-1.6	137.6	4.6	.1	140.3	9.3	-4	
Fruits and vegetables <sup>4</sup> .....	170.3	-9	-2.0	188.8	-2.3	-1.7	184.9	-2.4	-2	168.9	-1	-1.5	
Other food at home <sup>4</sup> .....	134.1	2.8	.8	147.7	2.1	1.0	148.1	3.0	1.0	142.9	4.1	1.1	
Sugar and sweets <sup>4</sup> .....	137.7	4.3	1.6	146.0	2.8	.3	143.9	3.4	1.0	140.4	5.4	-1	
Fats and oils <sup>4</sup> .....	134.5	2.0	-1	139.1	.5	.4	142.0	1.0	-3	138.0	3.4	-5	
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	121.5	1.0	1.1	128.0	-8	1.8	136.2	3.1	2.2	124.1	3.6	4.1	
Other prepared food <sup>4</sup> .....	144.1	3.9	.6	169.2	4.2	.5	161.7	3.3	.5	159.2	4.1	.2	
Food away from home .....	135.2	3.0	.1	154.0	3.1	.1	159.3	3.2	.1	156.5	3.3	.1	
Alcoholic beverages .....	145.4	2.5	.1	157.6	3.5	.1	162.7	3.4	.5	160.5	3.0	-2	
Housing <sup>5</sup> .....	137.9	2.5	-1	153.8	3.2	.1	155.8	2.6	.1	149.9	1.2	-4	
Shelter .....	145.8	3.0	.2	170.4	3.3	.2	176.7	3.0	.1	171.1	2.5	-1	
Renters' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	144.4	3.4	.1	170.8	3.7	.2	156.4	3.2	-3	154.2	2.5	-7	
Rent, residential .....	137.3	3.1	.3	164.5	2.5	.2	160.2	2.6	.4	157.9	2.1	.3	
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	188.4	4.6	-1.2	261.5	6.7	.1	206.6	5.7	-2.9	203.4	4.3	-4.5	
Homeowners' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	146.7	2.7	.2	164.6	3.1	.2	168.4	2.8	.2	162.3	2.4	.1	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>6</sup> .....	147.0	2.7	.2	165.0	3.1	.2	169.0	2.9	.2	162.2	2.5	.1	
Maintenance and repairs <sup>4</sup> .....	125.8	3.5	.2	136.8	2.9	-1	154.9	2.7	-1	140.0	1.6	-1	
Maintenance and repair services <sup>4</sup> .....	130.1	4.0	.6	146.0	2.4	.3	168.6	2.9	.0	156.3	2.8	.0	
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	120.7	2.8	-3	129.3	3.3	-5	137.2	2.4	-4	120.1	-2	-2	
Fuel and other utilities <sup>5</sup> .....	127.9	3.0	-1.2	134.9	4.1	-3	133.5	3.1	.0	126.2	-1.9	-1.6	
Fuels .....	125.3	1.7	-2.1	113.8	3.8	-8	120.1	3.1	-1	105.7	-1.5	-3.3	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	145.3	-1.3	-2.8	99.5	1.8	-4.1	102.3	.6	-4.4	94.5	2.3	-2.6	
Fuel oil <sup>4</sup> .....	148.4	-2.8	-3.0	99.2	.7	-2.8	96.4	-1.4	-3.8	93.4	.8	-2.8	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	135.9	4.2	-2.2	130.0	3.3	-5.8	132.8	3.5	-5.1	128.0	3.7	-2.4	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	123.7	2.0	-2.1	119.7	4.1	-4	128.1	3.4	.4	113.1	-1.9	-3.3	
Electricity .....	127.5	.2	-6	127.4	1.0	-2	136.6	1.7	2.2	120.8	-1.1	-1.7	
Utility (piped) gas .....	117.6	4.9	-4.5	108.2	13.8	-1.0	115.0	8.5	-4.5	101.7	-4.2	-7.6	
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	131.2	4.5	.1	179.0	4.3	.3	162.0	3.2	.1	166.6	-2.3	.2	
Household furnishings and operation <sup>5</sup> .....	116.5	-2	-2	126.0	1.4	.4	123.1	.8	.2	125.2	1.6	.3	
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	105.4	-1.8	-6	113.9	.5	.6	108.9	-2	.3	111.0	1.2	.5	
Housekeeping supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	135.7	1.0	.6	136.8	3.2	.0	142.4	2.0	.1	137.1	1.5	.0	
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	135.8	2.9	.3	159.3	2.3	.3	156.4	2.4	.1	160.8	2.7	.1	
Apparel and upkeep .....	124.2	.2	.8	137.1	3.2	2.5	143.8	.9	.5	138.0	1.9	3.9	
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	123.0	-2	.9	133.5	3.4	2.7	141.6	1.0	.6	135.2	1.8	4.2	
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	120.2	1.3	1.2	137.8	4.8	4.0	139.7	1.5	1.1	122.7	.5	1.7	
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	119.0	-1	.3	139.1	2.9	2.8	141.4	1.3	.1	141.9	3.3	6.5	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	112.0	-3.6	3.2	132.2	7.9	.2	156.5	1.2	1.6	130.5	3.3	15.8	
Footwear <sup>4</sup> .....	128.7	.5	2.5	118.5	3.5	1.3	130.7	.1	.5	138.3	2.1	2.2	
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	147.5	-3.1	-7	122.9	-2.2	1.4	167.4	.1	1.1	143.6	-3.1	-1.1	
Apparel services <sup>4</sup> .....	136.1	2.6	-1	167.9	2.0	.9	167.9	.1	-1	164.5	3.5	.7	
Transportation .....	143.6	.9	.1	143.6	.9	-1	142.2	.6	-3	143.7	.8	.0	
Private transportation .....	143.1	.6	.0	141.5	.6	-2	140.2	.3	-3	140.9	.6	-2	
New vehicles .....	128.7	1.7	-2	145.3	.4	-2	146.4	1.2	-3	148.4	.7	.1	
New cars .....	125.6	1.4	-2	138.5	.1	-1	143.0	1.2	-3	143.8	.4	-1	
Used cars .....	147.0	-1.7	.0	155.9	-1.8	.0	155.6	-1.5	-1	149.7	-2.8	-3	
Motor fuel .....	154.5	-3.0	.1	105.8	-1.1	-3	104.7	-2.7	-1.0	104.4	-1.0	-1.0	
Gasoline .....	153.7	-3.5	.1	105.3	-1.5	-3	104.6	-2.6	-1.0	104.0	-7	-9	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	154.1	-3.7	.1	102.8	-1.5	-5	101.9	-2.7	-1.2	100.3	-6	-1.2	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	107.2	-3.4	.1	111.0	-8	-5	114.4	-2.2	-7	114.7	-5	-1.0	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	143.4	-2.9	.4	107.8	-1.4	.0	108.4	-1.8	-8	105.9	-1.1	-1.2	
Maintenance and repairs .....	145.7	3.5	.4	165.7	2.5	.5	158.7	1.7	-6	149.1	3.6	.2	
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	147.8	2.6	.1	171.2	2.3	-5	173.6	2.1	.3	171.5	3.1	.3	
Other private transportation commodities .....	106.8	-4	.7	98.9	-7	-5	104.8	-2	.2	120.8	-1.1	.5	
Other private transportation services <sup>8</sup> .....	157.5	3.0	.1	189.8	2.8	-5	193.3	2.4	.3	185.0	4.0	.3	
Public transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	149.4	4.3	.3	203.7	8.3	1.9	208.5	6.9	.5	224.5	6.5	3.9	

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category													
Medical care .....	184.5	2.6	0.1	232.4	3.7	0.3	237.9	3.4	0.3	226.2	3.1	0.1	
Medical care commodities .....	171.7	1.8	-.1	211.8	3.9	.6	207.0	3.8	.3	213.2	2.2	.0	
Medical care services .....	187.4	2.7	.1	237.0	3.6	.3	244.5	3.3	.3	229.4	3.2	.2	
Professional medical services .....	170.9	3.3	.1	212.0	5.2	.5	225.4	3.7	.4	221.4	4.1	.3	
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	142.9	2.7	.1	154.7	.5	-.1	164.1	2.1	-.1	145.8	2.7	.1	
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	132.3	1.6	-.2	137.7	-1.1	-.6	147.0	.1	-.3	136.2	1.9	-.3	
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	154.6	3.9	.5	181.7	2.3	.6	191.7	4.5	.1	160.9	3.7	.6	
Other goods and services <sup>5</sup> .....	177.8	4.4	1.0	220.3	4.3	.4	216.6	4.9	.7	217.5	5.7	.5	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>4</sup> .....	190.4	4.7	2.9	249.3	5.2	1.1	243.8	6.3	1.3	231.9	8.2	1.4	
Personal care <sup>4</sup> .....	136.6	2.5	.5	149.2	.5	-.1	153.5	2.2	2.1	137.0	1.4	-.1	
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	188.3	4.8	.2	252.4	4.9	.2	244.6	4.9	-.1	261.2	5.4	.0	
Commodity and service group													
All items .....	143.4	2.3	.1	157.3	2.6	.2	159.0	2.3	.1	155.6	2.1	.1	
Commodities .....	136.8	1.3	.1	141.4	1.6	.1	143.2	1.4	.1	141.4	2.0	.4	
Food and beverages .....	141.6	2.9	-.1	155.8	2.6	-.2	155.5	2.7	.3	152.4	3.5	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.5	.2	.2	133.2	1.1	.5	135.9	.6	.0	134.9	1.0	.6	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	141.8	.2	.6	135.4	1.9	.7	138.0	1.0	.1	135.8	2.1	1.1	
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	123.0	-.2	.9	133.5	3.4	2.7	141.6	1.0	.6	135.2	1.8	4.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	152.9	.4	.6	139.1	1.3	-.1	139.3	1.0	-.1	137.5	2.2	.0	
Durables .....	122.7	.0	-.3	128.7	-.2	.1	131.6	.1	-.1	131.3	-.5	-.1	
Services .....	149.5	3.2	.1	176.5	3.5	.2	179.6	3.2	.1	174.5	2.3	-.2	
Rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	146.1	3.0	.1	166.8	3.3	.2	165.3	3.0	.0	159.9	2.5	-.1	
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	128.6	3.1	-.8	137.2	3.9	.0	134.0	3.1	.3	130.2	-1.4	-1.2	
Transportation services .....	153.1	3.4	.3	184.9	3.4	.1	185.0	2.8	.2	180.9	4.2	.7	
Medical care services .....	187.4	2.7	.1	237.0	3.6	.3	244.5	3.3	.3	229.4	3.2	.2	
Other services .....	167.7	4.3	.2	205.6	3.7	.3	203.8	4.4	.1	201.6	4.7	.2	
Special indexes													
All items less food .....	143.8	2.1	.1	157.6	2.7	.3	159.7	2.2	.1	156.3	1.8	.1	
All items less shelter .....	142.5	2.1	.1	154.1	2.4	.2	154.3	2.1	.1	152.0	2.1	.2	
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>4, 6</sup> .....	142.6	2.1	.0	148.3	2.6	.2	147.4	2.2	.1	145.0	2.1	.1	
All items less medical care .....	141.4	2.2	.1	153.6	2.5	.2	155.0	2.2	.1	151.4	2.1	.1	
Commodities less food .....	134.2	.3	.2	134.0	1.1	.4	136.9	.7	.0	135.7	1.0	.5	
Nondurables less food .....	142.2	.5	.6	136.5	2.0	.6	139.3	1.2	.1	137.0	2.2	1.0	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	151.8	.7	.5	139.8	1.5	-.1	140.5	1.3	-.1	138.8	2.3	.0	
Nondurables .....	141.7	1.6	.3	145.7	2.2	.2	146.8	1.9	.2	144.3	2.8	.6	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	153.0	3.4	-.1	168.8	3.7	.2	168.0	3.3	.2	163.8	2.2	-.1	
Services less medical care services .....	146.6	3.2	.1	171.0	3.4	.2	173.4	3.2	.1	168.2	2.1	-.2	
Energy .....	138.5	-.8	-1.1	108.6	1.4	-.5	110.9	.3	-.5	104.2	-1.3	-2.3	
All items less energy .....	143.7	2.5	.1	164.1	2.7	.2	166.2	2.5	.2	163.0	2.5	.3	
All items less food and energy .....	144.4	2.5	.3	166.3	2.8	.3	169.1	2.5	.2	166.0	2.2	.4	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	131.5	.8	.3	142.1	1.5	.6	146.3	1.3	.3	144.4	1.5	.9	
Energy commodities .....	153.7	-2.9	-.3	105.2	-.9	-.8	104.8	-2.4	-1.4	103.5	-.8	-1.1	
Services less energy services .....	151.5	3.3	.2	183.1	3.4	.2	186.1	3.2	.1	182.3	2.6	.1	

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

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

<sup>5</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Northeast									
Group	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items .....	163.9	2.4	-0.2	163.1	2.9	0.3	167.0	2.5	0.0
All items (December 1977 = 100) .....	250.4	-	-	260.3	-	-	277.7	-	-
Food and beverages .....	158.9	2.1	-3	163.4	2.7	.1	157.8	1.8	.2
Food .....	158.4	2.1	-3	163.2	2.6	.1	157.2	1.8	.2
Food at home .....	159.8	1.8	-6	166.7	2.3	.1	155.0	2.1	.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	183.5	.9	-9	171.4	2.9	.9	188.1	4.0	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	150.8	3.1	-5	163.6	4.1	.3	150.3	2.2	-4
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	139.7	6.4	.4	142.8	6.8	-8	120.5	2.8	-3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	185.7	-2.1	-2.9	188.7	-3.0	-1.8	183.5	-8	-4
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	152.2	2.2	1.5	167.7	1.5	1.5	145.9	2.6	.8
Food away from home .....	157.7	2.3	.1	161.0	3.3	.0	163.0	1.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	166.0	3.2	.2	168.4	2.9	.4	164.2	1.4	.1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	162.1	2.6	-2	163.9	3.3	.4	172.8	2.6	.2
Shelter .....	185.9	3.1	.0	189.8	3.8	.6	210.7	2.1	.2
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	176.0	3.8	-3	190.6	4.4	1.7	162.3	2.4	.3
Rent, residential .....	178.9	3.5	.2	170.2	2.2	.4	173.1	1.5	.4
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	259.2	5.6	-2.0	272.3	7.2	3.4	209.5	8.7	-1
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 6</sup> .....	174.6	2.8	.2	180.0	3.6	.2	191.0	2.0	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>6</sup> .....	175.3	2.8	.2	181.0	3.9	.2	191.8	2.0	.3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	124.0	3.3	-1.0	136.7	3.7	-5	120.4	3.3	-8
Fuels .....	119.2	1.5	-1.7	120.6	2.2	-1.1	102.4	2.1	-1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	104.9	-2.9	-3.0	93.9	-2.6	-5.9	89.4	-2.3	-5.2
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	103.1	-3.6	-3.2	97.3	-8	-3.0	92.1	-2.7	-4.7
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	143.8	2.4	-8	110.7	-7.8	-13.9	103.3	-8	-7.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	131.2	2.5	-1.4	141.0	3.6	.2	118.5	4.0	.3
Electricity .....	134.0	.2	-1.3	148.6	1.0	.6	120.3	-8	-3
Utility (piped) gas .....	127.4	6.0	-1.8	128.2	10.3	-8	118.7	18.9	1.7
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	124.7	-2.0	-6	120.1	.3	.0	120.2	3.7	1.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	124.9	.6	-1.1	137.5	3.8	4.1	147.3	4.2	-1.8
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	120.2	.5	-1.2	134.9	3.8	4.3	144.9	4.5	-2.0
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	121.6	-6	.9	151.4	10.5	1.3	161.1	6.9	2.2
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	110.9	.7	-2.7	134.7	-2.0	8.1	131.4	2.3	-7.3
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	132.2	3.8	-4	129.4	9.2	4.2	145.7	-1.5	2.2
Transportation .....	150.1	1.4	-5	142.8	1.9	-4	140.0	1.4	-2
Private transportation .....	145.8	1.5	-5	140.3	1.0	-6	136.4	1.2	-3
Motor fuel .....	102.9	-1	-2.0	105.5	1.0	-2.3	102.9	-4	-2.0
Gasoline .....	102.3	.1	-2.0	105.2	1.1	-2.3	102.7	.6	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	100.9	.0	-2.3	102.9	1.2	-2.5	102.3	.6	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	104.7	-6	-2.0	112.2	1.9	-1.8	110.7	.9	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	102.0	-1.1	-1.6	106.1	.7	-2.0	106.3	.8	-1.4
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	179.1	-1	-2	197.4	13.6	1.2	239.5	7.4	1.7
Medical care .....	244.7	4.1	.0	237.9	1.5	.3	232.7	3.6	.7
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	170.7	3.0	.3	158.6	1.6	-1	170.9	4.0	-3
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	229.5	4.7	1.1	226.7	5.4	.4	234.3	4.3	.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	169.0	2.4	-1	149.1	-1.4	.5	150.3	-1.3	.3
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	163.9	2.4	-2	163.1	2.9	.3	167.0	2.5	.0
Commodities .....	143.2	1.2	-3	143.6	2.4	.3	145.0	1.8	-3
Food and beverages .....	158.9	2.1	-3	163.4	2.7	.1	157.8	1.8	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.6	.5	-5	131.0	1.9	.5	136.4	1.6	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.4	1.1	-2	133.5	3.4	.8	137.0	2.0	-1.2
Durables .....	129.8	-5	-7	125.3	-2	.2	131.7	1.2	.4
Services .....	186.8	3.3	-1	189.9	3.5	.4	196.6	3.2	.2
Medical care services .....	250.4	4.3	-2	242.7	1.1	.3	237.5	3.1	.5
Special indexes									
All items less shelter .....	157.0	2.1	-3	156.1	2.6	.2	154.4	2.7	-1
All items less medical care .....	160.6	2.4	-2	160.2	3.0	.4	164.1	2.5	.0
All items less energy .....	170.8	2.5	-1	170.8	3.0	.5	176.7	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy .....	174.5	2.7	.1	173.1	3.1	.6	182.1	2.9	.2
Energy .....	111.8	.8	-1.8	113.5	1.7	-1.6	101.2	1.1	-1.7
Commodities less food .....	133.1	.7	-4	132.4	2.0	.5	137.8	1.7	-6
Nondurables less food .....	133.5	1.2	-2	135.3	3.3	.7	138.7	2.0	-1.1
Nondurables .....	146.1	1.6	-3	148.7	3.0	.3	147.3	1.9	-5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	170.9	3.6	-1	173.3	3.1	.1	171.6	4.5	.2
Services less medical care services .....	182.2	3.2	-1	185.7	3.8	.4	193.2	3.2	.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,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
	Expenditure category											
All items .....	152.6	2.4	0.2	150.8	2.4	0.2	155.4	2.7	0.1	150.0	2.0	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	249.4	-	-	242.9	-	-	244.3	-	-	243.1	-	-
Food and beverages .....	155.9	3.2	.1	148.9	2.3	-.6	153.8	3.5	.7	147.8	3.0	.3
Food .....	155.2	3.3	.1	148.9	2.1	-.6	152.6	3.5	.7	146.7	2.9	.3
Food at home .....	156.1	3.4	.2	149.4	1.4	-1.1	151.4	3.0	.9	144.1	3.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	177.4	2.8	.0	181.4	3.5	-1.5	172.5	2.6	.5	175.0	1.4	-.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	150.7	4.9	.5	135.3	1.7	.2	135.6	4.5	.9	135.5	3.0	1.7
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	150.2	6.9	.2	142.2	1.3	-4.4	139.1	2.6	.1	137.8	9.0	1.7
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	178.7	-.6	-1.2	160.2	-4.4	-4.7	182.4	-.6	1.2	160.5	2.2	-1.4
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	141.7	3.0	.9	147.0	3.2	1.5	148.5	4.4	1.5	133.5	2.1	.2
Food away from home .....	154.3	3.1	.1	148.4	3.3	.3	155.9	4.4	.1	151.7	2.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.1	2.1	.2	148.4	5.0	-.4	168.6	3.9	1.1	165.4	4.6	.2
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	144.3	2.3	-.2	146.0	3.9	.3	152.2	2.5	-.4	143.1	1.9	-.7
Shelter .....	162.1	2.6	.2	167.0	3.8	.3	170.6	3.3	-.1	158.5	2.8	-.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	158.7	2.3	.1	172.7	5.4	.2	165.9	4.1	-.9	147.0	3.2	-.3
Rent, residential .....	165.4	2.9	.2	167.8	3.3	.2	159.3	3.0	.5	147.4	2.2	.0
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	188.7	.2	-.4	236.4	9.2	.3	223.1	6.6	-3.8	187.3	8.9	-2.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	161.9	2.7	.2	166.7	3.3	.4	169.6	2.9	.1	156.9	2.6	-.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	162.1	2.7	.3	167.5	3.4	.4	170.6	3.0	.1	157.3	2.7	-.3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	121.5	3.5	-1.9	117.3	3.9	-.5	129.6	1.7	-1.4	129.4	.6	-2.1
Fuels .....	106.8	1.5	-3.5	101.9	4.3	-.9	114.7	1.1	-2.5	99.8	-2.5	-4.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	97.5	3.8	-.4	95.4	4.0	-3.2	102.4	2.7	-2.4	94.3	4.8	-.8
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	95.4	.2	-3.0	98.4	2.2	-1.5	93.9	.9	-.7	95.1	5.5	-.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 8</sup> .....	124.7	7.4	-4.9	130.1	5.2	-4.3	138.7	4.6	-4.1	130.7	4.0	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	109.8	1.4	-3.5	107.3	4.3	-.7	123.3	1.0	-2.5	106.5	-3.0	-4.7
Electricity .....	121.9	2.1	.3	126.7	1.7	-.2	132.8	-.2	.4	107.4	-.6	-1.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	98.9	.6	-7.6	90.3	8.3	-1.6	111.8	2.9	-6.9	107.9	-5.7	-8.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	116.1	-.9	-.4	125.7	4.2	1.3	133.3	.6	.1	124.6	1.0	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	134.4	2.6	2.6	134.8	1.0	2.1	134.2	3.1	.8	145.8	2.9	2.6
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	133.3	2.5	2.8	132.1	.8	2.4	131.1	3.5	.8	145.4	2.9	2.8
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	129.4	3.8	3.8	127.1	-2.1	2.7	124.9	4.3	1.9	139.2	6.3	1.3
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	126.1	1.7	.3	148.7	2.4	2.6	137.8	3.6	-.1	143.4	1.1	5.1
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	134.3	1.5	3.6	104.8	-.3	1.6	125.3	1.0	2.2	174.5	2.2	1.2
Transportation .....	142.1	.6	-.1	141.8	-.1	-.2	141.4	.6	-.2	140.0	-.4	-.1
Private transportation .....	139.9	-.1	-.1	139.5	-.2	-.4	139.4	.4	-.2	134.9	-.7	-.6
Motor fuel .....	105.3	-4.7	-.8	105.9	-5.6	.0	102.3	-4.7	-1.4	101.5	-2.8	-1.4
Gasoline .....	104.8	-5.0	-.7	106.0	-6.0	.1	102.0	-4.7	-1.3	100.9	-2.1	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.7	-5.2	-.7	103.0	-6.4	-.3	100.4	-4.7	-1.5	98.6	-1.8	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	113.1	-5.4	-.7	115.3	-5.3	.0	114.8	-4.2	-1.4	116.1	-3.2	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.9	-4.5	-.7	111.6	-5.3	1.3	103.1	-4.2	-.7	103.8	-1.9	-.5
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	178.4	10.5	.8	245.3	3.5	2.6	221.1	7.7	.0	332.0	4.1	6.6
Medical care .....	225.4	1.9	.0	224.8	2.4	.4	240.3	4.0	.2	216.6	2.6	.3
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	162.8	5.0	.4	146.7	-.5	-.5	169.9	5.4	.4	147.2	2.2	.3
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	218.8	5.0	1.3	211.4	3.0	.8	207.5	4.6	1.0	203.9	5.8	.3
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	141.5	3.4	.4	166.1	4.0	-.3	162.7	1.8	2.6	134.6	3.1	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items .....	152.6	2.4	.2	150.8	2.4	.2	155.4	2.7	.1	150.0	2.0	-.1
Commodities .....	140.4	1.4	.3	136.2	.8	.1	141.7	2.2	.4	140.5	1.7	.3
Food and beverages .....	155.9	3.2	.1	148.9	2.3	-.6	153.8	3.5	.7	147.8	3.0	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.4	.3	.5	129.5	.0	.5	135.1	1.5	.1	136.5	1.0	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.4	1.2	1.2	131.3	-.5	.6	135.6	1.7	.1	139.1	2.0	.8
Durables .....	123.3	-.8	-.5	126.2	.6	.5	132.2	1.1	.2	128.7	-.5	-.3
Services .....	167.4	3.3	1	168.3	3.6	.2	173.9	3.1	-.2	162.7	2.3	-.4
Medical care services .....	229.0	2.0	0	226.2	2.4	.5	247.2	3.6	.2	218.5	3.2	.2
Special indexes												
All items less shelter .....	150.6	2.3	1	147.2	1.8	.1	151.8	2.6	.2	148.5	1.9	.1
All items less medical care .....	149.3	2.4	2	147.3	2.4	.1	151.9	2.6	.1	146.4	1.9	.0
All items less energy .....	159.4	2.8	.4	158.8	2.7	.3	162.9	3.2	.3	157.0	2.5	.3
All items less food and energy .....	160.4	2.6	.4	161.2	2.7	.4	165.7	3.1	.2	159.6	2.4	.3
Energy .....	106.1	-1.9	-2.1	102.2	-.8	-.5	107.3	-1.7	-1.9	100.7	-2.6	-2.9
Commodities less food .....	132.7	.5	.5	130.1	.2	.5	136.3	1.6	.1	137.4	1.1	.3
Nondurables less food .....	139.1	1.2	1.1	132.1	-.1	.5	137.4	1.9	.1	140.7	2.1	.7
Nondurables .....	147.0	2.2	-.5	139.9	.9	.0	144.5	2.7	.4	144.0	2.4	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	160.1	4.0	-.1	158.1	3.3	.0	159.4	3.0	-.3	152.7	1.8	-.5
Services less medical care services .....	162.3	3.4	0	163.3	3.7	.1	168.1	3.0	-.2	156.8	2.1	-.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South												
	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	
All items .....	153.6	2.0	0.1	155.8	2.6	0.1	155.8	1.8	0.2	156.3	2.2	0.1	
All items (December 1977=100) .....	248.9	-	-	252.5	-	-	252.3	-	-	253.1	-	-	
Food and beverages .....	154.6	2.9	.0	155.0	2.2	.0	155.5	2.4	.3	151.2	3.8	-.3	
Food .....	154.9	3.0	.0	155.1	2.2	-.1	155.5	2.4	.3	151.5	4.0	-.3	
Food at home .....	153.9	2.7	-.1	154.5	2.0	-.2	153.8	2.1	.3	148.3	4.0	-.3	
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	168.6	3.7	.1	171.9	-.6	.4	166.0	1.6	-.4	179.1	1.1	.4	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	143.5	3.3	-.1	143.7	3.2	-.5	141.4	3.4	.4	142.6	5.4	-.8	
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	150.5	6.0	-.5	147.2	10.3	-.4	145.1	6.7	.3	134.3	10.2	-1.7	
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.5	.3	-.1	198.5	-2.6	-.5	182.6	-3.5	-.1	165.9	.0	-1.4	
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	141.2	1.8	.4	139.8	2.2	.2	152.3	2.8	1.0	137.6	4.5	1.3	
Food away from home .....	158.1	3.4	.3	157.0	2.6	.1	160.1	3.0	.3	159.8	3.8	-.2	
Alcoholic beverages .....	151.5	2.3	-.3	153.6	2.5	.1	156.5	3.4	-.2	146.6	1.1	-.6	
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	142.9	2.2	.1	148.9	2.9	-.2	146.8	2.6	.4	150.5	.5	-.3	
Shelter .....	155.3	2.6	.3	155.9	3.4	-.1	157.6	2.7	-.1	175.2	3.4	.1	
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	148.1	2.8	.2	163.1	3.4	-.8	143.1	2.5	-.3	153.6	3.2	-.7	
Rent, residential .....	154.0	2.5	.5	156.1	3.4	.1	147.7	2.6	.2	157.2	3.1	.3	
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	205.9	4.9	-2.0	281.6	3.3	-.4	184.9	2.7	-2.7	205.3	3.7	-5.1	
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	148.9	2.5	.5	151.9	3.3	.1	146.3	2.7	.1	160.6	3.3	.3	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	149.1	2.7	.5	152.0	3.3	.1	146.0	2.9	.1	159.5	3.5	.4	
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	119.2	.5	-1.2	147.0	3.4	-.1	145.0	3.3	1.6	126.1	-5.9	-1.5	
Fuels .....	106.2	-1.3	-2.7	118.6	2.8	-.4	139.1	4.0	2.7	108.5	-2.3	-3.6	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	101.2	1.2	-1.0	115.4	6.6	-2.6	132.8	5.8	-4.1	95.1	1.6	-2.8	
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	97.8	1.2	-.2	100.0	4.0	-.2	90.0	15.2	-2.9	93.4	2.3	-3.4	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	135.4	1.3	-1.7	147.8	8.3	-2.4	159.8	5.1	-4.2	118.7	1.2	-2.5	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	109.4	-1.4	-2.7	118.1	2.3	-.3	140.8	3.8	3.1	113.1	-2.7	-3.7	
Electricity .....	109.1	-.1	-.7	117.2	1.1	-.1	145.5	3.5	4.4	117.2	-1.7	-2.7	
Utility (piped) gas .....	107.6	-4.7	-7.6	127.8	7.9	-.9	131.2	5.8	-3.0	98.2	-11.5	-11.9	
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	129.9	2.7	.8	132.3	.7	-.2	117.2	1.0	.1	121.1	2.1	.2	
Apparel and upkeep .....	150.7	.3	1.1	141.4	2.9	2.7	150.3	-.4	.9	134.0	2.1	5.8	
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	146.3	-.1	1.2	136.9	3.1	2.8	148.6	-.5	1.0	129.2	1.9	6.6	
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	145.4	3.2	.2	140.3	3.6	7.1	132.8	-1.6	-1.1	113.6	-5.1	2.2	
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	149.7	-.8	1.7	141.7	4.0	1.5	154.0	1.0	2.9	146.7	6.4	9.3	
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	137.0	-.4	2.9	124.1	2.6	.6	129.5	-1.7	-1.3	111.0	8.3	2.2	
Transportation .....	144.2	1.1	.0	142.9	.8	-.1	142.3	.0	-.5	143.4	1.3	-.1	
Private transportation .....	143.7	.8	-.2	141.7	.5	-.1	140.8	-.2	-.5	142.3	1.3	-.1	
Motor fuel .....	106.4	-2.6	-1.2	105.1	-.1	-.8	104.9	-2.1	-1.4	98.1	-.2	-1.8	
Gasoline .....	105.5	-2.9	-1.2	104.6	-.3	-.5	105.6	-1.8	-1.3	97.2	.0	-1.7	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.7	-2.7	-1.2	102.2	-.1	-.6	101.3	-1.9	-1.4	93.1	.5	-1.8	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	107.1	-2.5	-1.2	110.3	-.5	-.5	114.2	-1.9	-1.3	115.5	.3	-1.5	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.0	-2.4	-1.0	106.6	-1.0	-.6	110.1	-1.4	-1.3	103.5	-1.5	-1.4	
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	152.6	6.1	3.4	185.5	8.4	2.2	199.4	4.8	-.7	176.7	4.3	.7	
Medical care .....	233.2	1.8	.0	230.5	4.9	.3	235.9	2.3	.3	231.8	3.6	.0	
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	166.2	2.9	.2	153.3	.9	-.3	150.7	.1	-.3	148.8	5.9	-.4	
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	201.6	2.9	.5	225.4	4.4	.5	210.9	5.1	1.0	212.1	5.9	.9	
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	150.3	3.8	.5	148.9	-1.1	.1	143.5	2.6	3.0	125.6	.1	.0	
Commodity and service group													
All items .....	153.6	2.0	.1	155.8	2.6	.1	155.8	1.8	.2	156.3	2.2	.1	
Commodities .....	142.8	1.3	.1	142.3	1.5	.2	143.7	.9	.1	139.4	2.1	.4	
Food and beverages .....	154.6	2.9	.0	155.0	2.2	.0	155.5	2.4	.3	151.2	3.8	-.3	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	135.9	.4	.1	135.3	.9	.3	136.6	.1	.1	132.6	1.1	.8	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	138.1	.1	.3	138.6	2.0	.7	139.0	.5	.3	132.6	2.2	1.5	
Durables .....	132.8	.9	.0	129.3	-.5	-.2	133.1	-.4	-.2	130.5	-.2	.2	
Services .....	166.7	2.6	.2	171.8	3.6	.1	171.5	2.8	.3	178.6	2.3	-.1	
Medical care services .....	238.2	1.8	.3	236.9	5.1	.3	242.7	2.4	.4	235.5	4.0	.0	
Special indexes													
All items less shelter .....	153.6	1.9	.1	156.5	2.3	.2	155.4	1.7	.3	152.0	1.9	.1	
All items less medical care .....	149.6	2.0	.1	151.7	2.4	.1	151.1	1.9	.2	150.8	2.1	.1	
All items less energy .....	160.6	2.4	.3	161.9	2.7	.1	161.8	2.0	.2	164.4	2.6	.4	
All items less food and energy .....	162.1	2.2	.1	163.7	2.8	.2	163.4	1.9	.1	167.8	2.2	.5	
Energy .....	105.6	-2.0	-.9	109.1	1.3	-.5	119.1	1.2	.8	100.9	-1.4	-2.8	
Commodities less food .....	136.5	.5	.2	135.9	1.0	.4	137.2	.2	.1	133.0	1.1	.8	
Nondurables less food .....	138.6	.3	.3	139.1	2.0	.7	139.7	.6	.2	132.9	2.1	1.3	
Nondurables .....	146.4	1.5	.1	146.9	2.1	.3	147.3	1.4	.3	141.9	3.1	.5	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	163.5	2.6	.1	171.0	3.8	.2	170.5	2.8	.5	168.0	1.5	-.3	
Services less medical care services .....	160.3	2.8	.2	165.3	3.4	.0	163.4	2.9	.3	170.4	2.0	-.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,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997
Expenditure category						
All items .....	156.2	2.2	0.2	163.3	2.6	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	252.9	-	-	251.8	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.7	3.4	-1	156.2	3.1	-2
Food .....	159.0	3.5	-1	155.6	2.8	-4
Food at home .....	162.5	3.6	-4	153.2	2.1	-8
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	179.4	2.3	1.0	167.8	2.8	-1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.1	6.5	-2	143.3	7.5	.5
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	158.5	5.3	-2	141.7	5.4	.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	195.0	-6	-2.8	197.6	-4.7	-3.3
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	147.9	3.7	.5	136.7	.1	-4
Food away from home .....	153.6	3.4	.2	160.1	4.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.7	2.2	.2	163.8	4.4	.9
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	153.3	2.8	.1	163.0	3.5	.1
Shelter .....	163.7	3.2	.2	185.5	4.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	160.0	3.8	.1	162.4	4.4	-1
Rent, residential .....	169.0	3.1	.3	167.9	3.9	.7
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	227.6	7.4	-7	223.4	6.9	-3.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	161.5	2.9	.2	186.5	4.1	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	161.1	2.7	.2	187.6	4.2	.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	140.2	3.8	-2	130.5	6.4	-9
Fuels .....	130.5	5.1	-5	109.1	9.1	-2.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3,9</sup> .....	107.6	4.3	-1.6	289.6	11.5	-3.1
Fuel oil <sup>3,9</sup> .....	106.2	1.8	-2.5	360.2	10.4	-9
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3,9</sup> .....	140.2	6.0	-1.1	126.7	11.8	-3.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	132.3	5.1	-4	107.6	9.0	-2.3
Electricity .....	152.2	-1.1	-6	122.3	.6	-6
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.2	25.2	.0	90.7	30.9	-5.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	126.2	.0	-1	119.5	-2.8	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	124.7	-3.3	.6	141.9	-2.1	1.4
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	119.9	-4.2	.8	141.0	-2.2	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	120.0	-9	-6	157.1	-1.6	3.1
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	113.6	-3.0	2.8	128.8	-4.0	-5
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	124.9	-4.7	4.6	130.7	7.1	.5
Transportation .....	144.7	.7	.6	143.2	1.0	.2
Private transportation .....	142.2	.4	.6	141.9	.6	.1
Motor fuel .....	111.0	-3.9	3.4	110.9	-2.4	1.3
Gasoline .....	110.0	-4.8	3.5	109.7	-3.1	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.5	-5.3	3.9	105.9	-3.1	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	105.5	-5.1	3.0	118.2	-3.1	2.7
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	111.9	-5.0	3.3	109.6	-3.2	1.1
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	191.8	4.1	.2	174.9	9.3	2.3
Medical care .....	228.7	2.4	.2	248.7	5.7	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	152.3	.6	-1	171.4	-2.3	-4
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	227.4	4.4	.8	229.7	6.0	.3
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	161.4	.9	1.5	160.7	5.9	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997		Apr. 1996	Mar. 1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	156.2	2.2	0.2	163.3	2.6	0.1
Commodities .....	141.7	1.0	.4	142.5	.7	.1
Food and beverages .....	159.7	3.4	-.1	156.2	3.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	-.8	.6	134.7	-.7	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.8	-1.7	1.5	142.7	-.2	.8
Durables .....	128.4	.5	-.3	125.1	-1.5	-.7
Services .....	171.4	3.2	.1	188.2	4.4	.2
Medical care services .....	231.2	2.5	.3	256.3	6.1	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	154.5	1.7	.2	156.7	2.1	.1
All items less medical care .....	153.2	2.2	.3	158.7	2.4	.1
All items less energy .....	160.9	2.4	.1	169.6	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy .....	161.5	2.1	.2	172.7	2.6	.2
Energy .....	116.8	-.5	1.7	110.3	1.9	-.2
Commodities less food .....	132.4	-.5	.6	135.9	-.4	.2
Nondurables less food .....	135.3	-1.2	1.3	143.4	.4	.9
Nondurables .....	146.8	1.1	.5	149.9	1.5	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	168.1	3.3	.1	173.7	4.4	.1
Services less medical care services .....	167.4	3.3	.1	181.3	4.1	.2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Indexes, April 1997						
U.S. city average .....	156.6	176.6	147.3	145.4	185.2	146.4
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	160.4	182.5	152.3	138.5	185.8	154.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	159.8	183.5	150.8	139.7	185.7	152.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	166.7	171.4	163.6	142.8	188.7	167.7
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	155.0	188.1	150.3	120.5	183.5	145.9
North Central urban .....	152.9	176.6	144.0	145.1	175.1	142.8
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	156.1	177.4	150.7	150.2	178.7	141.7
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	149.4	181.4	135.3	142.2	160.2	147.0
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	151.4	172.5	135.6	139.1	182.4	148.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	144.1	175.0	135.5	137.8	160.5	133.5
South urban .....	153.2	170.3	143.0	145.5	185.9	143.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	153.9	168.6	143.5	150.5	187.5	141.2
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	154.5	171.9	143.7	147.2	198.5	139.8
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.8	166.0	141.4	145.1	182.6	152.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	148.3	179.1	142.6	134.3	165.9	137.6
West urban .....	161.0	176.6	150.8	154.6	195.7	147.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	162.5	179.4	152.1	158.5	195.0	147.9
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.2	167.8	143.3	141.7	197.6	136.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>5</sup> .....	145.0	158.5	136.7	141.1	170.3	134.1
B <sup>4</sup> .....	157.5	174.8	148.8	146.5	188.8	147.7
C <sup>4</sup> .....	153.3	172.3	141.5	137.6	184.9	148.1
D .....	149.7	177.2	138.8	140.3	168.9	142.9
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	161.9	193.9	142.8	152.0	197.2	151.6
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	154.7	173.3	147.1	145.9	193.3	134.9
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	164.5	178.7	165.8	156.5	191.6	143.7
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	152.9	170.6	150.6	153.8	182.8	127.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	146.1	160.9	140.1	150.9	157.4	136.9
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	150.3	174.8	142.5	139.4	177.3	137.3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	154.6	167.3	145.2	142.5	180.2	151.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	167.9	177.4	160.4	167.3	204.3	149.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	161.4	166.6	145.1	145.8	241.9	135.8
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	162.0	186.2	153.6	137.2	189.4	153.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	160.7	188.1	148.1	140.7	189.2	155.7
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	149.7	157.6	143.8	148.4	146.3	156.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	147.5	157.6	135.9	146.5	159.2	150.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	165.0	180.1	152.1	151.2	195.7	157.9
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>9</sup> .....	159.8	184.0	142.8	158.7	192.5	147.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Percent change, March 1997 to April 1997						
U.S. city average .....	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-1.6	0.9
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	-2	-1	-3	.1	-2.3	1.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-6	-9	-5	.4	-2.9	1.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.1	.9	.3	-.8	-1.8	1.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	2.3	-.4	-.3	-.4	.8
North Central urban .....	.3	-.1	.6	-.3	-1.1	1.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.2	.0	.5	.2	-1.2	.9
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-1.1	-1.5	.2	-4.4	-4.7	1.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.9	.5	.9	.1	1.2	1.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.4	-.5	1.7	1.7	-1.4	.2
South urban .....	-.1	.1	-.2	-.5	-.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.1	.1	-.1	-.5	-.1	.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.2	.4	-.5	-.4	-.5	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	-.4	.4	.3	-.1	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	-.3	.4	-.8	-1.7	-1.4	1.3
West urban .....	-.5	.7	-.4	-.6	-2.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.4	1.0	-.2	-.2	-2.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.8	-1.4	.5	.1	-3.3	-.4
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	-.2	.0	-.1	.0	-2.0	.8
B <sup>4</sup> .....	-.4	.4	-.4	-1.6	-1.7	1.0
C <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	.3	.4	.1	-.2	1.0
D .....	.1	-.1	.4	-.4	-1.5	1.1
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	-.9	-.4	.4	-2.8	-2.1	-.8
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	-.8	.2	.7	2.0	-8.7	3.0
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	-.7	-.9	-.4	-1.3	-2.6	.6
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.5	-2.2	1.8	-.4	2.5	-.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.1	-1.1	2.0	.6	-2.4	-.6
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	1.0	2.3	.6	2.2	-2.0	2.6
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	-.1	1.2	-1.2	.8	-.3	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	-.6	.4	-.1	-.6	-3.4	.9
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	-.5	-1.2	.7	-.2	-1.6	-.4
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	-.6	-.1	-1.0	.1	-3.0	1.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	-.6	-3.2	-.6	.4	1.9	-.5
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	-.1	-2.4	-.6	1.1	-2.4	2.6
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	-.1	-.1	1.7	.1	-4.9	.7
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	-.1	1.6	-1.3	-.2	-2.4	2.5
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	1.6	1.5	.1	2.1	4.3	.9

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

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

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

**Table 22. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, March 1997 to April 1997**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.4	-.2	-.4	-.3	.0
Food .....	.0	-.4	-.3	-.4	-.4	-.1
Food at home .....	-.1	-.7	-.6	-.6	-.6	-.1
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-.9	.4	-.1	-3.2	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	-.1	-.4	-.1	-1.0	-.6	-1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	.0	-.2	.4	-.9	-.7	-.8
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	-.3	-1.3	-.6	.1	.4	-.2
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-1.6	-2.6	-3.4	-3.0	1.9	-2.4
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.9	.6	.9	1.7	-.5	2.5
Food away from home .....	.1	.1	.3	.0	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.1	-.3	.2	.2	-.1	-.1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	-.1	-.7	-.2	-.4	.1	.3
Shelter .....	.1	.4	-.2	.0	.3	.6
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	-.1	.4	-.6	-.2	-.4	.8
Rent, residential .....	.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	-1.3	1.2	-4.5	-3.4	-1.3	2.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.2	.4	.1	.1	.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.2	.4	.1	.1	.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	-.8	-3.2	.3	-2.0	.0	-1.3
Fuels .....	-1.5	-5.9	.6	-3.2	-.2	-2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	-3.4	-3.3	-1.1	-3.7	-2.1	.1
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	-3.1	-2.7	-	-3.8	-2.0	.5
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-4.1	-4.3	-1.1	-1.0	-	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	-1.4	-5.8	.6	-3.1	.1	-2.7
Electricity .....	.0	1.1	.8	-2.7	.0	-3.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	-4.2	-13.1	.0	-3.7	.2	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	.1	-3.0	-.6	-.4	-.9	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	1.3	4.1	.5	-1.8	.1	.3
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	1.4	4.4	.7	-2.1	.1	.3
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	1.8	5.6	-1.7	.5	1.2	.3
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	1.2	2.2	4.2	-3.3	-3.3	.7
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	1.9	7.7	4.3	-1.7	3.8	8.7
Transportation .....	.0	-.6	.6	-.6	-.3	1.0
Private transportation .....	-.1	-.5	.6	-.5	-.3	1.2
Motor fuel .....	-.4	-2.0	3.9	-1.7	-2.7	4.8
Gasoline .....	-.3	-2.1	4.2	-1.8	-2.7	5.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-.4	-2.4	4.5	-1.8	-3.3	5.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	-.5	-1.7	3.6	-1.7	-2.6	4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-.5	-2.0	3.8	-1.8	-1.7	4.8
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	.9	-1.0	-.4	-.7	-.4	-.8
Medical care .....	.2	.1	-.2	-.1	.0	.5
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	.1	.5	-.1	.7	-1.7	-.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	.8	1.4	.7	1.2	.8	.7
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	.7	.5	2.8	.1	-.2	.7

**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, March 1997 to April 1997 —Continued**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
Commodities .....	.1	-.2	.2	-.5	-.4	.6
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.4	-.2	-.4	-.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.2	.1	.6	-.6	-.5	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.6	1.5	1.5	-.5	.1	2.0
Durables .....	-.2	-2.2	-.6	-.6	-1.4	-.4
Services .....	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	.2	.2
Medical care services .....	.2	.1	-.2	-.3	.0	.7
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.1	-.4	.1	-.4	-.2	.2
All items less medical care .....	.1	-.2	.1	-.3	-.1	.3
All items less energy .....	.2	.1	-.1	-.2	.1	.3
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.3	-.1	-.1	.1	.4
Energy .....	-1.0	-3.9	2.5	-2.6	-1.1	1.5
Commodities less food .....	.3	.0	.5	-.5	-.5	1.0
Nondurables less food .....	.5	1.3	1.3	-.4	.0	1.8
Nondurables .....	.3	.4	.5	-.4	-.1	.8
Services less rent of shelter .....	.1	-.7	.1	-.4	.1	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	.1	-.2	-.1	-.2	.2	.2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 <sup>1</sup>											
	U.S. city average			Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI			Dallas- Fort Worth, TX			Detroit- Ann Arbor, MI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996
Expenditure category												
All items .....	157.2	2.3	0.3	155.3	2.5	-0.4	150.4	1.2	-0.3	151.0	2.3	0.5
All items (1967 = 100) .....	468.3	-	-	456.2	-	-	463.8	-	-	444.6	-	-
Food and beverages .....	156.5	2.8	.1	159.3	2.8	-.3	154.3	2.5	-.1	150.6	2.9	.0
Food .....	156.1	2.9	.1	158.0	2.9	-.3	152.6	2.9	-.2	150.1	2.9	.0
Food at home .....	156.6	2.8	-.1	164.5	3.1	-.5	146.1	2.0	-.3	150.3	3.4	.1
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	176.6	2.1	.1	178.7	.1	.1	160.9	4.3	.3	174.8	2.2	2.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	147.3	4.1	-.7	165.8	5.4	-.9	140.1	3.2	1.2	142.5	4.0	-2.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.8	4.5	-.4	168.8	5.6	-.6	140.7	3.5	1.4	143.1	4.2	-2.0
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	145.4	6.3	-.4	156.5	5.0	-2.7	150.9	5.9	-.5	139.4	8.7	2.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	185.2	-1.3	-.5	191.6	-1.3	-2.3	157.4	-5.3	-.9	177.3	1.7	-2.7
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	146.4	2.8	1.0	143.7	4.4	1.8	136.9	2.1	-2.1	137.3	2.0	3.0
Food away from home .....	156.2	3.0	.3	145.9	2.6	.3	164.2	4.4	.1	150.8	2.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.7	2.8	.4	174.4	1.5	-.3	174.0	-1.2	-.5	156.8	2.7	.1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	152.4	2.6	.0	148.1	2.3	-1.1	135.3	1.7	-1.3	141.7	3.0	.4
Shelter .....	170.1	3.0	.4	169.6	3.2	.5	143.1	3.7	.7	158.0	3.0	.7
Renters' costs <sup>4 2 5</sup> .....	161.8	3.3	.6	165.8	3.4	.5	134.3	3.6	.4	152.7	2.1	.3
Rent, residential .....	165.2	2.9	.5	180.7	3.6	.3	141.0	3.8	.4	156.0	2.5	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	226.9	5.2	.9	172.0	1.3	1.5	161.6	2.8	.8	169.6	1.1	-.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>4 2 5</sup> .....	164.3	2.8	.4	171.0	3.2	.5	137.1	3.8	.8	167.2	3.2	.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	164.6	2.8	.4	170.1	3.2	.5	137.8	4.0	.8	168.0	3.3	.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	128.6	2.7	-1.6	122.6	5.1	-7.2	118.5	-5.0	-9.2	125.5	5.0	-2.0
Fuels .....	114.7	2.1	-3.2	107.8	.7	-12.9	107.0	-11.3	-17.1	106.5	2.0	-3.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	101.7	.1	-7.0	100.6	5.1	-3.5	116.0	9.4	-10.4	96.5	1.3	-5.4
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	99.8	-1.7	-7.1	98.8	2.9	-1.4	NA	-	-	105.5	-3.3	-5.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 6</sup> .....	132.3	3.7	-7.0	132.5	9.3	-7.1	121.5	9.4	-10.5	112.3	3.3	-5.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	121.2	2.3	-2.9	111.2	.6	-12.9	106.0	-11.4	-17.1	109.3	2.1	-3.8
Electricity .....	129.1	.6	.3	127.3	9.3	5.4	114.6	.1	.0	130.5	-2.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	110.1	6.0	-9.0	96.6	-8.0	-28.0	91.0	-31.9	-42.8	94.6	6.5	-7.3
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	124.0	.5	.2	109.0	-5.7	-1.0	130.3	1.9	.5	111.6	-.1	1.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	135.5	1.0	3.4	127.7	5.7	4.8	135.4	-7.3	3.5	146.2	3.8	4.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	132.3	.8	3.7	127.8	5.9	5.2	128.9	-9.7	4.3	146.3	4.1	4.5
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.1	1.9	3.1	125.5	7.9	8.9	105.4	-4.7	2.4	129.3	1.6	8.5
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	130.7	.9	4.7	114.0	4.9	.4	132.5	-13.8	10.4	155.2	5.8	-3.2
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	130.3	1.0	2.4	152.6	7.1	8.9	156.3	-15.6	5.3	136.1	-6.5	5.8
Transportation .....	144.2	.8	-.1	137.9	-.1	-1.1	148.5	.6	-.3	147.7	-.1	-.5
Private transportation .....	141.8	.6	-.4	135.6	-.5	-1.2	149.4	.5	-.4	145.7	-.8	-.9
Motor fuel .....	105.9	-2.5	-2.1	104.0	-5.8	-5.6	105.5	-5.8	-1.9	100.6	-6.9	-5.6
Gasoline .....	105.4	-2.7	-2.0	103.0	-6.4	-5.9	105.1	-5.7	-1.6	100.3	-7.1	-5.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.3	-2.9	-2.2	101.1	-6.6	-6.3	102.5	-5.4	-1.4	100.2	-7.6	-5.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	109.9	-2.5	-1.9	109.6	-6.2	-5.6	106.4	-7.2	-1.6	113.8	-7.6	-5.7
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	106.4	-2.3	-2.0	104.2	-6.0	-5.6	105.9	-5.4	-2.0	103.2	-5.6	-5.5
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	186.8	5.2	3.6	160.5	4.4	.6	128.9	6.2	2.9	189.8	11.9	5.1
Medical care .....	233.2	3.0	.5	239.5	2.9	.2	228.6	-.3	.4	211.7	-.6	-.1
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	159.7	2.2	.3	172.4	7.2	.8	167.1	5.0	1.0	158.9	3.3	-.2
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	219.8	4.6	1.1	230.6	5.4	1.2	199.5	5.4	.4	217.6	4.7	2.3
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	152.6	2.0	.8	159.8	8.8	1.7	173.5	5.2	.8	134.5	1.3	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items .....	157.2	2.3	.3	155.3	2.5	-.4	150.4	1.2	-.3	151.0	2.3	.5
Commodities .....	142.2	1.4	.3	140.5	1.0	-.2	142.2	-.3	.4	138.0	1.5	.7
Food and beverages .....	156.5	2.8	.1	159.3	2.8	-.3	154.3	2.5	-.1	150.6	2.9	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.4	.5	.4	128.9	-.2	.0	134.7	-2.0	.6	131.3	.5	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.6	.8	.8	137.4	2.1	.8	132.3	-3.9	1.5	139.4	1.5	1.4
Durables .....	129.3	-.1	-.2	118.5	-3.7	-1.5	138.4	.4	-.5	116.6	-1.5	.4
Services .....	175.3	3.1	.2	172.1	4.0	-.5	159.9	2.8	-.9	167.5	3.1	.3
Medical care services .....	237.9	3.1	.5	240.9	2.9	.2	238.3	-1.8	-.5	219.7	-1.3	-.5
Special indexes												
All items less shelter .....	153.8	2.1	.2	151.5	2.3	-.7	153.3	.5	-.6	150.5	2.1	.4
All items less medical care .....	153.6	2.3	.3	151.2	2.5	-.4	146.3	1.3	-.3	148.5	2.5	.5
All items less energy .....	163.9	2.6	.6	162.4	3.0	.4	158.0	2.1	.4	157.6	2.7	.9
All items less food and energy .....	165.9	2.5	.7	163.5	3.1	.7	159.4	1.9	.6	159.7	2.7	1.1
Energy .....	109.6	-.2	-2.8	105.2	-2.7	-9.3	106.0	-8.3	-9.2	104.4	-2.8	-4.7
Commodities less food .....	134.6	.6	.4	130.9	-.1	-.1	136.0	-1.9	.5	132.3	.5	.9
Nondurables less food .....	137.1	1.0	.8	140.0	2.0	.7	134.6	-3.6	1.4	140.4	1.6	1.2
Nondurables .....	146.4	1.9	.5	148.7	2.4	.2	143.4	-.7	.6	145.0	2.3	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	166.4	3.4	.1	163.2	4.7	-1.4	165.4	2.0	-2.1	160.8	3.2	-.1
Services less medical care services .....	170.0	3.2	.2	166.0	4.1	-.5	153.3	3.3	-.9	163.5	3.6	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997		Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997		Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items .....	144.1	1.3	0.3	154.3	1.2	0.5	166.1	2.4	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	459.8	-	-	456.0	-	-	472.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	146.7	4.0	-3	163.0	3.8	.3	161.4	2.3	-1
Food .....	147.1	4.3	-1	160.9	4.0	.2	161.1	2.2	-1
Food at home .....	154.6	4.9	-8	167.9	4.3	.0	162.0	2.1	-3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	167.3	7.2	-1.4	177.4	1.8	-1	186.2	.7	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	145.2	6.2	-1.2	160.4	8.5	.6	153.6	3.7	-1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.4	7.7	-1.2	157.8	9.2	1.4	154.1	3.8	-1.2
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	142.5	7.1	.1	167.3	3.5	-1.2	137.2	3.5	-7
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	180.2	1.4	-2.8	204.3	.3	-6	189.4	-6	-2
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	151.2	3.6	1.1	149.1	5.1	.5	153.2	2.6	1.0
Food away from home .....	135.1	3.4	.9	150.4	3.5	.6	163.0	2.4	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	142.1	1.6	-1.0	180.3	1.9	.9	165.5	4.0	-1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	125.5	2.2	1.0	149.2	.9	-2	164.7	2.4	-3
Shelter .....	136.7	1.7	.2	156.5	1.8	-3	190.9	3.1	.4
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	144.4	2.0	.3	151.0	2.0	-7	176.1	4.1	.3
Rent, residential .....	133.9	2.1	.1	158.9	1.4	.1	182.9	3.6	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	264.3	.7	1.3	218.5	5.4	-4.3	261.8	7.2	-1.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	136.0	1.5	.1	155.8	1.5	-2	181.2	2.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	136.0	3.2	.1	155.3	1.4	-2	182.0	2.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	103.6	-2	2.0	149.9	.7	.9	115.6	3.0	-3.0
Fuels .....	93.6	-7	4.0	145.2	-7	.6	114.3	-1.0	-4.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	126.6	7.7	-2.2	106.7	-2.3	-7.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	106.2	-2.9	-7.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	120.4	1.2	-1.1	126.7	7.6	-2.2	129.2	7.0	-3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	93.3	-7	4.1	145.5	-9	.6	122.6	-6	-4.1
Electricity .....	93.8	-2.9	3.6	168.3	-1	.8	123.6	-1.3	-2.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	94.3	6.8	5.8	119.6	-2.8	.0	121.0	.3	-6.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	118.4	5.9	2.2	121.8	-2.7	-4	126.8	-3.1	-9
Apparel and upkeep .....	141.3	-1	1.4	125.0	-3.7	2.2	128.0	.9	.5
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	140.5	-2	1.4	120.2	-4.8	2.7	124.2	1.0	.5
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	176.3	2.6	-4	124.4	-4.8	-7	119.1	1.3	4.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	135.6	-1.4	-7	120.2	.8	7.2	122.4	2.3	-1.8
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	128.9	8.9	6.9	106.0	-10.2	.1	135.2	1.3	2.1
Transportation .....	144.0	.6	.0	142.6	.0	1.8	154.7	.9	-6
Private transportation .....	142.8	.4	-7	139.4	-4	1.5	147.8	1.0	-9
Motor fuel .....	101.7	-7.5	-3.9	107.5	-6.0	8.5	99.9	-1.1	-3.8
Gasoline .....	101.3	-7.9	-3.9	105.4	-7.5	9.2	99.5	-1.1	-3.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.1	-7.8	-4.0	103.7	-7.9	10.0	98.7	-7	-4.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	104.3	-7.8	-3.9	102.9	-7.4	8.7	102.4	-1.3	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	98.3	-8.0	-3.8	105.8	-7.9	8.3	100.8	-2.0	-3.2
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	199.8	3.5	15.7	209.5	4.9	4.3	187.4	.3	1.0
Medical care .....	230.0	1.2	.9	229.1	1.3	-1	243.7	4.3	.1
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	165.5	-9	.0	148.1	1.0	.7	166.3	4.1	1.0
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	182.6	-6.9	-1.1	227.4	3.8	.2	229.4	4.9	1.3
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	121.6	.6	-1	166.1	1.0	-2	169.7	1.3	.4
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	144.1	1.3	.3	154.3	1.2	.5	166.1	2.4	-1
Commodities .....	138.0	.8	-2	140.9	.5	1.0	145.5	1.1	-2
Food and beverages .....	146.7	4.0	-3	163.0	3.8	.3	161.4	2.3	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.9	-1.3	-2	127.5	-1.7	1.4	133.0	.1	-4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.1	-3.8	-1.0	132.1	-2.9	3.1	133.0	.8	-4
Durables .....	128.8	2.9	1.1	123.5	-4	-4	130.0	-1.4	-4
Services .....	151.6	1.7	1.0	168.4	1.9	.1	188.1	3.4	.0
Medical care services .....	230.9	1.6	1.2	232.5	1.0	-3	249.7	4.8	-2
Special indexes									
All items less shelter .....	146.6	1.1	.4	154.6	1.0	.8	157.8	2.1	-3
All items less medical care .....	139.3	1.2	.3	151.2	1.2	.5	163.0	2.3	-1
All items less energy .....	150.9	1.8	.5	158.6	1.6	.2	173.2	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy .....	152.0	1.1	.7	158.3	1.1	.2	176.7	2.8	.3
Energy .....	100.0	-5.0	-1.0	118.9	-3.9	5.0	108.3	-1.1	-4.4
Commodities less food .....	133.2	-1.0	-1	130.3	-1.4	1.4	134.4	.3	-3
Nondurables less food .....	135.1	-3.3	-9	136.4	-2.2	2.8	134.9	1.0	-4
Nondurables .....	141.2	.2	-6	148.4	.8	1.4	148.5	1.6	-2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	152.9	.9	1.5	170.9	2.2	.5	168.5	3.7	-4
Services less medical care services .....	142.6	1.7	.9	164.2	1.9	.1	183.8	3.3	.1

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>9</sup>			Pittsburgh- Beaver Valley, PA <sup>10</sup>			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>9</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Apr. 1997	Apr. 1996		Feb. 1997	Apr. 1997		Apr. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	165.1	2.4	0.1	150.1	2.5	0.3	156.7	3.2	1.1
All items (1967=100) .....	479.7	-	-	446.5	-	-	477.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	154.8	1.7	.0	152.3	1.9	1.0	160.2	2.8	.3
Food .....	153.7	1.7	-.1	150.6	1.5	1.0	161.0	2.9	.2
Food at home .....	160.7	2.0	-.2	149.7	.5	1.6	165.0	2.4	.2
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	188.1	2.0	-.1	157.6	-3.1	-2.4	180.1	4.6	-1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	.4	-1.7	143.8	5.1	2.3	152.1	3.5	-1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.3	.4	-1.7	146.1	5.8	2.7	147.6	4.4	-.7
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	140.7	7.7	1.2	148.4	10.7	2.7	151.2	3.2	2.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	189.2	2.5	.5	146.3	-16.2	2.0	195.7	-3.1	-2.1
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	155.7	1.4	.6	156.1	5.6	2.2	157.9	4.8	4.4
Food away from home .....	138.2	1.0	.2	153.3	3.9	-.1	154.4	3.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	171.0	.8	1.1	169.9	6.1	.7	153.4	1.6	.1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	168.1	2.8	.0	143.3	1.6	.2	159.3	6.1	.9
Shelter .....	198.7	3.2	.4	149.8	.5	.5	173.2	5.6	1.4
Renters' costs <sup>4 5</sup> .....	190.4	2.9	-1.2	156.7	2.9	2.6	167.9	6.3	1.5
Rent, residential .....	175.2	2.8	.5	149.7	.1	.1	181.8	5.6	1.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	300.9	3.2	-3.7	214.3	7.8	6.7	225.2	10.7	3.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>4 5</sup> .....	175.8	3.3	1.0	156.1	-.4	-.1	162.7	5.1	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	176.7	3.3	1.0	156.5	-.4	-.1	162.6	4.8	1.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.8	3.8	-.2	145.6	6.7	.4	142.2	13.2	-1.2
Fuels .....	120.5	4.9	-.7	140.3	11.2	.7	141.8	28.7	-2.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.7	-6.9	-7.8	111.8	-5.4	-3.5	157.6	3.1	-1.9
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	98.3	-6.9	-7.7	82.7	-13.0	-10.3	116.2	6.7	-12.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 6</sup> .....	NA	-	-	150.9	-2.1	-.6	170.0	2.8	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	136.8	6.9	.5	145.0	11.7	.8	141.4	29.6	-2.7
Electricity .....	148.6	1.4	.0	137.7	-.5	.0	168.4	-3.8	-3.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	122.0	18.8	1.5	150.0	22.7	1.5	107.8	659.2	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	121.1	-1.5	-1.5	124.1	.0	-.9	119.4	1.4	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	101.2	.6	3.2	136.0	4.8	.4	123.3	-4.6	4.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	95.5	.4	3.6	132.0	5.2	.5	119.0	-5.3	4.7
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	122.8	-4.3	4.8	122.1	2.9	.9	112.5	4.5	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	66.8	-2.1	1.7	142.9	1.4	.1	97.6	-7.9	8.4
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	124.3	12.0	7.2	124.4	22.7	-.4	160.5	-1.1	3.1
Transportation .....	153.6	1.9	-.4	133.1	2.5	-.4	138.1	-.3	1.8
Private transportation .....	152.0	1.9	-.4	133.2	2.9	-.8	133.9	-.6	1.5
Motor fuel .....	106.5	-.1	-4.5	104.8	-.9	-3.9	115.7	-6.2	6.2
Gasoline .....	104.8	.5	-4.4	105.1	-.5	-3.9	114.1	-.6	6.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.4	-.4	-5.7	102.6	-.6	-4.3	111.9	-7.0	6.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	103.1	-1.2	-4.8	114.0	-.1	-3.9	108.7	-7.3	6.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	99.9	.2	-3.9	106.1	.4	-3.1	114.3	-6.2	6.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	177.6	1.3	.1	129.9	-3.3	9.1	194.6	1.7	3.5
Medical care .....	243.0	4.7	.5	223.5	1.9	1.1	218.0	2.9	.9
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	175.7	1.4	-1.0	163.7	2.3	1.2	155.4	-.7	-.6
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	233.8	3.3	.5	217.7	6.6	.5	229.6	4.9	2.8
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	195.0	2.6	2.3	128.2	9.4	.5	161.6	4.1	7.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	165.1	2.4	.1	150.1	2.5	.3	156.7	3.2	1.1
Commodities .....	138.6	.9	-.3	139.1	2.4	.2	142.6	.6	1.4
Food and beverages .....	154.8	1.7	.0	152.3	1.9	1.0	160.2	2.8	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.9	.3	-.4	130.4	2.7	-.3	131.0	-1.5	2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	123.2	.7	-.3	136.0	3.7	-.3	131.3	-2.5	3.8
Durables .....	130.6	-.4	-.6	124.4	1.1	-.3	128.4	.2	.1
Services .....	196.7	3.4	.4	163.8	2.6	.6	171.4	5.3	1.0
Medical care services .....	250.2	4.9	.4	218.2	.3	.4	221.1	2.9	.8
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	156.2	2.1	.0	150.7	3.1	.4	151.4	2.0	.9
All items less medical care .....	161.8	2.3	.1	147.3	2.5	.4	154.4	3.1	1.1
All items less energy .....	172.7	2.4	.3	154.3	2.2	.6	161.2	3.0	1.1
All items less food and energy .....	178.6	2.5	.4	155.2	2.4	.4	161.3	3.0	1.3
Energy .....	113.2	2.9	-2.2	121.4	5.5	-1.4	124.8	6.1	2.2
Commodities less food .....	128.7	.3	-.3	132.2	2.9	-.3	132.0	-1.2	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	126.1	.7	-.2	138.4	4.1	-.1	132.3	-2.0	3.3
Nondurables .....	139.9	1.3	-.1	144.5	2.8	.5	146.4	.6	1.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	177.2	3.6	.3	157.4	4.6	.6	156.9	5.3	.4
Services less medical care services .....	192.8	3.3	.4	160.0	2.7	.5	168.6	5.5	1.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1913	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	-	-	9.9	-	-
1914	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.1	-	-	10.0	1.0	1.0
1915	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	-	-	10.1	2.0	1.0
1916	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	10.9	12.6	7.9
1917	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.7	-	-	12.8	18.1	17.4
1918	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.5	-	-	15.1	20.4	18.0
1919	16.5	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.5	18.9	-	-	17.3	14.5	14.6
1920	19.3	19.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.4	-	-	20.0	2.6	15.6
1921	19.0	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.9	-10.8	-10.5
1922	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.8	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.1	2.4	1.8
1924	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3	-	-	17.1	.0	.0
1925	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.0	17.9	-	-	17.5	3.5	2.3
1926	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	-	-	17.7	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.4	-2.3	-1.7
1928	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.1	-	-	17.1	-1.2	-1.7
1929	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.1	.6	.0
1930	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.1	-	-	16.7	-6.4	-2.3
1931	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.6	-	-	15.2	-9.3	-9.0
1932	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	-	-	13.7	-10.3	-9.9
1933	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	-	-	13.0	.8	-5.1
1934	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.4	-	-	13.4	1.5	3.1
1935	13.6	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	-	-	13.7	3.0	2.2
1936	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	1.4	1.5
1937	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.4	-	-	14.4	2.9	3.6
1938	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	14.1	-2.8	-2.1
1939	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	.0	-1.4
1940	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	-	-	14.0	.7	.7
1941	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.7	14.7	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.4	15.5	-	-	14.7	9.9	5.0
1942	15.7	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.3	9.0	10.9
1943	16.9	16.9	17.2	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.3	3.0	6.1
1944	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	-	-	17.6	2.3	1.7
1945	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.2	-	-	18.0	2.2	2.3
1946	18.2	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.7	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.8	21.3	21.5	-	-	19.5	18.1	8.3
1947	21.5	21.5	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.5	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.4	-	-	22.3	8.8	14.4
1948	23.7	23.5	23.4	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.2	24.1	-	-	24.1	3.0	8.1
1949	24.0	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.6	-	-	23.8	-2.1	-1.2
1950	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.8	24.1	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.7	25.0	-	-	24.1	5.9	1.3
1951	25.4	25.7	25.8	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.2	26.4	26.5	-	-	26.0	6.0	7.9
1952	26.5	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	-	-	26.5	.8	1.9
1953	26.6	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	26.9	-	-	26.7	.7	.8
1954	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.7	-	-	26.9	-7	.7
1955	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	-	-	26.8	.4	-4
1956	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.4	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.5	27.6	-	-	27.2	3.0	1.5
1957	27.6	27.7	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.1	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.4	28.4	-	-	28.1	2.9	3.3
1958	28.6	28.6	28.8	28.9	28.9	28.9	28.9	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	160.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	115.4	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	160.2
Commodities .....	109.3	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	142.3
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	133.2
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	135.8
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	132.7
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	140.6
Durables .....	109.5	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	129.6
Services .....	122.2	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	178.3
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	128.5	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	182.4
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	112.3	116.2	119.0	122.2	127.8	131.4	134.9	135.9	138.6	143.4	143.7
Transportation services .....	124.6	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	185.4
Medical care services .....	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	238.1
Other services .....	129.0	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	207.7
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	115.5	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	160.8
All items less shelter .....	113.2	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	155.8
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	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	156.0
Commodities less food .....	106.0	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	134.4
Nondurables less food .....	103.7	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	137.4
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	141.7
Nondurables .....	109.1	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	124.6	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	185.2	186.8
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	172.8
Energy .....	88.3	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	110.0
All items less energy .....	119.2	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	166.8
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	169.4
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	143.5
Energy commodities .....	82.0	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	105.8
Services less energy services .....	124.4	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	184.1
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	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	157.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	116.8	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	176.9
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	156.6
Cereal .....	126.7	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	186.2
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	180.4
White bread .....	113.1	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	182.1
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	179.0
Other bakery products .....	120.3	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	180.7
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	147.7
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	111.9	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.1
Meats .....	110.4	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.4
Beef and veal .....	108.5	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	136.2
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	115.0
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	105.0	112.4	123.4	136.1	137.7	139.2	142.7	140.3	141.7	146.3	142.1
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	101.8	107.0	113.9	124.9	124.1	126.5	127.2	126.9	124.4	131.6	129.9
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	108.1	111.9	118.8	130.2	129.9	129.9	133.3	131.7	129.1	133.9	129.6
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	121.8	123.4	131.5	127.5	129.1	137.6	135.8	133.4	139.1	138.3
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	115.1	125.4	133.3	146.6	145.3	148.6	154.3	153.0	156.5	159.2	160.0
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	161.7
Chops .....	114.3	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	153.8
Ham .....	118.1	111.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	151.0
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	111.4	108.5	115.9	134.9	127.7	125.8	129.9	128.8	136.8	150.3	150.7
Other meats .....	112.1	111.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	148.0
Poultry .....	107.8	121.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	155.4
Fresh whole chicken .....	107.7	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.5
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	155.1
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	103.8	111.3	121.1	123.0	122.8	126.6	130.9	138.9	143.1	152.3	155.0
Fish and seafood .....	133.3	131.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	176.9
Canned fish and seafood .....	110.0	121.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	127.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	146.2	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	198.6	200.6
Eggs .....	85.5	91.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	140.0

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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	106.7	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	145.7
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	105.0	109.9	122.6	125.6	125.3	128.4	131.1	132.0	134.5	149.9	144.7
Fresh whole milk .....	104.8	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	142.6
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	105.3	109.5	122.0	124.9	124.9	129.1	131.8	133.2	135.4	151.8	147.5
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	108.8	113.3	123.7	128.4	130.2	130.4	129.8	131.8	136.2	147.9	147.2
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	107.0	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.2
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	151.1
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	109.9	112.1	113.4	113.4	113.7	113.5	111.4	111.9	121.4	136.2	137.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	123.4	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	186.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	133.2	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	213.8
Fresh fruits .....	126.3	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	235.8
Apples .....	103.6	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	197.2
Bananas .....	107.4	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	168.1
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	126.3	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	202.1
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	140.4	154.8	179.7	195.7	213.1	215.3	249.3	260.8	264.5	312.9	278.8
Fresh vegetables .....	140.2	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	191.8
Potatoes .....	103.8	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	163.9
Lettuce .....	272.7	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	188.6
Tomatoes .....	139.3	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	228.0
Other fresh vegetables .....	126.3	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	193.8
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	110.0	121.9	124.9	131.6	129.7	131.4	133.2	133.8	137.5	146.2	147.7
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	112.3	124.4	125.2	134.6	131.5	134.8	133.7	133.3	138.1	147.3	148.4
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	112.1	126.2	126.3	137.4	131.8	135.3	133.4	132.6	137.2	147.4	147.7
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	111.5	115.9	119.6	122.5	128.5	130.7	132.9	133.8	139.0	144.8	148.6
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	107.3	118.9	124.8	128.1	127.6	127.3	132.8	134.7	137.1	145.1	147.1
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	111.5	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.6
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	105.7	120.7	125.4	128.5	127.3	126.6	132.1	134.4	136.2	146.5	147.6
Other food at home .....	110.0	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	146.9
Sugar and sweets .....	111.0	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.9
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	102.0	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	134.4
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	114.7	119.4	123.6	129.8	136.0	137.3	138.4	139.1	142.7	149.7	153.3
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	131.9
Carbonated drinks .....	103.3	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	118.4
Coffee .....	110.5	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	162.7
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	112.4	115.5	120.2	126.5	129.7	132.3	131.6	132.8	135.9	139.6	140.0
Other prepared food .....	115.0	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	161.1
Canned and packaged soup .....	118.9	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	186.6
Frozen prepared food .....	119.0	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	146.2	146.4
Snacks .....	115.7	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.1
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	113.2	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	168.0
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	119.8	127.9	135.6	140.2	142.9	147.9	152.4	155.4	160.9	161.8
Food away from home .....	118.9	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	155.0	156.2
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	124.0	130.2	136.1	140.2	142.3	145.1	147.7	151.1	155.6	157.0
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	118.7	123.9	129.1	134.3	137.9	139.9	142.4	145.3	148.5	152.7	153.9
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	119.4	124.6	130.6	137.8	142.0	144.1	146.7	149.6	153.0	158.7	159.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	115.4	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	162.3
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	112.0	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.6
Beer and ale .....	111.5	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.3	149.1
Wine .....	106.1	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.3
Distilled spirits .....	114.8	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	149.9
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	188.0

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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	115.6	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	155.8
Shelter .....	123.7	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	175.3
Renters' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	129.1	134.1	140.1	149.5	155.8	160.2	164.4	168.2	173.2	179.1	186.3
Rent, residential .....	125.6	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	165.5
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	130.0	137.2	157.0	169.7	176.7	183.3	186.2	194.2	203.8	228.0
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	227.7
Lodging while at school <sup>2</sup> .....	136.5	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	220.5
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	122.5	126.6	129.7	131.6	134.4	138.3	142.8	148.7	152.0	155.8	157.8
Homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.0	134.0	140.9	147.5	153.0	157.5	162.5	167.8	174.0	178.8	180.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	128.0	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	180.5
Household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	126.2	130.6	134.0	136.5	140.0	144.3	149.0	155.4	158.3	162.4	163.8
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	113.3	115.8	119.5	123.8	128.1	129.3	127.6	132.7	136.6	141.5	142.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	116.6	118.4	122.2	128.9	131.4	135.2	130.8	137.0	142.1	148.0	148.9
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	109.1	112.4	115.8	116.8	123.7	121.3	123.5	126.8	129.1	132.6	133.6
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	102.2	104.8	109.4	111.7	116.3	117.5	119.1	121.1	120.6	126.5	126.2
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	105.7	109.5	111.7	111.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	121.1	125.6	126.7	128.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	102.0	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	128.9
Fuels .....	95.1	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.3
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	102.1
Fuel oil .....	79.2	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	99.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	102.6	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	132.8
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	121.7
Electricity .....	107.3	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	129.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	91.9	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	110.4
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.9	125.5	128.2	132.7	140.2	143.6	148.8	150.6	153.9	159.1	160.8
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	115.7	117.2	116.9	116.4	120.5	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.6	127.2	128.0
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	138.9	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	162.7
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	93.8
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	128.0	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	207.1
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	127.9	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	225.5
Refuse collection <sup>5</sup> .....	136.1	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	249.4
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	107.3	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.5
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	103.3	105.9	105.5	106.1	107.1	108.7	110.3	110.3	111.1	111.0	111.1
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	108.0	114.3	113.9	116.7	118.9	116.7	124.4	119.9	120.5	119.7	121.3
Furniture and bedding .....	111.5	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	134.5
Bedroom furniture .....	115.8	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	141.0
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	116.0	116.9	116.1	116.6	117.3	121.3	119.5	127.4	140.5	143.0	142.0
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	109.4	113.0	112.5	118.7	116.1	120.3	129.6	130.2	137.9	136.4	136.4
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	105.5	109.7	107.9	110.0	109.7	113.9	117.4	120.8	122.7	121.6	122.4
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	89.5	90.1	88.5	86.4	84.9	83.5	82.8	81.8	78.6	77.1	75.3
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	83.9	82.7	82.3	79.3	78.7	77.3	76.7	75.1	72.2	70.6	68.8
Televisions .....	77.9	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	62.2
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 6</sup> .....	-	100.0	95.1	86.1	81.4	78.6	77.0	71.9	67.1	66.7	64.1
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	92.3	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	87.4
Major household appliances <sup>1 4</sup> .....	98.8	102.4	101.0	100.7	98.6	99.1	100.6	104.2	102.3	103.7	102.1
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	100.4	102.0	103.3	102.3	100.6	101.3	105.8	111.0	108.9	111.3	108.7
Laundry equipment .....	102.7	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	112.1
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 4</sup> .....	97.2	101.9	98.5	97.4	94.5	94.7	94.8	97.1	94.5	93.8	92.5
Information processing equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	-	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	51.4
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	161.2
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	115.3	114.6	119.8	128.6	126.2	128.8	132.1	132.6	138.8	142.2	143.8
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	120.5
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	106.2	109.0	111.0	112.4	120.2	121.9	122.9	123.5	119.3	120.4	124.6
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	104.2	103.9	100.7	102.6	102.6	102.7	106.5	107.0	107.8	110.4	110.3
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 4</sup> .....	98.4	100.0	97.2	96.3	95.9	96.9	93.6	91.6	88.3	89.7	90.3
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>7</sup> .....	-	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	116.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	112.5	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.3
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	121.7	127.3	132.4	138.0	137.4	137.2	139.3	141.4	145.3	146.5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	109.4	115.7	122.1	126.7	127.1	127.3	130.2	130.5	144.3	145.3	145.9
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	110.6	117.0	120.9	122.8	123.7	123.0	127.6	128.3	133.3	133.1	137.0
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup> .....	111.4	115.9	117.6	122.3	129.4	134.3	137.2	139.1	145.3	150.1	151.1
Postage .....	110.2	121.1	125.1	125.1	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	160.3	160.3	160.3
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	117.6	120.8	123.1	127.3	132.8	142.0	145.6	147.1	153.6	159.0	159.5
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	104.9	109.2	113.2	117.7	120.2	126.1	128.4	129.2	131.6	138.4	138.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Apr.
	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	136.1
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	132.7
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	111.7	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	133.3
Men's and boys' .....	110.7	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.8	131.4
Men's .....	111.6	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	134.6
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	136.6
Furnishings and special clothing .....	110.1	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	127.6
Shirts <sup>1</sup> .....	115.3	122.6	122.9	127.9	133.1	134.6	130.8	127.3	132.0	134.5	142.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	109.4	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	129.2	131.6
Boys' .....	107.2	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	117.9
Women's and girls' .....	112.6	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.3	131.9
Women's .....	113.0	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	131.8
Coats and jackets .....	104.0	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	121.4
Dresses .....	119.9	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	118.3
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	119.3	118.7	126.0	131.2	129.5	133.3	128.6	124.9	124.7	137.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	108.0	114.3	116.3	121.3	124.1	125.0	126.8	128.2	130.7	132.6	135.6
Suits <sup>1</sup> .....	114.1	120.1	117.4	131.2	144.5	145.8	152.1	152.5	144.8	139.1	155.0
Girls' .....	110.2	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	132.4
Infants' and toddlers' .....	114.5	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	133.7
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.3	119.1	122.8	130.8	135.4	138.9	140.5	146.5	148.6	141.6	148.1
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>4</sup> .....	102.7	109.2	111.2	118.8	121.2	122.9	121.3	121.3	132.3	127.8	130.7
Watches and jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	109.7	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	147.5
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	103.4	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	127.3
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	111.5	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	153.2
Footwear .....	107.2	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	129.3
Men's .....	111.4	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	132.8
Boys' and girls' .....	110.0	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.1
Women's .....	102.4	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	124.2
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	121.4	126.7	131.3	140.2	144.9	149.7	153.8	156.4	157.7	161.5	162.6
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	122.5	129.1	134.1	141.3	145.5	150.2	155.0	157.8	159.1	164.8	165.7
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.4	124.4	128.6	139.5	144.5	149.5	152.9	155.1	156.6	158.2	159.5
Transportation .....	107.6	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	144.8
Private .....	106.5	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	141.3
New vehicles .....	116.4	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	145.2
New cars .....	116.6	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	142.6
Subcompact new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.9	104.1	105.1	105.5	109.8	112.8	116.7	120.6	122.9	124.0	123.2
Compact new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.4	102.5	104.7	106.5	109.0	109.8	113.3	118.2	120.1	124.0	123.7
Intermediate new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	100.5	101.9	105.6	107.3	111.2	113.5	115.9	119.8	121.5	122.5	122.4
Full-size new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	103.2	105.8	109.0	110.6	114.7	116.6	120.1	122.4	123.9	126.4	126.3
Luxury new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	104.1	109.5	111.7	114.5	117.6	121.8	124.0	127.5	130.2	133.6	133.0
New trucks <sup>5</sup> .....	114.3	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	152.3
New motorcycles <sup>4</sup> .....	104.1	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	162.4
Used cars .....	116.3	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	154.3
Motor fuel .....	82.0	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	106.0
Gasoline .....	81.8	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	105.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	80.8	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	103.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	109.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	85.3	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	106.5
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	116.9	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.6	161.9
Body work .....	120.7	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	171.3
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	118.3	123.4	129.6	136.7	142.1	148.3	154.1	159.8	163.0	167.6	170.2
Maintenance and servicing .....	115.0	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.2	148.1
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	121.4	127.3	133.1	139.5	145.7	151.2	156.2	161.2	166.6	168.0
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	123.8	132.5	139.0	146.7	152.0	155.5	159.0	167.6	172.4	176.0	177.3
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	97.5	100.3	102.3	103.8	105.3	104.7	103.3	104.3	105.2	105.2	104.7
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	131.5
Automobile parts and equipment .....	96.7	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	101.8
Tires .....	93.2	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	100.7
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	104.3	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	107.0
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup> .....	129.2	139.3	146.9	156.3	162.5	167.1	171.8	182.4	188.3	192.7	194.5
Automobile insurance .....	149.4	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	250.4
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	90.3	97.8	102.0	102.0	94.8	81.6	77.0	94.7	96.6	94.7	95.8
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	124.4	131.3	138.8	152.6	156.9	166.7	170.3	176.5	177.6	179.3	184.4
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	119.9	127.2	135.4	158.7	165.4	175.6	179.8	180.6	183.7	183.9	183.8
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	129.6	136.2	143.1	147.4	149.5	158.9	162.0	173.7	172.8	176.0	186.2
Public transportation .....	122.1	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	189.8
Airline fares .....	123.9	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	204.1
Other intercity transportation .....	127.8	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	155.5
Intracity public transportation .....	119.8	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	175.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	133.1	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	233.8
Medical care commodities .....	134.9	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	215.2
Prescription drugs .....	145.7	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	249.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	105.4	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	145.4
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	127.2	134.0	141.5	150.0	153.7	160.5	164.9	166.3	167.6	171.2	172.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	121.1	126.7	134.4	140.4	148.4	152.7	156.6	164.3	168.2	168.0	172.0
Medical care services .....	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	238.1
Professional medical services .....	131.8	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	214.7
Physicians' services .....	133.4	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	222.3
Dental services .....	132.1	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	225.3
Eye care <sup>4</sup> .....	105.3	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	140.9
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	104.5	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	151.9
Hospital and related services .....	135.9	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	277.0
Hospital services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Inpatient hospital services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4</sup> .....	107.1	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	223.3
Nursing home services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	117.4	122.8	129.1	134.6	139.9	143.8	147.8	151.2	156.2	160.8	162.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	112.6	117.5	121.6	125.2	129.6	131.9	134.4	136.8	140.7	144.1	144.1
Reading materials .....	121.4	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	178.3
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	120.8	126.6	131.6	137.8	151.1	157.2	164.0	172.2	185.3	190.8	191.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	122.1	126.6	133.3	139.4	144.0	149.0	153.1	156.4	162.8	166.7	166.5
Sporting goods and equipment .....	106.3	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.9
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	106.8	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	125.3
Other sporting goods .....	103.4	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	117.9
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.6	115.6	119.5	122.3	123.9	125.2	126.9	126.3	128.9	133.2	133.4
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	108.0	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	125.9
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	143.3
Entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	124.3	130.0	138.8	146.3	152.7	158.3	163.9	168.3	174.6	180.5	183.3
Club memberships <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.7	109.1	113.5	119.1	123.2	126.0	130.1	129.3	132.3	131.4	132.8
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>1 4</sup> .....	107.0	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.9	141.5	152.8	156.7	160.4	167.1	173.9
Admissions .....	128.4	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	196.7
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	105.0	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	165.5	166.3
Other entertainment services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.7	105.1	109.6	116.2	120.6	124.3	127.9	131.2	136.3	141.3	142.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	132.1	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	222.7
Tobacco and smoking products .....	137.0	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	243.2
Personal care .....	116.5	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	152.7
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	144.5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	115.5	121.6	123.9	131.2	135.1	137.0	143.4	144.8	146.9	150.6	152.2
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	139.0
Personal care services .....	117.9	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	162.0
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	117.7	122.7	129.7	135.2	137.9	140.9	146.0	149.0	153.9	158.2	161.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	124.0	129.2	133.7	137.6	142.4	145.9	149.7	155.2	162.4	164.9
Personal and educational expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	143.4	153.0	164.0	176.3	191.1	204.2	217.5	229.2	241.8	252.9	256.0
School books and supplies .....	142.4	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	235.8
Personal and educational services <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	153.2	164.2	176.6	191.8	205.3	219.0	231.1	243.7	254.8	257.7
Tuition and other school fees .....	146.5	157.6	170.0	183.5	201.4	218.5	234.0	247.8	261.6	274.3	275.4
College tuition .....	145.3	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	289.3
Elementary and high school tuition .....	150.3	163.0	177.4	192.8	207.3	223.7	237.0	251.6	268.2	280.5	280.5
Day care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	132.9
Personal expenses .....	136.2	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	224.1
Legal service fees <sup>4</sup> .....	105.2	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	161.0
Personal financial services <sup>4</sup> .....	104.1	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	190.7
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	103.9	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	169.4
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	112.7	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	159.2
Selected beef cuts .....	107.6	112.0	119.6	129.5	128.2	128.4	133.0	129.2	127.6	131.1	128.4
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	82.3	80.8	86.2	117.2	98.7	100.5	95.2	100.8	97.0	109.0	106.5
Utilities and public transportation .....	110.1	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	144.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	111.9	116.2	118.1	123.0	129.7	134.5	136.9	139.1	145.3	150.1	151.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.0
Commodities .....	4.6	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.6
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	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	7.5	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-.7	1.3	.5	3.8	1.6
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	-.5	4.9
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	.1
Durables .....	2.1	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-.2
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	3.5	2.4	2.7	4.6	2.8	2.7	.7	2.0	3.5	.2
Transportation services .....	4.3	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	4.4	.7
Medical care services .....	5.6	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	1.3
Other services .....	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	1.3
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	4.6	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.1
All items less shelter .....	4.2	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	.7
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.2	4.3	4.5	6.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.4	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	1.0
Commodities less food .....	5.1	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	.8
Nondurables less food .....	7.2	3.7	4.7	11.6	-.2	2.4	-.5	1.3	.7	3.8	1.6
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	.9
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	.9
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	1.3
Energy .....	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-2.0
All items less energy .....	4.1	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	1.2
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	1.4
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	1.4
Energy commodities .....	17.8	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-3.0
Services less energy services .....	4.5	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	1.4
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	.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	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	4.1	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	.7
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	3.6
Cereal .....	6.0	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	.1
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	.3
White bread .....	4.4	11.0	6.1	3.8	1.5	4.1	6.9	2.7	5.5	8.3	-.7
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	1.5
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	-.6
Meats .....	3.6	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	5.2	-.7
Beef and veal .....	6.7	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.1	2.4	-1.2
Ground beef other than canned .....	5.8	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-.6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	1.6	-2.2
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	5.1	7.0	9.8	10.3	1.2	1.1	2.5	-1.7	1.0	3.2	-2.9
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	6.0	5.1	6.4	9.7	-.6	1.9	.6	-.2	-2.0	5.8	-1.3
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	6.9	3.5	6.2	9.6	-.2	.0	2.6	-1.2	-2.0	3.7	-3.2
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	9.5	7.0	2.2	6.6	-3.0	1.3	6.6	-1.3	-1.8	4.3	-.6
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	7.5	8.9	6.3	10.0	-.9	2.3	3.8	-.8	2.3	1.7	.5
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	.1
Chops .....	-1.8	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	-1.4
Ham .....	-2.6	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	9.2	-4.1
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	.1	-2.6	6.8	16.4	-5.3	-1.5	3.3	-.8	6.2	9.9	.3
Other meats .....	4.2	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	1.2
Poultry .....	-9.3	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-.5	4.2	7.9	-1.5
Fresh whole chicken .....	-11.0	21.6	-.5	.2	-.5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.2
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	-4.0
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	-7.6	9.2	6.9	1.6	-.2	3.1	3.4	6.1	3.0	6.4	1.8
Fish and seafood .....	10.0	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.7	1.0
Canned fish and seafood .....	10.2	13.5	-4.3	-.5	-.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	1.0
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	9.9	1.6	5.3	5.0	1.8	1.0	4.9	6.2	3.7	2.0	1.0
Eggs .....	-17.6	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-14.1

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

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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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Expenditure category											
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	1.2
Shelter .....	4.8	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	1.7
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	3.9	4.5	6.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.3	3.0	3.4	4.0
Rent, residential .....	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	.9
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.1	4.8	5.5	14.4	8.1	4.1	3.7	1.6	4.3	4.9	11.9
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	13.3
Lodging while at school .....	6.2	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	.7
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	3.3	2.4	1.5	2.1	2.9	3.3	4.1	2.2	2.5	1.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.8
Owners' equivalent rent .....	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.8
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.3	1.9	2.6	.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	2.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	.9	-1.3	4.0	2.9	3.6	.7
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	1.5	3.2	5.5	1.9	2.9	-3.3	4.7	3.7	4.2	.6
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.0	3.0	.9	5.9	-1.9	1.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	.8
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	2.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	1.0	1.4	1.7	-4	4.9	-2
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	3.6	2.0	-2	7.4	-4.3	2.2	3.5	3.7	.9	1.7
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	1.6	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	-4
Fuels .....	1.4	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-5	.7	5.6	-1.5
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	-7.4
Fuel oil .....	17.9	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-6.5
Other household fuel commodities .....	2.6	-3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-9.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.2	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-6	.8	3.8	-9
Electricity .....	1.8	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	-2.9	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	-4.0
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	3.8	2.2	3.5	5.7	2.4	3.6	1.2	2.2	3.4	1.1
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.3	1.3	-3	-4	3.5	-3	1.8	.7	1.2	2.1	.6
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	.4
Interstate toll calls .....	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	.3
Intrastate toll calls .....	-3.0	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	1.8
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	.8
Cable television .....	9.5	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	3.2
Refuse collection .....	10.2	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.4
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.4	2.5	-4	.6	.9	1.5	1.5	.0	.7	-1	.1
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.2	5.8	-3	2.5	1.9	-1.9	6.6	-3.6	.5	-7	1.3
Furniture and bedding .....	2.1	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	.0
Bedroom furniture .....	.2	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	-4
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	.8	-7	.4	.6	3.4	-1.5	6.6	10.3	1.8	-7
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	3.3	-4	5.5	-2.2	3.6	7.7	.5	5.9	-1.1	.0
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	4.0	-1.6	1.9	-3	3.8	3.1	2.9	1.6	-9	.7
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.7	.7	-1.8	-2.4	-1.7	-1.6	-8	-1.2	-3.9	-1.9	-2.3
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	-3.7	-1.4	-5	-3.6	-8	-1.8	-8	-2.1	-3.9	-2.2	-2.5
Televisions .....	-4.4	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-1.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-4.9	-9.5	-5.5	-3.4	-2.0	-6.6	-6.7	-6	-3.9
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.0	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-6	-3.1
Major household appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.2	3.6	-1.4	-3	-2.1	.5	1.5	3.6	-1.8	1.4	-1.5
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	1.6	1.3	-1.0	-1.7	.7	4.4	4.9	-1.9	2.2	-2.3
Laundry equipment .....	-1.3	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-7	3.1	-1.0
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.8	4.8	-3.3	-1.1	-3.0	.2	.1	2.4	-2.7	-7	-1.4
Information processing equipment .....	-	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-4.6
Other housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.1	.0	.4	.8	.3	1.4
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	5.5	-6	4.5	7.3	-1.9	2.1	2.6	.4	4.7	2.4	1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	1.7	3.0	6.5	-2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-3	3.7	-4.2	3.0
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.3	6.9	1.4	.8	.5	-3.4	.9	3.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	-3	-3.1	1.9	.0	.1	3.7	.5	.7	2.4	-1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.6	1.6	-2.8	-9	-4	1.0	-3.4	-2.1	-3.6	1.6	.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers .....	-	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-3
Housekeeping supplies .....	2.9	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.3
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.2	-4	-1	1.5	1.5	2.8	.8
Household paper products and stationery supplies .....	.7	5.8	5.5	3.8	.3	.2	2.3	.2	10.6	.7	.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	3.2	2.2	7.0	1.6	.7	-6	3.7	.5	3.9	-2	2.9
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	4.0	1.5	4.0	5.8	3.8	2.2	1.4	4.5	3.3	.7
Postage .....	.0	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.7	1.9	3.4	4.3	6.9	2.5	1.0	4.4	3.5	.3
Gardening and other household services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	2.1	4.9	1.8	.6	1.9	5.2	.2

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

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

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

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

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

1998.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84= 100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1913	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	-	-	10.0	-	-
1914	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	-	-	10.1	1.0	1.0
1915	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	-	-	10.2	2.0	1.0
1916	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	11.0	11.5	7.8
1917	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.6	12.9	13.0	12.9	13.1	13.3	13.6	13.6	13.8	-	-	12.9	19.0	17.3
1918	14.0	14.2	14.1	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.8	16.1	16.3	16.6	-	-	15.1	20.3	17.1
1919	16.6	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.5	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.6	19.0	-	-	17.4	14.5	15.2
1920	19.4	19.6	19.8	20.4	20.7	21.0	20.9	20.4	20.1	20.0	19.9	19.5	-	-	20.1	2.6	15.5
1921	19.1	18.5	18.4	18.2	17.8	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.6	17.5	17.4	-	-	18.0	-10.8	-10.4
1922	17.0	17.0	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.9	17.0	-	-	16.9	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.2	2.4	1.8
1924	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.4	-	-	17.2	.0	.0
1925	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.1	18.0	-	-	17.6	3.4	2.3
1926	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.6	17.5	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	157.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	114.2	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	157.2
Commodities .....	108.9	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	142.2
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	133.4
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	135.6
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	132.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	101.2	104.1	111.7	131.0	126.2	129.9	127.2	131.3	132.1	140.4	140.3
Durables .....	108.0	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	129.3
Services .....	121.3	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	175.3
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	116.4	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	163.7
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.1	106.8	109.3	112.2	117.6	120.8	124.2	124.9	127.2	131.7	132.0
Transportation services .....	123.6	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	182.8
Medical care services .....	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	237.9
Other services .....	127.9	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	204.6
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	114.1	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	157.3
All items less shelter .....	112.5	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	153.8
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	147.6
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	153.6
Commodities less food .....	105.6	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	134.6
Nondurables less food .....	103.3	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	137.1
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	141.4
Nondurables .....	108.8	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	112.2	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	166.4
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	170.0
Energy .....	87.8	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	109.6
All items less energy .....	118.0	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	163.9
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	165.9
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	143.1
Energy commodities .....	82.1	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	105.8
Services less energy services .....	123.7	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	181.3
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	156.5
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	156.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	116.9	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	176.6
Cereals and cereal products .....	115.8	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	167.8
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	155.9
Cereal .....	126.7	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	185.7
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	180.4
White bread .....	113.1	125.7	133.3	138.2	140.2	145.9	155.9	160.2	169.4	183.5	182.0
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	180.7
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	178.0
Other bakery products .....	120.7	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	181.1
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	147.3
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	143.4
Beef and veal .....	108.6	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.0
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	115.0
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	105.5	112.9	123.9	136.6	138.5	140.1	143.5	141.2	142.2	147.2	142.6
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	101.9	108.1	116.2	128.0	125.9	129.1	130.1	132.3	128.6	135.9	133.9
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	108.5	112.0	118.9	130.3	130.1	129.8	133.3	131.5	128.9	134.1	129.6
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	113.4	121.3	124.6	131.9	128.5	130.4	138.8	137.2	134.9	141.8	140.9
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	115.2	125.7	133.4	147.0	145.4	148.6	154.5	153.0	156.7	159.5	160.1
Pork .....	112.9	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.6
Bacon .....	107.9	96.7	105.0	123.0	108.5	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.0	161.4	161.5
Chops .....	114.5	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	154.6
Ham .....	117.5	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	150.7
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	111.3	108.5	115.8	135.1	127.8	126.0	130.2	128.8	137.2	150.5	150.8
Other meats .....	111.8	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	147.7
Poultry .....	107.4	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.1
Fresh whole chicken .....	107.4	131.0	130.0	130.3	129.8	135.4	141.3	139.7	145.2	158.9	158.7
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	110.2	131.1	129.7	132.7	134.3	136.5	146.4	143.0	150.0	160.8	154.8
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	103.6	112.5	120.1	121.8	122.2	125.7	129.7	138.2	141.8	151.2	153.4
Fish and seafood .....	133.6	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	177.7
Canned fish and seafood .....	110.2	124.8	119.4	119.1	118.4	119.8	122.8	124.5	125.7	126.8	127.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	147.0	150.0	159.3	165.2	168.7	172.0	177.8	189.0	195.9	201.4	202.7
Eggs .....	84.9	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	138.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	106.4	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	145.4
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	104.9	109.9	122.5	125.6	125.3	128.2	131.0	131.9	134.3	149.7	144.5
Fresh whole milk .....	104.7	110.0	122.7	125.8	125.3	127.6	130.3	130.8	133.6	148.3	142.4
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	105.3	109.7	122.1	125.0	125.1	129.2	132.1	133.5	135.3	152.0	147.6
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	108.5	113.1	123.5	128.1	129.8	130.1	129.3	131.3	135.8	147.6	147.0
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	106.7	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.9
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	151.1
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	109.3	111.5	113.0	112.8	113.0	112.8	111.0	111.5	120.9	135.5	136.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	123.0	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	185.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	132.7	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	212.1
Fresh fruits .....	126.0	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	233.1
Apples .....	104.3	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	198.2
Bananas .....	107.4	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	167.3
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	126.4	144.2	137.8	151.9	187.0	156.8	177.0	178.1	204.2	198.1	200.8
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	139.9	154.5	176.9	194.4	213.1	214.5	247.8	259.1	263.8	313.2	277.2
Fresh vegetables .....	139.5	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	191.7
Potatoes .....	102.7	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	163.8
Lettuce .....	272.4	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	187.4
Tomatoes .....	137.9	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	223.1
Other fresh vegetables .....	126.1	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	195.0
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	109.9	122.0	125.0	131.7	129.6	131.0	132.9	133.6	137.2	146.0	147.4
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	112.4	124.5	125.2	134.9	131.4	134.3	133.1	132.6	137.4	146.7	147.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	112.5	126.6	126.4	137.9	132.0	135.0	133.1	132.1	136.8	147.0	147.3
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	111.0	115.4	119.0	122.0	127.9	130.0	131.9	133.2	138.2	144.0	147.7
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	107.3	119.3	125.1	128.4	127.7	127.6	132.9	135.0	137.4	145.6	147.5
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	111.7	116.6	124.9	128.6	129.6	130.7	135.5	136.6	140.6	144.0	147.9
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	105.8	121.1	125.8	129.0	127.4	126.8	132.3	134.9	136.5	147.0	147.9
Other food at home .....	109.8	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	146.4
Sugar and sweets .....	110.9	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.9
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	102.1	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	134.8
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	114.6	119.2	123.5	129.6	135.8	137.2	138.3	139.1	142.6	149.5	153.4
Fats and oils .....	107.6	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	142.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	104.9	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	126.5	131.1
Carbonated drinks .....	103.6	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	118.9
Coffee .....	110.3	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	162.1
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	112.6	115.5	120.1	126.5	129.9	132.4	131.5	132.6	135.7	139.5	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	161.0
Canned and packaged soup .....	119.0	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	187.1
Frozen prepared food .....	118.7	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	145.3	145.4
Snacks .....	115.6	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	155.0
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	168.2
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	112.5	119.4	127.7	135.2	140.2	142.8	147.9	152.5	155.1	160.6	161.5
Food away from home .....	118.8	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	156.2
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	118.3	123.7	129.9	135.7	139.7	141.9	144.6	147.4	150.8	155.4	156.8
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	118.7	123.8	129.1	134.3	137.9	140.0	142.5	145.4	148.7	152.9	154.1
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	119.3	124.4	130.3	137.5	141.6	143.7	146.1	149.1	152.5	158.2	159.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	115.1	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	161.7
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	111.8	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	149.2
Beer and ale .....	111.3	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	148.1	149.1
Wine .....	105.6	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.5
Distilled spirits .....	114.6	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	149.3
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	187.4

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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing <sup>3</sup>	114.1	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	152.4
Shelter	121.2	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	170.1
Renters' costs <sup>1 2</sup>	115.9	120.0	125.4	132.6	137.7	141.4	144.9	148.5	152.5	157.3	161.8
Rent, residential	125.3	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	165.2
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup>	124.5	129.2	137.6	157.2	170.2	176.9	183.3	187.2	194.1	203.7	226.9
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	226.6
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup>	136.9	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	222.1
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup>	122.6	126.0	128.9	130.4	133.6	137.0	141.2	147.9	150.8	151.5	153.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup>	116.6	122.2	128.3	134.3	139.5	143.5	148.2	153.1	158.7	163.0	164.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup>	116.6	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	164.6
Household insurance <sup>1 2</sup>	116.1	119.6	122.7	124.9	128.4	132.0	136.4	142.9	145.6	147.2	148.5
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup>	112.5	115.2	119.0	123.6	130.6	129.8	127.7	132.4	135.8	140.1	141.0
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup>	115.9	117.8	122.4	129.8	135.7	139.0	134.0	140.3	144.7	150.1	150.9
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup>	107.1	110.6	113.6	115.2	123.1	118.0	119.0	121.9	124.2	127.1	128.2
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 5</sup>	101.9	104.0	109.4	112.3	117.1	116.3	116.4	117.5	118.3	124.4	124.9
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup>	105.4	109.8	110.8	111.1	121.2	112.9	114.5	118.7	122.1	122.3	123.9
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup>	101.7	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	128.6
Fuels	94.8	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	114.7
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	101.7
Fuel oil	79.5	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	99.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>5</sup>	102.4	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	132.3
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	121.2
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	110.1
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup>	120.9	125.6	128.4	133.2	140.7	144.2	149.6	151.1	154.3	159.6	161.5
Telephone services <sup>1</sup>	115.6	117.1	116.7	116.4	120.4	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.4	127.0	127.8
Local charges <sup>1</sup>	138.5	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	162.0
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	204.2
Cable television <sup>6</sup>	127.9	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	226.6
Refuse collection <sup>6</sup>	136.1	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	249.4
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup>	106.9	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	124.0
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup>	102.9	105.4	104.7	105.2	106.0	107.7	109.1	109.1	109.7	109.8	109.7
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup>	108.6	115.5	114.7	117.6	119.2	117.6	124.8	121.0	121.1	119.9	122.1
Furniture and bedding	111.5	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	131.7
Bedroom furniture	115.5	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	139.4
Sofas <sup>1</sup>	115.7	114.7	113.5	113.7	113.6	117.7	116.3	123.5	136.9	138.6	137.5
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup>	109.3	112.7	111.4	117.4	115.6	119.9	125.7	126.7	134.6	132.8	132.4
Other furniture <sup>1</sup>	105.5	109.1	107.1	109.8	109.2	114.0	115.8	118.3	119.9	118.2	118.7
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup>	90.1	90.8	89.2	87.1	85.9	84.8	84.4	83.6	80.5	79.2	77.4
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup>	83.8	82.8	82.1	79.1	78.6	77.5	77.1	75.2	72.3	70.6	68.8
Televisions	77.3	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	61.3
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 7</sup>	-	100.0	94.9	85.8	80.9	79.2	78.1	72.8	67.8	67.3	64.5
Audio products <sup>1</sup>	91.9	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	87.2
Major household appliances <sup>1 5</sup>	98.8	102.2	101.0	101.0	98.9	99.3	101.1	104.4	102.3	103.9	102.0
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup>	100.6	102.4	103.6	102.7	101.0	101.7	106.5	111.9	109.5	111.8	108.6
Laundry equipment	102.9	106.6	106.0	107.9	105.8	106.3	106.9	109.9	109.5	113.1	111.9
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 5</sup>	97.1	101.5	97.9	96.9	94.6	94.6	95.3	97.3	93.8	93.3	91.9
Information processing equipment <sup>7</sup>	-	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	52.4
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup>	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	147.6
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup>	113.7	112.6	117.8	126.6	124.1	128.2	129.1	131.7	137.3	139.5	141.0
Clocks, lamps, and decor items	102.5	105.8	112.2	112.3	116.2	119.0	115.0	114.5	118.7	114.1	117.3
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup>	106.3	109.5	111.9	113.5	120.6	122.5	123.8	124.6	120.7	122.9	126.6
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup>	102.9	103.0	100.3	102.1	101.5	102.6	106.6	107.2	108.0	110.6	110.6
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 5</sup>	98.3	100.	97.1	96.3	95.8	97.1	93.5	91.6	88.2	89.9	90.5
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>8</sup>	-	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	116.6
Housekeeping supplies	112.9	117.3	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	143.9
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup>	116.9	121.3	127.3	132.3	137.9	137.3	136.9	139.2	141.2	145.1	146.3
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup>	109.5	115.6	121.8	126.8	127.2	127.1	129.8	130.6	144.3	145.4	146.0
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup>	111.2	113.3	121.3	123.1	124.0	123.7	127.4	128.4	133.4	134.3	138.5
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup>	111.6	116.3	117.8	122.7	131.3	135.9	139.1	141.5	148.6	152.9	153.7
Postage	110.4	125.1	125.4	125.4	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	160.8	160.8	160.8
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup>	117.3	120.0	122.1	126.9	132.3	140.1	143.8	144.6	151.6	156.5	156.9
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 5</sup>	104.7	109.0	112.1	116.4	119.0	124.9	127.0	127.7	130.2	137.1	137.2

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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	112.6	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	135.5
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	132.3
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	111.7	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	132.6
Men's and boys' .....	110.4	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	131.1
Men's .....	111.5	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	135.2
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	138.2
Furnishings and special clothing .....	110.0	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	129.4
Shirts <sup>1</sup> .....	116.1	123.3	123.7	129.0	133.8	135.8	132.1	127.8	133.4	135.7	143.0
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	109.3	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	129.0	131.4
Boys' .....	107.1	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	117.7
Women's and girls' .....	112.6	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	121.7	130.7
Women's .....	112.7	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	129.9
Coats and jackets .....	105.0	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	120.8
Dresses .....	122.5	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	118.0
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup> .....	116.7	119.2	118.3	125.3	129.9	128.6	131.6	127.7	124.3	124.1	136.6
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	107.6	113.7	115.8	120.9	123.7	124.4	125.8	128.1	130.2	131.9	135.2
Suits <sup>1</sup> .....	107.2	113.4	110.3	122.0	132.8	131.1	136.9	138.6	131.5	128.7	141.7
Girls' .....	112.0	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	134.4
Infants' and toddlers' .....	116.4	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	134.9
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	110.6	117.8	121.5	128.8	132.6	137.3	140.1	144.1	145.3	139.7	149.3
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>5</sup> .....	102.7	109.1	110.8	118.2	120.6	122.1	120.9	120.9	130.8	126.9	130.0
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	109.0	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	149.1
Watches <sup>5</sup> .....	103.6	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	125.3
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	110.6	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	155.9
Footwear .....	108.0	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	130.3
Men's .....	111.9	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	133.8
Boys' and girls' .....	110.6	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	133.7
Women's .....	102.6	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	124.6
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.9	125.8	130.6	139.6	144.4	149.2	153.4	155.9	157.1	160.5	161.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	122.3	128.8	133.8	140.8	145.2	149.9	154.8	157.6	158.7	164.4	165.3
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.2	124.0	128.4	139.0	144.1	149.1	152.8	155.0	156.4	158.0	159.3
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	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	141.8
New vehicles .....	116.1	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	146.4
New cars .....	116.3	118.9	121.7	123.3	127.2	130.1	133.9	138.1	140.4	142.7	142.3
Subcompact new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.8	104.2	105.4	105.6	109.6	112.6	116.5	120.5	122.7	123.7	122.9
Compact new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.2	102.5	104.9	106.6	109.2	109.8	113.2	117.8	119.9	123.8	123.6
Intermediate new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	100.4	101.9	105.9	107.6	111.3	113.7	116.2	120.1	121.7	122.6	122.6
Full-size new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	103.1	105.6	109.1	110.5	114.3	116.0	119.7	122.0	123.4	125.9	125.6
Luxury new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	103.8	109.2	111.6	114.6	117.2	121.7	124.3	128.1	130.5	134.2	133.8
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	114.3	116.9	121.0	125.9	130.3	133.8	140.0	145.1	149.3	153.0	153.8
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	104.0	109.4	114.1	117.4	123.7	128.9	138.3	149.4	156.5	163.1	163.1
Used cars .....	116.2	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	155.7
Motor fuel .....	82.0	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	105.9
Gasoline .....	81.9	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	105.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	80.8	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	103.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	109.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	85.3	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	106.4
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	117.0	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	161.4	162.9
Body work .....	121.3	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	171.3
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	123.8	129.9	137.1	143.0	149.3	155.2	160.8	164.2	168.7	171.4
Maintenance and servicing .....	114.7	118.3	122.0	126.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.6	148.6
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	121.6	127.4	133.3	139.4	145.9	151.2	156.3	161.4	166.5	168.0
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	122.0	130.4	136.8	144.2	149.2	151.9	154.9	163.4	168.4	171.6	172.8
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	97.4	99.9	101.9	103.2	104.8	104.0	102.6	103.5	104.4	104.3	103.7
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	100.6	109.4	109.1	116.7	117.9	117.4	117.7	125.0	129.0	130.6	129.9
Automobile parts and equipment .....	96.5	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.6	101.4	100.8
Tires .....	93.3	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	100.0
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	103.9	104.4	106.8	108.6	109.7	108.5	106.8	105.3	106.4	106.0	106.0
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup> .....	127.1	137.1	144.7	153.8	159.8	163.5	167.6	178.4	184.5	188.6	190.3
Automobile insurance .....	148.8	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	249.0	250.0
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	90.4	98.1	102.3	102.5	95.3	81.9	76.7	94.4	96.5	93.9	95.1
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	123.3	130.5	137.9	151.4	156.8	166.4	170.1	175.2	177.0	178.3	182.9
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	119.3	126.6	134.5	156.0	163.4	173.0	177.4	178.1	181.3	181.4	181.3
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	129.3	136.5	143.2	146.2	149.1	158.6	161.4	172.3	172.2	175.4	186.1
Public transportation .....	121.3	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	186.8
Airline fares .....	122.7	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	203.5
Other intercity transportation .....	128.0	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	157.6
Intracity public transportation .....	120.2	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	175.2

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										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	133.4	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	233.2
Medical care commodities .....	134.1	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	212.3
Prescription drugs .....	145.7	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	244.9	248.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>5</sup> .....	105.3	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.5	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	170.7
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	174.8
Medical care services .....	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	237.9
Professional medical services .....	132.0	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	216.0
Physicians' services .....	133.6	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	223.0
Dental services .....	132.0	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	225.0
Eye care <sup>5</sup> .....	105.3	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	141.2
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	105.0	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	155.8
Hospital and related services .....	135.4	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	273.4
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	107.2	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	223.4
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	116.9	122.2	128.4	133.3	138.4	142.2	146.1	149.2	153.8	158.4	159.7
Entertainment commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	112.6	117.6	121.7	124.8	129.0	131.5	133.9	136.1	139.4	142.9	143.0
Reading materials .....	121.4	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	179.5
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	120.9	126.8	131.8	138.2	151.4	157.9	164.8	173.2	186.5	191.9	192.4
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	122.3	127.0	133.6	139.5	144.4	149.1	153.4	156.5	162.5	166.6	166.6
Sporting goods and equipment .....	107.8	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.6
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	108.9	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.7
Other sporting goods .....	103.9	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	117.8
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.5	115.6	119.2	122.1	123.8	125.4	126.9	126.4	129.2	133.8	133.9
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	107.8	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	126.7
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	116.3	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	135.3
Pet supplies and expense .....	112.6	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	143.1
Entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	124.0	129.7	138.7	146.1	152.5	158.1	163.8	168.3	174.6	180.7	183.6
Club memberships <sup>1 5</sup> .....	102.0	110.5	115.3	120.7	125.3	128.0	132.6	131.8	134.8	133.5	135.6
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>1 5</sup> .....	106.9	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.2	140.6	152.1	155.6	159.3	165.9	172.6
Admissions .....	128.1	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	196.4
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	105.3	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	167.9
Other entertainment services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.6	105.2	109.9	116.3	120.8	124.4	127.6	130.9	135.7	140.3	141.4
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	131.3	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	219.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	137.2	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	242.7
Personal care .....	116.4	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	152.6
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	145.4
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	116.1	122.2	124.8	132.0	136.0	138.5	144.7	146.8	148.9	153.1	155.0
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	139.6
Personal care services .....	117.8	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	162.1
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	117.5	122.7	129.4	135.2	137.9	140.8	146.1	148.9	153.7	158.4	161.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>1</sup> .....	118.4	123.8	128.7	133.2	137.4	142.5	145.6	149.6	155.3	162.3	164.8
Personal and educational expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	143.0	152.3	163.1	174.7	188.7	200.5	213.3	224.9	237.3	248.3	251.8
School books and supplies .....	141.9	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	237.4
Personal and educational services <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	152.7	163.4	175.0	189.3	201.2	214.5	226.5	238.9	249.8	253.3
Tuition and other school fees .....	146.3	157.1	169.6	182.7	199.4	214.4	228.7	242.0	255.8	267.9	269.7
College tuition .....	145.4	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	288.1
Elementary and high school tuition .....	149.3	161.9	176.2	191.4	206.2	222.7	235.4	250.2	266.9	279.3	279.3
Day care and nursery school <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	133.6
Personal expenses .....	136.0	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	223.7
Legal service fees <sup>5</sup> .....	105.2	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	161.5
Personal financial services <sup>5</sup> .....	104.5	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	189.9
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	104.6	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	171.5
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	112.4	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	158.3
Selected beef cuts .....	107.8	112.1	120.0	129.9	128.5	128.8	133.3	129.7	127.8	131.6	128.7
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	82.3	80.9	86.3	117.1	98.8	100.3	95.0	100.6	96.9	109.3	106.3
Utilities and public transportation .....	109.6	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	142.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	117.9	119.4	124.6	133.1	137.6	140.1	142.9	149.9	154.3	155.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	4.5	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.3	0.8
Commodities .....	4.7	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	.6
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	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	8.0	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	1.5
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	-.4	5.3
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	-.1
Durables .....	2.6	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.5	-.2
Services .....	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	1.1
Rent of shelter .....	4.8	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	1.4
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	3.6	2.3	2.7	4.8	2.7	2.8	.6	1.8	3.5	.2
Transportation services .....	4.3	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	.7
Medical care services .....	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	1.4
Other services .....	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	1.4
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	4.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	1.0
All items less shelter .....	4.4	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.7
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	4.3	4.4	6.4	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.2	3.5	.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	.8
Commodities less food .....	5.4	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	.8
Nondurables less food .....	7.5	3.5	5.0	12.3	-.6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	1.4
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	.8
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	-2.1
All items less energy .....	4.1	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	1.1
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	1.3
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	1.5
Energy commodities .....	18.0	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-3.3
Services less energy services .....	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	1.3
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	.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	-.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	4.2	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	.7
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	3.5
Cereal .....	5.9	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	.2
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	.4
White bread .....	4.3	11.1	6.0	3.7	1.4	4.1	6.9	2.8	5.7	8.3	-.8
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	.8
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	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.0	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-.7	4.2	5.7	-1.7
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	-.8
Beef and veal .....	6.7	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.2	2.5	-1.3
Ground beef other than canned .....	5.9	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-.6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	1.6	-2.2
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	5.1	7.0	9.7	10.3	1.4	1.2	2.4	-1.6	.7	3.5	-3.1
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	6.1	6.1	7.5	10.2	-1.6	2.5	.8	1.7	-2.8	5.7	-1.5
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	7.0	3.2	6.2	9.6	-.2	-.2	2.7	-1.4	-2.0	4.0	-3.4
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	9.8	7.0	2.7	5.9	-2.6	1.5	6.4	-1.2	-1.7	5.1	-.6
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	7.5	9.1	6.1	10.2	-1.1	2.2	4.0	-1.0	2.4	1.8	.4
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	.1
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	-4.0
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	.1	-2.5	6.7	16.7	-5.4	-1.4	3.3	-1.1	6.5	9.7	.2
Other meats .....	4.0	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	1.2
Poultry .....	-9.4	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-.4	4.1	7.9	-1.5
Fresh whole chicken .....	-11.4	22.0	-.8	.2	-.4	4.3	4.4	-1.1	3.9	9.4	-.1
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	-3.7
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	-7.3	8.6	6.8	1.4	.3	2.9	3.2	6.6	2.6	6.6	1.5
Fish and seafood .....	10.0	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	.7
Canned fish and seafood .....	10.4	10.2	-4.3	-.3	-.6	1.2	2.5	1.4	1.0	.9	.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	9.9	2.0	6.2	3.7	2.1	2.0	3.4	6.3	3.7	2.8	.6
Eggs .....	-17.9	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-14.4

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	1.6	4.5	10.4	3.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-2.1
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.8	11.5	2.5	-2	2.3	2.2	.7	1.8	11.5	-3.5
Fresh whole milk .....	1.4	5.1	11.5	2.5	-4	1.8	2.1	.4	2.1	11.0	-4.0
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	4.2	11.3	2.4	.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.3	12.3	-2.9
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.2	9.2	3.7	1.3	.2	-6	1.5	3.4	8.7	-4
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	2.1	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.3
Ice cream and related products .....	1.4	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	.5
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	.6	2.0	1.3	-2	.2	-2	-1.6	.5	8.4	12.1	.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	12.5	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	-4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	17.6	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	-1.0
Fresh fruits .....	10.3	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-6.0
Apples .....	-11.0	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	1.5
Bananas .....	17.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	6.4
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	14.7	14.1	-4.4	10.2	23.1	-16.1	12.9	.6	14.7	-3.0	1.4
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	15.9	10.4	14.5	9.9	9.6	.7	15.5	4.6	1.8	18.7	-11.5
Fresh vegetables .....	25.1	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	5.8
Potatoes .....	-3	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	2.2
Lettuce .....	-	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	2.3
Tomatoes .....	10.3	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	17.1
Other fresh vegetables .....	14.2	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	4.0
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	11.0	2.5	5.4	-1.6	1.1	1.5	.5	2.7	6.4	1.0
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	5.7	10.8	.6	7.7	-2.6	2.2	-9	-4	3.6	6.8	.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	6.6	12.5	-2	9.1	-4.3	2.3	-1.4	-8	3.6	7.5	.2
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	4.0	3.1	2.5	4.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	3.8	4.2	2.6
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	11.2	4.9	2.6	-5	-1	4.2	1.6	1.8	6.0	1.3
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	4.4	7.1	3.0	.8	.8	3.7	.8	2.9	2.4	2.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	14.5	3.9	2.5	-1.2	-5	4.3	2.0	1.2	7.7	.6
Other food at home .....	.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.2
Sugar and sweets .....	1.6	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	1.3	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	1.6
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.8	1.0	.8	.6	2.5	4.8	2.6
Fats and oils .....	1.8	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	-3.0	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	3.6
Carbonated drinks .....	1.7	1.5	4.9	.8	.9	1.5	1.8	-3	2.9	-5	.3
Coffee .....	-14.4	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	11.9
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	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	1.4
Canned and packaged soup .....	6.2	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	.8
Frozen prepared food .....	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	5.0	.1
Snacks .....	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.3
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	2.7	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	6.1	7.0	5.9	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.1	1.7	3.5	.6
Food away from home .....	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	.8
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	3.1	.9
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.8	.8
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.3	4.7	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.7	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	1.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.2	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	1.0
Beer and ale .....	2.1	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	.7
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	.9
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	1.2

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Apr.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	0.9
Shelter .....	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	1.4
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	3.5	4.5	5.7	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.9
Rent, residential .....	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	.9
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	3.8	6.5	14.2	8.3	3.9	3.6	2.1	3.7	4.9	11.4
Lodging while out of town .....	4.1	3.6	6.5	15.5	8.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	12.7
Lodging while at school .....	5.9	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.5	8.0	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.5	1.3
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.7	2.0	.5	1.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.7	.8
Owners' equivalent rent .....	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.7
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.8	1.9	1.1	.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	2.4	3.3	3.9	5.7	-.6	-1.6	3.7	2.6	3.2	.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.2	1.6	3.9	6.0	4.5	2.4	-3.6	4.7	3.1	3.7	.5
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	3.3	2.7	1.4	6.9	-4.1	.8	2.4	1.9	2.3	.9
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.1	5.2	2.7	4.3	-.7	.1	.9	.7	5.2	.4
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	4.2	.9	.3	9.1	-6.8	1.4	3.7	2.9	.2	1.3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	-.3
Fuels .....	1.2	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-.6	.6	5.7	-1.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	12.2	-.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-8.0
Fuel oil .....	18.0	-.6	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-6.6
Other household fuel commodities .....	2.4	-.2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-10.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.2	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-.8	.6	4.1	-.9
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	-4.2
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.9	2.2	3.7	5.6	2.5	3.7	1.0	2.1	3.4	1.2
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.0	1.3	-.3	-.3	3.4	-.2	1.8	.7	1.1	2.1	.6
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-.4	2.3	.9	.4
Interstate toll calls .....	-12.4	-.4	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.8	.1
Intrastate toll calls .....	-3.0	-.4	-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	.8
Cable television .....	9.7	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	3.2
Refuse collection .....	9.9	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.4
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.4	2.4	-.7	.5	.8	1.6	1.3	.0	.5	.1	-.1
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	6.4	-.7	2.5	1.4	-1.3	6.1	-3.0	.1	-1.0	1.8
Furniture and bedding .....	2.0	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-.2
Bedroom furniture .....	.3	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	-.1
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	5.0	-.9	-1.0	.2	-.1	3.6	-1.2	6.2	10.9	1.2	-.8
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	3.1	-1.2	5.4	-1.5	3.7	4.8	.8	6.2	-1.3	-.3
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	2.5	3.4	-1.8	2.5	-.5	4.4	1.6	2.2	1.4	-1.4	.4
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.7	.8	-1.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.3	-.5	-.9	-3.7	-1.6	-2.3
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	-3.7	-1.2	-.8	-3.7	-.6	-1.4	-.5	-2.5	-3.9	-2.4	-2.5
Televisions .....	-4.9	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-.7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-.6
Video products other than televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-5.1	-9.6	-5.7	-2.1	-1.4	-6.8	-6.9	-.7	-4.2
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-.7	-3.3
Major household appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.2	3.4	-1.2	.0	-2.1	.4	1.8	3.3	-2.0	1.6	-1.8
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	1.1	1.8	1.2	-.9	-1.7	.7	4.7	5.1	-2.1	2.1	-2.9
Laundry equipment .....	-1.1	3.6	-.6	1.8	-1.9	.5	.6	2.8	-.4	3.3	-1.1
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.9	4.5	-3.5	-1.0	-2.4	.0	.7	2.1	-3.6	-.5	-1.5
Information processing equipment .....	-	-	-7.3	-3.2	-3.1	-7.2	-7.9	-8.1	-10.0	-10.6	-4.6
Other housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	2.2	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	-.3	.7	.6	.7	1.2
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	6.2	-1.0	4.6	7.5	-2.0	3.3	.7	2.0	4.3	1.6	1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	1.4	3.2	6.0	.1	3.5	2.4	-3.4	-.4	3.7	-3.9	2.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	3.0	2.2	1.4	6.3	1.6	1.1	.6	-3.1	1.8	3.0
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	.1	-2.6	1.8	-.6	1.1	3.9	.6	.7	2.4	.0
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.7	1.8	-3.0	-.8	-.5	1.4	-3.7	-2.0	-3.7	1.9	.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers .....	-	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	2.9	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-.3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.3
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	-.4	-.3	1.7	1.4	2.8	.8
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	5.6	5.4	4.1	.3	-.1	2.1	.6	10.5	.8	.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	2.8	2.2	6.8	1.5	.7	-.2	3.0	.8	3.9	.7	3.1
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	4.4	1.1	4.2	7.0	3.5	2.4	1.7	5.0	2.9	.5
Postage .....	.0	13.6	.0	.0	16.2	.0	.0	.0	10.4	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	5.9	2.6	.6	4.8	3.2	.3
Gardening and other household services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	-.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	5.0	1.7	.6	2.0	5.3	.1

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<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	4.8	4.4	0.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	0.7	-1.5	0.2	-0.2	4.8
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	-.4	5.3
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	5.2	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-.8	5.7
Men's and boys' .....	3.1	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	2.8
Men's .....	4.3	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	3.3
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	2.6
Furnishings and special clothing .....	.9	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-.1	.6	-2.7	4.3	2.9
Shirts <sup>1</sup> .....	6.6	6.2	.3	4.3	3.7	1.5	-2.7	-3.3	4.4	1.7	5.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	5.9	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-.8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	1.9
Boys' .....	-.7	4.9	-.8	1.6	2.6	-.9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	.9
Women's and girls' .....	6.1	3.2	-.6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-.6	-1.3	7.4
Women's .....	6.3	2.8	-.6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	7.5
Coats and jackets .....	4.9	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	-4.2
Dresses .....	15.3	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	11.4
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup> .....	5.4	2.1	-.8	5.9	3.7	-1.0	2.3	-3.0	-2.7	-.2	10.1
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	.4	5.7	1.8	4.4	2.3	.6	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	2.5
Suits <sup>1</sup> .....	8.8	5.8	-2.7	10.6	8.9	-1.3	4.4	1.2	-5.1	-2.1	10.1
Girls' .....	5.2	5.3	-.4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-1.9	6.5
Infants' and toddlers' .....	2.6	3.4	-.8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	5.3
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	7.9	6.5	3.1	6.0	3.0	3.5	2.0	2.9	.8	-3.9	6.9
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage .....	2.7	6.2	1.6	6.7	2.0	1.2	-1.0	.0	8.2	-3.0	2.4
Watches and jewelry .....	9.0	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-.5	-4.0	7.7
Watches .....	3.6	4.1	-.3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	3.6
Jewelry .....	10.6	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	8.7
Footwear .....	4.2	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	2.6
Men's .....	2.9	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-.7	1.8
Boys' and girls' .....	7.4	3.7	3.4	4.1	-.4	-.2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	1.9
Women's .....	3.4	5.6	-.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	3.7
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	3.7	4.1	3.8	6.9	3.4	3.3	2.8	1.6	.8	2.2	.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	5.2	5.3	3.9	5.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.8	.7	3.6	.5
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	3.2	3.5	8.3	3.7	3.5	2.5	1.4	.9	1.0	.8
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	-.3
Subcompact new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	2.4	1.2	.2	3.8	2.7	3.5	3.4	1.8	.8	-.6
Compact new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.6	2.4	.5	3.1	4.1	1.8	3.3	-.2
Intermediate new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	.4	1.5	3.9	1.6	3.4	2.2	2.2	3.4	1.3	.7	.0
Full-size new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.4	3.3	1.3	3.4	1.5	3.2	1.9	1.1	2.0	-.2
Luxury new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	5.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.8	2.1	3.1	1.9	2.8	-.3
New trucks .....	1.3	2.3	3.5	4.0	3.5	2.7	4.6	3.6	2.9	2.5	.5
New motorcycles .....	4.0	5.2	4.3	2.9	5.4	4.2	7.3	8.0	4.8	4.2	.0
Used cars .....	8.8	3.4	-.5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-.7
Motor fuel .....	18.5	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-2.8
Gasoline .....	18.7	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	18.5	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	15.6	-.7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-2.6
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	3.6	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	.9
Body work .....	5.5	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	1.6
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.3	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.1	2.7	1.6
Maintenance and servicing .....	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.9	5.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.9	.0
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	.9
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	6.9	4.9	5.4	3.5	1.8	2.0	5.5	3.1	1.9	.7
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.3	1.6	-.8	-1.3	.9	.9	-.1	-.6
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	-2.0	8.7	-.3	7.0	1.0	-.4	.3	6.2	3.2	1.2	-.5
Automobile parts and equipment .....	1.9	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-.8	-1.5	.3	.6	-.2	-.6
Tires .....	1.5	1.8	2.1	-.2	2.2	-.4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-1.2
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	2.5	.5	2.3	1.7	1.0	-1.1	-1.6	-1.4	1.0	-.4	.0
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup> .....	5.3	.9	5.5	6.3	3.9	2.3	2.5	6.4	3.4	2.2	.9
Automobile insurance .....	5.6	1.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	.4
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	6.0	1.5	4.3	.2	-7.0	-14.1	-6.3	23.1	2.2	-2.7	1.3
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	1.8	5.7	9.8	3.6	6.1	2.2	3.0	1.0	.7	2.6
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	6.1	6.2	16.0	4.7	5.9	2.5	.4	1.8	.1	-.1
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	5.5	1.6	4.9	2.1	2.0	6.4	1.8	6.8	-.1	1.9	6.1
Public transportation .....	1.6	1.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-.1
Airline fares .....	1.1	1.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-.5
Other intercity transportation .....	2.1	1.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	-.2
Intracity public transportation .....	2.2	1.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

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

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

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

1998.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 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)	
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997
U.S. city average .....	\$31.587	\$30.512	\$68.687	\$65.777	\$49.516	\$49.271	\$1.079	\$1.046
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	41.921	41.488	87.631	86.628	64.931	64.236	1.081	1.044
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	42.265	41.789	88.278	87.204	68.047	67.095	1.129	1.093
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	41.191	40.947	84.367	83.797	56.293	56.651	.991	.962
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	39.611	40.136	86.096	86.849	50.521	50.470	1.059	1.011
North Central urban .....	28.873	27.165	59.667	55.087	45.706	45.808	1.013	.995
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	28.878	27.249	59.414	54.847	47.344	47.529	1.025	.996
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	28.763	28.089	55.104	55.118	48.458	48.421	1.033	1.018
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	29.690	27.936	65.062	60.012	41.598	41.829	.992	.986
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	27.911	24.637	59.282	51.267	37.826	37.237	NA	NA
South urban .....	33.344	31.549	69.939	65.347	42.556	42.518	1.097	1.076
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	33.697	31.502	68.814	63.296	44.662	44.183	1.195	1.202
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	35.980	34.991	75.459	72.920	42.224	42.221	1.036	1.007
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	31.718	30.724	69.771	66.581	41.854	43.119	NA	NA
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	28.185	25.312	66.379	60.259	37.168	36.123	1.059	1.023
West urban .....	24.406	24.306	61.522	61.204	50.432	49.904	1.178	1.162
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	24.244	24.244	62.599	62.599	50.888	50.354	1.173	1.161
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	22.133	21.107	51.184	48.392	37.366	37.152	1.186	1.163
Size classes								
A .....	31.946	30.921	69.608	66.761	52.875	52.408	1.126	1.094
B .....	32.667	32.110	69.157	68.239	47.652	47.571	1.004	.976
C .....	29.656	28.527	65.844	62.451	42.499	43.204	1.062	1.021
D .....	28.182	25.560	59.917	53.673	40.042	39.292	1.011	.975
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	30.485	27.632	59.916	53.276	59.825	60.391	NA	NA
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	25.835	25.835	66.916	66.916	63.948	64.008	NA	NA
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	43.940	42.842	89.301	86.905	73.821	71.707	1.185	1.135
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	38.240	38.300	84.309	84.422	62.809	62.809	.989	.969
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	21.100	21.100	62.164	62.164	61.080	58.650	NA	NA
Baltimore, MD .....	40.480	33.170	86.190	67.930	47.870	47.870	1.204	1.176
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	46.277	46.277	102.042	102.042	63.894	64.788	1.107	1.093
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	29.832	29.231	68.017	65.141	60.602	60.602	NA	NA
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	47.067	46.867	105.095	104.527	45.791	45.446	NA	NA
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	33.441	28.836	63.285	51.916	37.000	36.936	NA	NA
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	43.077	43.110	87.197	87.283	41.012	40.873	1.186	1.227
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	26.015	19.578	57.316	41.147	45.470	45.460	NA	NA
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	26.022	26.018	52.183	52.162	47.323	47.323	NA	NA
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	27.257	27.257	53.177	53.177	41.169	41.222	NA	NA
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	40.655	40.475	83.891	83.392	52.891	52.891	.871	.857

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.  
NA Data not adequate for publication.

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

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Apr. 1997		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Apr. 1997	
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Low	High	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Low	High
U.S. city average .....	\$0.692	\$0.664	1	2,800	\$0.093	\$0.092	5	6,301
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	.891	.876	1	2,800	.123	.122	110	5,069
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.904	.887	5	862	.129	.127	110	3,750
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.839	.833	1	505	.107	.108	173	5,069
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	.799	.813	19	328	.092	.092	227	2,865
North Central urban .....	.579	.537	6	1,124	.086	.086	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.574	.530	6	1,124	.091	.092	5	3,785
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.583	.573	20	380	.087	.087	220	4,517
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	.618	.576	12	623	.076	.077	39	3,404
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.573	.526	22	668	.067	.066	252	2,397
South urban .....	.783	.739	1	1,230	.077	.077	32	6,301
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.772	.716	7	394	.079	.078	148	6,301
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.854	.846	1	1,230	.077	.077	112	6,229
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	.800	.776	3	278	.075	.078	94	4,249
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.685	.603	5	283	.073	.071	32	5,536
West urban .....	.603	.600	5	1,557	.099	.098	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	.611	.611	15	1,557	.099	.099	103	5,033
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	.502	.475	24	606	.078	.078	101	3,146
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	.698	.669	5	1,557	.099	.098	5	6,301
B .....	.728	.722	1	1,230	.088	.088	112	6,229
C .....	.666	.638	3	623	.078	.080	39	4,249
D .....	.597	.550	5	2,800	.076	.075	32	5,536
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.529	.460	24	1,124	.120	.122	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	.655	.655	17	447	.126	.127	164	2,454
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.937	.899	5	579	.142	.138	125	3,750
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.858	.860	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.598	.598	15	293	.127	.122	200	1,746
Baltimore, MD .....	.913	.731	34	125	.076	.076	541	4,252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.078	1.078	16	232	.122	.123	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.663	.642	41	561	.107	.107	298	2,259
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.813	1.808	7	13	.089	.088	380	2,607
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	.584	.481	73	314	.070	.069	5	2,608
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.086	1.087	20	68	.071	.071	415	3,401
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.593	.432	20	394	.072	.072	242	6,250
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	.532	.529	10	1,016	.097	.097	27	1,534
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.644	.644	18	209	.075	.075	312	6,301
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	.783	.780	72	632	.092	.092	245	2,808

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

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

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline All types <sup>1</sup>		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium	
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997
U.S. city average .....	\$1.293	\$1.288	\$1.235	\$1.231	\$1.329	\$1.324	\$1.415	\$1.413
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	1.349	1.319	1.281	1.249	1.388	1.361	1.464	1.439
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.351	1.320	1.278	1.246	1.386	1.356	1.462	1.436
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.382	1.350	1.326	1.294	1.437	1.410	1.502	1.473
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	1.308	1.283	1.245	1.219	1.347	1.324	1.434	1.414
North Central urban .....	1.218	1.208	1.178	1.168	1.250	1.239	1.334	1.325
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.236	1.227	1.191	1.185	1.284	1.275	1.364	1.348
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.189	1.190	1.140	1.137	1.244	1.243	1.302	1.319
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	1.196	1.180	1.161	1.144	1.215	1.198	1.296	1.286
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.203	1.186	1.180	1.161	1.198	1.177	1.297	1.291
South urban .....	1.255	1.241	1.192	1.178	1.290	1.277	1.373	1.359
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.248	1.233	1.184	1.169	1.295	1.279	1.372	1.357
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.289	1.282	1.213	1.206	1.302	1.295	1.382	1.375
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	1.222	1.206	1.172	1.156	1.267	1.250	1.358	1.340
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.264	1.244	1.211	1.190	1.298	1.279	1.386	1.367
West urban .....	1.386	1.429	1.329	1.371	1.435	1.476	1.520	1.566
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	1.398	1.447	1.337	1.388	1.439	1.483	1.534	1.585
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	1.342	1.363	1.292	1.310	1.374	1.412	1.485	1.500
Size classes								
A .....	1.311	1.311	1.249	1.251	1.353	1.353	1.438	1.439
B .....	1.308	1.305	1.246	1.242	1.343	1.339	1.407	1.407
C .....	1.246	1.234	1.197	1.185	1.283	1.273	1.375	1.363
D .....	1.258	1.246	1.221	1.208	1.270	1.255	1.377	1.368
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	1.339	1.312	1.281	1.252	1.387	1.365	1.471	1.444
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.388	1.446	1.331	1.391	1.415	1.467	1.504	1.564
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	1.368	1.338	1.297	1.266	1.418	1.387	1.492	1.462
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	1.344	1.308	1.214	1.174	1.328	1.293	1.397	1.373
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	1.439	1.513	1.374	1.449	1.498	1.565	1.596	1.672
Baltimore, MD .....	1.317	1.291	1.264	1.232	1.358	1.338	1.409	1.392
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.327	1.302	1.277	1.250	1.371	1.349	1.440	1.422
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1.193	1.215	1.142	1.166	1.227	1.250	1.336	1.351
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.357	1.347	1.288	1.278	1.405	1.392	1.470	1.460
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1.136	1.164	1.089	1.117	1.162	1.191	1.283	1.309
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.312	1.286	1.244	1.221	1.347	1.321	1.436	1.407
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.217	1.209	1.162	1.155	1.263	1.256	1.338	1.328
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	1.179	1.175	1.132	1.134	1.242	1.225	1.333	1.320
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	1.194	1.184	1.138	1.128	1.247	1.235	1.289	1.282
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	1.303	1.277	1.249	1.221	1.350	1.323	1.431	1.417

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

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

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

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	\$0.305	\$0.304	\$0.359	\$0.353	\$0.291	\$0.292	\$0.291	\$0.297	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.564	.558	.549	.535	NA	NA	.561	.556	0.609	0.605
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.872	.883	.790	.793	.846	.898	.839	.810	1.057	1.073
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.855	.855	.912	.895	.890	.866	.805	.810	.848	.879
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.507	1.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.584	1.586
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.292	1.291	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.159	1.157	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.647	2.582	NA	NA	2.367	2.315	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.488	1.581	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.406	1.504	NA	NA
<b>Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:</b>										
<b>Meats:</b>										
<b>Beef and veal:</b>										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.822	1.831	1.786	1.744	1.769	1.785	1.852	1.914	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.356	1.381	NA	NA	1.179	1.349	1.500	1.447	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.026	2.039	2.183	2.193	1.804	1.829	2.034	2.073	2.025	1.988
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) .....	2.226	2.159	NA	NA	2.348	2.257	2.217	2.041	2.233	2.211
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.449	2.422	2.554	2.584	2.411	2.342	2.384	2.346	2.431	2.383
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.889	2.866	2.900	2.842	2.794	2.753	2.936	2.919	2.987	3.123
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.691	2.713	NA	NA	2.632	2.586	2.463	2.596	2.930	2.893
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.135	5.050	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.640	5.831	NA	NA	5.601	5.663	5.714	5.848	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.746	5.712	NA	NA	6.445	6.147	5.948	6.033	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.145	3.079	3.490	3.302	2.874	2.749	3.078	3.151	3.010	3.083
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.977	3.010	NA	NA	2.871	2.949	2.862	2.977	3.082	3.068
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	3.130	3.213	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.587	3.548	NA	NA	3.267	3.259	3.450	3.295	3.661	3.738
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.128	4.216	4.094	4.224	4.066	4.188	4.011	4.066	4.828	4.796
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) .....	2.473	2.524	NA	NA	2.559	2.527	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Pork:</b>										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.657	2.660	2.893	2.899	2.545	2.568	2.598	2.569	2.569	2.582
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.422	3.445	3.179	3.301	3.159	3.257	3.544	3.537	3.925	3.725
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.113	4.051	4.043	3.879	4.140	4.208	4.330	4.264	3.910	3.834
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.944	1.823	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.814	1.711	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.777	2.730	NA	NA	2.588	2.583	2.883	2.687	2.737	2.702
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) .....	1.251	1.242	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.207	1.243	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.124	2.157	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.174	2.185	NA	NA
<b>Other meats:</b>										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.217	2.244	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.123	2.176	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.380	2.350	NA	NA	2.219	2.175	2.467	2.445	NA	NA
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997
<b>Poultry:</b>										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.009	1.002	1.089	1.054	0.992	0.980	0.933	0.917	1.073	1.109
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.994	2.004	2.101	2.032	1.687	1.797	1.895	1.890	2.374	2.380
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.231	1.215	1.263	1.245	1.148	1.107	1.174	1.190	1.386	1.326
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.047	1.032	1.028	1.048	1.046	1.035	1.038	.987	1.104	1.094
<b>Fish and seafood:</b>										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.980	2.005	2.000	2.059	1.994	2.096	1.896	1.857	2.124	2.118
<b>Eggs:</b>										
Grade A, large, per doz. ....	1.056	1.081	1.273	1.281	.896	.965	1.073	1.062	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz. ....	1.282	1.265	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.393	1.354
<b>Dairy products:</b>										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	1.591	1.601	1.405	1.454	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.735	1.697
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	2.632	2.606	2.612	2.625	2.546	2.500	2.615	2.564	2.781	2.780
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) .....	2.437	2.372	NA	NA	2.405	2.342	2.617	2.579	NA	NA
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.135	2.177	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.009	2.020	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.514	3.534	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.070	3.119	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.563	3.603	2.747	2.803
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	2.920	2.903	3.056	2.962	2.665	2.717	2.695	2.821	3.355	3.162
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm) .....	.658	.683	.642	.691	NA	NA	.649	.673	NA	NA
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>										
<b>Fresh fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.914	.895	.934	.942	.902	.897	.954	.899	.867	.854
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.532	.512	.597	.574	.494	.451	.479	.482	.593	.565
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.546	.598	.565	.638	.567	.587	.529	.610	.526	.567
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) .....	.496	.512	.455	.491	.465	.484	.515	.533	.540	.531
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.675	1.876	1.720	1.958	1.728	1.852	1.570	1.846	1.693	1.873
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.005	.990	1.062	1.065	.957	.905	1.017	1.082	.978	.892
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	1.649	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.003	1.011	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm) .....	1.317	1.179	1.286	1.205	1.349	1.163	1.407	1.348	1.217	1.009
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.330	.335	.365	.376	.277	.279	.336	.338	.349	.355
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.614	.666	.665	.719	.586	.624	.638	.699	.557	.609
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.654	1.348	1.774	1.453	1.660	1.279	1.555	1.329	1.667	1.338
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.032	.922	1.000	.937	1.012	.949	1.196	1.045	NA	NA
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.366	.400	.394	.406	.316	.387	.336	.386	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.533	.519	NA	NA	.488	.478	NA	NA	.466	.438
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.569	.528	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) .....	.724	.693	NA	NA	NA	NA	.730	.768	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.501	.516	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.397	1.314	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.162	1.238	NA	NA
<b>Processed fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.837	.851	NA	NA	NA	NA	.800	.819	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	1.747	1.727	2.000	1.883	1.554	1.566	1.672	1.654	1.884	1.911
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.940	.955	NA	NA	.916	.918	.934	.936	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.728	.736	NA	NA	.686	.687	.679	.680	NA	NA
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.745	.734	.830	.836	NA	NA	.710	.685	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.914	.929	NA	NA	.894	.906	.911	.914	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) .....	.678	.670	.645	.653	NA	NA	.693	.679	.758	.750

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	0.431	0.435	0.456	0.457	0.430	0.435	0.433	0.432	0.411	0.424
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.419	.424	.438	.440	.413	.419	.414	.414	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.819	.847	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) .....	.867	.870	1.034	1.039	.802	.798	.826	.836	.870	.863
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.778	1.808	1.824	1.873	1.720	1.710	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz) .....	1.010	1.008	NA	NA	NA	NA	.990	.963	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.512	3.894	3.730	4.130	3.369	3.791	NA	NA	3.482	3.855
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) .....	10.110	10.263	NA	NA	10.141	10.259	9.382	9.567	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm) .....	3.145	3.184	2.952	3.011	3.130	3.251	3.340	3.282	3.075	3.134
Alcoholic Beverages at Home:										
Malt Beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.854	.847	.928	.846	.788	.797	.827	.866	.894	.873
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	9.459	9.407	11.901	NA	9.305	NA	NA	NA	NA	8.380
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	5.337	4.933	5.870	4.549	4.950	4.976	5.027	6.103	5.410	4.441

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

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

NA Data not adequate for publication.

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

(Nov. 1996=100)

Washington- Baltimore	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
<b>CPI-U</b>								
All items .....	1	100.4	-	100.8	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	1	99.9	-	100.0	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	1	100.4	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
Residential rent .....	M	99.6	99.6	99.7	100.5	0.9	0.9	0.8
Apparel .....	1	99.0	-	100.3	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	1	100.4	-	100.9	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	1	102.3	-	102.5	-	-	-	-
Entertainment .....	1	100.6	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	1	100.5	-	101.6	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	1	100.3	-	100.9	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	1	100.2	-	100.7	-	-	-	-
Food .....	1	99.7	-	99.9	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	M	103.1	102.7	101.4	99.3	-3.7	-3.3	-2.1
<b>CPI-W</b>								
All items .....	1	100.4	-	100.8	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	1	99.9	-	100.0	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	1	100.4	-	100.5	-	-	-	-
Residential rent .....	M	99.7	99.6	99.8	100.5	.8	.9	.7
Apparel .....	1	98.7	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	1	100.6	-	101.0	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	1	101.7	-	102.0	-	-	-	-
Entertainment .....	1	100.7	-	100.9	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	1	100.6	-	102.2	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	1	100.2	-	100.9	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	1	100.3	-	100.7	-	-	-	-
Food .....	1	99.7	-	99.9	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	M	103.2	103.0	101.8	99.3	-3.8	-3.6	-2.5

<sup>1</sup> Residential rent and Energy are priced monthly in Washington-Baltimore as indicated:

M - Every month.

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

Data not available.

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

(Dec. 1996=100)

Region and Population Size Class	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997	Apr. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Mar. 1997
<b>CPI-U All Items</b>							
<b>Population Size Class</b>							
B/C .....	100.2	100.5	100.7	100.9	0.7	0.4	0.2
<b>Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications</b>							
Northeast B/C .....	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.7	.7	.5	.2
North Central B/C .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.3	.3	.1	.1
South B/C .....	100.3	100.6	100.9	101.1	.8	.5	.2
West B/C .....	100.4	100.8	101.2	101.4	1.0	.6	.2
<b>CPI-W All Items</b>							
<b>Population Size Class</b>							
B/C .....	100.1	100.4	100.6	100.7	.6	.3	
<b>Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications</b>							
Northeast B/C .....	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.6	.6	.5	.2
North Central B/C .....	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.1	.1	.0	.1
South B/C .....	100.2	100.5	100.7	100.9	.7	.4	.2
West B/C .....	100.5	100.9	101.3	101.4	.9	.5	.1

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
Fresh fruits	<i>Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home</i>
Apples	<i>Wine away from home</i>
Bananas	<i>Distilled spirits away from home</i>
See note at end of table.	

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

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

Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure—Continued

Expenditure Category	
<i>Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories</i>	Other goods and services
Pet services including veterinary services	Tobacco and smoking products
<i>Pet services</i>	Cigarettes
<i>Veterinarian services</i>	Tobacco products other than cigarettes
Sporting goods	Personal care
Sports vehicles including bicycles	Personal care products
Sports equipment	Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal c
Photography	Cosmetics/perfume/bath/nail preparations and impl
Photographic supplies and equipment	Personal care services
<i>Film and photographic supplies</i>	Haircuts and other personal care services
<i>Photographic equipment</i>	Miscellaneous personal services
Photographers and film processing	Legal services
<i>Photographer fees</i>	Funeral expenses
<i>Film processing</i>	Laundry and dry cleaning services
Other recreational goods	Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleanin
Toys and games	Financial services
<i>Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment</i>	<i>Checking account and other bank services</i>
<i>Video game hardware, software and accessories</i>	<i>Tax return preparation and other accounting 1</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>	<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATE INDEXES</b>
<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	$0.037 \times 100$
Equals percent change	3.7

## Energy Prices

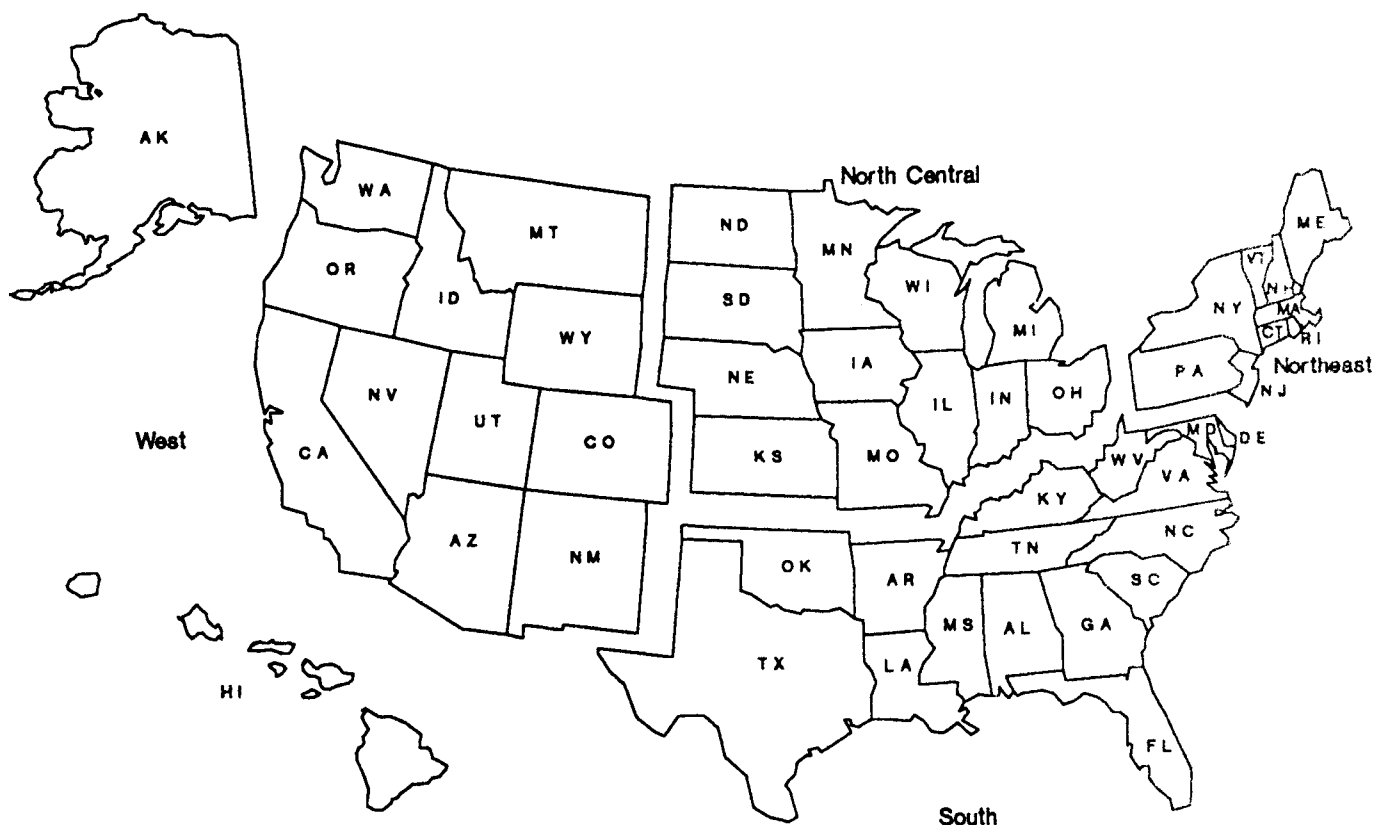
Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 15 large metropolitan areas, the four census regions, four size classifications, and 13 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by the four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area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

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

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

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

## Census Regions



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Food Prices

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

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

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

## Adjustment of Shelter Indexes for Aging Effects

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

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

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

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

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

## Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month. For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year—such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

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

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

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

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

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

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

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

A description of intervention analysis, including a list of

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

## Metropolitan Areas

BLS publishes five major metropolitan areas monthly:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How to Obtain Consumer Price Index Information

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

### Electronic access to CPI data

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

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

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

### Subscriptions to CPI publications

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

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

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

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

### Recorded CPI data

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

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

### Other sources of CPI data

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

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

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

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