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<i>Index month</i>	<i>Release date</i>	<i>Index month</i>	<i>Release date</i>
January	February 24	April	May 14
February	March 19	May	June 16
March	April 14	June	July 14

Price Movements December 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) declined 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in December to a level of 161.3 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in December, the CPI-U has increased 1.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) declined 0.2 percent in December, prior to seasonal adjustment. The December 1997 CPI-W level of 158.2 was 1.5 percent higher than the index in December 1996.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in December, the same as in November. The food index decreased 0.1 percent in December. Grocery store food prices dropped 0.3 percent in December, reflecting declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. The energy index, which declined 0.2 percent in November, fell 1.6 percent in December. The index for petroleum-based energy declined 0.9 percent, and the index for energy services dropped 2.4 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent after advancing 0.1 percent in November. Larger increases in the costs for shelter, for medical care, and for tobacco, coupled with an upturn in the index for entertainment and a smaller

decline in airline fares, accounted for the larger advance in December.

For the 12-month period ended in December 1997, the CPI-U rose 1.7 percent. This compares with an advance of 3.3 percent in 1996 and was the smallest annual increase since a 1.1-percent rise in 1986. The food and energy components, which had accelerated in 1996 after acting as moderating influences throughout most of the preceding 5 years, were largely responsible for the deceleration in 1997. The food index rose 1.5 percent in 1997, following a 4.3-percent increase in 1996. Grocery store food prices rose 1.0 percent after advancing 4.9 percent in 1996. All major grocery store groups showed marked deceleration in 1997, relative to 1996, except for the other food at home group, which rose 2.9 percent after increasing 2.2 percent in 1996. The larger advance in this group was due to the sharp acceleration in coffee prices, which increased 16.9 percent in 1997 after declining 6.7 percent in the previous year. The energy index, which increased 8.6 percent in 1996, declined 3.4 percent in 1997. Petroleum-based energy costs fell 6.9 percent, following a 13.8-percent increase in 1996, while charges for energy services increased 0.2 percent after rising 3.8 percent in 1996.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced 2.2 percent in 1997, following an increase of 2.6 percent in 1996.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended December 1997	Unadjusted 12 months ended December 1997
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997								
	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
All Items	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.7
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.1	0	1.3	1.6
Housing	.3	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	2.8	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.2	-1.0	.3	.1	.2	.1	1.2	1.0
Transportation	-.3	.1	.6	.4	.1	-.7	-.2	-3.3	-1.4
Medical care	.2	0	.2	.2	.1	.3	.5	3.6	2.8
Entertainment	.5	.1	.2	-.2	.2	-.2	.3	1.0	1.4
Other goods and services	.2	.3	.6	.3	.7	.3	.4	5.9	5.2
Special Indexes:									
Energy	0	-.1	1.7	1.3	.1	-.2	-1.6	-6.6	-3.4
Food	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.2	-.1	1.3	1.5
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	2.4	2.2

Table Q4. Annual percent changes in the CPI for All Urban Consumers, 1989-97¹

Expenditure category	Percent change, 12 months ended in December—								
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All Items	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7
Food and beverages	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6
Housing	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-.2	1.0
Transportation	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4
Medical care	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8
Entertainment	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.9	1.4
Other goods and services	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2
Special Indexes:									
Energy	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4
Food	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5
All items less food and energy	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2

The 1997 advance represents the smallest annual increase in this index since a 1.5-percent rise in 1965. The deceleration in 1997, while widespread, was particularly notable within the transportation (other than for motor fuel) component, specifically, for airline fares and for new vehicles. The rates for selected groups during the past 9 years are shown below.

The food and beverage index was unchanged in December. The index for grocery store food prices, which increased 0.1 percent in November, fell 0.3 percent in December. Declines of 1.0 and 0.7 percent, respectively, in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs were responsible for the downturn. Within the latter category, prices for beef, pork, and poultry prices each declined

in December and over the past 12 months have fallen 0.7, 1.5, and 1.6 percent, respectively. Recent increases in the index for dairy products—up 0.5 percent in December and 3.0 percent in the fourth quarter—have not offset declines earlier this year, resulting in a 0.5-percent drop in the 12 months ended in December. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home rose 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively, in December. During the 12-month period ended in December, these categories have risen 1.5 and 2.9 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index—restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages—each rose 0.4 percent in December. During the last 12 months, these groups rose 2.6 and 2.2 percent, respectively.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended December 1997	Unadjusted 12 months ended December 1997
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997								
	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
All Items	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.3	1.5
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.1	0	1.3	1.5
Housing	.3	.2	0	.3	.2	.4	0	2.4	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	-.3	.2	-1.0	.2	.1	.1	-.1	.3	.8
Transportation	-.4	.1	.7	.4	-.1	-.7	-.1	-3.3	-1.7
Medical care	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.3	.5	3.8	2.8
Entertainment	.5	.1	.4	-.2	.1	-.2	.2	.2	1.3
Other goods and services	0	.3	.5	.5	.8	.4	.4	6.4	5.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy	0	-.2	2.0	1.2	.1	-.3	-1.7	-7.3	-3.8
Food	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	.1	-.1	1.0	1.5
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	0	.2	.2	.1	.3	2.4	2.1

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in December, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the 3 preceding months. A sharp downturn in the index for fuel and other utilities—down 1.1 percent in December after increasing 0.9 percent in November—accounted for the deceleration. In December, the index for household fuels fell 2.3 percent, reflecting decreases of 2.7 percent in the index for natural gas and 2.2 percent in the index for electricity; the index for fuel oil rose 0.1 percent. During the 12 months ended in December, charges for natural gas rose 3.3 percent, while the indexes for electricity and fuel oil declined 1.3 and 11.7 percent, respectively. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.1 percent in December. The index for telephone services declined slightly in December, but has risen 0.2 percent since December 1996. Shelter costs rose 0.4 percent in December. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.7 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.3 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.5 percent. The increase in renters' costs reflects a 1.8 percent rise in the index for lodging while out of town; residential rents rose 0.3 percent. Shelter costs advanced 3.4 percent in the 12 months ended in December 1997, following a 2.9 percent rise in 1996. The index for household furnishings and operation was unchanged in December and was 0.1 percent higher than its level in December 1996.

The transportation index, which declined 0.7 percent in November, fell 0.2 percent in December. The indexes for motor fuels and new vehicles declined for the third consecutive month and public transportation costs decreased for the second month in a row. The index for gasoline, which fell 2.3 percent in November, declined 1.0 percent in December. New vehicle purchase costs declined again in December; the index for new vehicle prices decreased 0.2 percent and automobile finance charges dropped 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices increased 0.1 percent. As of December, about 60 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1998 models. The 1998 models will continue to be phased in over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships.) The index for used cars increased 0.3 percent. Public transportation costs declined 0.9 percent in December. The index for airline fares, which declined 3.9 percent in November, dropped 1.4 percent in December. During the 12 months ended in December, prices for gasoline, new vehicles, used cars, airline fares, and automobile finance charges each declined, with the decreases ranging from 0.9 percent for new vehicles to 6.1 percent for gasoline.

The index for apparel and upkeep increased for the fourth

consecutive month—up 0.1 percent in December—to a level 1.0 percent higher than in December 1996. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel commodity prices fell 2.6 percent in December, reflecting pre-holiday discounting.)

The medical care index rose 0.5 percent in December. Each year (December-to-December) these costs have decelerated since registering a 9.6 percent advance in 1990, and the 2.8 percent rise in 1997 represents the smallest annual increase since a 2.8-percent rise in 1965. In December, the index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—rose 0.6 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.5 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.6 percent, respectively, in December and 3.1 and 3.2 percent, respectively, in 1997.

Entertainment costs rose 0.3 percent in December to a level 1.4 percent above a year ago. In 1997, charges for entertainment services increased 2.5 percent, while prices for entertainment commodities—reading materials, sporting goods, and toys and hobbies—decreased 0.1 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in December, following an increase of 0.3 percent in November. A larger increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products—up 0.7 percent after increasing 0.1 percent in November—accounted for the larger December rise. During the last 12 months this index rose 5.2 percent, reflecting increases of 7.2 percent for tobacco and smoking products and 5.2 percent for tuition and other school fees.

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

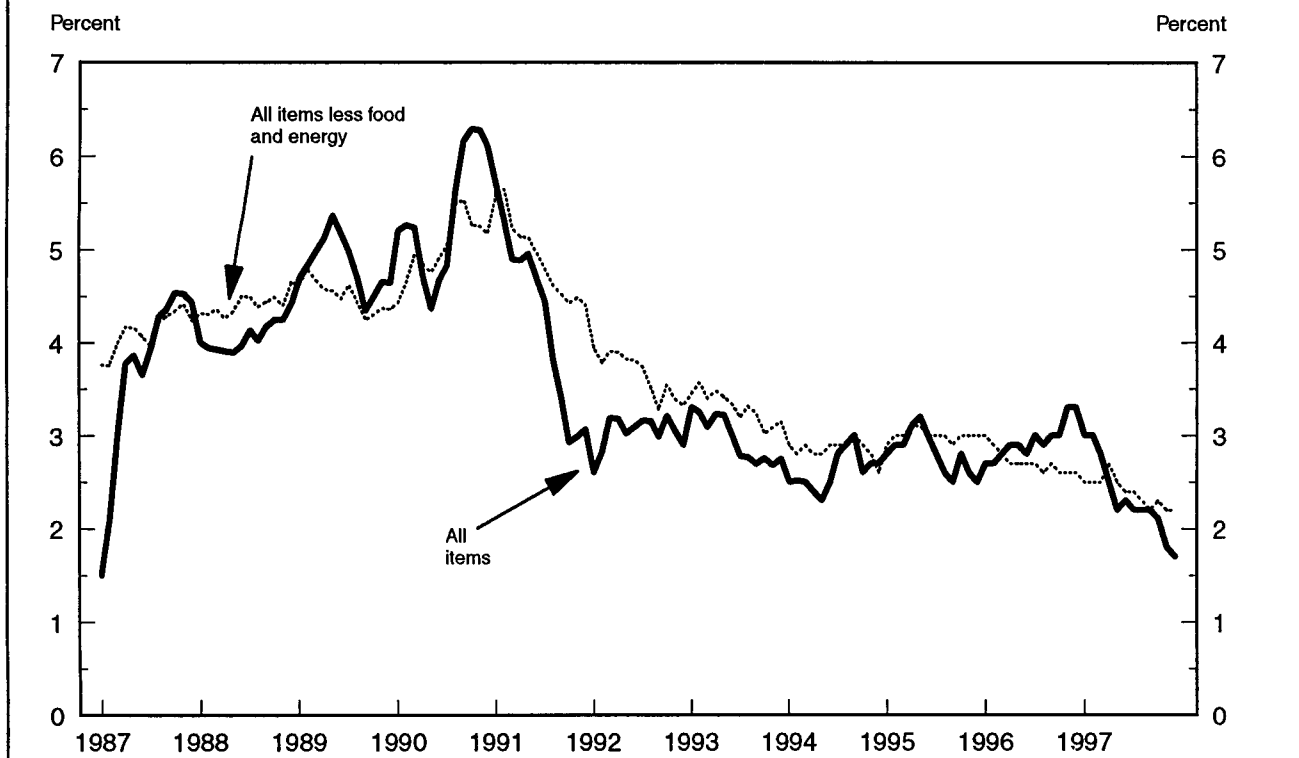
On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.1 percent in December.

After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 161.9 in December; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 158.7.

Beginning with January 1997 data, BLS has been 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 five 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



BLS to Maintain Current Reference Base of 1982-84=100 for Most CPI Index Series

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) previously indicated that it would change the reference base for both the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the present 1982-84=100 base to a 1993-95=100 base, effective with release of the January 1999 index in February 1999. BLS also planned to discontinue the alternate, or 1967=100 base, in 1999, as well. This plan was initially described in the December 1996 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review*, which contained several articles that dealt with the 1998 CPI Revision.

BLS has decided not to implement this rebasing plan and will maintain the reference base of 1982-84=100 used for most items. In addition, the 1967=100 reference base will continue to be the alternate base for the All Items indexes. This decision is based, in part, on the fact that historical data have less precision after rebasing. Rebasing is simply an arithmetic transformation that does not substantively impact the index. Because the rebased index values are smaller, however, the loss of precision due to rounding is more serious in historical data. In addition, retaining the old index reference bases will spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

The decision to not change the reference base should not be confused with the plans by BLS to update the market basket of the CPI. With release of the January CPI in February 1998, the expenditure weights applied to CPI categories will be based on consumer spending patterns for 1993-95.

If you have any questions about the plans to maintain the current CPI reference base of 1982-84=100, please contact Patrick Jackman at (202) 606-6952.

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 20, 1998

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January 1993 through December 1997, on Friday, February 20, 1998. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 1998 CPI on Tuesday, February 24, 1998.

The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the Internet using the BLS FTP server. The address is *ftp://146.142.4.23*. Select *pub*, then select *special request* and then select *cpi*. The revised seasonal data will be in the file *revseas.cpi*.

For further information, please contact Claire Gallagher or Richard Kerr on (202) 606-6968.

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Upcoming CPI Revision User Briefings

The 1998 CPI Revision will result in several improvements to the index, effective with the release of data for January 1998. A new set of expenditure weights, using 1993-95 Consumer Expenditure Survey data, will replace the 1982-84 weights now used. The CPI will also employ a new geographic sample, a new item structure, and a new variance-based publication system. The Web site at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm> includes articles on the 1998 CPI revision from

the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*. For more information on this CPI revision, BLS is offering free user conferences around the country to brief groups or individuals. The Bureau will post dates for these meetings on the CPI Web site. Information on the 1998 CPI revision is also available by calling (202) 606-7000 or any of the regional office telephone numbers listed inside the back cover of this report.

Using a Hedonic Model in the Consumer Price Index to Adjust Personal Computer Prices for Changes in Quality

Effective with the release of data for January 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce an improved quality adjustment technique in the new stratum of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) called personal computers and peripheral equipment.

Currently, personal computers are part of the information processing equipment stratum, which had a relative importance in December 1996 of 0.074 percent in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and 0.057 percent in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). As previously announced, beginning with the CPI for January 1998, information processing equipment will become an expenditure class called "information and information processing other than telephone services." Personal computers and peripheral equipment will be one of four strata in that expenditure class. At that time, due to the incorporation of more recent consumer expenditure weights in the CPI, the sample size and relative importance of personal computers will increase.

Analysts in the Producer Price Index (PPI) program have developed and implemented a regression procedure, called a hedonic model, that decomposes the price of personal com-

puters into implicit prices for each important feature and component of the computer. This model provides a way to estimate the value of changes or improvements. Results from the model have been used in the PPI (since 1991) as well as in the Bureau's International Price Program (since 1993). The resulting indexes have been used in the National Income and Product Accounts produced by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce. The CPI has used similar hedonic methods to adjust apparel prices for many years. An important distinction is that the PPI model uses data from secondary sources, rather than from internal pricing samples.

Starting with the CPI for January 1998, when a personal computer or selected item of peripheral equipment, such as a modem, in the CPI sample improves in some way, a regression-based quality adjustment will be made. The value of the improvement, as derived from the PPI regression estimates, will be deducted from the observed price change for the product. Conversely, if a specific model deteriorates in value in some way, the difference in value will be added to the price.

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¹The results of recent BLS research in this area have not been published. However, research builds on earlier work on an experimental PPI computer index; this index is described in James Sinclair and Brian Catron, "New Price Index for the Computer Industry," *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 113, No. 10, October 1990, pp. 16-24.

Planned CPI Publication Changes

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

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

Changes to the item structure

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

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

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

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

Changes to the geographic structure

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New tables

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	161.5	161.3	1.7	−0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100)	—	483.9	483.2	—	—	—	—	—
Food and beverages	17.484	158.9	159.1	1.6	.1	.2	.1	.0
Food	15.913	158.5	158.7	1.5	.1	.2	.2	−.1
Food at home	10.040	159.1	159.2	1.0	.1	.2	.1	−.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.479	178.0	178.4	1.5	.2	.2	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.002	149.3	148.4	−1.1	−.6	−.3	.1	−.7
Dairy products ¹	1.245	147.0	147.8	−.5	.5	1.5	.9	.5
Fruits and vegetables ²	1.974	189.5	191.3	2.2	.9	.3	.4	−1.0
Other food at home	2.340	147.7	147.7	2.9	.0	−.1	−.3	.1
Sugar and sweets	.331	147.4	147.9	2.2	.3	−.3	.4	.5
Fats and oils	.246	140.4	140.3	−.3	−.1	−.6	−.2	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	.724	134.7	133.1	4.9	−1.2	−.2	−1.2	−.8
Other prepared food	1.039	161.5	162.8	2.5	.8	.1	.0	.7
Food away from home	5.873	158.6	159.0	2.6	.3	.1	.3	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.571	163.7	164.0	2.2	.2	.1	.1	.4
Housing ²	41.203	157.7	157.7	2.4	.0	.3	.3	.1
Shelter	28.194	177.7	178.1	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.4
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	7.994	185.9	186.1	3.9	.1	.6	.0	.7
Rent, residential	5.731	168.7	169.1	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs ⁴	2.263	216.6	216.1	6.0	−.2	1.7	−.5	1.6
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	20.000	183.9	184.3	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ³	19.616	184.2	184.7	3.1	.3	.2	.3	.3
Household insurance ^{3 4}	.383	167.0	167.1	2.9	.1	−.1	.1	.2
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	.200	144.9	145.6	2.9	.5	1.5	.1	.5
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	.123	153.7	154.1	4.1	.3	2.1	.2	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	.077	132.7	133.9	1.0	.9	.5	.0	.9
Fuel and other utilities ²	7.102	131.1	130.0	.5	−.8	.3	.9	−1.1
Fuels	3.878	117.7	115.8	−1.1	−1.6	.4	1.5	−2.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.424	96.6	97.2	−11.9	.6	−.3	.6	−.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.453	125.3	123.0	.2	−1.8	.5	1.6	−2.4
Other utilities and public services ⁴	3.224	162.8	162.9	2.4	.1	.1	.3	.1
Household furnishings and operation ²	5.908	125.2	125.1	.1	−.1	.1	.1	.0
Housefurnishings ⁴	3.332	109.7	109.5	−1.4	−.2	.1	−.1	.0
Housekeeping supplies	1.093	143.4	143.4	1.4	.0	−.1	.1	.3
Housekeeping services ⁴	1.482	153.7	153.7	2.4	.0	.1	.5	−.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.330	134.7	131.6	1.0	−2.3	.1	.2	.1
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.786	131.1	127.7	.9	−2.6	.1	.2	.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.280	133.0	131.2	2.7	−1.4	.2	−.5	.8
Women's and girls' apparel	2.102	128.8	123.6	.2	−4.0	−.5	1.0	−.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.186	126.0	125.8	−.9	−.2	−.4	−.2	−.2
Footwear	.718	129.3	128.2	1.8	−.9	1.5	−.5	.9
Other apparel commodities ⁴	.500	143.6	139.6	−1.4	−2.8	.3	−.1	.5
Apparel services ^{1 4}	.545	163.4	163.8	1.4	.2	.0	−.2	.2
Transportation	17.140	143.9	143.2	−1.4	−.5	.1	−.7	−.2
Private transportation	15.499	140.6	140.0	−1.2	−.4	−.2	−.5	−.1
New vehicles	4.955	144.0	144.1	−.9	.1	−.3	−.2	−.2
New cars	3.952	141.3	141.5	−1.0	.1	−.2	−.1	−.3
Used cars	1.278	147.6	147.9	−4.9	.2	−.5	−.1	.3
Motor fuel	3.171	104.6	101.9	−6.2	−2.6	−.5	−2.1	−1.0
Gasoline	—	104.1	101.3	−6.1	−2.7	−.6	−2.3	−1.0
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	164.0	164.7	2.6	.4	.2	.2	.5
Other private transportation ⁴	4.562	179.0	178.9	1.6	−.1	−.1	−.1	.1
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	.589	104.5	104.4	−.8	−.1	−.3	.0	−.3
Other private transportation services ⁴	3.973	196.6	196.6	2.0	.0	.0	−.1	.2
Public transportation	1.642	185.9	184.3	−2.9	−.9	2.7	−2.3	−.9

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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
Medical care	7.346	236.4	237.1	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5
Medical care commodities	1.273	215.8	216.8	2.3	.5	.0	.2	.6
Medical care services	6.073	241.2	241.8	2.9	.2	.1	.4	.5
Professional medical services	3.472	217.1	217.5	3.1	.2	.2	.1	.4
Entertainment ⁴	4.352	162.9	163.1	1.4	.1	.2	-.2	.3
Entertainment commodities ⁴	1.957	144.3	144.0	-.1	-.2	-.2	-.2	.0
Entertainment services ⁴	2.395	184.6	185.1	2.5	.3	.5	-.3	.4
Other goods and services ²	7.145	229.9	230.1	5.2	.1	.7	.3	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	250.7	251.2	7.2	.2	1.5	.1	.7
Personal care ¹	1.145	154.3	154.0	2.3	-.2	.4	.7	-.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	.588	146.1	145.3	1.8	-.5	.6	1.1	-.5
Personal care services ¹	.557	163.5	163.9	3.0	.2	.4	.1	.2
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	4.398	265.8	266.1	5.2	.1	.5	.4	.4
School books and supplies	.264	242.4	242.8	5.1	.2	.7	.2	.5
Personal and educational services ⁴	4.134	267.8	268.1	5.2	.1	.5	.4	.4
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	161.5	161.3	1.7	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Commodities	42.873	142.3	141.7	.2	-.4	.0	-.1	.0
Food and beverages	17.484	158.9	159.1	1.6	.1	.2	.1	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	25.389	132.2	131.2	-.7	-.8	.0	-.2	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.147	135.3	133.5	-.1	-1.3	.1	-.3	.1
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.786	131.1	127.7	.9	-2.6	.1	.2	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.362	140.6	139.5	-.7	-.8	-.1	-.6	.2
Durables	10.242	127.9	128.0	-1.5	.1	-.1	-.1	-.1
Services	57.127	181.0	181.0	2.8	.0	.3	.2	.2
Rent of shelter ³	27.577	185.0	185.3	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.4
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	8.698	146.7	145.7	1.6	-.7	.4	.8	-.9
Transportation services	7.148	186.2	186.0	1.0	-.1	.6	-.6	.1
Medical care services	6.073	241.2	241.8	2.9	.2	.1	.4	.5
Other services	7.631	212.7	213.1	4.0	.2	.4	.1	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.087	162.1	161.8	1.8	-.2	.2	.1	.1
All items less shelter	71.806	156.8	156.4	1.1	-.3	.2	.1	-.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	80.000	162.2	161.8	1.4	-.2	.2	.1	.0
All items less medical care	92.654	157.3	157.0	1.6	-.2	.2	.1	.1
Commodities less food	26.960	133.5	132.6	-.5	-.7	-.1	-.2	.0
Nondurables less food	16.718	137.0	135.3	.0	-1.2	.1	-.2	.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.932	141.9	141.0	-.4	-.6	-.1	-.3	-.1
Nondurables	32.631	147.3	146.5	.8	-.5	.0	.1	-.1
Services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	29.550	189.8	189.5	2.3	-.2	.4	.2	.1
Services less medical care services	51.054	175.4	175.4	2.8	.0	.5	.1	.2
Energy	7.049	110.7	108.4	-3.4	-2.1	.1	-.2	-1.6
All items less energy	92.951	168.3	168.3	2.1	.0	.2	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	77.038	170.8	170.7	2.2	-.1	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.364	142.8	142.1	.4	-.5	.1	.0	.1
Energy commodities	3.596	103.9	101.6	-6.9	-2.2	-.4	-1.9	-.9
Services less energy services	53.674	186.7	186.9	3.0	.1	.3	.1	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 ¹	-	\$.619	\$.620	-1.7	.2	-.2	.0	.2
1967=\$1.00 ¹	-	.207	.207	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

Table 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					
	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.8	1.0	2.5	1.5	1.4	2.0
Food and beverages	158.7	159.0	159.2	159.2	.5	1.5	3.3	1.3	1.0	2.3
Food	158.4	158.7	159.0	158.9	.3	1.5	3.4	1.3	.9	2.3
Food at home	159.1	159.4	159.6	159.2	-1.3	1.3	3.6	.3	.0	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	178.3	178.7	178.9	179.3	.9	1.4	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	149.1	148.7	148.8	147.8	-5.8	4.1	1.4	-3.4	-.9	-1.1
Dairy products ¹	143.5	145.7	147.0	147.8	-6.6	-5.4	-1.7	12.5	-6.0	5.2
Fruits and vegetables ²	190.8	191.4	192.1	190.1	4.2	-5.2	12.4	-1.5	-.6	5.2
Other food at home	149.0	148.8	148.3	148.5	1.7	7.7	3.6	-1.3	4.6	1.1
Sugar and sweets	148.4	147.9	148.5	149.2	.0	5.9	.8	2.2	2.9	1.5
Fats and oils	142.5	141.7	141.4	141.6	.0	-1.7	3.1	-2.5	-.8	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	136.9	136.6	135.0	133.9	4.1	19.6	6.1	-8.5	11.6	-1.5
Other prepared food	162.1	162.3	162.3	163.5	1.0	2.5	2.8	3.5	1.8	3.1
Food away from home	157.8	158.0	158.4	159.0	2.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.2	3.1
Alcoholic beverages	163.7	163.8	164.0	164.7	1.2	2.0	3.2	2.5	1.6	2.9
Housing ²	157.3	157.7	158.2	158.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.4
Shelter	177.0	177.5	177.9	178.7	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.9	3.4	3.3
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	186.4	187.6	187.6	188.9	4.9	3.3	2.2	5.5	4.1	3.8
Rent, residential	167.8	168.2	168.6	169.1	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
Other renters' costs ⁴	224.8	228.6	227.5	231.1	10.9	2.7	-.7	11.7	6.7	5.3
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	182.6	182.9	183.5	184.1	2.7	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent ³	183.0	183.3	183.9	184.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2
Household insurance ^{3 4}	166.8	166.7	166.9	167.3	2.5	4.0	4.2	1.2	3.2	2.7
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	142.6	144.7	144.9	145.6	2.6	2.6	-1.9	8.7	2.6	3.2
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	150.2	153.4	153.7	154.1	1.1	4.4	.5	10.8	2.7	5.5
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	132.1	132.7	132.7	133.9	5.2	-.6	-5.8	5.6	2.3	-.3
Fuel and other utilities ²	130.7	131.1	132.3	130.8	.6	-.9	1.5	.3	-.2	.9
Fuels	116.5	117.0	118.8	116.1	.0	-4.3	.7	-1.4	-2.2	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	96.8	96.5	97.1	96.5	-22.9	-12.3	-9.7	-1.2	-17.8	-5.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	124.1	124.7	126.7	123.7	3.3	-3.5	2.0	-1.3	-.2	.3
Other utilities and public services ⁴	162.5	162.7	163.2	163.4	1.5	3.3	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.4
Household furnishings and operation ²	125.2	125.3	125.4	125.4	-.3	1.9	-1.6	.6	.8	-.5
Housefurnishings ⁴	110.0	110.1	110.0	110.0	-1.8	1.5	-4.6	.0	-.2	-2.3
Housekeeping supplies	143.3	143.1	143.2	143.7	2.3	1.4	.8	1.1	1.8	1.0
Housekeeping services ⁴	153.1	153.3	154.0	153.9	.5	3.5	3.5	2.1	2.0	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	132.6	132.7	132.9	133.0	1.2	3.4	-2.1	1.2	2.3	-.4
Apparel commodities ⁴	128.7	128.8	129.1	129.2	.9	3.8	-2.4	1.6	2.4	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	131.0	131.2	130.6	131.6	-.6	5.4	4.1	1.8	2.4	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel	125.5	124.9	126.1	125.2	2.9	5.2	-5.8	-1.0	4.0	-3.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	126.7	126.2	126.0	125.8	9.1	10.2	-17.4	-2.8	9.7	-10.4
Footwear	127.4	129.3	128.6	129.8	-3.7	-.6	4.5	7.8	-2.2	6.1
Other apparel commodities ⁴	143.7	144.1	144.0	144.7	2.2	-3.2	-6.9	2.8	-.5	-2.2
Apparel services ^{1 4}	163.7	163.7	163.4	163.8	2.2	2.0	1.2	.2	2.1	.7
Transportation	144.8	144.9	143.9	143.6	-.8	-5.9	4.5	-3.3	-3.4	.6
Private transportation	141.7	141.4	140.7	140.5	.3	-6.8	5.2	-3.3	-3.3	.9
New vehicles	144.4	144.0	143.7	143.4	-.3	-.8	.3	-2.7	-.6	-1.2
New cars	141.7	141.4	141.2	140.8	-.6	-.8	.0	-2.5	-.7	-1.3
Used cars	147.8	147.0	146.8	147.3	7.2	-16.2	-8.0	-1.3	-5.2	-4.7
Motor fuel	108.0	107.5	105.2	104.2	-5.6	-26.5	28.7	-13.3	-16.7	5.6
Gasoline	107.8	107.2	104.7	103.7	-5.3	-26.6	30.3	-14.4	-16.6	5.6
Maintenance and repairs	163.2	163.5	163.9	164.8	2.0	3.3	1.0	4.0	2.6	2.5
Other private transportation ⁴	178.2	178.1	178.0	178.2	3.2	1.1	2.3	.0	2.2	1.1
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	104.8	104.5	104.5	104.2	-.8	.4	-.4	-2.3	-.2	-1.3
Other private transportation services ⁴	195.8	195.8	195.6	196.0	3.8	1.2	2.7	.4	2.5	1.5
Public transportation	186.7	191.7	187.2	185.6	-10.6	2.8	-1.1	-2.3	-4.1	-1.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category										
Medical care	235.9	236.1	236.9	238.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	3.6	3.0	2.7
Medical care commodities	215.7	215.6	216.0	217.2	4.0	2.8	-6	2.8	3.4	1.1
Medical care services	240.3	240.5	241.4	242.6	2.7	3.1	2.2	3.9	2.9	3.0
Professional medical services	216.6	217.0	217.3	218.1	4.0	3.4	2.1	2.8	3.7	2.4
Entertainment ⁴	163.0	163.3	162.9	163.4	1.5	3.0	.2	1.0	2.2	.6
Entertainment commodities ⁴	144.9	144.6	144.3	144.3	-6	-3	2.2	-1.6	-4	.3
Entertainment services ⁴	184.2	185.1	184.6	185.4	2.9	5.8	-1.1	2.6	4.4	.8
Other goods and services ²	227.5	229.1	229.9	230.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	5.9	5.1	5.3
Tobacco and smoking products	246.5	250.2	250.4	252.2	5.6	3.6	10.2	9.6	4.6	9.9
Personal care ¹	152.7	153.3	154.3	154.0	3.5	2.7	-3	3.4	3.1	1.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	143.7	144.5	146.1	145.3	2.3	1.7	-1.4	4.5	2.0	1.5
Personal care services ¹	162.8	163.4	163.5	163.9	5.1	3.5	.5	2.7	4.3	1.6
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	262.5	263.7	264.7	265.8	5.8	5.9	3.9	5.1	5.9	4.5
School books and supplies	241.0	242.6	243.1	244.2	2.6	8.3	3.9	5.4	5.4	4.7
Personal and educational services ⁴	264.0	265.2	266.2	267.3	6.0	5.7	4.0	5.1	5.8	4.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.8	1.0	2.5	1.5	1.4	2.0
Commodities	142.3	142.3	142.2	142.2	.0	-1.4	2.9	-3	-7	1.3
Food and beverages	158.7	159.0	159.2	159.2	.5	1.5	3.3	1.3	1.0	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	132.3	132.3	132.0	131.9	-3	-3.3	2.1	-1.2	-1.8	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.2	135.3	134.9	135.0	-1.8	-3.2	5.2	-6	-2.5	2.3
Apparel commodities ⁴	128.7	128.8	129.1	129.2	.9	3.8	-2.4	1.6	2.4	-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	141.4	141.3	140.5	140.8	-1.1	-8.2	9.0	-1.7	-4.7	3.5
Durables	128.1	128.0	127.9	127.8	-3	-1.8	-2.8	-9	-1.1	-1.9
Services	180.4	181.0	181.4	181.7	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.7
Rent of shelter ³	184.4	185.0	185.5	186.2	3.4	3.3	2.4	4.0	3.4	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	146.1	146.7	147.9	146.6	2.5	.8	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.5
Transportation services	185.7	186.9	185.8	185.9	.0	2.0	1.5	.4	1.0	1.0
Medical care services	240.3	240.5	241.4	242.6	2.7	3.1	2.2	3.9	2.9	3.0
Other services	211.5	212.4	212.7	213.5	4.8	5.3	1.9	3.8	5.0	2.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	161.7	162.0	162.2	162.4	1.8	1.0	2.5	1.7	1.4	2.1
All items less shelter	156.5	156.8	156.9	156.8	1.0	.3	2.3	.8	.6	1.5
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	162.0	162.4	162.5	162.5	1.5	.5	2.3	1.2	1.0	1.7
All items less medical care	156.9	157.2	157.3	157.4	1.6	1.0	2.6	1.3	1.3	1.9
Commodities less food	133.8	133.7	133.4	133.4	.0	-3.2	2.4	-1.2	-1.6	.6
Nondurables less food	136.9	137.0	136.7	136.7	-1.5	-2.9	5.1	-6	-2.2	2.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	143.2	143.0	142.5	142.3	-1.9	-6.6	10.4	-2.5	-4.3	3.8
Nondurables	147.1	147.1	147.3	147.2	-3	-1.1	4.5	.3	-7	2.4
Services less rent of shelter ³	188.9	189.6	190.0	190.1	2.2	2.8	1.9	2.6	2.5	2.2
Services less medical care services	174.7	175.5	175.7	176.1	2.8	2.6	2.6	3.2	2.7	2.9
Energy	111.6	111.7	111.5	109.7	-2.8	-14.7	11.9	-6.6	-8.9	2.2
All items less energy	168.0	168.3	168.5	168.9	1.9	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.0
All items less food and energy	170.4	170.8	171.0	171.4	2.4	2.4	1.7	2.4	2.4	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.3	142.4	142.4	142.5	1.1	.6	-6	.6	.8	.0
Energy commodities	106.8	106.4	104.4	103.5	-8.0	-24.9	23.6	-11.8	-16.9	4.4
Services less energy services	186.1	186.7	186.9	187.6	2.7	3.5	2.4	3.3	3.1	2.8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

Table 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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Food and beverages	158.9	159.1	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Food	158.5	158.7	1.5	.1	.2	.2	-.1
Food at home	159.1	159.2	1.0	.1	.2	.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products	178.0	178.4	1.5	.2	.2	.1	.2
Cereals and cereal products	169.1	169.6	1.8	.3	.3	-.3	.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes	150.8	150.6	-.4	-.1	-.9	.1	.5
Cereal	187.9	189.0	1.6	.6	.2	-.4	.4
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	150.1	149.8	4.0	-.2	1.4	-.5	-.1
Bakery products	182.0	182.3	1.4	.2	.2	.4	.1
White bread ¹	186.9	186.2	1.5	-.4	1.4	.5	-.4
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	183.1	185.2	3.3	1.1	.5	-.5	1.1
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	180.2	180.1	.7	-.1	.8	.6	-.1
Other bakery products	178.4	178.8	.4	.2	-1.3	1.4	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	149.3	148.4	-1.1	-.6	-.3	.1	-.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	149.5	148.1	-.6	-.9	-.3	-.2	-.7
Meats	144.6	143.4	-.7	-.8	-.3	-.5	-.5
Beef and veal	137.0	136.9	-.7	-.1	-.6	-.5	-.1
Ground beef other than canned	116.5	116.4	-1.0	-.1	-.9	-1.1	-.2
Chuck roast ²	141.4	143.3	-2.1	1.3	-1.5	-1.4	1.1
Round roast ²	127.4	125.3	-4.8	-1.6	-1.2	3.5	-2.3
Round steak ²	130.8	130.5	-2.5	-.2	1.0	-.2	-.4
Sirloin steak ²	138.4	138.4	-.5	.0	.4	-.6	.5
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	161.0	160.7	.9	-.2	-.2	.0	-.2
Pork	155.5	153.0	-1.5	-1.6	-.4	-.8	-.5
Bacon	163.5	160.3	-.7	-2.0	-1.4	-.8	-1.8
Chops	153.6	150.2	-3.7	-2.2	-.8	-.7	-1.8
Ham	156.0	154.3	-2.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.7	1.2
Other pork, including sausage ²	152.2	150.2	-.1	-1.3	.3	-.1	-.6
Other meats ¹	149.3	147.0	.5	-1.5	.5	.0	-1.5
Poultry ¹	157.4	155.2	-1.6	-1.4	-.8	1.2	-1.4
Fresh whole chicken ¹	161.2	158.9	.4	-1.4	-.6	2.9	-1.4
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	158.3	154.4	-4.4	-2.5	-1.0	1.5	-2.5
Other poultry ²	152.7	154.6	1.5	1.2	-.7	.3	.5
Fish and seafood	178.9	177.2	1.2	-1.0	.8	.1	-.7
Canned fish and seafood ¹	130.3	129.4	2.3	-.7	.5	.5	-.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	202.4	200.5	1.0	-.9	.8	-.1	-.7
Eggs	145.1	151.1	-7.2	4.1	.3	3.2	-1.1
Dairy products ¹	147.0	147.8	-.5	.5	1.5	.9	.5
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	147.0	147.0	-1.9	.0	2.8	1.2	.0
Fresh whole milk ¹	145.9	145.8	-1.7	-.1	3.4	1.5	-.1
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	148.4	148.5	-2.2	.1	2.1	.7	.1
Processed dairy products ²	147.6	149.3	.9	1.2	.2	.9	1.6
Cheese ¹	147.3	148.3	-1.2	.7	-.5	.5	.7
Ice cream and related products	150.3	151.8	.9	1.0	-.1	.1	.6
Other dairy products, including butter ²	143.0	146.9	7.9	2.7	2.3	3.1	4.0
Fruits and vegetables ³	189.5	191.3	2.2	.9	.3	.4	-1.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables	219.6	222.3	2.8	1.2	.5	.2	-1.6
Fresh fruits	233.9	239.4	-4.7	2.4	.8	-2.4	-.8
Apples	191.1	193.9	-.1	1.5	3.1	-.9	1.5
Bananas	154.0	151.5	-3.8	-1.6	3.0	1.7	-2.9
Oranges, including tangerines ²	205.6	189.3	-5.2	-7.9	-8.6	-4.3	3.1
Other fresh fruits ²	280.3	294.9	-5.8	5.2	2.1	-3.1	-1.9
Fresh vegetables	205.2	205.2	13.2	.0	.0	3.3	-2.5
Potatoes	174.3	175.0	9.2	.4	-1.2	-.5	-.2
Lettuce ¹	257.9	218.5	18.4	-15.3	5.0	15.4	-15.3
Tomatoes ¹	224.6	253.4	31.0	12.8	5.2	14.7	12.8
Other fresh vegetables	201.2	201.5	8.4	.1	-1.3	2.1	-2.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	146.9	147.2	.7	.2	.1	.6	.3
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	147.8	148.4	.7	.4	-.1	-.4	.4
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	147.2	147.9	.3	.5	.0	-.3	.5
Canned and dried fruits ²	147.7	148.1	2.3	.3	.3	.0	.2
Processed vegetables ²	146.2	145.9	.6	-.2	.0	1.2	-.1
Frozen vegetables ²	148.1	147.8	2.9	-.2	-.2	.9	.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	145.9	145.6	-.6	-.2	-.1	1.4	-.3

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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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Other food at home	147.7	147.7	2.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
Sugar and sweets	147.4	147.9	2.2	.3	-.3	.4	.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	132.8	133.3	.8	.4	-.1	-.4	.7
Sweets, including candy ²	153.3	153.7	2.7	.3	-.5	.8	.3
Fats and oils	140.4	140.3	-.3	-.1	-.6	-.2	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	134.7	133.1	4.9	-1.2	-.2	-1.2	-.8
Carbonated drinks	117.5	116.1	-1.6	-1.2	.9	-.6	-.5
Coffee ¹	173.8	170.2	16.9	-2.1	-1.8	-2.2	-2.1
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	141.6	142.1	1.8	.4	.3	-.1	.6
Other prepared food	161.5	162.8	2.5	.8	.1	.0	.7
Canned and packaged soup	188.6	189.1	2.3	.3	1.3	-.7	.7
Frozen prepared food ¹	145.8	144.9	-.9	-.6	.8	.1	-.6
Snacks ¹	154.6	155.6	2.6	.6	-.1	-1.0	.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	166.4	168.3	2.7	1.1	.5	-.8	1.0
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	164.6	167.4	4.0	1.7	.5	.5	1.2
Food away from home	158.6	159.0	2.6	.3	.1	.3	.4
Lunch ²	159.3	159.7	2.6	.3	.2	.2	.3
Dinner ²	156.4	156.7	2.6	.2	.2	.4	.2
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	162.0	162.3	2.3	.2	.3	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	163.7	164.0	2.2	.2	.1	.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.3	149.3	.9	.0	-.1	-.1	.4
Beer and ale	146.9	147.5	-.5	.4	-.2	-.3	.5
Wine	146.1	145.1	2.4	-.7	-.1	-.3	.3
Distilled spirits	152.1	151.9	2.3	-.1	.3	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages away from home	191.7	192.5	3.7	.4	.2	.3	.5
Housing ³	157.7	157.7	2.4	.0	.3	.3	.1
Shelter	177.7	178.1	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.4
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	185.9	186.1	3.9	.1	.6	.0	.7
Rent, residential	168.7	169.1	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs ²	216.6	216.1	6.0	-.2	1.7	-.5	1.6
Lodging while out of town	214.1	213.5	6.2	-.3	1.6	-.4	1.8
Lodging while at school ⁴	229.7	229.7	4.9	.0	.4	.3	.3
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	160.9	161.0	3.3	.1	.1	.1	.1
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	183.9	184.3	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	184.2	184.7	3.1	.3	.2	.3	.3
Household insurance ^{2 4}	167.0	167.1	2.9	.1	-.1	.1	.2
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	144.9	145.6	2.9	.5	1.5	.1	.5
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	153.7	154.1	4.1	.3	2.1	.2	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	132.7	133.9	1.0	.9	.5	.0	.9
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 5}	125.7	125.5	-.8	-.2	.6	.0	-.2
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	127.6	129.9	2.5	1.8	.3	.1	1.8
Fuel and other utilities ³	131.1	130.0	.5	-.8	.3	.9	-1.1
Fuels	117.7	115.8	-1.1	-1.6	.4	1.5	-2.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	96.6	97.2	-11.9	.6	-.3	.6	-.6
Fuel oil	93.4	94.0	-11.7	.6	-.4	.1	.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 5}	128.0	128.8	-12.3	.6	1.1	1.2	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	125.3	123.0	.2	-1.8	.5	1.6	-2.4
Electricity	130.0	127.0	-1.3	-2.3	-.4	.9	-2.2
Utility (piped) gas	119.9	118.8	3.3	-.9	2.4	3.1	-2.7
Other utilities and public services ²	162.8	162.9	2.4	.1	.1	.3	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.6	127.5	.2	-.1	.2	.2	-.1
Local charges ^{1 2}	163.8	163.8	1.0	.0	.2	.1	.0
Interstate toll calls ¹	75.1	75.2	-4.3	.1	.4	.0	.1
Intrastate toll calls ¹	95.0	94.7	2.8	-.3	-.6	1.2	-.3
Water and sewerage maintenance	213.4	213.7	4.0	.1	.3	.1	.5
Cable television ⁶	233.4	233.6	6.9	.1	.3	.4	.3
Refuse collection ^{1 6}	252.8	252.8	2.0	.0	.2	.1	.0

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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Household furnishings and operation ³	125.2	125.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Housefurnishings ²	109.7	109.5	-1.4	-.2	.1	-.1	.0
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	117.8	115.8	-3.3	-1.7	-1.1	-1.1	-1.7
Furniture and bedding ¹	134.0	133.5	-.7	-.4	.1	-.7	-.4
Bedroom furniture ¹	141.2	142.7	.8	1.1	.0	-.6	1.1
Sofas ^{1 2}	142.5	141.4	-1.1	-.8	1.1	-.1	-.8
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	136.6	132.9	-2.6	-2.7	.4	-1.9	-2.7
Other furniture ²	120.4	120.1	-1.2	-.2	-1.2	.2	-.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	74.4	74.1	-3.9	-.4	-.3	.1	-.4
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	68.4	67.9	-3.8	-.7	-.1	.4	-.7
Televisions ¹	60.9	60.2	-4.3	-1.1	.0	.5	-1.1
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 7}	61.5	61.3	-8.1	-.3	-.3	-.6	-.3
Audio products ^{1 2}	88.9	88.4	-2.0	-.6	-.2	.8	-.6
Major household appliances ^{1 2 5}	101.5	101.7	-1.9	.2	-.6	.0	.2
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	107.2	107.5	-3.4	.3	-1.1	-.7	.3
Laundry equipment ¹	112.8	113.4	.2	.5	-.5	-.5	.5
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 5}	91.6	91.6	-2.3	.0	.0	1.0	.0
Information processing equipment ^{1 7}	47.6	47.4	-12.1	-.4	.8	-2.7	-.4
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 5}	115.0	115.7	.3	.6	.1	-.2	.6
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	141.7	145.3	2.2	2.5	-.6	-.4	2.5
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	120.0	121.0	3.4	.8	.2	1.2	.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	125.1	126.3	4.9	1.0	.2	-.5	1.0
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.0	109.2	-1.1	-.7	-.3	-.5	-.7
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 5}	89.4	88.7	-1.1	-.8	-.2	-.6	-.8
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 8}	106.9	107.1	-8.0	.2	1.4	-.8	.2
Housekeeping supplies	143.4	143.4	1.4	.0	-.1	.1	.3
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	147.7	147.1	1.2	-.4	-.8	.8	-.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	146.2	146.1	.6	-.1	1.1	.0	-.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	135.7	136.5	2.6	.6	.0	-.7	.6
Housekeeping services ²	153.7	153.7	2.4	.0	.1	.5	-.1
Postage ¹	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	161.6	161.4	1.5	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Gardening and other household services ^{2 5}	140.2	139.9	1.1	-.2	.1	.8	-.2
Apparel and upkeep	134.7	131.6	1.0	-2.3	.1	.2	.1
Apparel commodities ²	131.1	127.7	.9	-2.6	.1	.2	.1
Apparel commodities less footwear	131.4	127.6	.8	-2.9	-.2	.3	-.1
Men's and boys'	133.0	131.2	2.7	-1.4	.2	-.5	.8
Men's	135.6	133.7	2.5	-1.4	.3	-1.0	1.1
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	138.6	135.8	1.9	-2.0	3.4	-2.3	1.0
Furnishings and special clothing	133.0	134.1	7.6	.8	-1.9	-1.6	3.8
Shirts ²	139.6	135.6	.8	-2.9	-1.0	.8	-1.1
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	130.8	129.0	-.2	-1.4	.3	-1.2	-.2
Boys'	122.3	120.7	3.3	-1.3	-.6	1.7	1.1
Women's and girls'	128.8	123.6	.2	-4.0	-.5	1.0	-.7
Women's	129.4	123.7	.6	-4.4	.1	1.1	-1.0
Coats and jackets	135.2	126.7	.5	-6.3	-.6	1.0	-3.3
Dresses	111.4	102.7	-5.0	-7.8	-1.1	1.6	-1.8
Separates and sportswear ²	130.9	124.3	-.3	-5.0	.3	1.3	-1.9
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	135.5	135.4	2.1	-.1	-.1	-.9	1.2
Suits ²	158.9	155.0	11.4	-2.5	.8	3.7	3.5
Girls'	125.4	123.6	-1.1	-1.4	-3.2	-.2	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	126.0	125.8	-.9	-.2	-.4	-.2	-.2
Other apparel commodities ²	143.6	139.6	-1.4	-2.8	.3	-.1	.5
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 5}	124.5	123.7	-3.2	-.6	.3	-1.3	-.6
Watches and jewelry ⁵	143.4	138.9	-1.0	-3.1	.3	.1	.3
Watches ^{1 5}	125.1	122.2	-.3	-2.3	-2.0	-.4	-2.3
Jewelry ⁵	148.6	143.6	-1.2	-3.4	1.1	-.3	.7
Footwear	129.3	128.2	1.8	-.9	1.5	-.5	.9
Men's	132.8	131.4	.2	-1.1	.2	.6	.4
Boys' and girls'	133.9	133.5	2.4	-.3	4.2	-.7	.7
Women's	123.8	122.7	2.6	-.9	1.1	-1.1	1.1
Apparel services ^{1 2}	163.4	163.8	1.4	.2	.0	-.2	.2
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.9	166.6	1.1	.4	.0	-.5	.4
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	161.0	161.1	1.8	.1	.1	.1	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Transportation	143.9	143.2	-1.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.7	-0.2
Private	140.6	140.0	-1.2	-.4	-.2	-.5	-.1
New vehicles	144.0	144.1	-.9	.1	-.3	-.2	-.2
New cars	141.3	141.5	-1.0	.1	-.2	-.1	-.3
Subcompact new cars ^{2 5}	121.8	121.9	-1.7	.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Compact new cars ^{2 5}	122.6	122.8	-1.0	.2	.1	.0	-.1
Intermediate new cars ^{2 5}	121.7	121.6	-.7	-.1	-.2	-.6	-.4
Full-size new cars ^{2 5}	123.7	123.6	-2.2	-.1	-.5	-.2	-.7
Luxury new cars ^{2 5}	131.6	133.0	-.4	1.1	-.2	-.1	.8
New trucks ⁶	151.3	151.4	-.1	.1	.2	-.4	-.1
New motorcycles ⁵	164.7	163.7	.8	-.6	.4	.2	-.6
Used cars	147.6	147.9	-4.9	.2	-.5	-.1	.3
Motor fuel	104.6	101.9	-6.2	-2.6	-.5	-2.1	-1.0
Gasoline	104.1	101.3	-6.1	-2.7	-.6	-2.3	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	102.0	99.1	-6.6	-2.8	-.5	-2.7	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 9}	108.6	105.9	-5.8	-2.5	-2.5	-2.2	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.4	103.0	-5.6	-2.3	-.5	-2.2	-.8
Automobile maintenance and repair	164.0	164.7	2.6	.4	.2	.2	.5
Body work ¹	175.4	176.2	4.5	.5	.5	.2	.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	171.3	171.6	2.4	.2	.1	.2	.2
Maintenance and servicing ¹	151.2	152.1	2.6	.6	.3	.1	.6
Power plant repair ²	169.2	169.8	1.9	.4	.1	.1	.4
Other private transportation ²	179.0	178.9	1.6	-.1	-.1	-.1	.1
Other private transportation commodities ²	104.5	104.4	-.8	-.1	-.3	.0	-.3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	131.6	131.8	-.2	.2	.1	.0	.2
Automobile parts and equipment	101.6	101.4	-.9	-.2	-.2	.0	-.4
Tires	99.3	99.0	-2.8	-.3	-.7	.2	-.4
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	108.2	108.2	1.1	.0	.1	-.1	.0
Other private transportation services ²	196.6	196.6	2.0	.0	.0	-.1	.2
Automobile insurance	255.2	255.3	2.4	.0	-.3	.1	.2
Automobile finance charges ²	92.0	91.8	-3.1	-.2	-.1	-1.1	-.5
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	188.2	188.0	4.9	-.1	1.9	-.3	-.1
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	187.6	188.3	2.4	.4	1.0	.1	.4
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	190.0	189.0	7.4	-.5	2.8	-.8	-.5
Public transportation	185.9	184.3	-2.9	-.9	2.7	-2.3	-.9
Airline fares ¹	197.5	194.8	-4.8	-1.4	3.8	-3.9	-1.4
Other intercity transportation ¹	155.1	156.3	.7	.8	1.0	-.3	.8
Intracity public transportation ¹	176.7	176.6	1.1	-.1	.3	.0	-.1
Medical care	236.4	237.1	2.8	.3	.1	.3	.5
Medical care commodities	215.8	216.8	2.3	.5	.0	.2	.6
Prescription drugs	249.7	251.5	2.5	.7	-.3	.3	.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 5}	146.0	145.8	1.7	-.1	.6	-.3	-.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	173.3	173.1	1.1	-.1	.8	-.3	-.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	173.2	172.8	2.9	-.2	.4	-.1	-.2
Medical care services	241.2	241.8	2.9	.2	.1	.4	.5
Professional medical services	217.1	217.5	3.1	.2	.2	.1	.4
Physicians' services	224.1	224.5	2.7	.2	.0	.2	.3
Dental services ¹	229.8	230.0	4.0	.1	.4	.3	.1
Eye care ^{1 5}	141.7	142.5	1.9	.6	.1	-.1	.6
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	153.0	153.0	3.1	.0	-.1	.5	-.1
Hospital and related services	281.3	282.5	3.2	.4	.2	.4	.6
Hospital services ¹⁰	102.7	103.2	3.2	.5	.3	.4	.5
Inpatient hospital services ¹⁰	102.1	102.5	2.5	.4	.1	.4	.4
Outpatient hospital services ⁵	227.7	228.3	4.2	.3	.1	.3	.5
Nursing home services ¹⁰	103.4	103.9	3.9	.5	.1	.2	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Entertainment ²	162.9	163.1	1.4	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3
Entertainment commodities ²	144.3	144.0	-1	-2	-2	-2	.0
Reading materials ¹	179.7	180.2	1.1	.3	-4	.2	.3
Newspapers ^{1 2}	191.5	191.8	.5	.2	-3	.3	.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	168.9	169.5	1.7	.4	-6	.1	.4
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	121.6	122.5	-4	.7	-7	-2	.7
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	123.1	124.3	-5	1.0	-4	-4	1.0
Other sporting goods ¹	117.5	118.1	-3	.5	-9	.2	.5
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	133.4	132.1	-8	-1.0	-1	-1	-1.0
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	125.8	124.4	-1.6	-1.1	-2	-3	-2
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	134.9	134.0	.8	-7	.3	.3	-7
Pet supplies and expense ¹	143.1	142.1	-4	-7	.2	-1	-7
Entertainment services ²	184.6	185.1	2.5	.3	.5	-3	.4
Club memberships ^{2 5}	131.4	130.9	-4	-4	.9	-3	.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 5}	171.9	172.3	3.1	.2	.5	-1.3	.5
Admissions ¹	200.1	200.3	3.4	.1	.0	-1	.1
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	171.6	174.1	5.2	1.5	.3	.6	1.9
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 5}	143.5	144.0	1.9	.3	.1	-4	.3
Other goods and services ³	229.9	230.1	5.2	.1	.7	.3	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	250.7	251.2	7.2	.2	1.5	.1	.7
Personal care ¹	154.3	154.0	2.3	-2	.4	.7	-2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	146.1	145.3	1.8	-5	.6	1.1	-5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	153.4	153.9	2.2	.3	1.3	.8	.3
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	141.0	139.2	1.5	-1.3	.0	1.4	-1.3
Personal care services ¹	163.5	163.9	3.0	.2	.4	.1	.2
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	162.5	162.9	3.0	.2	.3	.0	.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	166.6	167.0	2.8	.2	.5	.4	-1
Personal and educational expenses ²	265.8	266.1	5.2	.1	.5	.4	.4
School books and supplies	242.4	242.8	5.1	.2	.7	.2	.5
Personal and educational services ²	267.8	268.1	5.2	.1	.5	.4	.4
Tuition and other school fees	288.3	288.5	5.2	.1	.5	.5	.5
College tuition	301.8	301.7	4.6	.0	.5	.5	.4
Elementary and high school tuition	300.6	300.6	7.2	.0	.8	.4	.5
Day care and nursery school ⁸	137.0	137.6	4.6	.4	.5	.3	.7
Personal expenses	229.5	230.0	5.4	.2	.2	.3	.4
Legal service fees ^{1 5}	167.4	167.5	5.1	.1	.4	.1	.1
Personal financial services ^{1 5}	194.0	194.7	6.0	.4	.3	.4	.4
Funeral expenses ⁵	171.7	172.3	5.1	.3	-1	.2	.5
Special indexes							
Domestically produced farm food	160.7	161.1	.6	.2	.1	.4	-1
Selected beef cuts	129.1	129.1	-1.5	.0	-8	-6	-1
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	105.0	102.4	-6.1	-2.5	-5	-2.0	-9
Utilities and public transportation	146.4	145.0	.4	-1.0	1.0	.3	-1.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	153.9	153.9	2.5	.0	.2	.3	.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Food and beverages	159.2	159.2	0.5	1.5	3.3	1.3	1.0	2.3
Food	159.0	158.9	.3	1.5	3.4	1.3	.9	2.3
Food at home	159.6	159.2	-1.3	1.3	3.6	.3	.0	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	178.9	179.3	.9	1.4	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.9
Cereals and cereal products	170.4	170.8	1.4	1.9	2.9	.9	1.7	1.9
Flour and prepared flour mixes	154.6	155.3	-1.8	2.3	-.8	-1.3	.3	-1.0
Cereal	188.6	189.4	-1.3	3.9	2.8	.8	1.3	1.8
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	151.0	150.9	6.5	-.5	7.0	3.5	2.9	5.2
Bakery products	182.7	182.8	1.6	1.1	.4	2.4	1.3	1.4
White bread ¹	186.9	186.2	-1.7	4.2	-2.2	6.0	1.2	1.9
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	183.1	185.2	2.2	1.8	4.5	4.7	2.0	4.6
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	180.2	180.1	.2	.9	-3.3	5.3	.6	.9
Other bakery products	181.9	181.1	1.6	-.9	2.2	-1.5	.3	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.8	147.8	-5.8	4.1	1.4	-3.4	-.9	-1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	149.1	148.1	-2.9	4.1	1.1	-4.5	.5	-1.7
Meats	144.0	143.3	-4.1	6.0	.8	-5.1	.8	-2.2
Beef and veal	136.6	136.5	-7.9	8.0	2.6	-4.6	-.3	-1.0
Ground beef other than canned	115.6	115.4	-11.8	18.9	.0	-8.5	2.4	-4.4
Chuck roast ²	139.1	140.6	-6.8	2.3	4.3	-7.3	-2.4	-1.7
Round roast ²	128.0	125.1	-11.6	3.2	-9.3	-.3	-4.5	-4.9
Round steak ²	130.5	130.0	-9.0	-.3	-1.8	1.6	-4.7	-.2
Sirloin steak ²	140.5	141.2	-14.9	2.4	10.9	1.4	-6.7	6.1
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	161.0	160.7	-.5	2.3	3.8	-1.7	.9	1.0
Pork	154.3	153.5	-3.0	7.2	-2.8	-7.0	1.9	-4.9
Bacon	163.0	160.0	4.5	6.0	2.7	-14.9	5.3	-6.5
Chops	154.2	151.4	-6.9	9.1	-3.3	-12.6	.8	-8.1
Ham	152.0	153.8	-5.5	12.4	-6.8	-7.0	3.1	-6.9
Other pork, including sausage ²	151.7	150.8	-3.1	5.2	-.3	-1.6	.9	-.9
Other meats ¹	149.3	147.0	3.6	-.3	3.3	-4.2	1.6	-.5
Poultry ¹	157.4	155.2	-3.7	1.0	.3	-4.0	-1.4	-1.9
Fresh whole chicken ¹	161.2	158.9	1.8	-5.4	2.3	3.3	-1.9	2.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	158.3	154.4	-10.9	4.1	-2.7	-7.4	-3.7	-5.1
Other poultry ²	156.0	156.8	-1.8	5.8	1.5	.5	2.0	1.0
Fish and seafood	178.9	177.6	3.7	-1.1	1.8	.5	1.3	1.1
Canned fish and seafood ¹	130.3	129.4	1.0	2.5	4.8	.9	1.7	2.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	202.4	200.9	4.1	-1.6	1.6	-.2	1.2	.7
Eggs	143.4	141.8	-38.5	2.7	6.9	9.9	-20.5	8.4
Dairy products ¹	147.0	147.8	-6.6	-5.4	-1.7	12.5	-6.0	5.2
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	147.0	147.0	-10.5	-5.9	-6.0	16.8	-8.2	4.8
Fresh whole milk ¹	145.9	145.8	-11.6	-6.0	-7.1	21.1	-8.8	6.0
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	148.4	148.5	-8.4	-5.8	-5.1	11.9	-7.1	3.0
Processed dairy products ²	147.2	149.6	-2.4	-3.0	-1.6	11.5	-2.7	4.7
Cheese ¹	147.3	148.3	-5.2	-2.7	.5	2.7	-4.0	1.6
Ice cream and related products	150.6	151.5	2.1	-5.2	4.4	2.4	-1.6	3.4
Other dairy products, including butter ²	141.4	147.0	4.2	-8.4	-1.8	44.4	-2.3	19.1
Fruits and vegetables ³	192.1	190.1	4.2	-5.2	12.4	-1.5	-.6	5.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	222.1	218.6	5.6	-7.4	19.7	-3.8	-1.1	7.3
Fresh fruits	236.3	234.3	-10.5	-8.6	12.0	-9.5	-9.5	.7
Apples	201.4	204.5	-10.5	-3.8	-.2	15.9	-7.2	7.5
Bananas	164.0	159.3	-12.4	-3.9	-5.2	7.1	-8.3	.8
Oranges, including tangerines ²	207.7	214.1	-7.1	17.0	11.9	-33.7	4.3	-13.9
Other fresh fruits ²	276.9	271.6	-10.9	-15.6	18.6	-11.3	-13.3	2.6
Fresh vegetables	209.6	204.4	30.4	-5.7	29.8	3.0	10.9	15.6
Potatoes	187.1	186.8	-16.4	.2	83.1	-7.2	-8.5	30.4
Lettuce ¹	257.9	218.5	2.6	-24.0	126.3	11.2	-11.7	58.6
Tomatoes ¹	224.6	253.4	249.8	-53.3	-47.2	242.3	27.8	34.4
Other fresh vegetables	204.7	199.5	16.6	3.0	23.4	-6.9	9.6	7.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	148.4	148.8	1.4	-.8	-1.9	4.1	.3	1.1
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	147.8	148.4	4.4	.5	-1.6	-.3	2.5	-.9
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	147.2	147.9	3.0	.0	-2.1	.5	1.5	-.8
Canned and dried fruits ²	148.9	149.2	6.5	2.7	-2.1	2.2	4.6	.0
Processed vegetables ²	148.3	148.2	.5	-1.3	-1.9	4.7	-.4	1.4
Frozen vegetables ²	148.7	149.7	.8	7.0	-1.9	5.5	3.9	1.8
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	148.6	148.2	-.3	-4.5	-1.6	4.2	-2.4	1.2

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					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Other food at home	148.3	148.5	1.7	7.7	3.6	-1.3	4.6	1.1
Sugar and sweets	148.5	149.2	.0	5.9	.8	2.2	2.9	1.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	134.2	135.2	-.9	4.6	-1.2	.9	1.8	-.1
Sweets, including candy ²	154.4	154.8	.3	6.2	1.8	2.4	3.2	2.1
Fats and oils	141.4	141.6	.0	-1.7	3.1	-2.5	-.8	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	135.0	133.9	4.1	19.6	6.1	-8.5	11.6	-1.5
Carbonated drinks	118.3	117.7	-6.2	-1.4	1.7	-.7	-3.8	.5
Coffee ¹	173.8	170.2	19.7	76.3	13.4	-22.0	45.3	-5.9
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	141.3	142.1	.6	2.9	.9	2.9	1.7	1.9
Other prepared food	162.3	163.5	1.0	2.5	2.8	3.5	1.8	3.1
Canned and packaged soup	189.3	190.6	1.1	5.0	-2.3	5.4	3.0	1.5
Frozen prepared food ¹	145.8	144.9	-3.8	4.8	-5.3	1.1	.4	-2.2
Snacks ¹	154.6	155.6	4.3	2.6	5.3	-1.8	3.5	1.7
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	168.6	170.3	1.0	2.7	4.4	2.9	1.8	3.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	164.9	166.9	3.0	.0	4.3	9.1	1.5	6.7
Food away from home	158.4	159.0	2.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.2	3.1
Lunch ²	159.2	159.7	3.7	1.0	3.3	2.8	2.3	3.1
Dinner ²	156.4	156.7	2.9	1.3	3.1	3.1	2.1	3.1
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	162.0	162.3	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.5
Alcoholic beverages	164.0	164.7	1.2	2.0	3.2	2.5	1.6	2.9
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.6	150.2	-.3	1.4	1.6	.8	.5	1.2
Beer and ale	147.5	148.3	-3.4	.0	.8	.3	-1.7	.5
Wine	146.2	146.6	4.0	1.7	4.8	-.8	2.8	1.9
Distilled spirits	152.1	152.5	1.3	3.0	1.6	3.2	2.2	2.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home	191.7	192.7	3.7	2.1	4.7	4.0	2.9	4.4
Housing ³	158.2	158.4	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.4
Shelter	177.9	178.7	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.9	3.4	3.3
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	187.6	188.9	4.9	3.3	2.2	5.5	4.1	3.8
Rent, residential	168.6	169.1	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
Other renters' costs ²	227.5	231.1	10.9	2.7	-.7	11.7	6.7	5.3
Lodging while out of town	226.5	230.5	11.1	2.4	-.4	12.3	6.7	5.8
Lodging while at school ⁴	227.6	228.3	7.0	3.8	4.7	3.9	5.4	4.3
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	160.9	161.0	4.4	4.7	3.6	.7	4.5	2.1
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	183.5	184.1	2.7	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	183.9	184.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2
Household insurance ^{2 4}	166.9	167.3	2.5	4.0	4.2	1.2	3.2	2.7
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	144.9	145.6	2.6	2.6	-1.9	8.7	2.6	3.2
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	153.7	154.1	1.1	4.4	.5	10.8	2.7	5.5
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	132.7	133.9	5.2	-.6	-5.8	5.6	2.3	-.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 5}	125.7	125.5	1.3	1.6	-7.6	1.9	1.4	-3.0
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	127.6	129.9	8.8	-2.1	-4.9	9.1	3.2	1.9
Fuel and other utilities ³	132.3	130.8	.6	-.9	1.5	.3	-.2	.9
Fuels	118.8	116.1	.0	-4.3	.7	-1.4	-2.2	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	97.1	96.5	-22.9	-12.3	-9.7	-1.2	-17.8	-5.6
Fuel oil	93.2	93.3	-20.8	-11.9	-12.6	-.9	-16.5	-6.9
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 5}	128.0	128.8	-21.9	-26.2	-8.5	12.4	-24.1	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	126.7	123.7	3.3	-3.5	2.0	-1.3	-.2	.3
Electricity	133.2	130.3	1.8	1.5	-2.1	-6.5	1.7	-4.3
Utility (piped) gas	120.1	116.9	6.5	-13.2	10.5	11.3	-3.8	10.9
Other utilities and public services ²	163.2	163.4	1.5	3.3	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.6	127.5	2.2	1.3	-3.7	1.3	1.7	-1.2
Local charges ^{1 2}	163.8	163.8	1.2	2.2	-.5	1.2	1.7	.4
Interstate toll calls ¹	75.1	75.2	1.0	.0	-18.8	2.2	.5	-8.9
Intrastate toll calls ¹	95.0	94.7	8.0	-.4	3.0	.8	3.7	1.9
Water and sewerage maintenance	213.4	214.4	2.0	2.9	7.9	3.4	2.4	5.6
Cable television ⁶	234.6	235.2	5.9	8.1	9.6	3.7	7.0	6.6
Refuse collection ^{1 6}	252.8	252.8	1.6	1.8	3.4	1.3	1.7	2.3

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Household furnishings and operation ³	125.4	125.4	-0.3	1.9	-1.6	0.6	0.8	-0.5
Housefurnishings ²	110.0	110.0	-1.8	1.5	-4.6	.0	-.2	-2.3
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	117.8	115.8	-3.0	4.8	.7	-14.4	.8	-7.2
Furniture and bedding ¹	134.0	133.5	-1.2	5.8	-3.5	-3.8	2.2	-3.6
Bedroom furniture ¹	141.2	142.7	-4.4	11.0	-4.4	2.0	3.0	-1.2
Sofas ^{1 2}	142.5	141.4	1.7	-2.2	-4.7	.9	-.3	-2.0
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	136.6	132.9	-1.2	8.2	-.3	-15.5	3.4	-8.2
Other furniture ²	120.6	120.4	-.7	3.7	-3.2	-4.8	1.5	-4.0
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	74.4	74.1	-1.5	-6.6	-5.2	-2.1	-4.1	-3.7
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	68.4	67.9	-.6	-6.6	-6.2	-1.7	-3.6	-4.0
Televisions ¹	60.9	60.2	.0	-5.6	-8.7	-2.6	-2.8	-5.7
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 7}	61.5	61.3	-4.7	-16.5	-5.6	-5.1	-10.8	-5.3
Audio products ^{1 2}	88.9	88.4	.4	-3.9	-4.4	.0	-1.8	-2.2
Major household appliances ^{1 2 5}	101.5	101.7	-.4	-3.8	-1.9	-1.6	-2.1	-1.7
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	107.2	107.5	-.4	-9.0	2.2	-6.1	-4.8	-2.0
Laundry equipment ¹	112.8	113.4	2.1	-3.8	4.7	-2.1	-.9	1.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 5}	91.6	91.6	-3.0	.9	-10.7	4.0	-1.1	-3.6
Information processing equipment ^{1 7}	47.6	47.4	-10.7	-17.8	-10.8	-8.8	-14.3	-9.8
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 5}	115.0	115.7	4.2	-1.4	-3.4	2.1	1.4	-.7
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	141.7	145.3	8.7	-.8	-5.1	6.6	3.8	.6
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	120.0	121.0	11.0	-.3	-5.2	9.1	5.2	1.7
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	125.1	126.3	4.7	4.0	8.0	2.9	4.4	5.4
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.0	109.2	1.5	-2.5	2.6	-5.7	-.5	-1.6
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 5}	89.4	88.7	5.5	-2.2	-1.3	-6.1	1.6	-3.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 8}	106.9	107.1	-7.3	-6.5	-19.7	3.0	-6.9	-9.0
Housekeeping supplies	143.2	143.7	2.3	1.4	.8	1.1	1.8	1.0
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	147.7	147.1	1.4	.8	4.5	-1.6	1.1	1.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	146.2	146.1	1.1	.0	-3.0	4.2	.6	.5
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	135.7	136.5	10.3	-.3	.9	-.3	4.9	.3
Housekeeping services ²	154.0	153.9	.5	3.5	3.5	2.1	2.0	2.8
Postage ¹	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	161.6	161.4	.5	3.3	2.8	-.5	1.9	1.1
Gardening and other household services ^{2 5}	140.9	140.6	-2.6	4.7	.0	2.6	1.0	1.3
Apparel and upkeep	132.9	133.0	1.2	3.4	-2.1	1.2	2.3	-.4
Apparel commodities ²	129.1	129.2	.9	3.8	-2.4	1.6	2.4	-.5
Apparel commodities less footwear	129.1	129.0	1.9	4.1	-3.3	.3	3.0	-1.5
Men's and boys'	130.6	131.6	-.6	5.4	4.1	1.8	2.4	3.0
Men's	132.7	134.2	2.8	3.1	2.7	1.5	2.9	2.1
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	134.5	135.9	6.8	.3	-7.4	8.7	3.5	.3
Furnishings and special clothing	127.1	131.9	9.8	4.5	16.4	.6	7.1	8.2
Shirts ²	139.0	137.5	.3	.0	8.1	-5.1	.1	1.3
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	130.2	129.9	-2.1	10.9	-4.2	-4.5	4.2	-4.3
Boys'	120.0	121.3	-11.1	9.8	7.0	9.1	-1.2	8.0
Women's and girls'	126.1	125.2	2.9	5.2	-5.8	-1.0	4.0	-3.4
Women's	126.7	125.4	4.2	2.9	-5.5	.6	3.6	-2.5
Coats and jackets	126.8	122.6	-2.6	11.0	5.9	-11.2	4.0	-3.0
Dresses	109.0	107.0	12.2	-22.6	-.7	-5.4	-6.8	-3.1
Separates and sportswear ²	128.9	126.5	-.3	11.8	-10.9	-.9	5.6	-6.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	134.4	136.0	3.3	3.9	.6	.9	3.6	.7
Suits ²	153.7	159.1	20.1	2.2	-8.5	37.2	10.8	12.1
Girls'	123.2	124.7	-4.7	18.5	-7.2	-8.8	6.3	-8.0
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	126.0	125.8	9.1	10.2	-17.4	-2.8	9.7	-10.4
Other apparel commodities ²	144.0	144.7	2.2	-3.2	-6.9	2.8	-.5	-2.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 5}	124.5	123.7	9.4	-9.2	-5.5	-6.5	-.3	-6.0
Watches and jewelry ⁵	144.0	144.5	2.5	-2.7	-6.7	2.8	-.1	-2.0
Watches ^{1 5}	125.1	122.2	23.0	-6.9	4.5	-17.4	7.0	-7.1
Jewelry ⁵	149.4	150.4	-.3	-2.3	-7.7	6.1	-1.3	-1.1
Footwear	128.6	129.8	-3.7	-.6	4.5	7.8	-2.2	6.1
Men's	132.1	132.6	-.6	-2.4	-.9	5.0	-1.5	2.0
Boys' and girls'	133.0	133.9	-3.0	-4.8	1.3	17.9	-3.9	9.3
Women's	123.4	124.7	-4.8	1.7	10.3	3.9	-1.6	7.1
Apparel services ^{1 2}	163.4	163.8	2.2	2.0	1.2	.2	2.1	.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.9	166.6	2.7	1.2	1.0	-.5	2.0	.2
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	161.0	161.1	2.0	2.8	1.5	1.0	2.4	1.3

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Transportation	143.9	143.6	-0.8	-5.9	4.5	-3.3	-3.4	0.6
Private	140.7	140.5	.3	-6.8	5.2	-3.3	-3.3	.9
New vehicles	143.7	143.4	-3	-8	.3	-2.7	-6	-1.2
New cars	141.2	140.8	-6	-8	.0	-2.5	-7	-1.3
Subcompact new cars ^{2 5}	121.6	121.5	-1.9	.0	-4.2	-3	-1.0	-2.3
Compact new cars ^{2 5}	122.4	122.3	-3	-2.9	-7	.0	-1.6	-3
Intermediate new cars ^{2 5}	121.3	120.8	.3	.7	.7	-4.5	.5	-2.0
Full-size new cars ^{2 5}	123.6	122.7	.6	-2.5	-1.9	-5.4	-1.0	-3.6
Luxury new cars ^{2 5}	131.8	132.9	-2.7	-3.6	2.5	2.4	-3.1	2.5
New trucks ⁶	151.1	150.9	2.1	-1.8	.8	-1.3	.1	-3
New motorcycles ⁵	164.2	163.2	-1.2	4.3	.2	-2	1.5	.0
Used cars	146.8	147.3	7.2	-16.2	-8.0	-1.3	-5.2	-4.7
Motor fuel	105.2	104.2	-5.6	-26.5	28.7	-13.3	-16.7	5.6
Gasoline	104.7	103.7	-5.3	-26.6	30.3	-14.4	-16.6	5.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular	102.7	101.6	-6.4	-28.2	33.6	-15.6	-18.0	6.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 9}	108.6	105.9	-6.9	-2.5	15.8	-25.0	-4.7	-6.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.7	104.9	-4.3	-24.0	25.5	-12.9	-14.7	4.5
Automobile maintenance and repair	163.9	164.8	2.0	3.3	1.0	4.0	2.6	2.5
Body work ¹	175.4	176.2	4.3	6.2	2.8	4.7	5.3	3.7
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	171.3	171.6	5.4	3.1	-5	1.6	4.2	.6
Maintenance and servicing ¹	151.2	152.1	.5	1.4	4.9	3.8	.9	4.3
Power plant repair ²	169.0	169.7	.5	4.6	.5	2.4	2.5	1.4
Other private transportation ²	178.0	178.2	3.2	1.1	2.3	.0	2.2	1.1
Other private transportation commodities ²	104.5	104.2	-8	.4	-4	-2.3	-2	-1.3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	131.6	131.8	-2.7	4.7	-3.3	.9	.9	-1.2
Automobile parts and equipment	101.6	101.2	.0	-4	-8	-2.3	-2	-1.6
Tires	99.1	98.7	-2.0	-4.7	-8	-3.6	-3.3	-2.2
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	108.2	108.2	1.5	2.3	.7	.0	1.9	.4
Other private transportation services ²	195.6	196.0	3.8	1.2	2.7	.4	2.5	1.5
Automobile insurance	253.2	253.6	4.1	2.3	3.2	.0	3.2	1.6
Automobile finance charges ²	91.5	91.0	6.1	-8.5	-2.6	-6.7	-1.5	-4.7
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	188.2	188.0	14.1	-3.4	3.5	6.0	5.0	4.7
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	187.6	188.3	-4	.0	4.2	5.9	-2	5.1
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	190.0	189.0	30.5	-6.8	3.1	6.2	10.3	4.6
Public transportation	187.2	185.6	-10.6	2.8	-1.1	-2.3	-4.1	-1.7
Airline fares ¹	197.5	194.8	-5.9	-4.9	-2.2	-6.3	-5.4	-4.3
Other intercity transportation ¹	155.1	156.3	-5	.0	-2.6	6.1	-3	1.7
Intracity public transportation ¹	176.7	176.6	1.6	1.1	.5	1.1	1.4	.8
Medical care	236.9	238.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	3.6	3.0	2.7
Medical care commodities	216.0	217.2	4.0	2.8	-6	2.8	3.4	1.1
Prescription drugs	249.7	252.0	3.6	3.4	-6	3.6	3.5	1.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 5}	146.0	145.8	5.4	1.1	-3	.8	3.2	.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	173.3	173.1	5.2	1.6	-3.4	1.2	3.4	-1.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	173.2	172.8	4.8	.9	5.3	.5	2.9	2.8
Medical care services	241.4	242.6	2.7	3.1	2.2	3.9	2.9	3.0
Professional medical services	217.3	218.1	4.0	3.4	2.1	2.8	3.7	2.4
Physicians' services	224.8	225.4	4.1	2.7	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.2
Dental services ¹	229.8	230.0	6.3	3.1	3.6	3.2	4.7	3.4
Eye care ^{1 5}	141.7	142.5	3.2	1.4	.9	2.0	2.3	1.4
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	153.4	153.3	5.8	1.9	3.2	1.3	3.8	2.3
Hospital and related services	281.3	283.0	2.8	3.1	2.2	4.8	2.9	3.5
Hospital services ¹⁰	102.7	103.2	4.5	.8	2.8	4.8	2.6	3.8
Inpatient hospital services ¹⁰	102.1	102.5	3.6	.4	2.4	3.6	2.0	3.0
Outpatient hospital services ⁵	227.3	228.5	6.5	3.8	2.7	3.6	5.2	3.1
Nursing home services ¹⁰	103.4	103.9	5.7	2.4	4.4	3.1	4.0	3.8

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Entertainment ²	162.9	163.4	1.5	3.0	0.2	1.0	2.2	0.6
Entertainment commodities ²	144.3	144.3	−6	−3	2.2	−1.6	−4	.3
Reading materials ¹	179.7	180.2	1.1	−2	3.6	.0	.4	1.8
Newspapers ^{1 2}	191.5	191.8	1.1	.0	.6	.4	.5	.5
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	168.9	169.5	.7	.0	6.9	−.7	.4	3.0
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	121.6	122.5	2.3	−4.8	1.3	−.3	−1.3	.5
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	123.1	124.3	4.6	−7.4	.6	.6	−1.6	.6
Other sporting goods ¹	117.5	118.1	.7	−2.3	1.7	−1.0	−.8	.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	133.4	132.1	1.2	−1.5	1.5	−4.4	−.2	−1.5
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	125.8	125.6	−4.0	−.9	1.6	−2.8	−2.5	−.6
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	134.9	134.0	4.0	−.9	.6	−.3	1.5	.1
Pet supplies and expense ¹	143.1	142.1	1.7	−3.3	2.6	−2.2	−.8	.1
Entertainment services ²	184.6	185.4	2.9	5.8	−1.1	2.6	4.4	.8
Club memberships ^{2 5}	131.2	132.1	1.2	.0	−7.6	5.3	.6	−1.3
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 5}	170.5	171.3	9.0	6.3	−.7	−1.4	7.6	−1.0
Admissions ¹	200.1	200.3	3.3	12.2	−1.2	−.4	7.7	−.8
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	170.9	174.1	2.2	7.7	−.2	11.8	4.9	5.6
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 5}	143.5	144.0	2.0	3.4	2.3	.0	2.7	1.1
Other goods and services ³	229.9	230.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	5.9	5.1	5.3
Tobacco and smoking products	250.4	252.2	5.6	3.6	10.2	9.6	4.6	9.9
Personal care ¹	154.3	154.0	3.5	2.7	−.3	3.4	3.1	1.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	146.1	145.3	2.3	1.7	−1.4	4.5	2.0	1.5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	153.4	153.9	2.7	.0	−3.4	9.9	1.3	3.1
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	141.0	139.2	2.1	2.9	.3	.6	2.5	.4
Personal care services ¹	163.5	163.9	5.1	3.5	.5	2.7	4.3	1.6
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	162.5	162.9	4.9	3.8	1.0	2.2	4.3	1.6
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	167.0	166.9	5.5	3.9	−1.4	3.4	4.7	1.0
Personal and educational expenses ²	264.7	265.8	5.8	5.9	3.9	5.1	5.9	4.5
School books and supplies	243.1	244.2	2.6	8.3	3.9	5.4	5.4	4.7
Personal and educational services ²	266.2	267.3	6.0	5.7	4.0	5.1	5.8	4.6
Tuition and other school fees	285.5	286.8	5.2	5.6	3.9	5.9	5.4	4.9
College tuition	298.2	299.3	5.7	5.8	1.2	5.8	5.7	3.5
Elementary and high school tuition	297.1	298.5	4.7	6.0	11.4	7.0	5.3	9.2
Day care and nursery school ⁸	136.5	137.4	4.6	3.0	4.6	6.0	3.8	5.3
Personal expenses	229.9	230.9	7.7	5.5	4.5	3.7	6.6	4.1
Legal service fees ^{1 5}	167.4	167.5	3.6	8.5	6.2	2.4	6.0	4.3
Personal financial services ^{1 5}	194.0	194.7	18.1	2.3	.4	4.2	9.9	2.3
Funeral expenses ⁵	172.0	172.9	8.8	5.3	4.1	2.6	7.1	3.3
Special indexes								
Domestically produced farm food	161.2	161.0	−2.0	.5	2.5	1.5	−.7	2.0
Selected beef cuts	128.6	128.5	−10.9	10.8	1.5	−6.0	−.6	−2.3
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	105.6	104.7	−4.9	−26.4	27.6	−12.6	−16.3	5.6
Utilities and public transportation	147.7	146.0	.8	.0	.6	.3	.4	.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	153.9	153.9	1.3	3.5	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.7

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Dec. 1997 from—
	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996
Food and beverages									
Other breads	184.1	184.8	184.3	186.9	0.2	0.4	-0.3	1.4	3.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, and muffins ²	171.2	171.6	169.8	170.3	1.6	.2	-1.0	.3	2.8
Fresh cakes and cupcakes	174.9	177.4	177.0	178.6	-2.3	1.4	-2	.9	1.7
Cookies	179.4	181.4	183.7	182.3	-.6	1.1	1.3	-.8	1.0
Crackers, bread, and cracker products	209.8	210.5	207.1	206.4	-1.9	.3	-1.6	-.3	-.2
Fresh sweetrolls, coffee cake, and donuts	176.9	175.9	173.6	177.2	1.5	-.6	-1.3	2.1	2.0
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products and fresh pies, tarts, and turnovers	177.2	176.9	177.5	181.7	.1	-.2	.3	2.4	3.9
Ham other than canned	171.5	170.8	167.0	164.7	.2	-.4	-2.2	-1.4	-2.1
Pork sausage ²	148.3	148.5	148.3	146.7	1.0	.1	-.1	-1.1	.9
Other pork ²	156.6	154.5	154.7	152.5	-.4	-1.3	.1	-1.4	-.8
Frankfurters	147.3	147.0	145.4	144.9	-.2	-.2	-1.1	-.3	.8
Bologna, liverwurst, and salami ²	147.7	150.0	149.7	147.6	-2.1	1.6	-.2	-1.4	1.1
Other lunchmeats ²	137.9	138.5	138.3	137.7	.0	.4	-.1	-.4	-.7
Lamb and organ meats	163.6	163.6	164.4	160.8	1.9	.0	.5	-2.2	.1
Butter	113.9	114.5	123.4	128.2	-1.0	.5	7.8	3.9	12.6
Other dairy products ²	156.2	161.0	158.4	160.3	-.8	3.1	-1.6	1.2	2.0
Frozen fruit and fruit juices ²	134.2	136.1	135.8	135.6	-1.5	1.4	-.2	-.1	-.6
Other fruit juices ²	152.1	151.2	151.2	151.8	.3	-.6	.0	.4	.7
Cut corn, canned beans except lima ²	147.0	147.2	146.8	147.1	-3.2	.1	-.3	.2	-1.5
Other processed vegetables ²	151.4	150.1	150.5	148.9	.0	-.9	.3	-1.1	-.7
Candy and chewing gum ²	152.9	153.0	152.4	152.3	-.1	.1	-.4	-.1	.9
Other sweets ²	154.0	153.6	152.4	153.4	3.8	-.3	-.8	.7	8.4
Margarine	145.1	145.2	143.8	144.2	.3	.1	-1.0	.3	-.9
Other fats, oils, and salad dressing ²	144.7	144.8	143.5	144.0	.6	.1	-.9	.3	-.2
Nondairy substitutes and peanut butter ²	139.0	138.0	137.5	135.7	.5	-.7	-.4	-1.3	.1
Roasted coffee	194.5	188.7	183.0	178.0	-1.0	-3.0	-3.0	-2.7	22.2
Instant and freeze-dried coffee	157.2	157.4	156.4	155.2	-.1	.1	-.6	-.8	6.8
Seasonings, olives, pickles, and relish ²	174.3	174.6	169.6	171.7	.1	.2	-2.9	1.2	-.6
Other condiments	162.0	163.4	161.2	162.1	.7	.9	-1.3	.6	4.9
Miscellaneous prepared foods and baby foods ²	179.8	183.2	181.3	186.2	1.0	1.9	-1.0	2.7	5.7
Other canned and packaged prepared foods ²	143.6	143.3	145.3	146.3	.1	-.2	1.4	.7	3.8
Whiskey at home	151.6	152.2	152.1	151.5	.1	.4	-.1	-.4	2.4
Other alcoholic beverages at home	151.7	152.2	152.2	152.1	.3	.3	.0	-.1	2.8
Housing									
Household linens ²	112.2	110.7	109.0	108.0	1.1	-1.3	-1.5	-.9	-1.5
Curtains, drapes, slipcovers, and sewing materials ²	134.3	133.6	133.4	130.5	-1.2	-.5	-.1	-2.2	-1.1
Soaps and detergents ²	143.8	141.7	143.4	143.5	1.3	-1.5	1.2	.1	.9
Other laundry and cleaning products ²	149.3	149.3	150.0	149.0	.6	.0	.5	-.7	1.8
Cleansing and toilet tissue, paper towels, and napkins ²	141.0	142.5	141.8	140.6	-1.1	1.1	-.5	-.8	-1.3
Stationery, stationery supplies, and gift wrap ²	153.8	155.2	155.6	158.1	.2	.9	.3	1.6	4.2
Apparel and upkeep									
Men's suits, sport coats, and jackets ²	132.9	138.5	136.8	133.5	.2	4.2	-1.2	-2.4	1.3
Men's coats and jackets ²	147.8	154.2	149.5	147.6	2.4	4.3	-3.0	-1.3	3.6
Boys' coats, jackets, sweaters, and shirts ²	119.2	120.2	123.8	122.5	2.5	.8	3.0	-1.1	5.3
Boys' trousers, sport coats, and jackets ²	117.5	117.6	118.8	117.5	-.3	.1	1.0	-1.1	2.4
Girls' coats, jackets, dresses, and suits ²	126.9	124.4	120.3	118.0	6.7	-2.0	-3.3	-1.9	-4.9
Girls' separates and sportswear ²	113.0	112.2	110.5	110.6	3.5	-.7	-1.5	.1	-3.0
Transportation									
State automobile registration ²	207.9	210.0	210.3	211.3	-.3	1.0	.1	.5	2.9
Other goods and services									
Products for hair, hair pieces, and wigs ²	127.3	127.5	128.6	126.6	-.3	.2	.9	-1.6	-.9

¹ These special indexes are based on substantially smaller samples.

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

² This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	158.5	158.2	1.5	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	472.2	471.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.436	158.3	158.5	1.5	.1	.2	.1	.0
Food	17.749	157.9	158.1	1.5	.1	.2	.1	-.1
Food at home	11.387	158.1	158.2	.8	.1	.3	.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.688	177.8	178.1	1.5	.2	.3	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.535	149.0	148.0	-1.2	-.7	-.2	.0	-.7
Dairy products ¹	1.387	146.8	147.5	-.7	.5	1.6	.9	.5
Fruits and vegetables ²	2.086	188.4	190.0	2.2	.8	.5	.2	-1.1
Other food at home	2.691	147.0	147.1	2.7	.1	-.1	-.4	.2
Sugar and sweets	.373	147.3	147.7	2.2	.3	-.3	.4	.6
Fats and oils	.282	140.2	140.0	-.3	-.1	-.4	-.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	.841	133.3	131.7	4.1	-1.2	-.1	-1.1	-.7
Other prepared food	1.194	161.3	162.7	2.5	.9	.1	-.1	.7
Food away from home	6.362	158.6	159.0	2.6	.3	.2	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.687	162.8	163.1	2.0	.2	.1	.1	.4
Housing ²	38.747	154.5	154.4	2.3	-.1	.2	.4	.0
Shelter	25.867	172.8	173.1	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.4
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	8.079	162.7	163.1	3.7	.2	.4	.1	.7
Rent, residential	6.580	168.4	168.8	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs ⁴	1.499	215.6	215.8	5.9	.1	1.2	-.4	1.8
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	17.599	167.6	168.0	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ³	17.277	167.9	168.3	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.4
Household insurance ^{3 4}	.322	151.4	151.6	3.0	.1	.1	.1	.3
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	.189	142.8	143.4	2.4	.4	1.1	.1	.4
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	.105	154.7	155.2	3.4	.3	1.4	.2	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	.084	127.9	128.6	1.2	.5	.5	.1	.5
Fuel and other utilities ²	7.344	130.9	129.7	.5	-.9	.4	1.0	-1.3
Fuels	3.979	117.3	115.2	-1.1	-1.8	.6	1.5	-2.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.391	96.4	97.0	-12.3	.6	-.2	.5	-.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.588	124.9	122.4	.1	-2.0	.6	1.7	-2.6
Other utilities and public services ⁴	3.365	163.6	163.7	2.6	.1	.1	.3	.1
Household furnishings and operation ²	5.536	123.7	123.6	.1	-.1	.1	.0	.1
Housefurnishings ⁴	3.261	108.5	108.3	-1.4	-.2	.1	-.2	-.1
Housekeeping supplies	1.129	144.2	144.3	1.6	.1	.0	.2	.3
Housekeeping services ⁴	1.145	156.6	156.7	2.5	.1	.1	.4	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.348	133.6	130.3	.8	-2.5	.1	.1	-.1
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.838	130.2	126.6	.7	-2.8	.1	.2	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.286	132.7	130.7	2.5	-1.5	-.1	-.3	.8
Women's and girls' apparel	2.053	127.0	121.5	-.2	-4.3	-.6	.8	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.240	127.1	126.5	-1.2	-.5	-.5	-.5	-.5
Footwear	.799	130.4	129.2	1.7	-.9	1.7	-.7	.9
Other apparel commodities ⁴	.461	143.5	138.5	-.9	-3.5	1.0	.1	.1
Apparel services ^{1 4}	.510	162.6	162.9	1.5	.2	.0	-.1	.2
Transportation	19.190	143.1	142.4	-1.7	-.5	-.1	-.7	-.1
Private transportation	17.934	140.8	140.1	-1.6	-.5	-.1	-.6	-.1
New vehicles	4.893	145.1	145.3	-.8	.1	-.1	-.4	-.1
New cars	3.533	140.8	140.9	-1.3	.1	-.2	-.3	-.3
Used cars	2.320	149.2	149.5	-4.7	.2	-.5	-.1	.5
Motor fuel	3.921	104.4	101.7	-6.6	-2.6	-.5	-2.2	-.9
Gasoline	-	104.0	101.2	-6.6	-2.7	-.6	-2.4	-.9
Maintenance and repairs	1.616	165.1	165.7	2.7	.4	.1	.2	.6
Other private transportation ⁴	5.185	174.3	174.3	1.6	.0	-.1	.0	.1
Other private transportation commodities	.742	103.6	103.7	-.6	.1	-.2	-.1	.0
Other private transportation services ⁴	4.442	192.3	192.3	2.0	.0	.0	.0	.1
Public transportation	1.256	183.9	182.5	-2.4	-.8	2.2	-1.7	-.4

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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
Medical care	6.251	235.8	236.5	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5
Medical care commodities	1.047	213.1	214.1	2.2	.5	.0	.3	.4
Medical care services	5.204	240.8	241.6	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.5
Professional medical services	2.973	218.5	218.9	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Entertainment ⁴	4.015	160.3	160.4	1.3	.1	.1	-.2	.2
Entertainment commodities ⁴	2.036	142.9	142.8	-.1	-.1	-.3	-.3	.2
Entertainment services ⁴	1.979	184.9	185.4	2.6	.3	.4	-.3	.4
Other goods and services ²	7.012	226.7	226.9	5.4	.1	.8	.4	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	2.117	250.5	250.9	7.3	.2	1.5	.1	.7
Personal care ¹	1.107	154.3	153.9	2.3	-.3	.5	.7	-.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	.610	147.1	146.1	1.8	-.7	.5	1.2	-.7
Personal care services ¹	.497	163.7	164.1	2.9	.2	.3	.1	.2
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	3.788	261.2	261.6	5.4	.2	.4	.3	.6
School books and supplies	.232	244.7	245.2	5.3	.2	.6	.3	.5
Personal and educational services ⁴	3.556	262.8	263.2	5.4	.2	.4	.3	.6
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	158.5	158.2	1.5	-.2	.2	.1	.1
Commodities	47.057	142.1	141.6	.1	-.4	.1	-.1	-.1
Food and beverages	19.436	158.3	158.5	1.5	.1	.2	.1	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	27.621	132.3	131.3	-.8	-.8	.0	-.4	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	16.215	135.1	133.1	-.4	-1.5	.1	-.4	.1
Apparel commodities ⁴	4.838	130.2	126.6	.7	-2.8	.1	.2	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.377	140.5	139.3	-.8	-.9	-.1	-.6	.3
Durables	11.407	127.3	127.5	-1.6	.2	-.1	-.3	.1
Services	52.943	178.1	178.2	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ³	25.329	166.3	166.6	3.2	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	8.553	134.8	133.7	1.5	-.8	.4	.8	-.9
Transportation services	7.314	184.0	183.9	1.3	-.1	.4	-.2	.1
Medical care services	5.204	240.8	241.6	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.5
Other services	6.542	209.5	209.9	4.1	.2	.4	.1	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.251	158.5	158.1	1.5	-.3	.2	.1	.1
All items less shelter	74.133	154.7	154.2	.9	-.3	.2	.0	-.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	82.401	148.5	148.1	1.2	-.3	.2	.1	.0
All items less medical care	93.749	154.9	154.5	1.4	-.3	.2	.1	.0
Commodities less food	29.308	133.5	132.5	-.7	-.7	.0	-.3	.0
Nondurables less food	17.901	136.7	135.0	-.1	-1.2	.0	-.3	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	13.064	141.7	140.7	-.4	-.7	-.1	-.5	-.1
Nondurables	35.651	147.0	146.2	.7	-.5	.1	-.1	-.1
Services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	27.613	169.1	168.8	2.3	-.2	.4	.3	-.1
Services less medical care services	47.738	172.8	172.7	2.7	-.1	.4	.2	.1
Energy	7.901	110.1	107.7	-3.8	-2.2	.1	-.3	-1.7
All items less energy	92.099	165.3	165.2	1.9	-.1	.2	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	74.350	167.2	167.1	2.1	-.1	.2	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.996	142.2	141.5	.4	-.5	.1	.0	.1
Energy commodities	4.312	104.0	101.6	-7.1	-2.3	-.4	-2.1	-.9
Services less energy services	49.354	184.0	184.3	3.0	.2	.3	.1	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 ¹	-	\$.631	\$.632	-1.4	.2	-.2	.0	.2
1967=\$1.00 ¹	-	.212	.212	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.5	2.6	1.3	1.0	1.9
Food and beverages	158.2	158.5	158.7	158.7	.3	1.5	3.1	1.3	.9	2.2
Food	157.8	158.1	158.3	158.2	.3	1.5	3.1	1.0	.9	2.1
Food at home	158.2	158.6	158.7	158.2	-1.5	1.8	3.1	.0	.1	1.5
Cereals and bakery products	177.9	178.4	178.6	179.0	.9	1.6	1.1	2.5	1.3	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.7	148.4	148.4	147.4	-6.3	4.4	1.1	-3.5	-1.1	-1.2
Dairy products ¹	143.2	145.5	146.8	147.5	-7.1	-5.4	-1.7	12.6	-6.2	5.2
Fruits and vegetables ²	190.2	191.1	191.4	189.2	4.8	-4.6	11.7	-2.1	.0	4.6
Other food at home	148.3	148.2	147.6	147.9	1.1	7.1	3.6	-1.1	4.1	1.2
Sugar and sweets	148.2	147.7	148.3	149.2	.0	5.6	.8	2.7	2.8	1.8
Fats and oils	142.0	141.4	141.2	141.4	.0	-1.4	2.0	-1.7	-.7	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	135.4	135.2	133.7	132.7	2.9	17.9	5.2	-7.7	10.1	-1.5
Other prepared food	162.1	162.3	162.1	163.3	.3	2.8	3.5	3.0	1.5	3.3
Food away from home	157.8	158.1	158.5	159.0	3.4	1.0	3.1	3.1	2.2	3.1
Alcoholic beverages	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.8	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	1.5	2.5
Housing ²	153.9	154.2	154.8	154.8	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
Shelter	172.0	172.5	172.9	173.6	3.1	3.3	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2
Renters' costs ^{3 4}	162.9	163.6	163.7	164.8	3.8	4.1	2.2	4.7	3.9	3.5
Rent, residential	167.5	167.9	168.3	168.8	2.5	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2
Other renters' costs ⁴	224.7	227.5	226.5	230.5	9.1	6.1	-1.8	10.7	7.6	4.3
Homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	166.5	166.8	167.3	167.8	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent ³	166.8	167.1	167.6	168.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.2
Household insurance ^{3 4}	151.1	151.2	151.3	151.7	3.0	3.3	4.1	1.6	3.1	2.8
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 4}	141.1	142.6	142.8	143.4	2.3	2.3	-1.7	6.7	2.3	2.4
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 4}	152.2	154.4	154.7	155.2	.5	4.6	.5	8.1	2.5	4.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 4}	127.2	127.8	127.9	128.6	5.1	-.3	-4.3	4.5	2.4	.0
Fuel and other utilities ²	130.4	130.9	132.2	130.5	1.2	-1.2	1.9	.3	.0	1.1
Fuels	115.8	116.5	118.3	115.4	.7	-4.7	.7	-1.4	-2.0	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	96.6	96.4	96.9	96.0	-23.8	-12.6	-9.0	-2.5	-18.4	-5.8
Gas (pipel) and electricity (energy services)	123.5	124.3	126.4	123.1	3.6	-4.1	2.0	-1.3	-.3	.3
Other utilities and public services ⁴	163.3	163.5	164.0	164.2	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.6
Household furnishings and operation ²	123.7	123.8	123.8	123.9	-.6	1.6	-1.3	.6	.5	-.3
Housefurnishings ⁴	108.9	109.0	108.8	108.7	-1.8	1.1	-3.9	-.7	-.4	-2.3
Housekeeping supplies	143.8	143.8	144.1	144.6	2.6	1.1	.6	2.2	1.8	1.4
Housekeeping services ⁴	156.0	156.2	156.8	156.9	.0	4.2	3.7	2.3	2.1	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	131.7	131.8	131.9	131.8	1.8	3.4	-2.4	.3	2.6	-1.1
Apparel commodities ⁴	128.2	128.3	128.5	128.4	2.2	3.5	-3.1	.6	2.8	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel	130.8	130.7	130.3	131.3	-.6	5.1	4.4	1.5	2.2	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel	124.5	123.7	124.7	123.5	5.6	4.2	-6.8	-3.2	4.9	-5.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	128.3	127.7	127.1	126.5	8.4	9.8	-15.5	-5.5	9.1	-10.6
Footwear	128.3	130.5	129.6	130.8	-4.6	.0	4.2	8.0	-2.3	6.1
Other apparel commodities ⁴	142.8	144.2	144.4	144.5	1.7	-.3	-9.0	4.8	.7	-2.3
Apparel services ^{1 4}	162.8	162.8	162.6	162.9	2.5	1.7	1.5	.2	2.1	.9
Transportation	144.0	143.9	142.9	142.8	-.3	-7.5	4.9	-3.3	-4.0	.7
Private transportation	141.7	141.5	140.6	140.5	.6	-7.9	4.6	-3.3	-3.7	.6
New vehicles	145.6	145.4	144.8	144.6	.3	-.8	.0	-2.7	-.3	-1.4
New cars	141.3	141.0	140.6	140.2	-.3	-1.4	.0	-3.1	-.8	-1.6
Used cars	149.2	148.5	148.3	149.0	7.4	-15.6	-8.4	-.5	-4.8	-4.5
Motor fuel	107.8	107.3	104.9	104.0	-6.6	-25.9	26.7	-13.4	-16.8	4.8
Gasoline	107.8	107.2	104.6	103.7	-7.0	-26.3	29.8	-14.4	-17.2	5.4
Maintenance and repairs	164.4	164.6	164.9	165.9	2.5	3.2	1.5	3.7	2.9	2.6
Other private transportation ⁴	173.7	173.6	173.6	173.7	3.3	1.2	2.1	.0	2.2	1.0
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	103.9	103.7	103.6	103.6	-.4	.0	-.4	-1.1	-.2	-.8
Other private transportation services ⁴	191.4	191.4	191.4	191.5	3.9	1.3	2.5	.2	2.6	1.4
Public transportation	184.4	188.4	185.2	184.5	-12.5	1.5	1.8	.2	-5.7	1.0

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					
	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category										
Medical care	235.1	235.6	236.2	237.3	2.8	3.0	1.7	3.8	2.9	2.8
Medical care commodities	212.9	212.9	213.6	214.5	3.5	2.7	-.4	3.0	3.1	1.3
Medical care services	240.0	240.5	241.1	242.3	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.0
Professional medical services	218.0	218.4	218.9	219.5	3.8	3.4	2.2	2.8	3.6	2.5
Entertainment ⁴	160.6	160.7	160.3	160.7	1.0	2.5	1.0	.2	1.8	.6
Entertainment commodities ⁴	143.7	143.3	142.9	143.2	-.6	-1.1	2.8	-1.4	-.8	.7
Entertainment services ⁴	184.8	185.5	184.9	185.6	2.9	6.3	-.6	1.7	4.6	.5
Other goods and services ²	223.9	225.6	226.4	227.4	5.9	4.3	5.4	6.4	5.1	5.9
Tobacco and smoking products	246.1	249.9	250.2	251.9	5.9	3.2	10.4	9.8	4.6	10.1
Personal care ¹	152.6	153.3	154.3	153.9	3.2	2.9	-.3	3.5	3.1	1.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	144.7	145.4	147.1	146.1	2.2	2.0	-.8	3.9	2.1	1.5
Personal care services ¹	163.0	163.5	163.7	164.1	4.6	3.8	.7	2.7	4.2	1.7
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	257.9	259.0	259.8	261.3	6.4	5.5	4.3	5.4	6.0	4.8
School books and supplies	243.1	244.5	245.2	246.4	2.4	9.7	3.4	5.5	6.0	4.4
Personal and educational services ⁴	259.2	260.3	261.2	262.7	6.7	5.3	4.1	5.5	6.0	4.8
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.5	.5	2.6	1.3	1.0	1.9
Commodities	142.2	142.3	142.1	142.0	.3	-2.2	2.9	-.6	-1.0	1.1
Food and beverages	158.2	158.5	158.7	158.7	.3	1.5	3.1	1.3	.9	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages	132.4	132.4	131.9	131.9	.0	-4.4	2.5	-1.5	-2.2	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.2	135.3	134.7	134.8	-1.5	-4.4	6.1	-1.2	-2.9	2.4
Apparel commodities ⁴	128.2	128.3	128.5	128.4	2.2	3.5	-3.1	.6	2.8	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	141.3	141.2	140.3	140.7	-1.7	-8.8	9.9	-1.7	-5.3	4.0
Durables	127.7	127.6	127.2	127.3	.0	-2.8	-2.5	-1.2	-1.4	-1.9
Services	177.4	177.9	178.4	178.7	2.8	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.7
Rent of shelter ³	165.8	166.2	166.6	167.1	3.3	3.7	2.7	3.2	3.5	2.9
Household services less rent of shelter ^{3 4}	134.2	134.8	135.9	134.7	2.4	.6	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.7
Transportation services	183.4	184.1	183.7	183.8	.4	1.8	2.2	.9	1.1	1.5
Medical care services	240.0	240.5	241.1	242.3	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.0
Other services	208.3	209.1	209.3	210.2	5.0	5.2	2.1	3.7	5.1	2.9
Special Indexes										
All items less food	158.0	158.3	158.4	158.5	1.8	.3	2.6	1.3	1.0	1.9
All items less shelter	154.5	154.8	154.8	154.7	1.0	-.5	2.6	.5	.3	1.6
All items less homeowners' costs ^{3 4}	148.3	148.6	148.7	148.7	1.4	.0	2.5	1.1	.7	1.8
All items less medical care	154.5	154.8	154.9	154.9	1.3	.5	2.6	1.0	.9	1.8
Commodities less food	133.8	133.8	133.4	133.4	.0	-4.1	2.4	-1.2	-2.1	.6
Nondurables less food	137.0	137.0	136.6	136.5	-1.7	-4.1	7.0	-1.5	-2.9	2.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.9	142.8	142.1	141.9	-1.9	-7.4	11.1	-2.8	-4.7	3.9
Nondurables	147.0	147.1	147.0	146.9	-.3	-1.6	5.1	-.3	-1.0	2.4
Services less rent of shelter ³	168.3	169.0	169.5	169.3	2.7	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
Services less medical care services	172.0	172.7	173.1	173.3	2.6	3.1	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.7
Energy	111.3	111.4	111.1	109.2	-2.8	-16.0	12.8	-7.3	-9.6	2.2
All items less energy	164.8	165.2	165.4	165.7	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.0	2.0
All items less food and energy	166.8	167.1	167.3	167.8	2.5	2.2	1.5	2.4	2.3	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.8	141.9	141.9	142.0	1.7	-.3	-.6	.6	.7	.0
Energy commodities	107.0	106.6	104.4	103.5	-8.3	-24.8	23.0	-12.5	-17.0	3.8
Services less energy services	183.6	184.1	184.3	185.0	2.9	3.4	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.9

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Food and beverages	158.3	158.5	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Food	157.9	158.1	1.5	.1	.2	.1	-.1
Food at home	158.1	158.2	.8	.1	.3	.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products	177.8	178.1	1.5	.2	.3	.1	.2
Cereals and cereal products	168.3	168.8	1.9	.3	.2	-.1	.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes	150.0	150.0	-.4	.0	-1.0	.0	.7
Cereal	187.5	188.6	1.7	.6	.1	-.3	.5
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	150.3	150.1	4.1	-.1	1.4	-.3	-.1
Bakery products	181.9	182.2	1.4	.2	.3	.3	.2
White bread ¹	187.1	186.3	1.5	-.4	1.5	.5	-.4
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	183.2	185.3	3.3	1.1	.5	-.5	1.1
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	179.2	179.1	.7	-.1	.7	.7	-.1
Other bakery products	178.6	179.0	.3	.2	-1.3	1.3	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	149.0	148.0	-1.2	-.7	-.2	.0	-.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	149.2	147.8	-.7	-.9	-.2	-.2	-.7
Meats	144.6	143.3	-.8	-.9	-.4	-.5	-.5
Beef and veal	136.8	136.6	-.9	-.1	-.6	-.6	.0
Ground beef other than canned	116.4	116.3	-1.1	-.1	-.8	-1.1	-.3
Chuck roast ²	141.8	144.0	-2.2	1.6	-1.8	-1.4	1.4
Round roast ²	131.3	128.3	-5.6	-2.3	-.3	4.1	-4.0
Round steak ²	131.0	130.6	-2.6	-.3	1.2	-.2	-.2
Sirloin steak ²	140.9	140.8	-.7	-.1	.1	-.2	.3
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	161.0	160.6	.7	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.2
Pork	155.7	153.1	-1.5	-1.7	-.6	-.7	-.5
Bacon	163.2	160.2	-.7	-1.8	-1.9	-.5	-1.8
Chops	154.6	150.9	-3.8	-2.4	-1.2	-.5	-1.9
Ham	155.6	153.9	-1.9	-1.1	-1.2	-1.6	1.2
Other pork, including sausage ²	152.6	150.5	.0	-1.4	.1	.3	-.9
Other meats ¹	148.9	146.6	.4	-1.5	.6	-.1	-1.5
Poultry ¹	157.2	155.0	-1.6	-1.4	-.8	1.2	-1.4
Fresh whole chicken ¹	161.8	159.5	.4	-1.4	-.3	2.6	-1.4
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	157.6	153.9	-4.3	-2.3	-1.3	1.6	-2.3
Other poultry ²	152.2	153.9	1.8	1.1	-.8	.7	.3
Fish and seafood	179.8	178.0	.8	-1.0	1.1	.3	-.9
Canned fish and seafood ¹	130.6	129.7	2.3	-.7	.5	.5	-.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	204.6	202.5	.5	-1.0	1.3	.0	-.8
Eggs	144.1	150.1	-7.5	4.2	.3	3.4	-1.5
Dairy products ¹	146.8	147.5	-.7	.5	1.6	.9	.5
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	146.8	146.8	-1.9	.0	2.8	1.2	.0
Fresh whole milk ¹	145.8	145.7	-1.8	-.1	3.4	1.5	-.1
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	148.4	148.4	-2.4	.0	1.9	.7	.0
Processed dairy products ²	147.2	148.9	.9	1.2	.1	.9	1.6
Cheese ¹	146.8	147.7	-1.4	.6	-.5	.4	.6
Ice cream and related products	150.4	151.9	1.0	1.0	-.3	.3	.6
Other dairy products, including butter ²	142.2	146.1	7.8	2.7	2.4	2.8	3.6
Fruits and vegetables ³	188.4	190.0	2.2	.8	.5	.2	-1.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	218.0	220.7	3.0	1.2	.7	-.1	-1.8
Fresh fruits	231.1	236.0	-4.9	2.1	.7	-2.6	-.8
Apples	191.8	194.9	-.2	1.6	3.2	-1.3	1.7
Bananas	153.8	151.3	-3.8	-1.6	2.9	1.9	-2.9
Oranges, including tangerines ²	205.4	188.4	-4.9	-8.3	-9.1	-4.2	3.0
Other fresh fruits ²	278.3	293.5	-6.3	5.5	2.4	-3.3	-2.1
Fresh vegetables	205.3	205.8	13.6	.2	.7	2.7	-2.9
Potatoes	174.4	175.0	9.2	.3	-1.4	-.3	-.1
Lettuce ¹	256.0	215.4	17.6	-15.9	5.4	15.4	-15.9
Tomatoes ¹	221.4	249.5	31.0	12.7	5.2	15.0	12.7
Other fresh vegetables	202.6	203.6	8.6	.5	-.5	1.4	-2.4
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	146.7	146.8	.5	.1	.1	.7	.3
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	147.0	147.5	.5	.3	-.1	-.3	.3
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	146.7	147.2	.1	.3	-.1	-.3	.3
Canned and dried fruits ²	146.7	147.2	2.2	.3	.1	.1	.2
Processed vegetables ²	146.7	146.2	.4	-.3	.0	1.4	-.2
Frozen vegetables ²	148.4	147.7	2.6	-.5	-.3	1.1	.3
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	146.5	146.2	-.5	-.2	-.1	1.7	-.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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Other food at home	147.0	147.1	2.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.2
Sugar and sweets	147.3	147.7	2.2	.3	-.3	.4	.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	133.2	133.7	.8	.4	-.1	-.4	.7
Sweets, including candy ²	153.3	153.7	2.8	.3	-.4	.8	.3
Fats and oils	140.2	140.0	-.3	-.1	-.4	-.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	133.3	131.7	4.1	-1.2	-.1	-1.1	-.7
Carbonated drinks	117.5	116.3	-1.9	-1.0	1.1	-.8	-.3
Coffee ¹	173.0	169.3	16.8	-2.1	-1.8	-2.3	-2.1
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	141.4	141.8	1.6	.3	.4	-.1	.5
Other prepared food	161.3	162.7	2.5	.9	.1	-.1	.7
Canned and packaged soup	189.0	189.6	2.2	.3	1.0	-.6	.8
Frozen prepared food ¹	145.0	144.1	-.8	-.6	1.0	.1	-.6
Snacks ¹	154.6	155.1	2.4	.3	-.1	-.8	.3
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	166.4	168.4	2.7	1.2	.5	-.8	.9
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	164.3	167.3	4.2	1.8	.3	.6	1.2
Food away from home	158.6	159.0	2.6	.3	.2	.3	.3
Lunch ²	159.1	159.5	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Dinner ²	156.5	156.9	2.6	.3	.1	.4	.2
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	161.6	162.0	2.4	.2	.3	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	162.8	163.1	2.0	.2	.1	.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages at home	148.5	148.4	.5	-.1	-.1	-.1	.3
Beer and ale	146.9	147.2	-.6	.2	-.1	-.3	.4
Wine	144.1	143.0	2.2	-.8	-.3	-.3	.2
Distilled spirits	151.4	151.2	2.2	-.1	.3	.1	.5
Alcoholic beverages away from home	191.3	192.1	3.7	.4	.3	.4	.5
Housing ³	154.5	154.4	2.3	-.1	.2	.4	.0
Shelter	172.8	173.1	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.4
Renters' costs ⁴	162.7	163.1	3.7	.2	.4	.1	.7
Rent, residential	168.4	168.8	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs ²	215.6	215.8	5.9	.1	1.2	-.4	1.8
Lodging while out of town	213.0	213.2	6.0	.1	1.3	-.5	2.0
Lodging while at school ⁵	231.2	231.2	5.5	.0	.3	.1	.3
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	156.0	156.2	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Homeowners' costs ⁴	167.6	168.0	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	167.9	168.3	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.4
Household insurance ^{2 5}	151.4	151.6	3.0	.1	.1	.1	.3
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	142.8	143.4	2.4	.4	1.1	.1	.4
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	154.7	155.2	3.4	.3	1.4	.2	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	127.9	128.6	1.2	.5	.5	.1	.5
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 6}	125.3	124.9	.4	-.3	1.1	-.1	-.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	122.9	124.5	1.8	1.3	-.1	.2	1.3
Fuel and other utilities ³	130.9	129.7	.5	-.9	.4	1.0	-1.3
Fuels	117.3	115.2	-1.1	-1.8	.6	1.5	-2.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	96.4	97.0	-12.3	.6	-.2	.5	-.9
Fuel oil	93.7	94.2	-11.9	.5	-.4	.2	.2
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 6}	127.8	128.5	-13.1	.5	1.3	1.3	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	124.9	122.4	.1	-2.0	.6	1.7	-2.6
Electricity	129.6	126.4	-1.3	-2.5	-.2	1.1	-2.5
Utility (piped) gas	119.5	118.3	3.0	-1.0	2.5	3.0	-2.8
Other utilities and public services ²	163.6	163.7	2.6	.1	.1	.3	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.4	127.4	.3	.0	.2	.2	.0
Local charges ^{1 2}	163.1	163.0	1.1	-.1	.2	.1	-.1
Interstate toll calls ¹	75.1	75.1	-4.6	.0	.3	.0	.0
Intrastate toll calls ¹	95.4	95.1	2.8	-.3	-.6	1.1	-.3
Water and sewerage maintenance	210.3	210.6	3.9	.1	.2	.2	.4
Cable television ⁷	234.4	234.6	6.9	.1	.2	.4	.3
Refuse collection ^{1 7}	252.7	252.8	2.0	.0	.2	.0	.0

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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Household furnishings and operation ³	123.7	123.6	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Housefurnishings ²	108.5	108.3	-1.4	-2	.1	-2	-1
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	118.9	117.4	-2.1	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.3
Furniture and bedding ¹	131.1	130.6	-1.0	-4	.1	-8	-4
Bedroom furniture ¹	140.1	141.5	1.4	1.0	.0	-4	1.0
Sofas ^{1 2}	138.0	137.4	-9	-4	1.6	-7	-4
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	132.6	128.8	-3.0	-2.9	.4	-2.0	-2.9
Other furniture ²	115.1	114.3	-3.3	-7	-1.8	-3	-3
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	76.8	76.5	-3.4	-4	-4	.3	-4
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	68.6	68.0	-3.7	-9	-1	.6	-9
Televisions ¹	59.9	59.3	-3.9	-1.0	-3	.5	-1.0
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 8}	62.4	62.2	-7.6	-3	-2	-6	-3
Audio products ^{1 2}	89.0	88.4	-2.0	-7	-1	.8	-7
Major household appliances ^{1 2 6}	101.5	101.9	-1.9	.4	-8	.0	.4
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	107.9	108.3	-3.1	.4	-1.1	-7	.4
Laundry equipment ¹	112.5	113.2	.1	.6	-6	-5	.6
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 6}	90.5	90.8	-2.7	.3	-7	1.1	.3
Information processing equipment ^{1 8}	49.3	48.9	-10.9	-8	1.2	-1.6	-8
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 6}	114.4	115.0	.3	.5	.2	-3	.5
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	139.4	142.9	2.4	2.5	-4	-9	2.5
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	117.2	118.4	3.8	1.0	.1	1.2	1.0
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	127.3	128.9	4.9	1.3	.5	-6	1.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.4	109.4	-1.1	-9	-1	-5	-9
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 6}	89.6	88.9	-1.1	-8	-4	-6	-8
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 9}	107.2	107.3	-8.3	.1	1.2	-1.0	.1
Housekeeping supplies	144.2	144.3	1.6	.1	.0	.2	.3
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	147.6	146.9	1.2	-5	-7	.9	-5
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	146.4	146.7	.9	.2	1.2	.0	.2
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	137.3	138.2	2.9	.7	.3	-6	.7
Housekeeping services ²	156.6	156.7	2.5	.1	.1	.4	.1
Postage ¹	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	158.9	158.7	1.4	-1	-1	.1	-1
Gardening and other household services ^{2 6}	138.5	138.3	.9	-1	.0	.9	-4
Apparel and upkeep	133.6	130.3	.8	-2.5	.1	.1	-1
Apparel commodities ²	130.2	126.6	.7	-2.8	.1	.2	-1
Apparel commodities less footwear	130.2	126.1	.5	-3.1	-2	.3	-3
Men's and boys'	132.7	130.7	2.5	-1.5	-1	-3	.8
Men's	136.1	133.9	2.3	-1.6	.0	-8	.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	139.5	135.9	.9	-2.6	2.7	-1.7	.6
Furnishings and special clothing	134.6	136.1	8.3	1.1	-1.6	-1.6	4.0
Shirts ²	141.0	136.2	.4	-3.4	-8	1.1	-1.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	130.7	128.9	-1	-1.4	.4	-1.3	-1
Boys'	121.9	120.5	3.3	-1.1	-9	1.4	1.3
Women's and girls'	127.0	121.5	-2	-4.3	-6	.8	-1.0
Women's	126.9	120.8	.0	-4.8	-1	.9	-1.3
Coats and jackets	139.7	129.2	2.5	-7.5	-1.1	2.6	-3.5
Dresses	108.8	100.5	-5.1	-7.6	-1.4	1.0	-1.8
Separates and sportswear ²	130.3	123.4	-6	-5.3	.6	.9	-2.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	134.8	134.8	2.2	.0	-1	-1.0	1.2
Suits ²	143.6	137.5	6.8	-4.2	-2.1	3.8	2.5
Girls'	127.5	125.0	-1.0	-2.0	-2.9	.3	.6
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	127.1	126.5	-1.2	-.5	-.5	-.5	-.5
Other apparel commodities ²	143.5	138.5	-.9	-3.5	1.0	.1	.1
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 6}	124.3	123.8	-2.4	-.4	.3	-1.3	-.4
Watches and jewelry ⁶	143.5	137.7	-.5	-4.0	1.2	.1	-.1
Watches ^{1 6}	124.4	121.1	.2	-2.7	-1.4	-.6	-2.7
Jewelry ⁶	148.9	142.4	-.7	-4.4	1.9	-.2	.2
Footwear	130.4	129.2	1.7	-.9	1.7	-.7	.9
Men's	133.4	131.4	.0	-1.5	.4	.2	.1
Boys' and girls'	135.3	135.0	2.9	-.2	4.0	-1.0	.9
Women's	124.2	123.1	2.4	-.9	1.2	-1.3	1.0
Apparel services ^{1 2}	162.6	162.9	1.5	.2	.0	-.1	.2
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.5	166.1	1.0	.4	.0	-.5	.4
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	160.9	160.9	1.8	.0	.1	.2	.0

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Transportation	143.1	142.4	-1.7	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1
Private	140.8	140.1	-1.6	-.5	-.1	-.6	-.1
New vehicles	145.1	145.3	-.8	.1	-.1	-.4	-.1
New cars	140.8	140.9	-1.3	.1	-.2	-.3	-.3
Subcompact new cars ^{2 6}	121.4	121.5	-1.8	.1	-.1	-.2	-.1
Compact new cars ^{2 6}	122.2	122.6	-1.0	.3	.2	-.2	-.1
Intermediate new cars ^{2 6}	121.7	121.7	-.7	.0	-.2	-.4	-.5
Full-size new cars ^{2 6}	123.2	123.2	-2.1	.0	-.4	-.4	-.6
Luxury new cars ^{2 6}	131.9	133.3	-.7	1.1	-.2	.1	.6
New trucks ⁷	153.0	153.2	.1	.1	.2	-.5	.1
New motorcycles ⁶	164.8	164.0	.6	-.5	.4	.2	-.5
Used cars	149.2	149.5	-4.7	.2	-.5	-.1	.5
Motor fuel	104.4	101.7	-6.6	-2.6	-.5	-2.2	-.9
Gasoline	104.0	101.2	-6.6	-2.7	-.6	-2.4	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular	101.9	98.9	-7.1	-2.9	-.7	-2.6	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 10}	108.6	105.9	-5.8	-2.5	-2.5	-2.2	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.2	102.8	-5.9	-2.3	-.6	-2.2	-.8
Automobile maintenance and repair	165.1	165.7	2.7	.4	.1	.2	.6
Body work ¹	175.9	176.5	4.7	.3	.5	.2	.3
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	172.7	172.9	2.5	.1	.0	.2	.1
Maintenance and servicing ¹	151.7	152.7	2.8	.7	.3	.1	.7
Power plant repair ²	169.2	169.9	2.0	.4	.2	.0	.4
Other private transportation ²	174.3	174.3	1.6	.0	-.1	.0	.1
Other private transportation commodities ²	103.6	103.7	-.6	.1	-.2	-.1	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	130.5	130.6	.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Automobile parts and equipment	100.7	100.8	-.6	.1	-.2	.0	-.1
Tires	98.6	98.2	-3.0	-.4	-.7	.2	-.6
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	107.1	107.6	1.5	.5	.2	-.3	.5
Other private transportation services ²	192.3	192.3	2.0	.0	.0	.0	.1
Automobile insurance	255.1	255.3	2.5	.1	-.2	.2	.3
Automobile finance charges ²	91.3	90.8	-3.3	-.5	.1	-1.0	-.8
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	187.0	187.0	4.9	.0	1.6	-.3	.0
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	185.2	185.9	2.5	.4	1.0	.1	.4
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	190.6	189.7	8.2	-.5	2.6	-.9	-.5
Public transportation	183.9	182.5	-2.4	-.8	2.2	-1.7	-.4
Airline fares ¹	196.9	193.9	-5.2	-1.5	3.9	-3.8	-1.5
Other intercity transportation ¹	158.7	160.3	1.5	1.0	1.0	-.2	1.0
Intracity public transportation ¹	176.3	176.2	1.2	-.1	.3	.1	-.1
Medical care	235.8	236.5	2.8	.3	.2	.3	.5
Medical care commodities	213.1	214.1	2.2	.5	.0	.3	.4
Prescription drugs	249.3	251.0	2.5	.7	-.3	.4	.8
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 6}	145.0	144.8	1.6	-.1	.8	-.2	-.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	171.6	171.6	1.5	.0	.8	-.2	.0
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	175.9	175.0	2.0	-.5	.7	-.1	-.5
Medical care services	240.8	241.6	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.5
Professional medical services	218.5	218.9	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Physicians' services	224.9	225.3	2.8	.2	.0	.2	.3
Dental services ¹	229.4	229.6	3.9	.1	.4	.3	.1
Eye care ^{1 6}	142.0	142.8	1.7	.6	.0	-.1	.6
Services by other medical professionals ⁶	156.8	156.8	3.5	.0	-.1	.6	.1
Hospital and related services	277.4	278.7	3.1	.5	.2	.5	.6
Hospital services ¹¹	102.5	103.0	3.0	.5	.3	.4	.5
Inpatient hospital services ¹¹	101.9	102.3	2.3	.4	.1	.4	.4
Outpatient hospital services ⁶	228.1	228.6	4.1	.2	.1	.4	.4
Nursing home services ¹¹	103.5	104.0	4.0	.5	.2	.1	.5

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 Dec. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category							
Entertainment ²	160.3	160.4	1.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Entertainment commodities ²	142.9	142.8	-.1	-.1	-.3	-.3	.2
Reading materials ¹	180.9	181.3	1.1	.2	-.3	.1	.2
Newspapers ^{1 2}	192.8	193.2	.7	.2	-.3	.2	.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	169.0	169.4	1.7	.2	-.4	.0	.2
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	123.1	124.5	-.1	1.1	-.4	-.6	1.1
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	125.5	127.7	.2	1.8	-.2	-1.1	1.8
Other sporting goods ¹	117.0	117.3	-.6	.3	-.7	.2	.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	133.9	132.7	-.8	-.9	.0	-.1	-.9
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	126.7	125.2	-1.7	-1.2	-.2	-.2	-.2
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	135.7	134.6	.5	-.8	.4	.1	-.8
Pet supplies and expense ¹	143.0	141.9	-.4	-.8	.2	-.1	-.8
Entertainment services ^{2 6}	184.9	185.4	2.6	.3	.4	-.3	.4
Club memberships ^{2 6}	134.0	133.7	.1	-.2	1.1	-.3	.9
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 6}	170.1	170.7	2.9	.4	.4	-1.2	.5
Admissions ¹	199.8	199.8	3.4	.0	-.1	-.3	.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁶	173.2	175.8	5.1	1.5	.2	.8	1.8
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 6}	142.5	142.8	1.8	.2	.1	-.3	.2
Other goods and services ³	226.7	226.9	5.4	.1	.8	.4	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	250.5	250.9	7.3	.2	1.5	.1	.7
Personal care ¹	154.3	153.9	2.3	-.3	.5	.7	-.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	147.1	146.1	1.8	-.7	.5	1.2	-.7
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	156.1	156.7	2.4	.4	1.2	.8	.4
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	141.7	139.8	1.5	-1.3	.1	1.4	-1.3
Personal care services ¹	163.7	164.1	2.9	.2	.3	.1	.2
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	162.8	163.1	3.0	.2	.2	.1	.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	166.5	167.0	2.9	.3	.5	.3	-.1
Personal and educational expenses ²	261.2	261.6	5.4	.2	.4	.3	.6
School books and supplies	244.7	245.2	5.3	.2	.6	.3	.5
Personal and educational services ²	262.8	263.2	5.4	.2	.4	.3	.6
Tuition and other school fees	282.3	282.7	5.5	.1	.6	.4	.5
College tuition	300.9	300.9	5.2	.0	.5	.5	.4
Elementary and high school tuition	299.5	299.4	7.2	.0	.7	.4	.4
Day care and nursery school ⁹	137.8	138.7	5.0	.7	.6	.3	.9
Personal expenses	228.3	228.9	5.1	.3	.2	.3	.6
Legal service fees ^{1 6}	166.4	166.5	4.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Personal financial services ^{1 6}	193.1	193.9	5.8	.4	.3	.2	.4
Funeral expenses ⁶	173.8	174.7	5.3	.5	-.1	.2	.6
Special indexes							
Domestically produced farm food	159.8	160.2	.6	.3	.2	.3	-.2
Selected beef cuts	129.4	129.3	-1.7	-.1	-.8	-.7	-.1
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	104.8	102.2	-6.5	-2.5	-.6	-2.1	-.9
Utilities and public transportation	144.8	143.3	.6	-1.0	.8	.5	-1.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	158.1	158.3	2.6	.1	.2	.3	.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹¹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Food and beverages	158.7	158.7	0.3	1.5	3.1	1.3	0.9	2.2
Food	158.3	158.2	.3	1.5	3.1	1.0	.9	2.1
Food at home	158.7	158.2	-1.5	1.8	3.1	.0	.1	1.5
Cereals and bakery products	178.6	179.0	.9	1.6	1.1	2.5	1.3	1.8
Cereals and cereal products	169.8	170.0	1.2	2.4	3.1	.7	1.8	1.9
Flour and prepared flour mixes	153.7	154.8	-2.5	2.4	-3	-1.0	-1	-6
Cereal	188.3	189.2	-1.1	4.2	3.0	1.1	1.5	2.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	151.5	151.3	6.2	.3	6.1	4.1	3.2	5.1
Bakery products	182.5	182.8	1.8	1.1	.0	2.9	1.4	1.4
White bread ¹	187.1	186.3	-1.7	3.8	-1.9	6.2	1.0	2.1
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins ¹	183.2	185.3	2.9	1.8	4.3	4.4	2.4	4.3
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes ¹	179.2	179.1	.2	1.8	-4.6	5.8	1.0	.4
Other bakery products	182.0	181.3	2.5	-1.3	1.3	-1.3	.6	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.4	147.4	-6.3	4.4	1.1	-3.5	-1.1	-1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.7	147.7	-3.7	4.7	.5	-4.2	.4	-1.9
Meats	143.9	143.2	-4.6	6.3	.8	-5.4	.7	-2.3
Beef and veal	136.2	136.2	-8.5	8.9	1.5	-4.6	-.1	-1.6
Ground beef other than canned	115.6	115.3	-12.1	20.2	-.7	-8.5	2.8	-4.7
Chuck roast ²	139.4	141.3	-7.3	3.1	3.1	-7.3	-2.2	-2.2
Round roast ²	132.3	127.0	-10.6	3.7	-13.2	-1.6	-3.7	-7.6
Round steak ²	130.8	130.5	-10.6	.0	-2.1	2.8	-5.4	.3
Sirloin steak ²	142.9	143.4	-15.4	3.5	9.8	.8	-6.4	5.2
Other beef and veal ^{1 2}	161.0	160.6	-.5	1.5	3.8	-2.0	.5	.9
Pork	154.5	153.7	-3.5	7.2	-2.0	-7.2	1.7	-4.6
Bacon	162.9	160.0	4.3	5.8	4.2	-15.5	5.0	-6.2
Chops	155.1	152.1	-6.9	9.6	-2.7	-13.7	1.0	-8.4
Ham	151.9	153.7	-6.5	11.9	-5.4	-6.5	2.3	-6.0
Other pork, including sausage ²	152.3	151.0	-3.7	6.0	.0	-2.1	1.1	-1.1
Other meats ¹	148.9	146.6	2.8	.3	2.7	-4.0	1.5	-.7
Poultry ¹	157.2	155.0	-3.5	.5	.8	-4.0	-1.5	-1.7
Fresh whole chicken ¹	161.8	159.5	1.5	-5.9	2.6	3.6	-2.3	3.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ¹	157.6	153.9	-10.3	3.6	-2.0	-7.9	-3.6	-5.0
Other poultry ²	155.6	156.1	-3.1	6.7	2.6	1.0	1.7	1.8
Fish and seafood	179.8	178.2	1.6	-1.6	1.4	2.0	.0	1.7
Canned fish and seafood ¹	130.6	129.7	-.3	2.5	5.8	1.2	1.1	3.5
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ²	204.4	202.7	1.2	-2.0	.8	2.0	-.4	1.4
Eggs	142.5	140.4	-38.9	2.4	7.3	9.0	-20.9	8.2
Dairy products ¹	146.8	147.5	-7.1	-5.4	-1.7	12.6	-6.2	5.2
Fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	146.8	146.8	-10.5	-5.9	-6.3	17.2	-8.2	4.8
Fresh whole milk ¹	145.8	145.7	-11.8	-6.0	-7.1	21.1	-9.0	6.0
Other fresh milk and cream ^{1 2}	148.4	148.4	-8.9	-5.8	-4.6	10.9	-7.4	2.9
Processed dairy products ²	146.8	149.2	-2.7	-2.7	-1.6	11.2	-2.7	4.6
Cheese ¹	146.8	147.7	-6.0	-2.2	.5	2.2	-4.1	1.4
Ice cream and related products	150.7	151.6	3.2	-5.7	4.4	2.4	-1.3	3.4
Other dairy products, including butter ²	140.7	145.8	5.7	-8.7	-.9	41.4	-1.8	18.4
Fruits and vegetables ³	191.4	189.2	4.8	-4.6	11.7	-2.1	.0	4.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables	222.9	218.9	7.0	-6.5	18.7	-5.0	.0	6.2
Fresh fruits	232.9	231.0	-10.4	-8.4	11.9	-10.5	-9.4	.1
Apples	202.1	205.6	-11.2	-3.4	.4	15.3	-7.3	7.6
Bananas	164.0	159.3	-13.5	-3.0	-4.7	7.6	-8.4	1.3
Oranges, including tangerines ²	206.6	212.7	-4.9	16.3	14.7	-35.5	5.2	-14.0
Other fresh fruits ²	274.7	268.8	-11.3	-16.5	18.3	-12.0	-14.0	2.0
Fresh vegetables	209.7	203.6	34.2	-4.1	27.1	1.6	13.5	13.6
Potatoes	187.4	187.2	-16.6	-.2	83.8	-6.9	-8.8	30.8
Lettuce ¹	256.0	215.4	2.0	-21.7	118.7	9.6	-10.6	54.8
Tomatoes ¹	221.4	249.5	249.1	-54.2	-46.7	245.5	26.4	35.7
Other fresh vegetables	206.4	201.4	15.7	5.3	21.7	-6.1	10.4	6.9
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	148.3	148.7	.3	-.5	-2.1	4.7	-.1	1.2
Processed fruits ^{1 2}	147.0	147.5	4.2	.3	-1.6	-.5	2.2	-1.1
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ^{1 2}	146.7	147.2	2.7	-.5	-1.6	.0	1.1	-.8
Canned and dried fruits ²	147.9	148.2	6.8	1.6	-1.3	1.6	4.2	.1
Processed vegetables ²	148.9	148.6	.3	-1.1	-2.4	5.0	-.4	1.2
Frozen vegetables ²	149.2	149.7	-.5	8.2	-1.6	4.7	3.7	1.5
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ²	149.4	148.7	-.3	-4.2	-1.9	4.4	-2.3	1.2

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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					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Other food at home	147.6	147.9	1.1	7.1	3.6	-1.1	4.1	1.2
Sugar and sweets	148.3	149.2	.0	5.6	.8	2.7	2.8	1.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	134.6	135.6	-1.2	4.5	-1.2	.9	1.6	-.1
Sweets, including candy ²	154.4	154.9	.5	6.2	1.3	3.2	3.3	2.2
Fats and oils	141.2	141.4	.0	-1.4	2.0	-1.7	-.7	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	133.7	132.7	2.9	17.9	5.2	-7.7	10.1	-1.5
Carbonated drinks	118.4	118.0	-6.2	-2.0	1.4	-.3	-4.1	.5
Coffee ¹	173.0	169.3	19.8	78.4	12.2	-22.3	46.2	-6.6
Other noncarbonated drinks ²	141.2	141.9	.9	2.6	.0	3.2	1.7	1.6
Other prepared food	162.1	163.3	.3	2.8	3.5	3.0	1.5	3.3
Canned and packaged soup	189.8	191.3	.4	5.2	-1.7	5.0	2.8	1.6
Frozen prepared food ¹	145.0	144.1	-4.3	5.1	-5.4	1.7	.3	-1.9
Snacks ¹	154.6	155.1	4.3	2.4	5.6	-2.5	3.3	1.4
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	168.6	170.2	1.2	2.7	4.1	2.6	1.9	3.4
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ²	164.6	166.6	3.8	-1.0	5.1	8.9	1.4	6.9
Food away from home	158.5	159.0	3.4	1.0	3.1	3.1	2.2	3.1
Lunch ²	159.1	159.5	2.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.2	3.1
Dinner ²	156.4	156.7	3.2	1.0	3.1	2.9	2.1	3.0
Other meals and snacks ^{1 2}	161.6	162.0	2.8	1.5	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	163.2	163.8	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	1.5	2.5
Alcoholic beverages at home	148.8	149.2	-.5	1.1	1.4	.0	.3	.7
Beer and ale	147.4	148.0	-2.7	.3	.5	-.3	-1.2	.1
Wine	144.1	144.4	4.3	1.4	4.5	-1.4	2.9	1.5
Distilled spirits	151.2	151.9	1.1	3.0	1.6	3.2	2.0	2.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home	191.3	192.3	3.9	2.6	3.7	4.7	3.3	4.2
Housing ³	154.8	154.8	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
Shelter	172.9	173.6	3.1	3.3	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2
Renters' costs ⁴	163.7	164.8	3.8	4.1	2.2	4.7	3.9	3.5
Rent, residential	168.3	168.8	2.5	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2
Other renters' costs ²	226.5	230.5	9.1	6.1	-1.8	10.7	7.6	4.3
Lodging while out of town	225.4	229.8	9.0	6.7	-2.5	11.6	7.8	4.3
Lodging while at school ⁵	229.1	229.8	9.7	3.8	5.6	2.8	6.7	4.2
Tenants' insurance ^{1 2}	156.0	156.2	4.3	3.7	3.4	1.0	4.0	2.2
Homeowners' costs ⁴	167.3	167.8	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	167.6	168.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.2
Household insurance ^{2 5}	151.3	151.7	3.0	3.3	4.1	1.6	3.1	2.8
Maintenance and repairs ^{1 2}	142.8	143.4	2.3	2.3	-1.7	6.7	2.3	2.4
Maintenance and repair services ^{1 2}	154.7	155.2	.5	4.6	.5	8.1	2.5	4.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	127.9	128.6	5.1	-.3	-4.3	4.5	2.4	.0
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 2 6}	125.3	124.9	2.9	1.6	-5.6	2.9	2.3	-1.4
Other maintenance and repair commodities ^{1 2}	122.9	124.5	7.0	-2.2	-2.9	5.7	2.3	1.3
Fuel and other utilities ³	132.2	130.5	1.2	-1.2	1.9	.3	.0	1.1
Fuels	118.3	115.4	.7	-4.7	.7	-1.4	-2.0	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	96.9	96.0	-23.8	-12.6	-9.0	-2.5	-18.4	-5.8
Fuel oil	93.5	93.7	-21.4	-11.5	-13.3	.0	-16.6	-6.9
Other household fuel commodities ^{1 6}	127.8	128.5	-24.4	-27.2	-8.8	13.5	-25.8	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	126.4	123.1	3.6	-4.1	2.0	-1.3	-.3	.3
Electricity	133.1	129.8	2.5	.9	-2.1	-6.5	1.7	-4.3
Utility (piped) gas	119.8	116.5	5.8	-13.5	10.5	11.0	-4.4	10.8
Other utilities and public services ²	164.0	164.2	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	127.4	127.4	2.2	1.6	-3.7	1.3	1.9	-1.2
Local charges ^{1 2}	163.1	163.0	1.2	2.2	-.2	1.0	1.7	.4
Interstate toll calls ¹	75.1	75.1	.5	.0	-18.4	1.1	.3	-9.2
Intrastate toll calls ¹	95.4	95.1	8.5	.0	2.6	.4	4.2	1.5
Water and sewerage maintenance	210.3	211.2	1.6	3.6	7.4	3.3	2.6	5.3
Cable television ⁷	235.6	236.3	6.5	7.9	9.8	3.6	7.2	6.7
Refuse collection ^{1 7}	252.7	252.8	1.5	1.8	3.4	1.3	1.6	2.3

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Household furnishings and operation ³	123.8	123.9	-0.6	1.6	-1.3	0.6	0.5	-0.3
Housefurnishings ²	108.8	108.7	-1.8	1.1	-3.9	-.7	-.4	-2.3
Textile housefurnishings ^{1 2}	118.9	117.4	-1.0	3.7	3.0	-13.1	1.3	-5.4
Furniture and bedding ¹	131.1	130.6	-1.2	6.5	-4.4	-4.5	2.6	-4.4
Bedroom furniture ¹	140.1	141.5	-4.0	11.8	-4.2	2.6	3.6	-8
Sofas ^{1 2}	138.0	137.4	1.5	.3	-6.7	1.8	.9	-2.6
Living room chairs and tables ^{1 2}	132.6	128.8	-3.0	9.4	-.3	-16.4	3.0	-8.7
Other furniture ²	115.3	114.9	-.7	2.0	-4.6	-9.5	.7	-7.1
Appliances, including electronic equipment ^{1 2}	76.8	76.5	-1.5	-5.9	-4.1	-2.1	-3.8	-3.1
Video and audio products ^{1 2}	68.6	68.0	-.6	-6.6	-5.6	-1.7	-3.6	-3.7
Televisions ¹	59.9	59.3	1.3	-5.1	-8.2	-3.3	-1.9	-5.8
Video products other than televisions ^{1 2 6}	62.4	62.2	-5.8	-14.8	-4.9	-4.4	-10.4	-4.7
Audio products ^{1 2}	89.0	88.4	.0	-3.9	-4.0	.0	-2.0	-2.0
Major household appliances ^{1 2 6}	101.5	101.9	-1.1	-3.8	-1.2	-1.6	-2.5	-1.4
Refrigerators and home freezers ^{1 2}	107.9	108.3	-2.1	-8.4	4.1	-5.7	-5.3	-.9
Laundry equipment ¹	112.5	113.2	1.8	-2.8	3.6	-2.1	-.5	.7
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 2 6}	90.5	90.8	-2.5	.0	-10.8	3.1	-1.3	-4.1
Information processing equipment ^{1 8}	49.3	48.9	-12.5	-15.6	-10.6	-4.8	-14.0	-7.7
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2 6}	114.4	115.0	3.2	-1.0	-2.4	1.4	1.0	-.5
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ^{1 2}	139.4	142.9	8.9	-1.1	-2.5	4.9	3.8	1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items ¹	117.2	118.4	9.8	.7	-4.4	9.7	5.1	2.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ^{1 2}	127.3	128.9	2.0	4.6	8.6	4.5	3.3	6.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ^{1 2}	110.4	109.4	1.8	-3.2	3.3	-6.0	-.7	-1.4
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 2 6}	89.6	88.9	6.4	-3.0	-.4	-6.9	1.6	-3.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ^{1 9}	107.2	107.3	-8.6	-4.8	-19.6	1.1	-6.7	-9.8
Housekeeping supplies	144.1	144.6	2.6	1.1	.6	2.2	1.8	1.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ^{1 2}	147.6	146.9	1.4	.8	4.2	-1.3	1.1	1.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies ^{1 2}	146.4	146.7	1.7	-.5	-3.0	5.6	.6	1.2
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ^{1 2}	137.3	138.2	11.2	-.9	.3	1.5	5.0	.9
Housekeeping services ²	156.8	156.9	.0	4.2	3.7	2.3	2.1	3.0
Postage ¹	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ^{1 2}	158.9	158.7	.3	3.4	2.6	-.5	1.8	1.0
Gardening and other household services ^{2 6}	139.4	138.9	-3.4	5.1	.0	2.0	.7	1.0
Apparel and upkeep	131.9	131.8	1.8	3.4	-2.4	.3	2.6	-1.1
Apparel commodities ²	128.5	128.4	2.2	3.5	-3.1	.6	2.8	-1.2
Apparel commodities less footwear	128.1	127.7	3.2	4.1	-4.3	-.9	3.7	-2.6
Men's and boys'	130.3	131.3	-.6	5.1	4.4	1.5	2.2	3.0
Men's	133.2	134.3	3.4	3.4	2.4	.0	3.4	1.2
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	135.5	136.3	6.1	-.6	-7.4	6.1	2.7	-.9
Furnishings and special clothing	128.5	133.6	15.8	.3	15.5	2.7	7.8	8.9
Shirts ²	140.6	137.9	1.2	1.2	5.9	-6.4	1.2	-.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	129.9	129.8	-2.7	13.7	-6.2	-3.9	5.1	-5.0
Boys'	119.5	121.1	-11.7	11.0	7.8	7.6	-1.0	7.7
Women's and girls'	124.7	123.5	5.6	4.2	-6.8	-3.2	4.9	-5.0
Women's	124.5	122.9	7.4	1.0	-5.9	-1.9	4.1	-3.9
Coats and jackets	129.8	125.3	15.6	-4.6	8.6	-7.9	5.0	.0
Dresses	106.4	104.5	22.4	-23.2	-6.1	-8.3	-3.1	-7.2
Separates and sportswear ²	128.5	125.9	1.0	10.5	-10.3	-2.2	5.6	-6.4
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ²	133.8	135.4	4.0	4.9	.0	.3	4.4	.1
Suits ²	137.8	141.2	18.8	.6	-7.3	17.9	9.3	4.5
Girls'	125.5	126.2	-2.2	20.3	-11.0	-7.8	8.5	-9.4
Infants' and toddlers' ¹	127.1	126.5	8.4	9.8	-15.5	-5.5	9.1	-10.6
Other apparel commodities ²	144.4	144.5	1.7	-.3	-9.0	4.8	.7	-2.3
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ^{1 6}	124.3	123.8	10.8	-10.3	-3.7	-5.3	-.3	-4.5
Watches and jewelry ⁶	144.5	144.3	2.2	.3	-9.0	4.9	1.2	-2.3
Watches ^{1 6}	124.4	121.1	24.1	-3.7	1.6	-17.1	9.3	-8.2
Jewelry ⁶	150.1	150.4	-.8	1.1	-9.9	7.8	.1	-1.4
Footwear	129.6	130.8	-4.6	.0	4.2	8.0	-2.3	6.1
Men's	132.7	132.8	-1.8	.9	-1.8	2.8	-.5	.5
Boys' and girls'	133.9	135.1	-3.0	-6.6	5.7	16.6	-4.8	11.1
Women's	123.6	124.8	-5.8	2.7	9.2	3.6	-1.6	6.4
Apparel services ^{1 2}	162.6	162.9	2.5	1.7	1.5	.2	2.1	.9
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ^{1 2}	165.5	166.1	3.0	1.0	1.0	-.7	2.0	.1
Other apparel services ^{1 2}	160.9	160.9	2.0	2.5	1.8	1.0	2.3	1.4

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Expenditure category								
Transportation	142.9	142.8	-0.3	-7.5	4.9	-3.3	-4.0	0.7
Private	140.6	140.5	.6	-7.9	4.6	-3.3	-3.7	.6
New vehicles	144.8	144.6	.3	-.8	.0	-2.7	-.3	-1.4
New cars	140.6	140.2	-.3	-1.4	.0	-3.1	-.8	-1.6
Subcompact new cars ^{2 6}	121.2	121.1	-1.9	.0	-3.5	-1.3	-1.0	-2.4
Compact new cars ^{2 6}	122.2	122.1	-.3	-2.3	-1.0	-.3	-1.3	-.7
Intermediate new cars ^{2 6}	121.5	120.9	.7	.3	.7	-4.5	.5	-2.0
Full-size new cars ^{2 6}	123.0	122.3	.6	-1.9	-1.9	-5.4	-.6	-3.7
Luxury new cars ^{2 6}	132.3	133.1	-2.1	-3.8	1.5	1.8	-3.0	1.7
New trucks ⁷	152.7	152.8	2.4	-1.3	.8	-1.0	.5	-.1
New motorcycles ⁸	164.3	163.5	-1.5	3.8	-.5	.2	1.1	-.1
Used cars	148.3	149.0	7.4	-15.6	-8.4	-.5	-4.8	-4.5
Motor fuel	104.9	104.0	-6.6	-25.9	26.7	-13.4	-16.8	4.8
Gasoline	104.6	103.7	-7.0	-26.3	29.8	-14.4	-17.2	5.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular	102.5	101.5	-8.2	-27.9	33.1	-15.6	-18.6	6.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{1 10}	108.6	105.9	-6.9	-2.5	15.8	-25.0	-4.7	-6.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.5	104.7	-4.9	-24.1	26.0	-13.6	-15.0	4.3
Automobile maintenance and repair	164.9	165.9	2.5	3.2	1.5	3.7	2.9	2.6
Body work ¹	175.9	176.5	4.6	7.0	3.0	4.2	5.8	3.6
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ^{1 2}	172.7	172.9	5.6	2.8	.2	1.4	4.2	.8
Maintenance and servicing ¹	151.7	152.7	.5	1.6	4.4	4.6	1.1	4.5
Power plant repair ²	169.1	169.7	.5	4.9	.5	2.1	2.7	1.3
Other private transportation ²	173.6	173.7	3.3	1.2	2.1	.0	2.2	1.0
Other private transportation commodities ²	103.6	103.6	-.4	.0	-.4	-1.1	-.2	-.8
Motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	130.5	130.6	-3.3	5.0	-2.4	.9	.8	-.8
Automobile parts and equipment	100.7	100.6	.0	-.8	-.4	-1.2	-.4	-.8
Tires	98.4	97.8	-2.0	-4.3	-.8	-4.4	-3.2	-2.6
Other parts and equipment ^{1 2}	107.1	107.6	1.9	2.7	.0	1.5	2.3	.7
Other private transportation services ²	191.4	191.5	3.9	1.3	2.5	.2	2.6	1.4
Automobile insurance	253.1	253.8	3.9	2.1	3.4	1.0	3.0	2.2
Automobile finance charges ²	90.8	90.1	7.5	-9.0	-4.3	-6.4	-1.1	-5.3
Automobile fees ^{1 2}	187.0	187.0	11.5	-2.6	5.8	5.3	4.2	5.6
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ^{1 2}	185.2	185.9	-.2	.0	4.3	6.0	-.1	5.1
Other automobile-related fees ^{1 2}	190.6	189.7	29.5	-6.3	7.8	4.6	10.2	6.2
Public transportation	185.2	184.5	-12.5	1.5	1.8	.2	-5.7	1.0
Airline fares ¹	196.9	193.9	-8.0	-4.3	-2.4	-6.0	-6.2	-4.2
Other intercity transportation ¹	158.7	160.3	-1.8	-.8	1.5	7.3	-1.3	4.4
Intracity public transportation ¹	176.3	176.2	2.3	.5	.7	1.4	1.4	1.0
Medical care	236.2	237.3	2.8	3.0	1.7	3.8	2.9	2.8
Medical care commodities	213.6	214.5	3.5	2.7	-.4	3.0	3.1	1.3
Prescription drugs	249.6	251.5	3.8	3.3	-.5	3.4	3.5	1.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{1 6}	145.0	144.8	4.9	1.1	-1.4	2.0	3.0	.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ¹	171.6	171.6	5.6	2.1	-3.7	2.4	3.8	-.7
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ¹	175.9	175.0	3.8	-1.1	5.2	.2	1.3	2.7
Medical care services	241.1	242.3	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.0
Professional medical services	218.9	219.5	3.8	3.4	2.2	2.8	3.6	2.5
Physicians' services	225.5	226.2	4.1	2.7	2.3	2.2	3.4	2.2
Dental services ¹	229.4	229.6	5.9	3.3	3.6	3.0	4.6	3.3
Eye care ^{1 6}	142.0	142.8	2.6	1.1	1.1	2.0	1.9	1.6
Services by other medical professionals ⁶	157.2	157.4	7.3	2.1	2.3	2.6	4.7	2.5
Hospital and related services	277.7	279.3	1.9	3.0	2.2	5.0	2.4	3.6
Hospital services ¹¹	102.5	103.0	3.6	.8	2.8	4.8	2.2	3.8
Inpatient hospital services ¹¹	101.9	102.3	2.8	.4	2.4	3.6	1.6	3.0
Outpatient hospital services ⁶	227.9	228.8	6.0	3.5	3.2	3.8	4.7	3.5
Nursing home services ¹¹	103.5	104.0	6.6	2.0	4.4	3.1	4.2	3.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1997	June 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category								
Entertainment ²	160.3	160.7	1.0	2.5	1.0	0.2	1.8	0.6
Entertainment commodities ²	142.9	143.2	-6	-1.1	2.8	-1.4	-8	.7
Reading materials ¹	180.9	181.3	1.1	.0	3.4	.0	.6	1.7
Newspapers ^{1 2}	192.8	193.2	1.3	.0	.8	.6	.6	.7
Magazines, periodicals, and books ^{1 2}	169.0	169.4	.7	.5	6.4	-7	.6	2.8
Sporting goods and equipment ¹	123.1	124.5	2.6	-4.4	1.0	.6	-1.0	.8
Sport vehicles, including bicycles ¹	125.5	127.7	3.8	-6.1	1.9	1.6	-1.3	1.7
Other sporting goods ¹	117.0	117.3	1.0	-2.3	.0	-1.0	-7	-5
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ^{1 2}	133.9	132.7	1.2	-1.8	1.5	-4.1	-3	-1.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ²	126.7	126.4	-4.0	-1.9	1.9	-2.8	-2.9	-5
Photographic supplies and equipment ¹	135.7	134.6	4.2	-9	.3	-1.5	1.6	-6
Pet supplies and expense ¹	143.0	141.9	2.0	-3.9	3.4	-2.8	-1.0	.3
Entertainment services ²	184.9	185.6	2.9	6.3	-6	1.7	4.6	.5
Club memberships ^{2 6}	134.0	135.2	1.5	1.5	-8.3	6.8	1.5	-1.0
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{2 6}	168.9	169.7	9.3	5.3	-7	-1.6	7.3	-1.2
Admissions ¹	199.8	199.8	3.8	12.9	-8	-1.8	8.2	-1.3
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁶	172.5	175.6	2.7	6.6	-5	11.7	4.6	5.5
Other entertainment services ^{1 2 6}	142.5	142.8	1.4	4.0	1.7	.0	2.7	.8
Other goods and services ³	226.4	227.4	5.9	4.3	5.4	6.4	5.1	5.9
Tobacco and smoking products	250.2	251.9	5.9	3.2	10.4	9.8	4.6	10.1
Personal care ¹	154.3	153.9	3.2	2.9	-3	3.5	3.1	1.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances ¹	147.1	146.1	2.2	2.0	-8	3.9	2.1	1.5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements ¹	156.1	156.7	2.4	.5	-2.8	9.7	1.4	3.3
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products ¹	141.7	139.8	2.0	3.2	.3	.6	2.6	.4
Personal care services ¹	163.7	164.1	4.6	3.8	.7	2.7	4.2	1.7
Beauty parlor services for females ^{1 2}	162.8	163.1	4.4	4.1	1.2	2.2	4.2	1.7
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ²	167.0	166.8	5.3	4.2	-7	2.7	4.7	1.0
Personal and educational expenses ²	259.8	261.3	6.4	5.5	4.3	5.4	6.0	4.8
School books and supplies	245.2	246.4	2.4	9.7	3.4	5.5	6.0	4.4
Personal and educational services ²	261.2	262.7	6.7	5.3	4.1	5.5	6.0	4.8
Tuition and other school fees	279.6	281.0	6.1	6.0	3.5	6.2	6.1	4.9
College tuition	297.4	298.5	7.7	6.2	1.2	5.5	7.0	3.4
Elementary and high school tuition	295.9	297.0	4.7	6.1	11.6	6.3	5.4	8.9
Day care and nursery school ⁹	137.2	138.5	4.3	4.0	4.2	7.6	4.1	5.9
Personal expenses	228.5	229.9	7.7	4.4	4.1	4.3	6.0	4.2
Legal service fees ^{1 6}	166.4	166.5	3.6	6.1	5.2	2.2	4.8	3.7
Personal financial services ^{1 6}	193.1	193.9	16.9	2.8	.6	3.8	9.6	2.2
Funeral expenses ⁶	174.0	175.1	9.2	4.8	4.0	3.3	7.0	3.6
Special indexes								
Domestically produced farm food	160.3	160.0	-2.2	.8	2.3	1.3	-8	1.8
Selected beef cuts	128.8	128.7	-11.9	11.5	.9	-6.0	-9	-2.6
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ²	105.4	104.5	-7.0	-25.5	27.1	-13.3	-16.8	5.0
Utilities and public transportation	146.1	144.6	.3	.3	1.4	.8	.3	1.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ^{1 2}	158.1	158.3	1.0	3.1	3.9	2.3	2.1	3.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984 = 100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982 = 100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986 = 100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1983 = 100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1988 = 100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1990 = 100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1993 = 100 base.

¹¹ Indexes on a December 1996 = 100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule ¹	Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 1997 from—			Percent change to Nov. 1997 from—		
		Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Nov. 1996	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997
U.S. city average	M	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	1.7	-0.2	-0.1	1.8	0.2	-0.1
Region and area size ²											
Northeast urban	M	168.4	168.7	168.5	168.4	1.6	-2	-1	1.9	.1	-1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	169.2	169.5	169.3	169.1	1.7	-2	-1	2.0	.1	-1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	166.0	166.0	165.8	165.9	1.0	-1	.1	1.7	-1	-1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ³	M	167.1	167.6	167.5	167.2	1.6	-2	-2	1.9	.2	-1
North Central urban	M	157.5	157.7	157.7	157.3	1.3	-3	-3	1.7	.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	158.3	158.4	158.4	158.1	1.7	-2	-2	2.0	.1	.0
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	156.2	156.7	156.9	155.8	.8	-6	-7	1.6	.4	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ³	M	159.6	159.7	159.3	159.5	1.1	-1	.1	1.4	-2	-3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.4	153.2	153.7	153.0	.7	-1	-5	1.2	.2	.3
South urban	M	157.5	157.8	157.8	157.3	1.4	-3	-3	1.7	.2	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	156.4	156.7	156.4	156.3	1.5	-3	-1	1.7	.0	-2
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	160.6	160.9	161.2	160.8	1.6	-1	-2	1.9	.4	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ³	M	156.7	157.2	157.3	155.9	1.0	-8	-9	1.7	.4	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.1	156.9	157.1	157.0	1.7	.1	-1	1.6	.0	.1
West urban	M	162.1	162.8	162.8	162.8	2.6	.0	.0	2.3	.4	.0
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	162.3	163.1	162.8	163.1	2.8	.0	.2	2.3	.3	-2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ³	M	167.4	168.3	169.2	168.5	2.8	.1	-4	3.2	1.1	.5
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	145.6	146.0	145.8	145.7	2.0	-2	-1	2.0	.1	-1
B ³	M	161.2	161.5	161.6	161.1	1.3	-2	-3	1.7	.2	.1
C ³	M	161.0	161.5	161.6	160.9	1.5	-4	-4	2.0	.4	.1
D	M	157.4	157.6	157.8	157.5	1.3	-1	-2	1.3	.3	.1
Selected local areas ⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	162.1	162.5	162.9	162.8	1.9	.2	-1	2.2	.5	.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	160.5	161.1	160.7	161.2	1.8	.1	.3	1.5	.1	-2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	171.7	172.1	172.0	171.9	2.0	-2	-1	2.1	.2	-2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁶	M	168.6	167.7	166.4	166.4	1.3	-8	.0	1.3	-1.3	-8
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁶	M	161.6	162.5	162.6	162.6	4.2	.1	.0	3.6	.6	.1
Baltimore, MD ⁷	1	156.7	-	156.0	-	-	-	-	.8	-4	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	167.8	-	169.4	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.0	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	157.3	-	157.1	-	-	-	-	2.1	-1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	158.5	-	159.5	-	-	-	-	2.0	.6	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1	155.1	-	152.9	-	-	-	-	1.0	-1.4	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁷	1	163.6	-	161.8	-	-	-	-	.4	-1.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	152.8	-	152.5	1.7	-2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	157.9	-	157.1	1.8	-5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	147.3	-	145.6	1.4	-1.2	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	2	-	157.9	-	157.1	1.1	-5	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar.

Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
All items	168.4	1.6	-0.1	157.3	1.3	-0.3	157.3	1.4	-0.3	162.8	2.6	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	265.2	-	-	256.0	-	-	255.1	-	-	263.2	-	-
Food and beverages	161.0	.9	-2	155.9	1.2	.3	157.8	1.9	.3	161.8	2.5	.2
Food	160.5	.8	-2	155.3	1.2	.4	157.8	1.8	.3	161.2	2.4	.2
Food at home	161.1	-1	-4	154.7	.3	.5	156.5	1.4	.1	165.3	2.3	.2
Cereals and bakery products ²	183.8	1.1	-2	177.7	1.8	.7	173.7	1.8	.2	178.3	1.4	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	150.0	-2.0	-1.4	146.2	-1.2	-5	145.2	-1.4	-3	152.7	.7	-2
Dairy products ²	139.3	-1.3	.9	145.2	-2.5	.2	149.6	1.1	.7	158.8	.6	.5
Fruits and vegetables ²	189.4	-1.0	.2	180.5	.4	1.9	189.4	4.5	.9	206.3	4.7	.8
Other food at home ²	155.1	3.3	-3	142.6	2.5	.5	145.1	2.5	-4	149.2	3.3	.2
Sugar and sweets ²	155.5	1.0	.0	144.3	1.4	-3	144.6	3.2	.5	149.1	3.1	1.0
Fats and oils ²	145.3	-1.8	-1.9	134.9	.3	.8	138.9	-1	-4	143.0	.3	1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages ²	143.7	5.6	-1.6	126.2	2.7	.6	127.9	4.8	-1.8	135.4	6.5	-1.9
Other prepared food ²	168.8	3.4	1.2	158.2	3.2	.6	162.7	1.4	.4	162.9	1.9	1.3
Food away from home	161.4	2.4	.1	156.7	2.7	.2	161.5	2.5	.5	155.2	2.6	.1
Alcoholic beverages	167.9	1.6	.0	163.2	1.4	-1	157.8	2.5	.6	167.6	3.1	.2
Housing ³	169.4	2.3	.4	153.0	2.4	-1	147.9	1.6	-7	161.7	3.3	.2
Shelter	198.5	3.5	.5	174.4	3.3	-1	161.6	3.0	.1	177.2	3.5	.2
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	206.2	4.5	.8	176.6	3.4	-6	170.4	3.1	-4	187.5	4.5	.3
Rent, residential	181.9	3.2	.3	165.9	3.1	.1	156.8	2.6	.1	169.7	3.5	.3
Other renters' costs ²	249.2	7.3	1.8	187.4	4.1	-2.1	201.6	4.5	-1.6	225.8	7.7	.2
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	206.5	3.1	.3	179.5	3.2	.1	164.3	2.9	.2	187.9	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	207.6	3.1	.3	179.9	3.2	.1	164.0	3.0	.2	187.9	3.1	.2
Maintenance and repairs ²	138.3	.7	1.2	143.4	.1	.1	151.4	8.0	.6	144.9	1.7	.0
Maintenance and repair services ²	145.7	-	1.0	155.2	.0	.0	158.5	12.6	.1	150.9	1.1	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ²	127.8	1.6	1.5	132.4	.2	.1	138.8	-1	1.8	137.7	2.9	-1
Fuel and other utilities ³	125.6	-9	.2	126.5	.7	-2	132.3	-8	-2.9	141.4	4.2	.0
Fuels ⁵	116.3	-2.3	.4	110.8	-1.1	-4	113.9	-3.6	-4.9	130.8	5.5	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	94.4	-11.8	.9	92.5	-18.2	.0	105.5	-10.4	.5	109.9	-2.7	.5
Fuel oil ²	93.7	-12.3	.9	88.1	-13.7	-6	92.7	-8.8	.3	121.8	-9	-1.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 6}	120.2	-8.8	.3	126.6	-22.6	.3	139.0	-11.5	.8	124.2	-3.8	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ⁷	132.2	.6	.4	116.4	-1	-5	116.2	-3.1	-5.4	133.8	5.8	.1
Electricity ⁸	136.9	.1	.7	122.9	.3	.3	115.2	-4.2	-6.1	145.7	.3	.0
Utility (piped) gas	125.3	1.1	-4	111.3	-6	-1.3	122.8	1.5	-2.2	121.8	19.1	.2
Other utilities and public services ²	162.1	1.3	-1	162.5	3.1	.1	165.2	2.2	.1	161.4	3.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation ³	125.3	-6	-2	124.0	.9	.0	125.4	-9	-8	126.0	1.3	.8
Housefurnishings ²	106.0	-1.9	.0	108.0	-1.3	-3	111.5	-3.0	-1.2	112.6	1.4	1.2
Housekeeping supplies ²	149.9	-1.2	-7	145.8	3.6	.7	136.5	1.6	-8	141.8	1.3	.9
Housekeeping services ²	156.7	2.6	.3	150.2	3.7	.0	158.7	2.6	-2	148.2	.8	.1
Apparel and upkeep	130.0	1.7	-2.4	129.3	-2	-3.4	143.6	1.6	-1.4	119.9	.5	-2.3
Apparel commodities ²	125.7	1.9	-2.6	126.5	-6	-3.8	139.6	1.5	-1.6	115.2	.3	-2.6
Men's and boys' apparel ²	135.5	7.9	-2	130.5	1.3	-1.7	138.8	2.0	-1.7	117.2	-1.3	-1.9
Women's and girls' apparel ²	115.8	-5	-5.5	122.0	-2.8	-6.4	140.8	1.6	-1.8	112.0	3.0	-2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	136.4	.7	1.3	124.6	2.0	.6	129.9	-1.9	-1.9	114.0	-5.1	-5
Footwear ²	130.1	.4	-9	132.5	2.7	.3	132.6	3.8	-1.0	113.4	-8	-2.0
Other apparel commodities ²	148.8	-1.3	.1	133.3	-1.6	-6.1	150.1	-1.0	-1.1	122.0	-2.0	-5.6
Apparel services ²	167.7	.6	-1	155.4	2.4	.4	173.5	1.6	.1	157.3	1.4	.6
Transportation	146.5	-1.3	-5	140.7	-2.6	-5	141.0	-2.0	-5	145.6	.8	-4
Private transportation	141.7	-1.3	-5	137.0	-2.6	-5	140.1	-1.8	-4	141.7	1.1	-4
New vehicles	143.7	-7	-2	141.2	-7	.4	147.1	-1.1	.1	143.7	-8	.1
New cars	142.1	-6	-2	136.9	-1.0	.4	146.0	-1.5	.1	139.6	-1.3	.0
Used cars	151.2	-4.8	.1	147.7	-5.1	.1	148.6	-4.6	.2	145.6	-5.2	.1
Motor fuel	101.6	-7.0	-2.2	99.2	-12.7	-3.1	99.7	-7.9	-2.0	108.2	6.1	-2.9
Gasoline	101.1	-7.0	-2.4	98.8	-12.9	-3.3	99.1	-8.0	-2.2	107.3	6.7	-2.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular	99.9	-7.6	-2.5	97.1	-13.5	-3.6	96.1	-8.5	-2.3	104.5	7.3	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁹	104.5	-6.8	-2.4	109.5	-12.5	-2.9	105.8	-7.3	-1.9	104.4	6.3	-2.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	101.5	-6.5	-2.0	102.4	-11.8	-3.1	102.7	-7.1	-1.9	108.7	6.9	-2.5
Maintenance and repairs	173.2	2.5	.3	156.0	3.3	.5	163.3	2.6	.3	166.6	1.9	.5
Other private transportation ²	180.5	1.0	-2	174.1	3.2	.0	186.3	1.3	-2	175.6	1.3	.2
Other private transportation commodities ²	105.1	-8	-8	105.7	.0	.0	102.5	-1.7	-3	103.7	-5	.3
Other private transportation services ²	195.5	1.2	-1	189.5	3.7	.0	209.4	1.7	-2	193.0	1.7	.2
Public transportation ²	186.7	-1.7	-3	200.0	-4.1	-5	158.9	-5.1	-2.6	190.8	-1.8	-3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
Medical care	247.0	2.5	0.2	229.4	2.6	0.4	236.1	3.1	0.5	236.8	2.8	0.0
Medical care commodities	220.1	1.7	.8	213.3	2.9	.4	212.5	2.7	.8	224.6	1.5	-.2
Medical care services	252.7	2.7	.1	233.4	2.5	.4	242.0	3.3	.5	239.6	3.1	.1
Professional medical services	227.5	2.7	.1	213.3	3.2	.3	222.7	3.6	.2	205.0	2.7	.0
Entertainment ¹⁰	171.1	1.7	.1	163.1	1.6	.1	160.6	1.7	.2	157.7	.6	-.1
Entertainment commodities ²	146.9	-.3	-.5	147.1	.3	-.3	143.5	.2	.5	138.2	-.2	-.4
Entertainment services ²	197.4	3.2	.7	182.2	2.9	.3	181.9	3.1	.0	179.2	1.1	.1
Other goods and services ³	238.6	4.6	.0	224.4	5.4	.0	222.2	5.7	.0	236.0	5.1	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ²	241.1	6.4	-.5	262.9	7.6	.3	235.6	7.6	-.4	276.1	7.3	2.0
Personal care ²	164.4	1.9	-.2	149.1	3.1	-.3	148.2	2.8	.5	155.5	1.3	-.9
Personal and educational expenses ²	274.0	4.6	.2	253.8	5.0	.0	264.5	5.8	.2	274.3	5.4	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	168.4	1.6	-.1	157.3	1.3	-.3	157.3	1.4	-.3	162.8	2.6	.0
Commodities	142.1	-.2	-.6	140.4	-.6	-.5	142.1	.1	-.3	142.2	1.8	-.2
Food and beverages	161.0	.9	-.2	155.9	1.2	.3	157.8	1.9	.3	161.8	2.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	129.7	-.9	-.8	131.4	-1.7	-1.1	133.1	-1.0	-.6	130.2	1.2	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.4	-.6	-1.4	133.9	-1.8	-1.8	136.1	-.3	-1.0	132.1	2.6	-1.3
Apparel commodities ²	125.7	1.9	-2.6	126.5	-.6	-3.8	139.6	1.5	-1.6	115.2	.3	-2.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.2	-1.8	-.7	139.8	-2.4	-.9	137.8	-1.2	-.7	143.2	3.5	-.8
Durables	127.2	-1.4	-.2	127.3	-1.5	.2	129.3	-1.9	-.1	127.8	-.7	.5
Services	194.7	2.9	.3	175.3	2.9	.0	173.2	2.5	-.3	181.6	3.1	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	207.2	3.5	.5	179.2	3.2	-.1	166.1	3.0	.1	188.0	3.6	.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{4 10}	148.9	1.3	.2	139.7	1.7	-.1	143.7	.5	-2.3	153.5	3.4	.0
Transportation services	188.1	.6	-.1	183.2	1.9	.0	187.6	.8	-.5	186.6	.8	.2
Medical care services	252.7	2.7	.1	233.4	2.5	.4	242.0	3.3	.5	239.6	3.1	.1
Other services	226.4	3.7	.4	203.7	4.1	.1	210.1	4.4	.1	211.4	3.6	.1
Special indexes												
All items less food	170.0	1.7	.0	157.6	1.4	-.3	157.1	1.4	-.4	163.2	2.6	.0
All items less shelter	158.7	.8	-.3	152.5	.6	-.3	156.3	.9	-.4	158.4	2.2	-.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	166.1	1.2	-.2	156.7	.9	-.3	160.3	1.1	-.4	164.8	2.5	.0
All items less medical care	164.5	1.5	-.1	153.4	1.3	-.3	152.2	1.3	-.4	158.7	2.5	.0
Commodities less food	131.3	-.8	-.8	132.7	-1.5	-1.0	134.0	-.8	-.6	132.1	1.4	-.5
Nondurables less food	133.6	-.4	-1.2	135.6	-1.5	-1.6	137.2	.0	-.9	134.8	2.7	-1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	140.1	-1.4	-.6	141.2	-1.9	-.8	138.7	-.8	-.6	145.1	3.5	-.6
Nondurables	146.6	.2	-.7	144.9	-.3	-.7	146.9	.8	-.3	147.3	2.5	-.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	197.6	2.1	.2	180.8	2.6	.1	187.5	2.1	-.7	193.5	2.7	.1
Services less medical care services	189.9	2.8	.4	169.9	2.9	-.1	165.7	2.3	-.5	176.6	3.2	.2
Energy	110.0	-4.0	-.5	104.9	-6.6	-1.6	105.0	-5.7	-4.0	117.1	5.8	-1.4
All items less energy	176.3	2.1	.0	164.9	2.0	-.1	164.3	2.0	.0	168.1	2.4	.1
All items less food and energy	180.4	2.3	.1	167.3	2.3	-.2	165.9	2.0	-.1	169.8	2.4	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.4	.6	-.8	142.3	.4	-.7	143.8	.3	-.4	139.4	.7	-.1
Energy commodities	99.4	-8.4	-1.4	99.1	-12.9	-2.9	100.4	-8.1	-1.8	109.3	5.8	-2.8
Services less energy services	200.7	3.0	.3	182.8	3.1	.1	179.4	2.9	.1	185.1	3.0	.2

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

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Revised indexes for Southern Region: Nov. 1997=119.8

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Revised indexes for Southern Region: Nov. 1997=122.8

⁸ Revised indexes for Southern Region: Nov. 1997=122.7

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹⁰ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
All items	145.7	2.0	-0.1	161.1	1.3	-0.3	160.9	1.5	-0.4	157.5	1.3	-0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	145.7	-	-	261.6	-	-	258.7	-	-	254.0	-	-
Food and beverages	143.7	1.8	.1	158.6	1.0	-.1	158.4	1.6	.4	154.9	1.5	.1
Food	143.3	1.8	.1	158.7	1.0	.0	157.7	1.4	.3	154.5	1.5	.1
Food at home	147.1	1.2	.1	161.0	.2	-.2	155.7	.8	.4	152.3	1.1	.1
Cereals and bakery products ⁴	160.0	1.3	.1	175.8	1.0	.6	173.9	2.5	.4	181.6	1.7	-.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ⁴	137.0	-.7	-.7	151.4	-1.8	-.7	143.3	-1.7	-.1	139.7	-1.1	-.7
Dairy products ⁴	142.7	-.6	.5	150.1	-1.4	.6	141.0	.1	1.0	141.9	-.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables ⁴	176.7	3.3	1.4	197.1	.5	-.3	186.9	1.0	.8	173.4	.5	.3
Other food at home ⁴	135.2	2.6	-.1	148.5	2.9	-.4	149.6	2.7	.1	144.4	4.4	1.0
Sugar and sweets ⁴	137.2	2.5	.4	147.4	2.1	.2	145.5	1.9	.6	138.3	1.5	-.6
Fats and oils ⁴	131.0	-1.5	-.4	138.7	1.3	-.9	140.7	.4	.6	141.5	1.4	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages ⁴	123.9	4.6	-1.2	128.2	4.7	-2.0	137.3	4.6	-.7	126.8	7.7	-1.3
Other prepared food ⁴	145.6	2.2	.6	170.1	2.5	.7	163.8	2.3	.6	161.8	4.1	3.1
Food away from home	137.5	2.7	.2	156.0	2.4	.3	162.6	2.7	.4	159.4	2.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages	147.7	2.1	.2	158.8	1.5	-.3	166.8	3.8	.8	160.8	1.3	.1
Housing ⁵	141.6	2.8	.1	158.8	1.7	.1	155.3	1.9	-.7	150.7	1.8	-.3
Shelter	150.1	3.7	.3	178.7	2.3	.1	176.0	3.2	.1	171.1	2.5	-.3
Renters' costs ^{4 6}	150.2	4.4	.4	195.0	2.6	.3	174.7	3.9	-.6	172.7	2.8	-1.7
Rent, residential	140.9	3.5	.3	166.8	2.1	.0	162.8	2.7	.2	160.0	2.0	.1
Other renters' costs ⁴	184.1	7.0	.8	249.5	3.3	.8	191.8	6.6	-2.7	191.7	4.4	-5.3
Homeowners' costs ^{4 6}	150.2	3.4	.3	182.9	2.2	.0	184.4	3.1	.3	178.5	2.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	150.4	3.4	.2	183.5	2.3	.0	185.2	3.1	.4	178.2	2.5	.2
Maintenance and repairs ⁴	131.4	4.0	.5	139.1	1.5	.9	157.2	1.7	.2	138.2	1.2	.6
Maintenance and repair services ⁴	135.2	-	.0	142.9	3.6	1.7	175.3	4.9	.0	149.4	.9	.7
Maintenance and repair commodities ⁴	125.2	2.7	1.4	135.5	-.8	.1	136.4	-2.5	.4	121.2	1.8	.1
Fuel and other utilities ⁵	130.7	1.2	-.3	134.9	1.0	.3	130.5	-2.1	-.3	128.0	.9	.0
Fuels	129.0	.4	-.5	114.8	-.1	.6	113.8	-5.9	-7.0	107.7	-1.5	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ⁴	140.1	-11.0	.2	95.1	-11.5	1.0	95.4	-14.4	1.2	92.7	-11.3	1.1
Fuel oil ⁴	141.8	-11.3	.3	95.0	-9.5	.8	86.8	-15.0	1.3	88.6	-12.0	1.3
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 4}	133.3	-10.2	-.1	126.4	-14.0	1.1	128.5	-13.5	.9	124.7	-10.4	.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	128.0	1.7	-.6	122.3	1.6	.6	120.7	-4.8	-.8	116.2	-.3	-.3
Electricity ⁷	128.0	.1	.3	129.2	1.1	.5	122.0	-7.6	-10.8	120.9	.2	.4
Utility (piped) gas	127.8	4.2	-1.2	110.7	2.6	.7	125.0	2.9	-.6	111.9	-1.2	-2.2
Other utilities and public services ⁴	133.0	2.2	.0	177.1	2.1	-.1	163.8	2.7	.1	167.9	3.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁵	117.6	-.2	.0	126.7	.2	-.3	124.5	1.0	-.1	124.7	-.1	-.2
Housefurnishings ⁴	105.1	-2.0	.0	115.1	-.6	-.5	107.7	-.1	.0	108.9	-1.6	-.4
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	135.7	1.1	-.1	135.3	1.6	.5	142.4	1.9	-.1	137.1	2.0	.1
Housekeeping services ⁴	137.5	2.7	.1	155.4	1.5	-.1	159.2	2.7	-.1	157.4	1.7	.0
Apparel and upkeep	121.1	1.4	-1.9	129.0	-1.6	-3.9	140.4	.9	-2.8	136.0	2.4	-.9
Apparel commodities ⁴	119.4	1.5	-2.2	124.4	-1.9	-4.2	137.6	1.0	-3.0	132.9	2.5	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel ⁴	120.9	3.2	-1.8	134.8	1.4	.1	138.3	1.8	-1.8	128.2	3.1	-.5
Women's and girls' apparel ⁴	113.8	2.1	-3.0	121.7	-5.8	-8.5	137.1	-.5	-4.0	137.2	2.3	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ⁴	107.4	-.7	-.3	128.4	.4	-.2	140.8	-3.3	.0	130.9	.7	.0
Footwear ⁴	126.8	.5	-.3	117.2	2.4	-.9	133.8	5.7	-3.3	125.8	2.3	.6
Other apparel commodities ⁴	135.4	-2.9	-3.1	122.1	.7	-1.8	151.1	.6	-2.8	143.0	2.7	-.4
Apparel services ⁴	137.3	1.3	.3	169.9	1.6	-.1	171.1	1.5	.3	166.6	2.0	.1
Transportation	141.4	-1.0	-.4	142.0	-1.5	-.7	143.1	-1.6	-.4	140.4	-2.6	-.6
Private transportation	140.7	-.8	-.5	138.6	-1.4	-.6	139.8	-1.6	-.3	136.8	-2.2	-.3
New vehicles	126.8	-.9	.2	142.4	-.6	-.1	144.1	-1.2	.2	144.4	-.8	.2
New cars	125.1	-.9	.2	137.1	-1.1	-.1	141.9	-1.7	.0	140.4	-1.5	.4
Used cars	140.2	-4.6	.1	147.6	-5.0	.1	148.5	-4.7	.3	142.5	-5.9	.2
Motor fuel	149.4	-5.0	-2.6	100.9	-6.4	-2.6	100.8	-8.2	-2.2	99.3	-8.2	-2.5
Gasoline	148.5	-5.0	-2.9	100.6	-6.3	-2.7	100.6	-8.0	-2.4	98.6	-8.2	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular	148.4	-5.5	-3.0	97.7	-7.0	-3.0	97.8	-8.8	-2.6	94.8	-8.8	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	103.8	-4.4	-2.7	106.6	-6.5	-2.0	109.8	-7.4	-2.2	109.4	-8.0	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	139.5	-5.2	-2.3	103.2	-5.8	-2.4	105.2	-5.9	-2.0	102.1	-6.7	-1.9
Maintenance and repairs	146.7	2.7	.4	169.0	1.7	.5	162.5	2.8	.2	151.1	2.9	.5
Other private transportation ⁴	150.3	1.6	-.1	176.1	1.3	-.4	184.5	2.8	.4	175.9	1.0	.2
Other private transportation commodities ⁴	108.6	-.1	-.3	98.6	-2.3	-.1	103.4	-1.7	.2	119.4	-.6	-.3
Other private transportation services ⁹	158.7	1.7	-.1	194.7	1.7	-.5	207.1	3.5	.4	191.8	1.4	.3
Public transportation ⁴	146.7	-2.5	.1	202.7	-3.2	-1.9	208.5	-2.8	-2.5	209.4	-7.3	-4.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
Medical care	187.5	2.6	0.3	237.6	3.7	0.3	241.0	2.7	0.4	230.9	2.6	0.3
Medical care commodities	174.3	2.0	.3	219.0	2.6	1.1	210.6	3.2	.8	214.5	1.7	.0
Medical care services	190.4	2.7	.3	242.1	4.0	.2	248.3	2.6	.4	235.4	2.7	.4
Professional medical services	172.0	2.7	.2	213.8	4.6	.1	226.4	2.4	.3	225.6	3.4	.2
Entertainment ⁹	144.9	.9	.2	160.8	2.6	−.5	165.4	1.7	.1	150.9	1.9	.3
Entertainment commodities ⁴	132.5	−.5	−.2	139.8	−.7	−.5	148.0	1.0	.0	142.6	1.9	.4
Entertainment services ⁴	155.1	1.9	.5	188.1	5.5	−.5	188.4	2.3	.2	162.8	2.0	.4
Other goods and services ⁵	185.4	5.3	.2	230.3	5.2	.0	226.3	5.2	−.1	223.9	5.0	.0
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	196.2	7.9	.8	260.3	6.8	−.3	255.3	6.6	−.7	239.3	5.8	−.3
Personal care ⁴	137.5	1.8	−.4	153.2	2.5	.4	154.5	4.6	−.1	137.4	1.4	−.3
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	198.8	5.3	.1	266.7	5.2	.0	259.9	4.6	.1	267.6	5.5	.2
Commodity and service group												
All items	145.7	2.0	−.1	161.1	1.3	−.3	160.9	1.5	−.4	157.5	1.3	−.2
Commodities	135.7	.5	−.4	140.5	−.3	−.6	142.3	.1	−.4	139.8	.0	−.2
Food and beverages	143.7	1.8	.1	158.6	1.0	−.1	158.4	1.6	.4	154.9	1.5	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.3	−.5	−.7	130.2	−1.1	−1.1	133.1	−.8	−.7	131.4	−.9	−.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.4	.2	−1.2	131.8	−1.2	−1.9	137.3	−.4	−1.4	133.7	−.3	−.8
Apparel commodities ⁴	119.4	1.5	−2.2	124.4	−1.9	−4.2	137.6	1.0	−3.0	132.9	2.5	−1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	150.3	−.5	−.8	138.3	−.9	−.8	139.9	−1.0	−.7	136.1	−1.4	−.7
Durables	119.4	−1.4	.2	128.2	−1.2	−.1	127.6	−1.5	.2	128.6	−1.7	.1
Services	153.8	3.1	.2	182.6	2.5	.0	181.1	2.5	−.5	176.8	2.3	−.2
Rent of shelter ⁶	150.4	3.7	.3	186.8	2.4	.1	182.6	3.3	.1	176.9	2.6	−.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{6 9}	132.1	2.2	−.2	148.6	1.8	.2	144.9	−.3	−3.3	144.4	1.5	−.1
Transportation services	152.9	.9	.1	189.3	.8	−.5	194.5	2.3	−.2	184.6	.0	−.6
Medical care services	190.4	2.7	.3	242.1	4.0	.2	248.3	2.6	.4	235.4	2.7	.4
Other services	173.5	3.8	.2	215.0	4.8	−.1	209.7	3.6	.1	209.0	4.3	.3
Special indexes												
All items less food	146.2	2.0	−.1	161.6	1.4	−.3	161.5	1.4	−.6	158.0	1.2	−.3
All items less shelter	144.0	1.3	−.1	156.1	.9	−.4	156.8	.8	−.6	154.3	.9	−.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{4 6}	144.6	1.6	−.1	161.7	1.1	−.4	160.6	1.0	−.6	158.2	1.0	−.3
All items less medical care	143.4	1.9	−.1	156.7	1.1	−.3	156.1	1.4	−.4	152.3	1.2	−.2
Commodities less food	131.3	−.3	−.7	131.2	−1.1	−1.1	134.3	−.6	−.7	132.3	−.8	−.5
Nondurables less food	139.3	.4	−1.1	133.2	−1.0	−1.8	138.9	−.1	−1.3	135.0	−.1	−.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	149.9	−.1	−.7	139.3	−.6	−.7	141.6	−.4	−.5	137.5	−1.1	−.6
Nondurables	141.2	1.0	−.5	145.1	.0	−.9	147.7	.7	−.5	144.3	.6	−.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	157.3	2.4	.1	190.6	2.7	.0	189.8	1.8	−1.0	186.3	2.1	.0
Services less medical care services	150.7	3.1	.2	176.8	2.4	.0	174.1	2.5	−.6	169.6	2.2	−.2
Energy	137.3	−2.1	−1.5	106.8	−2.8	−.7	106.5	−6.9	−5.0	102.5	−4.5	−1.2
All items less energy	146.4	2.3	.1	168.6	1.7	−.2	168.6	2.2	.0	165.3	1.7	−.1
All items less food and energy	147.0	2.4	.1	170.9	1.7	−.3	171.2	2.3	−.1	168.0	1.9	−.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	129.2	.5	−.5	140.8	−.1	−.9	144.5	.8	−.6	142.7	.5	−.1
Energy commodities	148.3	−5.7	−2.4	100.2	−7.1	−2.1	100.4	−9.0	−1.9	98.7	−8.6	−2.1
Services less energy services	155.6	3.2	.3	189.1	2.7	.0	187.9	3.1	.1	183.9	2.5	−.2

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

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

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

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

1998.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁷ Revised indexes for City size - A: Nov. 1997=127.6

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	169.1	1.7	-0.1	165.9	1.0	0.1	167.2	1.6	-0.2
All items (December 1977 = 100)	261.4	-	-	266.9	-	-	277.7	-	-
Food and beverages	160.7	1.2	-2	164.6	-5	-5	160.3	1.2	.3
Food	160.1	1.2	-3	164.4	-7	-6	159.7	1.1	.3
Food at home	161.1	.4	-5	165.8	-2.1	-1.0	156.8	.4	.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	185.1	.4	-3	172.2	2.3	-2	185.7	3.5	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	148.4	-1.7	-1.8	161.2	-2.7	-1.2	151.0	-1.9	.1
Dairy products ³	140.6	-7	1.2	143.0	-3.2	-8	122.5	-2.9	1.3
Fruits and vegetables ³	189.8	.4	-2	192.8	-6.8	.1	184.9	-1	.1
Other food at home ³	154.6	3.9	-1	163.6	.5	-1.9	148.8	3.5	.0
Food away from home	160.8	2.6	.1	163.9	2.0	-1	166.5	2.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages	168.1	1.8	.1	169.9	1.3	-3	167.0	1.5	.0
Housing ⁴	169.7	2.4	.4	167.1	1.1	.5	168.6	3.0	.2
Shelter	197.5	3.7	.5	198.1	2.0	.9	202.2	4.2	.3
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	206.4	4.6	.6	213.2	3.4	3.4	190.9	5.1	-5
Rent, residential	183.0	3.4	.4	171.3	1.9	-2	177.1	3.2	.4
Other renters' costs ³	252.6	7.4	1.0	270.5	5.4	8.7	198.9	9.7	-2.5
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	202.6	3.4	.4	207.1	1.4	-1	218.5	3.9	.5
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	203.5	3.4	.4	208.8	1.4	-1	219.4	3.9	.5
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	125.1	-6	.4	133.7	-9	-4	118.5	-2.3	.2
Fuels	119.7	-1.6	.6	118.5	-2.1	-2	99.2	-5.3	.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	99.8	-11.6	.4	92.7	-9.5	1.0	82.3	-14.1	1.4
Fuel oil ³	98.0	-11.9	.4	94.5	-9.0	1.3	82.5	-15.9	1.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	138.5	-8.0	-1	114.3	-11.4	.1	100.1	-6.9	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	132.3	.8	.6	141.9	.4	-5	115.9	-2	-1
Electricity	135.3	.4	1.0	148.3	-3	.2	119.4	-6	-2
Utility (piped) gas	128.3	1.4	-1	130.0	1.6	-2.3	111.2	1.0	.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	125.8	-1.3	-2	119.6	-6	.0	125.0	3.5	-2
Apparel and upkeep	126.4	1.6	-2.8	133.5	5.9	1.1	143.2	-3.2	-4.0
Apparel commodities ³	121.3	1.8	-3.2	130.4	6.4	1.2	140.1	-3.5	-4.3
Men's and boys' apparel ³	126.0	7.9	-1.9	165.6	11.6	8.7	160.6	6.1	-1.8
Women's and girls' apparel ³	111.2	-4	-5.7	115.5	5.0	-3.8	132.2	-9.7	-7.2
Footwear ³	129.4	-1	-6	128.3	5.0	-1.0	139.9	-2.4	-5.2
Transportation	149.0	-1.2	-3	142.2	-6	-6	142.0	-2.5	-1.1
Private transportation	144.1	-1.2	-5	138.7	-1.1	-6	135.3	-1.7	-9
Motor fuel	100.7	-6.7	-2.2	103.3	-7.2	-1.9	100.5	-8.1	-2.8
Gasoline	100.1	-6.6	-2.3	103.3	-6.9	-2.1	99.9	-8.0	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.9	-7.2	-2.5	100.9	-7.5	-2.0	99.4	-8.5	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.3	-6.6	-2.3	109.5	-6.8	-2.6	107.6	-7.6	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium	100.1	-6.3	-2.0	104.5	-5.8	-1.5	103.7	-7.3	-2.1
Public transportation ³	178.5	-1.2	.3	201.9	4.4	.2	238.2	-9.3	-3.6
Medical care	250.5	2.9	.2	242.6	1.3	.2	230.5	1.6	.2
Entertainment ⁸	173.2	1.2	.1	159.1	2.0	-4	177.2	4.4	1.3
Other goods and services ⁴	235.9	4.8	.0	235.0	3.6	.1	246.0	4.5	-1
Personal care ³	168.8	1.7	.1	150.2	1.6	-5	154.1	4.1	-3
Commodity and service group									
All items	169.1	1.7	-1	165.9	1.0	.1	167.2	1.6	-2
Commodities	143.0	.1	-7	141.4	-1	-3	140.3	-8	-6
Food and beverages	160.7	1.2	-2	164.6	-5	-5	160.3	1.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.3	-9	-1.1	127.6	.2	-1	128.6	-2.2	-1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.5	-5	-1.6	128.6	.3	-2	133.8	-2.6	-1.6
Durables	129.1	-1.5	-1	124.6	.1	.0	120.8	-1.7	-8
Services	193.7	2.9	.3	194.6	1.8	.4	196.9	3.4	.2
Medical care services	257.2	3.2	.0	246.8	.9	.1	234.8	1.5	.2
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	159.5	.9	-3	156.9	.6	-3	156.7	.4	-4
All items less medical care	165.2	1.7	-1	162.0	1.0	.1	164.1	1.7	-2
All items less energy	176.2	2.1	-1	174.8	1.4	.2	177.0	2.3	-1
All items less food and energy	180.4	2.4	.0	177.6	1.8	.3	181.5	2.5	-2
Energy	112.1	-3.4	-4	112.1	-4.1	-9	98.6	-6.3	-8
Commodities less food	131.9	-8	-1.1	129.3	.3	-2	130.2	-2.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food	133.8	-3	-1.5	130.9	.5	-2	135.7	-2.2	-1.5
Nondurables	147.0	.5	-9	146.0	-1	-4	146.7	-6	-6
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	197.0	2.1	.3	197.9	1.7	-1	197.5	2.5	.1
Services less medical care services	188.7	2.9	.4	189.6	1.9	.4	193.7	3.6	.2

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	158.1	1.7	-0.2	155.8	0.8	-0.7	159.5	1.1	0.1	153.0	0.7	-0.5
All items (December 1977 = 100)	261.0	-	-	251.9	-	-	254.0	-	-	245.3	-	-
Food and beverages	158.4	1.4	.4	152.1	1.5	.1	154.9	.3	.4	150.0	1.4	.3
Food	157.9	1.5	.4	152.3	1.4	.1	153.9	.2	.4	148.9	1.2	.3
Food at home	158.4	.8	.6	153.0	.3	.1	152.0	-.8	.5	145.7	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	178.7	2.3	.2	184.5	.5	2.6	173.2	2.2	1.2	173.7	-.6	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	152.5	-.8	-.1	137.5	-3.3	-3.0	138.7	-1.1	.0	138.1	-1.2	-.4
Dairy products ³	149.8	-2.2	.1	143.0	-5.9	-.6	140.2	-1.8	.8	138.5	-1.4	.7
Fruits and vegetables ³	187.9	2.4	2.5	172.3	3.3	1.4	177.3	-6.7	.3	162.1	1.8	2.6
Other food at home ³	141.5	1.9	.5	148.0	4.6	1.1	147.7	2.5	.5	133.5	2.4	-.4
Food away from home	157.4	2.7	.1	151.4	3.7	.2	158.1	2.2	.4	155.6	3.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	163.9	.9	-.1	149.4	2.8	-1.0	167.9	1.6	.1	166.5	3.7	.1
Housing ⁴	153.2	2.8	-.2	154.4	2.2	.1	156.9	1.9	.4	145.8	1.6	-.5
Shelter	175.9	3.7	.0	181.2	2.6	-.2	176.3	3.0	.2	160.5	2.5	-.5
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	177.1	4.1	-.4	188.2	-.5	-1.4	179.2	3.7	.0	160.8	4.0	-1.7
Rent, residential	169.4	3.5	.2	172.1	3.2	.2	161.3	2.3	.2	150.5	2.2	-.1
Other renters' costs ³	177.2	5.5	-1.8	206.7	-4.5	-3.2	209.9	6.4	-.2	176.0	9.0	-5.3
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	181.3	3.5	.1	184.0	3.5	.1	181.0	2.7	.2	168.4	1.9	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	181.4	3.5	.2	185.3	3.6	.1	182.0	2.7	.2	168.5	1.8	-.1
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	124.5	1.1	-.4	119.3	1.2	.8	132.5	-.5	-.2	132.4	.7	-.5
Fuels	111.4	-.7	-.8	103.0	-.6	1.2	119.2	-2.2	-.4	104.5	-1.3	-1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	93.9	-17.0	-.5	91.0	-19.8	-.2	94.5	-23.2	.7	87.9	-9.2	-.2
Fuel oil ³	90.9	-11.9	-.9	91.5	-12.6	-1.9	85.3	-15.5	.8	83.9	-16.2	-.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	121.0	-22.4	-.2	125.7	-24.7	1.2	132.9	-30.1	.8	131.4	-1.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	114.8	.1	-.8	108.8	.6	1.2	129.1	-.6	-.5	112.8	-.9	-1.1
Electricity	121.2	.2	.3	126.9	-.3	-.1	133.3	.0	.1	109.7	2.5	1.0
Utility (piped) gas	109.2	.0	-1.9	92.4	2.2	3.4	127.8	-1.6	-1.2	119.5	-4.2	-3.3
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	118.5	.7	-1.2	127.4	1.6	1.1	135.9	1.6	2.2	123.5	-.6	-.5
Apparel and upkeep	125.2	1.1	-2.6	128.3	-8.4	-10.2	131.9	1.1	-3.0	148.3	1.5	-.1
Apparel commodities ³	122.8	1.0	-2.8	124.6	-9.6	-11.3	127.7	.9	-3.4	147.9	1.6	.0
Men's and boys' apparel ³	129.4	2.5	-1.8	124.4	-8.3	-5.7	131.6	5.8	.7	144.2	.0	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel ³	112.0	.8	-4.7	130.3	-15.6	-17.0	127.3	-3.5	-5.9	151.4	1.5	-.3
Footwear ³	131.4	1.2	.1	114.1	5.6	2.0	127.1	5.3	-1.2	162.0	3.5	1.9
Transportation	141.8	-2.7	-.6	140.1	-2.4	-.9	141.7	-1.7	.4	135.1	-4.3	-1.3
Private transportation	139.1	-2.5	-.6	136.1	-2.3	-1.1	137.8	-2.1	.4	128.7	-3.7	-.8
Motor fuel	100.1	-13.2	-3.3	100.4	-12.2	-3.9	98.3	-11.9	-2.0	96.5	-11.7	-3.3
Gasoline	99.5	-13.5	-3.6	100.4	-12.5	-4.1	98.0	-12.0	-2.1	95.5	-12.0	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.3	-13.9	-3.7	97.1	-13.1	-4.6	96.3	-12.4	-2.1	92.6	-12.5	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	107.9	-13.3	-3.6	110.8	-11.1	-2.4	111.2	-11.8	-1.6	111.7	-11.8	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	101.8	-11.9	-3.0	105.9	-11.9	-4.2	98.9	-11.3	-2.5	98.6	-10.3	-3.2
Public transportation ³	177.0	-5.0	-.1	234.8	-2.9	.9	230.4	5.5	2.4	287.5	-12.1	-8.1
Medical care	226.6	2.2	.4	228.5	3.6	.3	245.1	2.8	.7	221.6	2.9	.1
Entertainment ⁸	165.9	1.8	.5	154.6	2.6	-.8	167.2	-.2	-.7	155.9	2.8	.3
Other goods and services ⁴	230.9	6.2	.3	218.2	3.4	-.3	217.9	5.4	-.2	210.7	3.4	-.6
Personal care ³	142.7	2.3	-.4	165.3	1.3	-.8	164.7	6.6	.5	138.9	3.2	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	158.1	1.7	-.2	155.8	.8	-.7	159.5	1.1	.1	153.0	.7	-.5
Commodities	141.2	-.4	-.5	136.2	-1.7	-1.5	142.0	-.5	.1	139.9	-.4	-.3
Food and beverages	158.4	1.4	.4	152.1	1.5	.1	154.9	.3	.4	150.0	1.4	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.7	-1.5	-1.1	128.2	-3.4	-2.4	134.6	-1.1	-.3	134.1	-1.5	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.3	-1.1	-1.5	127.8	-5.9	-4.6	135.0	-1.2	-1.3	138.8	-1.3	-.9
Durables	124.1	-2.2	-.4	129.7	-.2	.5	133.5	-.7	1.5	127.9	-1.7	-.2
Services	175.5	3.2	.0	176.6	2.7	-.1	179.7	2.7	.3	167.2	1.7	-.5
Medical care services	230.3	2.2	.5	230.4	4.1	.0	252.9	2.4	.6	224.2	2.6	.0
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	153.0	.9	-.2	149.0	.2	-.9	155.0	.6	.2	151.2	.1	-.4
All items less medical care	154.5	1.6	-.2	152.1	.7	-.7	155.1	1.0	.1	148.0	.5	-.5
All items less energy	165.3	2.4	.0	164.7	1.4	-.7	167.5	1.9	.2	160.6	1.3	-.2
All items less food and energy	167.1	2.5	-.2	167.6	1.5	-.8	171.0	2.3	.2	163.2	1.4	-.4
Energy	106.2	-6.9	-1.9	99.8	-5.8	-1.0	108.5	-6.5	-1.1	99.7	-5.9	-2.1
Commodities less food	132.2	-1.3	-1.0	128.8	-3.2	-2.4	135.8	-.9	-.2	135.1	-1.3	-.6
Nondurables less food	136.2	-.9	-1.3	128.8	-5.4	-4.4	136.8	-1.0	-1.2	140.4	-.9	-.8
Nondurables	146.6	.2	-.5	139.2	-2.3	-2.3	144.5	-.4	-.4	145.0	.0	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	181.2	2.8	.1	175.2	2.7	.0	186.5	2.5	.4	176.6	1.1	-.5
Services less medical care services	170.7	3.3	.0	172.0	2.6	-.1	173.1	2.7	.3	159.8	1.5	-.6

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	156.3	1.5	-0.1	160.8	1.6	-0.2	155.9	1.0	-0.9	157.0	1.7	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	252.3	-	-	262.6	-	-	252.4	-	-	254.9	-	-
Food and beverages	158.2	2.0	.3	158.3	1.3	.4	159.5	2.5	.6	153.1	1.5	-.3
Food	158.3	2.0	.2	158.5	1.3	.4	159.0	2.2	.4	153.4	1.7	-.4
Food at home	156.4	1.2	-.2	159.6	1.2	.4	157.4	1.9	.5	150.3	1.6	-.7
Cereals and bakery products ³	170.9	.8	-.3	175.6	2.6	1.4	169.5	2.0	.1	185.7	2.8	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	145.6	-1.2	-.3	148.7	-1.1	.0	142.2	-2.3	-.4	143.7	-.3	-1.0
Dairy products ³	154.9	.5	.3	151.3	.5	1.3	149.5	2.7	1.2	136.3	.2	-.4
Fruits and vegetables ³	191.0	5.1	1.1	202.3	1.7	.4	190.4	7.9	2.1	163.5	1.7	-1.4
Other food at home ³	141.9	1.6	-1.3	143.3	3.3	.0	154.2	2.3	.2	139.9	3.7	.3
Food away from home	162.6	3.2	.7	158.4	1.6	.4	164.0	2.8	.4	161.1	1.8	.0
Alcoholic beverages	157.0	2.0	.6	156.3	.9	-.3	164.9	6.2	1.7	147.7	-.2	.8
Housing ⁴	146.0	1.7	-.3	156.4	2.3	.0	141.8	.4	-2.1	149.6	2.3	-.1
Shelter	160.1	3.0	.1	167.8	3.4	.1	154.3	2.5	.2	171.1	3.3	-.2
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	166.2	3.1	.1	191.2	3.9	-.4	155.9	3.0	-.6	172.4	2.0	-2.2
Rent, residential	157.3	2.2	-.1	160.2	3.3	.3	150.0	2.3	.3	161.4	3.7	.2
Other renters' costs ³	187.2	6.0	.5	265.5	4.8	-1.6	170.1	4.7	-2.6	182.1	-.7	-6.0
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	163.0	2.8	.0	168.6	3.2	.2	157.6	2.3	.4	175.2	3.7	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	162.9	2.6	.0	168.4	3.2	.2	157.4	2.4	.4	173.7	3.8	.3
Fuel and other utilities ^{4 9}	120.5	.2	-.7	147.0	1.3	.4	133.6	-5.1	-8.9	126.5	.8	.1
Fuels ¹⁰	106.9	-.7	-1.3	120.7	.5	.9	117.3	-11.7	-16.2	108.5	-1.5	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	97.8	-8.0	.0	106.5	-12.1	.9	123.0	-9.9	.7	97.4	-10.7	.1
Fuel oil ³	94.0	-8.4	.1	94.4	-10.1	.6	86.6	-6.5	.0	91.5	-8.8	.0
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	132.8	-7.3	.0	139.9	-13.3	1.0	155.4	-10.7	1.0	116.1	-12.6	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ¹¹	110.2	-.3	-1.3	121.4	2.2	.9	117.8	-11.8	-17.2	112.9	-.5	.2
Electricity ¹²	107.0	-.6	-.2	120.6	2.7	1.0	115.9	-15.4	-20.7	114.8	-.5	.3
Utility (piped) gas	116.0	.4	-4.6	128.9	-.2	.4	136.7	5.9	.0	115.8	-.8	-1.4
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	128.3	-1.8	-.5	132.4	-.8	-1.1	115.6	-.2	-1.3	122.8	.8	-.2
Apparel and upkeep	151.0	2.6	.3	131.7	-1.9	-3.5	149.7	3.3	-2.3	131.1	1.1	-2.1
Apparel commodities ³	146.3	2.7	.3	125.8	-2.4	-4.0	148.0	3.6	-2.4	126.5	1.1	-2.4
Men's and boys' apparel ³	147.1	2.4	-1.6	132.8	.7	-1.6	135.0	1.0	-3.2	129.2	5.1	.4
Women's and girls' apparel ³	146.9	5.8	1.7	123.5	-5.5	-6.9	151.8	3.0	-1.6	135.0	-1.1	-4.7
Footwear ³	140.0	2.0	1.2	125.3	.5	-2.0	141.8	12.0	-3.5	101.2	.5	-2.0
Transportation	140.6	-1.9	-.5	140.7	-2.2	-.6	142.5	-2.3	-.6	140.2	-1.7	.1
Private transportation	140.7	-1.8	-.5	138.8	-1.8	-.4	140.7	-2.0	-.4	139.0	-1.5	.1
Motor fuel	101.9	-7.8	-2.2	100.1	-7.0	-2.0	99.1	-9.6	-2.4	93.3	-7.6	-1.3
Gasoline	101.1	-7.8	-2.2	99.6	-6.8	-2.1	99.4	-9.4	-2.5	92.2	-7.3	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.6	-8.4	-2.5	96.8	-7.5	-2.3	94.9	-10.1	-2.8	87.8	-8.0	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	103.3	-7.2	-2.1	105.2	-6.7	-1.8	108.1	-8.7	-2.2	109.7	-7.0	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	103.3	-7.1	-1.9	101.9	-6.8	-1.9	105.0	-7.7	-1.9	99.3	-6.4	-1.5
Public transportation ³	141.8	-3.3	-1.6	178.2	-8.0	-3.5	185.8	-6.1	-4.6	164.9	-5.0	-1.2
Medical care	235.7	3.0	.4	235.0	4.8	.6	238.0	2.3	.5	236.3	2.5	.7
Entertainment ⁸	168.0	1.4	.5	161.9	2.7	-.7	154.4	1.4	.4	155.0	1.1	.8
Other goods and services ⁴	215.2	5.0	.0	240.0	6.8	.0	219.7	5.5	-.1	215.5	6.2	.4
Personal care ³	154.5	2.4	.6	155.8	3.4	1.3	144.2	4.1	-.5	124.4	.1	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	156.3	1.5	-.1	160.8	1.6	-.2	155.9	1.0	-.9	157.0	1.7	-.1
Commodities	142.4	.1	-.1	142.2	-.3	-.6	143.4	.6	-.3	138.3	.1	-.4
Food and beverages	158.2	2.0	.3	158.3	1.3	.4	159.5	2.5	.6	153.1	1.5	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	133.3	-1.0	-.2	132.8	-1.4	-1.2	134.2	-.5	-.8	130.2	-.8	-.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.1	-.1	-.4	135.4	-.9	-1.5	139.7	.1	-1.5	131.7	-.4	-.8
Durables	131.5	-2.2	.1	129.1	-2.0	-.5	127.7	-1.5	-.1	128.4	-1.5	.2
Services	170.4	2.6	-.1	179.9	3.3	.1	169.6	1.3	-1.4	176.8	2.9	.1
Medical care services	240.5	3.0	.4	241.4	5.1	.4	245.4	2.3	.4	240.6	2.7	.8
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	155.3	1.0	-.2	158.9	1.0	-.4	156.8	.6	-1.2	153.4	1.1	-.1
All items less medical care	151.9	1.3	-.1	156.1	1.4	-.3	150.2	.9	-1.1	150.5	1.6	-.2
All items less energy	163.5	1.9	.1	167.5	2.0	-.2	162.7	2.0	-.1	165.1	2.1	-.1
All items less food and energy	164.9	1.9	.1	169.7	2.2	-.4	163.8	2.1	-.1	167.9	2.2	.0
Energy ¹³	103.1	-4.4	-1.8	107.4	-2.8	-.4	106.8	-10.8	-10.7	99.1	-4.1	-.4
Commodities less food	134.3	-.8	-.2	133.7	-1.3	-.1	135.3	-.2	-.7	130.7	-.8	-.3
Nondurables less food	136.4	.1	-.4	136.4	-.7	-1.4	141.1	.6	-1.2	132.2	-.4	-.7
Nondurables	146.6	1.0	-.1	147.0	.3	-.5	149.7	1.4	-.4	142.1	.5	-.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	185.9	2.4	-.4	194.1	3.1	.0	185.0	.4	-2.6	186.1	2.5	.4
Services less medical care services	164.0	2.6	-.2	173.3	3.0	.0	160.5	1.1	-1.7	167.6	2.9	.0

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
All items	163.1	2.8	0.2	168.5	2.8	-0.4
All items (December 1977=100)	266.0	-	-	261.3	-	-
Food and beverages	162.4	2.5	.3	159.0	2.3	-.1
Food	161.8	2.5	.3	158.5	2.0	-.1
Food at home	166.6	2.6	.5	156.0	1.0	-.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	181.4	2.0	.9	171.3	2.7	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	154.6	1.4	-.4	144.5	-.2	-.2
Dairy products ³	161.8	.2	.2	147.1	.9	.8
Fruits and vegetables ³	204.7	6.1	2.4	196.6	-.9	-1.3
Other food at home ³	149.5	2.5	.0	141.4	3.4	-.3
Food away from home	155.2	2.3	.0	163.1	3.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages	168.1	3.3	.2	166.2	4.3	.5
Housing ⁴	164.1	3.8	.6	169.5	3.6	-.4
Shelter	178.1	4.1	.5	192.3	4.0	-.3
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	192.5	5.0	.8	187.3	4.4	-1.7
Rent, residential	173.7	4.2	.4	170.4	3.5	.4
Other renters' costs ³	225.3	7.9	2.1	214.0	7.4	-8.0
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	189.7	3.7	.3	210.4	3.9	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	189.6	3.7	.3	211.9	3.9	.2
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	146.3	4.6	.0	136.8	5.1	.2
Fuels	137.4	6.2	.1	118.1	6.4	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ^{3 14}	106.7	-.1	-.7	283.6	-4.6	1.1
Fuel oil ^{3 14}	105.4	-.5	-1.4	348.7	-.4	-1.0
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	139.6	.2	-.1	128.1	-5.0	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	139.9	6.5	.1	116.8	6.9	.0
Electricity	153.3	.3	.0	125.5	2.7	.1
Utility (piped) gas	129.4	23.0	.4	108.9	14.2	-.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	128.0	1.5	1.5	125.9	-.1	-1.5
Apparel and upkeep	117.6	.5	-2.3	128.1	-1.0	-2.7
Apparel commodities ³	112.1	.4	-2.8	125.7	-1.2	-2.9
Men's and boys' apparel ³	116.6	-1.0	-1.9	132.6	-7.5	-2.1
Women's and girls' apparel ³	106.1	3.2	-2.1	123.5	6.4	-4.2
Footwear ³	118.0	-1.3	-2.1	117.4	-2.2	-3.6
Transportation	144.6	1.2	-.3	147.5	.9	-.5
Private transportation	140.8	1.7	-.4	145.3	.8	-.2
Motor fuel	107.9	8.1	-2.9	110.4	3.5	-1.7
Gasoline	106.8	8.6	-3.0	109.4	4.1	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular	104.0	9.2	-3.2	106.4	4.0	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.6	8.0	-2.9	114.1	3.9	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	109.1	8.2	-2.7	110.5	4.3	-1.3
Public transportation ³	189.8	-2.0	.9	184.1	2.3	-4.2
Medical care	232.7	2.2	.1	254.7	5.0	.0
Entertainment ⁸	156.2	-.4	-.1	171.4	2.5	-.5
Other goods and services ⁴	242.7	5.2	.4	234.6	4.6	.0
Personal care ³	160.4	1.1	-1.3	161.5	2.5	-.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 ¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Commodity and service group						
All items	163.1	2.8	0.2	168.5	2.8	-0.4
Commodities	142.2	2.0	-1	142.5	1.1	-6
Food and beverages	162.4	2.5	.3	159.0	2.3	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	129.3	1.6	-5	133.4	.5	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.2	2.8	-1.4	140.4	2.6	-1.3
Durables	127.6	-1	.9	125.2	-2.5	-6
Services	181.5	3.3	.3	193.2	4.0	-3
Medical care services	233.9	2.4	.1	264.4	5.2	.0
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	158.4	2.2	.1	160.5	2.3	-5
All items less medical care	159.5	2.8	.2	163.1	2.6	-5
All items less energy	168.1	2.6	.2	174.9	2.6	-4
All items less food and energy	169.8	2.6	.3	178.4	2.8	-4
Energy	118.0	7.2	-1.4	113.7	4.8	-9
Commodities less food	131.4	1.7	-4	134.8	.7	-9
Nondurables less food	133.3	2.8	-1.2	142.2	2.9	-1.0
Nondurables	147.0	2.7	-4	150.0	2.5	-7
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	194.1	2.5	.2	199.6	3.9	-2
Services less medical care services	177.4	3.4	.4	185.8	3.9	-3

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

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

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

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

⁹ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=121.3

¹⁰ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=108.3

¹¹ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=111.7

¹² Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=107.2

¹³ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=105.0

¹⁴ Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Indexes, December 1997						
U.S. city average	159.2	178.4	148.4	147.8	191.3	147.7
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	161.1	183.8	150.0	139.3	189.4	155.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	161.1	185.1	148.4	140.6	189.8	154.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	165.8	172.2	161.2	143.0	192.8	163.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	156.8	185.7	151.0	122.5	184.9	148.8
North Central urban	154.7	177.7	146.2	145.2	180.5	142.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000	158.4	178.7	152.5	149.8	187.9	141.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	153.0	184.5	137.5	143.0	172.3	148.0
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	152.0	173.2	138.7	140.2	177.3	147.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	145.7	173.7	138.1	138.5	162.1	133.5
South urban	156.5	173.7	145.2	149.6	189.4	145.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	156.4	170.9	145.6	154.9	191.0	141.9
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	159.6	175.6	148.7	151.3	202.3	143.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	157.4	169.5	142.2	149.5	190.4	154.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	150.3	185.7	143.7	136.3	163.5	139.9
West urban	165.3	178.3	152.7	158.8	206.3	149.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	166.6	181.4	154.6	161.8	204.7	149.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	156.0	171.3	144.5	147.1	196.6	141.4
Size classes						
A ⁵	147.1	160.0	137.0	142.7	176.7	135.2
B ⁴	161.0	175.8	151.4	150.1	197.1	148.5
C ⁴	155.7	173.9	143.3	141.0	186.9	149.6
D	152.3	181.6	139.7	141.9	173.4	144.4
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	161.5	192.5	141.9	158.9	197.3	151.9
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	157.6	174.6	148.1	146.9	195.5	138.9
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	170.4	185.2	171.6	163.5	205.4	142.6
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	154.6	176.4	151.2	144.6	189.3	129.9
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	150.0	158.5	142.4	155.6	163.0	143.4
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	150.9	169.6	142.3	137.2	189.6	137.9
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	153.7	166.3	143.3	143.7	180.9	149.8
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	171.1	178.2	163.2	170.0	210.8	150.5
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	164.5	175.2	142.5	152.5	242.9	136.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	163.5	188.3	150.8	140.1	194.4	155.8
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	160.7	190.8	146.1	138.8	182.8	159.2
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	149.6	155.5	136.7	147.7	160.5	156.7
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	149.2	156.4	133.7	149.0	173.1	149.9
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	169.3	181.7	155.3	157.2	204.7	157.7
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	161.8	185.1	148.4	162.0	189.4	147.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Percent change, November 1997 to December 1997						
U.S. city average	0.1	0.2	-0.6	0.5	0.9	0.0
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	-4	-2	-1.4	.9	.2	-3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-5	-3	-1.8	1.2	-2	-1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	-1.0	-2	-1.2	-.8	.1	-1.9
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	.3	.3	.1	1.3	.1	.0
North Central urban	.5	.7	-.5	.2	1.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.6	.2	-.1	.1	2.5	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	.1	2.6	-3.0	-.6	1.4	1.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	.5	1.2	.0	.8	.3	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.3	.1	-.4	.7	2.6	-.4
South urban	.1	.2	-.3	.7	.9	-.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-2	-3	-.3	.3	1.1	-1.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	.4	1.4	.0	1.3	.4	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	.5	.1	-.4	1.2	2.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	-.7	-.4	-1.0	-.4	-1.4	.3
West urban	.2	.2	-.2	.5	.8	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.5	.9	-.4	.2	2.4	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	-.3	-.1	-.2	.8	-1.3	-.3
Size classes						
A	.1	.1	-.7	.5	1.4	-.1
B ⁴	-2	.6	-.7	.6	-.3	-.4
C ⁴	.4	.4	-.1	1.0	.8	.1
D	.1	-.2	-.7	.1	.3	1.0
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	-.6	-.3	-.6	1.3	-3.4	.5
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	.1	.8	.6	-.4	-.4	-.3
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	1.2	.8	.6	.8	4.5	-.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	-.7	-2.0	-.2	-3.0	.0	.3
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	.5	.9	1.0	.6	-1.5	1.0
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	.0	-1.7	-1.1	-.4	3.7	.2
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-1.7	-3.3	-1.5	-.8	1.9	-3.8
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	.4	-.1	-.2	.1	2.0	.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-.5	-.1	-1.5	1.1	.7	-1.9
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	-.7	-.1	-2.7	.8	-.4	.5
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	-.1	-.7	-1.1	4.0	-.4	.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	-1.1	-3.1	-1.2	.3	2.1	-2.9
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁹	1.4	4.6	-.1	1.2	-.6	3.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	1.3	3.0	-.3	.3	2.9	1.0
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	.8	1.3	.1	1.2	4.3	-1.7

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

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

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

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

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

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

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

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Expenditure category						
All items	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Food and beverages	.1	.8	.2	-.3	-.1	.7
Food	.1	.9	.2	-.4	-.1	.7
Food at home	.1	1.2	.4	-.7	-.1	1.3
Cereals and bakery products ²	.2	.8	-.1	-.1	-.7	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	-.6	.6	-.2	-2.7	-1.1	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	-.9	.2	-.4	-3.1	-1.6	-.6
Dairy products ²	.5	.8	.1	.8	4.0	.3
Fruits and vegetables ^{2 3}	.9	4.5	2.0	-.4	-.4	2.9
Other food at home ²	.0	-.1	.1	.5	.1	1.0
Food away from home	.3	.3	-.1	.1	-.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	.2	-.2	.7	.2	.4	-.1
Housing ³	.0	-.6	.7	.4	.4	.2
Shelter	.2	-.1	.5	.4	.4	.3
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	.1	-.3	1.1	.3	1.0	.0
Rent, residential	.2	.0	.2	.4	.1	.9
Other renters' costs ^{2 4}	-.2	-1.8	4.6	.1	2.4	-3.5
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	.2	.1	.2	.4	.1	.5
Owners' equivalent rent	.3	.0	.2	.4	.1	.5
Fuel and other utilities ³	-.8	-.2	.1	.9	-.2	-.1
Fuels	-1.6	-.5	.6	1.5	-.1	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	.6	.8	-2.1	.4	.0	.4
Fuel oil ²	.6	.0	-	.4	.0	-6.8
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 5}	.6	1.9	-2.2	-.1	-	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	-1.8	-.5	.6	1.8	-.1	-.2
Electricity	-2.3	1.1	.0	1.7	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas	-.9	-2.0	1.9	1.9	-.3	-.5
Household furnishings and operation ³	-.1	-3.4	2.6	-.3	.7	.3
Apparel and upkeep	-2.3	-1.5	-1.2	-3.2	-2.1	-6.3
Apparel commodities ^{2 4}	-2.6	-1.8	-1.5	-3.5	-2.4	-7.3
Men's and boys' apparel ²	-1.4	-.3	-.7	-1.7	-1.7	-5.4
Women's and girls' apparel ²	-4.0	-5.6	-1.8	-6.8	-5.6	-4.1
Footwear ²	-.9	4.8	-1.2	-.1	-1.6	-3.3
Transportation	-.5	.0	-.2	-.1	-.7	-.3
Private transportation	-.4	-.1	-.6	-.1	-1.1	-.4
Motor fuel	-2.6	-1.5	-3.5	-1.9	-3.0	-2.1
Gasoline	-2.7	-1.7	-3.8	-2.0	-3.1	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	-2.8	-1.6	-3.9	-2.0	-3.1	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	-2.5	-1.7	-4.1	-1.9	-2.9	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium	-2.3	-1.7	-3.4	-2.2	-2.6	-2.0
Public transportation ²	-.9	1.1	2.6	.2	3.2	.2
Medical care	.3	.1	-.1	.2	.2	.6
Entertainment ⁷	.1	.2	.1	-.5	1.5	-.2
Other goods and services ³	.1	.8	.5	-.2	-.1	.5
Personal care ²	-.2	-1.5	-1.7	-.4	.0	-1.5

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

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Commodity and service group						
All items	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Commodities	-.4	-.1	.2	-.7	-.7	-.6
Food and beverages	.1	.8	.2	-.3	-.1	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	-.8	-1.0	.2	-1.1	-1.2	-1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	-1.3	-.8	-.8	-1.9	-1.4	-2.7
Durables	.1	-1.3	1.6	.3	-.8	.2
Services	.0	.0	.4	.4	.4	.3
Medical care services	.2	.4	.0	.1	.0	.5
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	-.3	-.1	.3	-.3	-.2	-.2
All items less medical care	-.2	-.1	.3	-.1	-.1	-.1
All items less energy	.0	.0	.4	-.1	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	-.1	-.2	.5	-.1	.1	-.1
Energy	-2.1	-.9	-1.6	.4	-1.1	-1.1
Commodities less food	-.7	-.9	.2	-1.0	-1.1	-1.5
Nondurables less food	-1.2	-.7	-.7	-1.7	-1.3	-2.3
Nondurables	-.5	.1	-.2	-1.0	-.7	-.7
Services less rent of shelter	-.2	.1	.3	.3	.4	.2
Services less medical care services	.0	.0	.5	.4	.5	.3

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

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

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

⁴ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹											
	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—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	161.3	1.7	-0.2	162.8	1.9	0.2	152.5	1.7	-0.2	157.1	1.8	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	483.2	-	-	486.5	-	-	478.5	-	-	487.0	-	-
Food and beverages	159.1	1.6	.3	163.1	1.8	.8	159.6	2.3	.9	152.2	.7	.3
Food	158.7	1.5	.3	162.5	2.1	.9	157.7	2.2	1.2	151.3	.4	.3
Food at home	159.2	1.0	.1	170.4	1.8	1.2	150.0	1.0	1.1	150.9	-1.1	.2
Cereals and bakery products ²	178.4	1.5	.0	185.2	4.5	.1	158.5	-1.4	-1.9	169.6	-6	-1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	148.4	-1.1	-.3	171.6	1.4	.6	142.4	-3.2	1.8	142.3	-1.8	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.1	-6	-1.0	173.7	1.8	-1	141.8	-3.0	.4	142.6	-1.6	-1
Dairy products ²	147.8	-5	1.4	163.5	-8	3.4	155.6	1.8	.9	137.2	.1	-5
Fruits and vegetables ^{2,3}	191.3	2.2	1.5	205.4	3.0	4.8	163.0	.1	.9	189.6	-1.5	4.2
Other food at home ²	147.7	2.9	-.9	142.6	.8	-1.5	143.4	8.1	2.3	137.9	3.5	-1.6
Food away from home	159.0	2.6	.5	148.9	2.9	.6	170.4	3.8	1.4	153.1	1.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages	164.0	2.2	.2	170.3	-1.2	-.4	181.0	3.9	-1.3	162.2	3.4	.6
Housing ³	157.7	2.4	.0	162.3	3.4	.3	140.5	3.2	-.7	151.5	3.1	-.3
Shelter	178.1	3.4	.2	190.9	5.0	.1	148.7	5.6	.2	173.3	3.6	-.4
Renters' costs ^{4,2,5}	186.1	3.9	-.9	189.0	4.4	-1.1	153.8	4.8	-.8	169.2	4.5	-4.5
Rent, residential	169.1	3.1	.5	186.2	4.1	.3	146.4	4.5	.4	157.8	2.0	.5
Other renters' costs ^{2,4}	216.1	6.0	-4.1	168.3	5.0	-6.3	157.9	5.8	-5.2	176.5	8.5	-11.4
Homeowners' costs ^{4,2,5}	184.3	3.1	.5	198.9	5.3	.5	155.0	5.4	.6	177.9	3.3	.8
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	184.7	3.1	.6	197.3	5.2	.5	157.3	4.9	.5	178.8	3.4	.7
Fuel and other utilities ³	130.0	.5	-.6	127.8	3.1	3.6	128.1	1.7	-4.5	127.8	2.8	.3
Fuels	115.8	-1.1	-1.4	116.3	1.7	6.6	119.8	1.1	-9.1	107.5	1.4	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	97.2	-11.9	2.0	96.5	-11.1	.8	110.1	-17.7	1.0	97.6	-12.7	4.7
Fuel oil ²	94.0	-11.7	2.1	92.1	-8.3	.0	NA	-	-	99.9	-12.7	6.3
Other household fuel commodities ^{2,6}	128.8	-12.3	1.8	130.3	-14.3	1.9	115.4	-17.6	1.1	116.0	-12.7	3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	123.0	.2	-1.7	119.5	2.0	6.7	119.3	1.4	-9.2	110.6	2.1	-.1
Electricity	127.0	-1.3	-3.8	122.7	.0	3.4	114.6	.4	-16.8	130.5	1.5	-.8
Utility (piped) gas	118.8	3.3	2.9	116.5	3.9	10.2	130.4	3.2	9.0	96.4	2.9	.7
Household furnishings and operation ³	125.1	.1	-.2	112.2	-3.8	-2.0	131.6	-3.3	-.4	114.9	.5	-.8
Apparel and upkeep	131.6	1.0	-2.4	117.9	2.2	-.4	136.5	-.3	-1.4	130.8	4.1	-3.9
Apparel commodities ^{2,4}	127.7	.9	-2.7	116.6	2.1	-.6	129.1	-.2	-1.5	129.2	4.4	-4.2
Men's and boys' apparel ²	131.2	2.7	-1.4	122.5	5.9	-.8	112.8	-3.3	-.2	126.3	1.6	-4.2
Women's and girls' apparel ²	123.6	.2	-3.7	104.8	4.7	.4	116.6	-.9	-5.4	129.6	7.2	-4.6
Footwear ²	128.2	1.8	-1.8	140.6	-4.4	-2.6	160.8	3.6	3.7	145.5	6.5	-2.7
Transportation	143.2	-1.4	-.9	138.6	-3.0	-.6	140.0	-3.4	-1.1	148.2	-2.8	-1.5
Private transportation	140.0	-1.2	-.6	135.8	-3.1	-.6	141.3	-3.0	-.9	146.5	-2.1	-1.1
Motor fuel	101.9	-6.2	-4.5	100.4	-11.9	-2.9	101.4	-5.7	-4.3	97.0	-15.1	-7.0
Gasoline	101.3	-6.1	-4.9	99.6	-12.2	-3.2	100.9	-5.5	-4.6	96.6	-15.4	-7.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular	99.1	-6.6	-5.2	97.7	-13.0	-3.3	97.6	-6.2	-5.0	96.2	-16.1	-7.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	105.9	-5.8	-4.6	106.0	-11.7	-3.3	103.0	-5.0	-4.5	110.2	-15.2	-7.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium	103.0	-5.6	-4.2	101.2	-10.8	-3.2	103.1	-4.1	-4.1	100.4	-12.9	-6.7
Public transportation ²	184.3	-2.9	-3.5	161.0	-2.1	-.9	127.8	-11.7	-5.2	181.9	-14.3	-6.7
Medical care	237.1	2.8	.6	237.0	2.3	.1	228.1	2.5	.4	216.1	2.1	.6
Entertainment ⁸	163.1	1.4	.0	172.2	-.2	-.7	171.4	2.6	1.9	162.3	3.4	1.2
Other goods and services ³	230.1	5.2	.3	240.1	6.1	.8	214.6	8.1	2.9	235.0	7.4	.1
Personal care ²	154.0	2.3	.5	159.5	2.7	-1.2	182.1	7.9	.0	132.9	-1.0	-.2
Commodity and service group												
All items	161.3	1.7	-.2	162.8	1.9	.2	152.5	1.7	-.2	157.1	1.8	-.5
Commodities	141.7	.2	-.5	142.3	-.5	-.1	139.8	-.5	.1	138.4	-.3	-1.0
Food and beverages	159.1	1.6	.3	163.1	1.8	.8	159.6	2.3	.9	152.2	.7	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	131.2	-.7	-1.0	128.6	-2.4	-1.0	129.6	-1.8	-.2	130.3	-1.0	-1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.5	-.1	-1.7	132.7	-.6	-.6	128.8	-.8	-1.0	134.0	-1.0	-3.0
Durables	128.0	-1.5	.2	121.3	-5.2	-1.6	131.9	-3.1	.7	121.9	-1.1	.2
Services	181.0	2.8	.0	182.9	3.9	.5	164.7	3.5	-.4	177.2	3.6	-.1
Medical care services	241.8	2.9	.5	238.6	2.6	.2	238.0	1.2	.2	224.0	1.8	.9
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	156.4	1.1	-.3	154.1	.8	.3	154.5	.4	-.3	152.9	1.2	-.5
All items less medical care	157.0	1.6	-.3	159.1	2.0	.3	148.4	1.6	-.2	154.2	1.8	-.6
All items less energy	168.3	2.1	.0	170.0	2.5	.1	159.9	2.0	.3	164.5	2.6	-.3
All items less food and energy	170.7	2.2	-.1	172.0	2.6	-.1	160.5	1.9	.1	167.7	3.1	-.4
Energy	108.4	-3.4	-2.8	108.1	-4.8	2.2	109.8	-2.1	-6.9	103.7	-7.1	-3.4
Commodities less food	132.6	-.5	-.9	130.7	-2.3	-.9	131.3	-1.6	-.2	131.7	-.8	-1.7
Nondurables less food	135.3	.0	-1.5	135.5	-.7	-.5	131.7	-.5	-1.0	135.8	-.6	-2.7
Nondurables	146.5	.8	-.6	148.4	.7	.2	143.7	.6	-.1	143.3	-.1	-1.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	189.5	2.3	-.2	183.2	2.9	1.0	188.8	2.4	-.9	186.0	3.5	.2
Services less medical care services	175.4	2.8	-.1	178.3	4.1	.6	158.5	3.7	-.5	173.1	3.7	-.2

See footnote 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 ¹								
	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—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	145.6	1.4	-1.2	161.2	1.8	0.1	171.9	2.0	-0.2
All items (1967=100)	466.9	-	-	476.2	-	-	496.8	-	-
Food and beverages	149.0	2.1	-3	164.8	1.7	.4	163.9	1.5	.2
Food	148.3	1.9	-6	163.0	1.6	.4	163.1	1.4	.2
Food at home	153.7	-1	-2.0	171.1	1.5	.6	163.5	.6	.0
Cereals and bakery products ²	166.3	3.6	-2.2	178.2	2.2	.1	188.3	.7	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	143.3	-3.3	-.9	163.2	2.1	.4	150.8	-1.6	-1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	145.4	-2.7	-1.4	159.5	2.4	-1	151.1	-1.5	-1.8
Dairy products ²	143.7	-1.0	-1.6	170.0	-1.6	1.1	140.1	-.4	2.3
Fruits and vegetables ^{2,3}	180.9	4.0	-3.7	210.8	1.7	2.0	194.4	1.7	1.2
Other food at home ²	149.8	-.3	-2.2	150.5	2.3	-.5	155.8	3.7	-1.3
Food away from home	139.5	5.4	1.8	151.4	1.6	.1	166.4	2.6	.5
Alcoholic beverages	153.6	4.8	2.9	182.2	3.2	-.1	171.9	2.3	.2
Housing ³	126.0	2.4	-1.9	158.8	2.5	.6	173.4	2.7	.5
Shelter	142.6	4.0	-.3	168.6	2.2	.2	202.4	4.1	.4
Renters' costs ^{4,2,5}	148.4	6.3	-.6	178.2	3.5	-.2	209.3	5.3	-.3
Rent, residential	136.8	2.1	-.3	161.3	2.0	.4	187.5	3.6	.6
Other renters' costs ^{2,4}	252.1	18.2	-1.6	223.1	9.1	-2.3	261.4	10.4	-2.8
Homeowners' costs ^{4,2,5}	136.7	2.2	-.3	178.0	1.6	.4	209.2	3.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	132.5	2.1	-.3	177.7	1.7	.5	210.2	3.5	.8
Fuel and other utilities ³	102.7	1.9	-8.3	158.0	5.7	.8	119.0	-.6	1.6
Fuels ⁹	93.9	4.0	-14.6	155.7	7.6	1.4	117.1	-1.4	2.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	NA	-	-	126.5	1.0	.6	103.5	-10.0	2.5
Fuel oil ²	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	102.5	-10.2	2.6
Other household fuel commodities ^{2,6}	119.2	-1.2	.1	126.5	1.0	.6	129.0	-7.1	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ¹⁰	93.6	4.2	-15.1	156.2	7.7	1.4	126.5	1.2	2.8
Electricity ¹¹	92.6	2.1	-19.1	168.1	.6	.0	127.2	1.0	2.6
Utility (piped) gas	99.2	11.3	.0	151.7	25.4	4.5	125.3	1.4	3.0
Household furnishings and operation ³	107.6	-1.9	-1.7	123.9	1.2	2.6	129.3	-2.3	-.6
Apparel and upkeep	144.4	-.4	-2.3	117.4	-1.0	-2.7	128.9	3.0	-4.9
Apparel commodities ^{2,4}	144.0	-1.0	-2.6	112.1	-1.1	-2.9	124.3	3.2	-5.4
Men's and boys' apparel ²	156.9	-2.7	-3.6	121.2	-1.1	-3.7	128.3	11.0	-4.1
Women's and girls' apparel ²	157.6	.2	-3.0	110.6	1.3	-1.9	116.8	.1	-9.0
Footwear ²	135.4	6.5	4.4	100.3	-4.7	-3.4	135.4	1.7	-.1
Transportation	139.0	-2.8	-1.4	144.9	1.0	-1.0	153.3	-1.6	-1.4
Private transportation	139.0	-2.7	-1.0	139.7	1.3	-1.5	145.5	-1.7	-1.1
Motor fuel	98.7	-7.8	-4.4	104.2	10.4	-6.7	98.6	-6.5	-4.2
Gasoline	98.4	-7.9	-4.7	101.8	11.0	-7.3	98.3	-6.6	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular	97.4	-8.5	-5.3	99.7	11.6	-7.6	97.7	-6.7	-4.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.1	-7.3	-4.0	99.3	10.5	-7.4	100.9	-6.2	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium	96.8	-6.7	-3.7	102.7	9.8	-6.6	99.2	-6.5	-4.6
Public transportation ²	170.9	-4.7	-7.0	212.5	-.6	2.4	188.3	-.9	-2.8
Medical care	232.7	5.5	1.4	232.7	1.0	.1	246.9	3.2	.3
Entertainment ⁸	161.0	.8	-.3	148.0	.1	.9	167.0	.7	-.5
Other goods and services ³	200.6	4.0	-1.4	244.3	3.2	-.3	234.8	5.0	-.2
Personal care ²	121.3	-1.5	-.2	158.3	-1.8	-1.6	167.2	.2	1.0
Commodity and service group									
All items	145.6	1.4	-1.2	161.2	1.8	.1	171.9	2.0	-.2
Commodities	136.7	-.4	-1.2	141.9	1.4	-.4	146.0	.3	-.9
Food and beverages	149.0	2.1	-.3	164.8	1.7	.4	163.9	1.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	129.3	-1.9	-1.7	127.2	1.0	-1.0	132.0	-.8	-2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.4	-1.0	-2.7	129.5	2.0	-2.5	133.1	.1	-3.0
Durables	127.3	-3.3	-.3	123.5	-.3	1.2	130.0	-2.3	.0
Services	155.3	3.1	-1.2	178.3	2.2	.4	194.7	3.1	.2
Medical care services	232.9	-	1.6	234.1	.8	.0	253.5	3.4	.3
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	146.2	.7	-1.4	159.2	1.6	.0	160.5	.9	-.6
All items less medical care	140.3	1.0	-1.4	157.3	1.9	.1	168.2	1.9	-.3
All items less energy	153.4	1.7	-.5	165.6	1.4	.2	178.8	2.3	-.3
All items less food and energy	154.4	1.6	-.6	166.5	1.4	.2	182.8	2.5	-.4
Energy ¹²	96.6	-3.0	-9.1	122.1	9.0	-2.9	110.0	-3.1	.4
Commodities less food	130.3	-1.6	-1.5	130.1	1.2	-1.0	133.8	-.5	-1.8
Nondurables less food	131.8	-.5	-2.2	134.0	2.1	-2.3	135.6	.4	-2.7
Nondurables	140.0	.6	-1.5	148.1	1.9	-.9	149.9	.9	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	167.4	2.8	-1.7	198.5	2.0	.5	194.0	1.9	.0
Services less medical care services	146.5	2.7	-1.6	173.6	2.3	.5	190.2	3.0	.2

See footnote 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 ¹								
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ¹³			Pittsburgh- Beaver Valley, PA ¹⁴			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹³		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996		Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	166.4	1.3	-0.8	157.1	1.1	-0.5	162.6	4.2	0.1
All items (1967=100)	480.6	-	-	479.2	-	-	499.9	-	-
Food and beverages	153.8	.1	.1	152.4	.9	-.4	163.1	3.8	.7
Food	152.8	.0	.2	151.3	.5	-.4	163.8	3.8	.8
Food at home	160.7	-.6	.2	149.6	-1.0	-.7	169.3	4.5	1.0
Cereals and bakery products ²	190.8	.6	1.3	155.5	-4.8	-4.9	181.7	3.0	-1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	146.1	-.5	-.1	136.7	-4.8	-.7	155.3	1.6	1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	146.6	.0	-.4	137.6	-4.6	-1.6	148.8	1.6	-.4
Dairy products ²	138.8	-1.8	4.2	147.7	-.7	1.0	157.2	4.3	1.1
Fruits and vegetables ^{2,5}	182.8	-6.7	2.0	160.5	1.5	5.9	204.7	10.5	1.7
Other food at home ²	159.2	4.1	-2.7	156.7	4.3	-3.6	157.7	3.1	1.0
Food away from home	139.2	1.2	-.1	155.3	3.9	.2	157.6	2.9	.8
Alcoholic beverages	167.5	2.1	.2	166.1	4.5	-.2	157.5	3.3	-.8
Housing ³	166.6	2.3	-1.2	156.2	2.0	.2	169.7	6.2	.4
Shelter	195.7	3.3	-2.0	173.3	3.6	.5	187.3	7.1	.5
Renters' costs ^{4,2,5}	213.6	3.4	-6.9	169.3	4.0	-.1	211.1	6.5	-.6
Rent, residential	177.5	2.4	.3	153.9	3.3	.7	192.6	8.0	1.4
Other renters' costs ^{4,2,5}	276.5	5.0	-15.2	194.7	5.2	-1.5	200.9	1.4	-7.5
Homeowners' costs ^{4,2,5}	200.6	3.2	.4	173.7	3.3	.6	203.2	7.3	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	201.7	3.3	.3	174.2	3.4	.7	203.6	7.5	1.0
Fuel and other utilities ³	130.0	-.6	.1	143.3	-.1	.3	151.3	4.1	-.1
Fuels	119.0	-2.3	.1	136.3	-.5	-.4	152.9	6.3	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	97.2	-16.9	1.4	111.3	-5.4	.3	153.7	1.0	1.0
Fuel oil ²	91.2	-16.9	1.3	78.6	-16.9	.9	108.3	.4	1.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{2,6}	NA	-	-	150.1	3.3	.0	176.4	1.0	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	135.9	.2	-.1	138.5	-.4	-.4	153.1	6.4	-.8
Electricity	148.1	.0	.0	137.7	.0	.0	175.0	.0	-.5
Utility (piped) gas	120.1	.7	-.5	139.1	-.6	-.7	130.1	20.7	-1.4
Household furnishings and operation ³	121.0	.6	1.7	124.6	-1.3	-.7	120.1	2.8	.6
Apparel and upkeep	102.7	-1.0	-5.0	136.9	-.4	-5.8	109.0	.2	-6.0
Apparel commodities ^{2,4}	97.3	-1.1	-5.6	133.9	-.4	-6.2	102.6	-.4	-7.0
Men's and boys' apparel ²	120.3	7.3	-.6	112.0	-1.0	-6.6	109.6	-5.8	-2.5
Women's and girls' apparel ²	69.1	-7.6	-11.3	150.7	3.1	-6.3	81.7	2.5	-4.9
Footwear ²	107.4	-8.7	-9.7	119.2	.8	-1.7	143.1	5.6	-2.1
Transportation	152.9	-.9	-.6	132.2	-1.0	-1.7	132.6	1.0	-.7
Private transportation	150.5	-.9	-.5	132.2	-.1	-1.2	126.9	1.8	-.5
Motor fuel	103.2	-6.9	-4.9	100.8	-8.0	-5.9	109.6	10.5	-4.0
Gasoline	101.7	-6.6	-5.1	101.0	-7.9	-6.3	108.3	11.5	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	100.7	-7.8	-6.2	98.1	-9.2	-6.9	105.7	12.2	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	99.9	-7.5	-5.3	110.2	-6.6	-6.1	103.4	10.4	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	96.8	-6.7	-4.7	102.7	-5.7	-4.8	109.5	10.6	-3.4
Public transportation ²	178.4	-1.8	-1.3	115.8	-19.1	-13.1	180.8	-2.3	-1.4
Medical care	249.3	1.8	.2	229.5	1.2	.7	225.9	3.7	1.2
Entertainment ⁸	184.1	.7	-.2	168.2	1.4	1.0	163.3	-3.2	-.4
Other goods and services ³	245.5	4.5	.1	216.9	2.7	.6	247.8	6.9	.6
Personal care ²	198.5	6.4	1.4	124.2	-3.4	1.0	163.9	4.0	-1.5
Commodity and service group									
All items	166.4	1.3	-.8	157.1	1.1	-.5	162.6	4.2	.1
Commodities	135.5	-1.1	-.7	141.8	-.1	-1.3	140.7	2.9	-.4
Food and beverages	153.8	.1	.1	152.4	.9	-.4	163.1	3.8	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	124.0	-1.9	-1.4	134.7	-.7	-1.9	125.3	2.1	-1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	123.6	-2.2	-2.4	137.2	-.8	-3.0	127.3	3.7	-3.0
Durables	126.0	-1.5	.2	130.4	-.5	-.1	121.8	-.3	1.5
Services	198.6	2.8	-.8	174.3	2.2	.2	180.9	5.0	.3
Medical care services	256.7	2.2	.0	226.8	.8	.1	223.8	2.5	1.0
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	157.9	.4	-.3	152.8	.3	-.8	154.3	2.7	-.2
All items less medical care	162.3	1.2	-.9	152.9	1.1	-.6	159.7	4.2	.0
All items less energy	173.7	1.7	-.7	162.0	1.6	-.4	167.1	4.0	.2
All items less food and energy	179.3	2.0	-.9	165.0	1.8	-.4	168.0	4.0	.1
Energy	112.4	-4.0	-1.7	120.8	-3.8	-2.8	125.9	8.3	-2.4
Commodities less food	125.8	-1.6	-1.2	136.1	-.4	-1.8	127.3	2.2	-1.2
Nondurables less food	126.4	-1.9	-2.2	139.0	-.4	-2.8	129.8	3.7	-2.8
Nondurables	139.1	-.9	-1.0	145.2	.1	-1.6	146.2	3.8	-.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	206.9	2.3	.2	180.4	1.1	-.1	181.9	2.3	.1
Services less medical care services	194.0	2.9	-.9	169.3	2.4	.2	178.1	5.2	.3

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

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

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

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

⁹ Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 93.9

¹⁰ Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 93.6

¹¹ Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 92.6

¹² Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 97.8

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

^{NA} Data not adequate for publication.

Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule ¹	Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 1997 from—			Percent change to Nov. 1997 from—		
		Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Nov. 1996	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.3	158.5	158.5	158.2	1.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	0.1	0.0
Region and area size ²											
Northeast urban	M	165.6	165.8	165.7	165.5	1.4	-2	-1	1.7	.1	-1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	165.4	165.5	165.5	165.2	1.6	-2	-2	1.8	.1	.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	163.4	163.5	163.2	163.3	.8	-1	.1	1.6	-1	-2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ³	M	168.6	168.9	168.9	168.7	1.4	-1	-1	1.7	.2	.0
North Central urban	M	153.9	154.0	154.0	153.7	1.2	-2	-2	1.5	.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.9	153.9	153.8	153.6	1.4	-2	-1	1.7	-1	-1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	152.3	152.7	153.0	151.9	.8	-5	-7	1.5	.5	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ³	M	156.9	156.9	156.5	156.8	1.1	-1	.2	1.3	-3	-3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.5	151.1	151.6	151.0	.5	-1	-4	1.0	.1	.3
South urban	M	155.9	156.1	156.2	155.6	1.2	-3	-4	1.6	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	154.5	154.7	154.5	154.2	1.2	-3	-2	1.6	.0	-1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ³	M	156.6	156.8	157.1	156.8	1.5	.0	-2	1.7	.3	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ³	M	156.4	156.9	157.1	155.6	.7	-8	-1.0	1.6	.4	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.7	157.3	157.5	157.5	1.6	.1	.0	1.5	-1	.1
West urban	M	158.6	159.3	159.2	159.2	2.4	-1	.0	2.1	.4	-1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	157.2	157.9	157.7	157.9	2.7	.0	.1	2.2	.3	-1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ³	M	164.1	164.9	165.6	164.9	2.6	.0	-4	3.0	.9	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	144.4	144.7	144.6	144.4	1.8	-2	-1	1.8	.1	-1
B ³	M	158.0	158.3	158.4	158.0	1.2	-2	-3	1.5	.3	.1
C ³	M	160.0	160.4	160.5	159.8	1.2	-4	-4	1.8	.3	.1
D	M	156.6	156.7	156.9	156.7	1.2	.0	-1	1.2	.2	.1
Selected local areas ⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	156.4	156.9	157.2	157.3	1.7	.3	.1	1.8	.5	.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	154.7	155.4	154.9	155.3	1.7	-1	.3	1.3	.1	-3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	167.7	168.1	168.0	167.7	1.8	-2	-2	2.0	.2	-1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁶	M	167.9	166.8	165.9	165.7	1.3	-7	-1	1.2	-1.2	-5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁶	M	158.6	159.5	159.5	159.4	4.1	-1	-1	3.4	.6	.0
Baltimore, MD ⁷	1	155.6	-	154.6	-	-	-	-	.7	-6	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	166.2	-	167.8	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.0	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	149.2	-	149.1	-	-	-	-	2.0	-1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	156.1	-	157.0	-	-	-	-	1.6	.6	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1	154.0	-	151.9	-	-	-	-	.9	-1.4	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁷	1	161.1	-	159.1	-	-	-	-	.3	-1.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	152.8	-	152.7	1.7	-1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	152.4	-	151.7	1.5	-5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	146.3	-	144.5	1.0	-1.2	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	2	-	151.3	-	150.6	1.2	-5	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
All items	165.5	1.4	-0.1	153.7	1.2	-0.2	155.6	1.2	-0.4	159.2	2.4	0.0
All items (December 1977= 100)	258.5	-	-	248.5	-	-	252.0	-	-	256.1	-	-
Food and beverages	160.4	.7	-3	155.8	1.2	.3	156.8	1.8	.3	161.3	2.5	.2
Food	160.0	.7	-3	155.1	1.1	.3	156.9	1.7	.2	160.7	2.4	.2
Food at home	160.3	-2	-5	154.4	.3	.4	155.3	1.2	.0	164.2	2.2	.2
Cereals and bakery products ²	183.5	1.1	-2	177.6	1.8	.7	173.3	1.9	.1	177.6	1.4	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	150.2	-1.9	-1.4	145.8	-1.4	-5	144.7	-1.6	-3	152.5	.7	-3
Dairy products ²	138.9	-1.6	.9	145.1	-2.6	.1	149.4	1.2	.6	159.4	.5	.4
Fruits and vegetables ²	187.9	-7	.1	181.9	.5	2.0	188.5	4.4	.7	204.2	4.9	.7
Other food at home ²	154.7	2.9	-4	142.5	2.4	.6	144.0	2.3	-4	148.9	3.2	.4
Sugar and sweets ²	154.7	1.0	.1	144.4	1.5	-2	145.3	3.3	.5	149.1	3.0	1.0
Fats and oils ²	145.2	-1.7	-1.9	135.3	.4	.8	137.9	-1	-4	142.9	.3	1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages ²	142.2	4.6	-1.7	126.2	2.5	.6	126.7	4.2	-1.8	133.4	5.9	-1.9
Other prepared food ²	170.1	3.2	1.0	158.0	3.2	.6	162.0	1.4	.4	163.1	2.2	1.5
Food away from home	161.7	2.3	.1	156.8	2.8	.3	161.1	2.5	.5	155.6	2.7	.1
Alcoholic beverages	166.2	1.3	-1	163.7	1.4	-1	154.7	2.2	.7	167.4	3.1	.3
Housing ³	166.2	2.0	.4	148.5	2.4	.0	147.1	1.6	-7	158.2	3.3	.3
Shelter	194.4	3.3	.5	166.6	3.2	-1	160.6	2.9	.1	171.5	3.4	.2
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	178.1	3.9	.9	159.9	3.3	-4	151.4	2.9	-1	161.7	4.3	.2
Rent, residential	181.2	3.1	.3	166.2	3.1	.1	156.5	2.6	.1	170.0	3.6	.3
Other renters' costs ²	250.9	6.7	2.7	187.3	3.7	-1.9	202.6	5.0	-1.3	224.4	8.2	.1
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	182.3	3.1	.3	167.2	3.2	.1	153.4	2.9	.2	167.9	2.9	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ⁴	183.1	3.0	.3	167.6	3.2	.1	153.3	2.9	.2	167.8	2.9	.2
Maintenance and repairs ²	135.2	-1	.8	139.6	.4	.1	152.9	6.8	.7	145.1	2.3	-1
Maintenance and repair services ²	147.1	-	1.0	153.9	-2	.0	162.8	11.4	.1	147.2	1.1	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ²	117.4	.0	.5	123.1	1.1	.2	139.6	.3	1.5	139.1	3.3	-1
Fuel and other utilities ³	125.6	-7	.2	127.0	.8	-2	132.8	-6	-2.9	140.8	4.2	.1
Fuels ⁵	116.2	-2.0	.3	111.0	-1.2	-4	113.5	-3.6	-5.1	130.8	5.3	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	94.4	-11.6	.7	92.5	-19.3	-1	105.5	-10.9	.7	111.8	-2.8	.4
Fuel oil ²	94.1	-12.2	.9	88.3	-13.7	-6	93.0	-9.4	.3	122.5	-2.2	-8
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 6}	120.3	-9.1	.3	125.6	-23.6	.2	137.9	-11.7	.8	127.4	-3.0	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ⁷	131.9	.5	.2	116.5	-1	-4	115.9	-3.0	-5.5	133.4	5.5	.1
Electricity ⁸	136.9	.1	.6	122.7	.3	.3	114.6	-4.2	-6.4	145.8	.3	.0
Utility (piped) gas	125.1	1.2	-5	111.4	-5	-1.3	123.0	1.7	-2.1	121.3	18.8	.3
Other utilities and public services ²	162.0	1.3	-1	163.7	3.2	.1	167.6	2.3	.0	160.1	3.2	.0
Household furnishings and operation ³	122.6	-1.0	.1	122.6	1.0	.1	123.8	-1.0	-1.0	126.0	1.3	.9
Housefurnishings ²	103.0	-2.5	-1	106.9	-8	-1	110.4	-2.9	-1.3	113.0	1.3	1.2
Housekeeping supplies ²	150.2	-9	-3	147.4	3.6	.5	136.8	1.7	-9	143.3	1.6	.9
Housekeeping services ²	162.5	2.9	.6	151.1	3.7	.0	162.7	2.5	-2	150.9	.9	.0
Apparel and upkeep	127.4	1.9	-2.7	127.9	-2	-3.1	142.9	1.4	-1.5	120.2	-1	-2.8
Apparel commodities ²	123.4	2.1	-2.9	125.6	-5	-3.4	138.8	1.4	-1.7	115.7	-2	-3.3
Men's and boys' apparel ²	134.9	7.1	-3	129.1	1.9	-1.6	138.4	2.6	-1.6	118.8	-2.5	-2.7
Women's and girls' apparel ²	111.5	.5	-6.3	119.8	-3.2	-6.0	139.6	.3	-2.0	112.4	3.2	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	131.1	.6	1.2	128.5	2.5	.7	128.4	-3.3	-2.5	114.1	-5.5	-9
Footwear ²	130.1	.3	-9	133.6	2.9	.4	132.3	3.8	-1.3	115.5	-2.0	-2.6
Other apparel commodities ²	151.0	-2.3	.1	133.3	-2.6	-5.9	152.2	1.2	-1.1	119.3	-1.5	-7.4
Apparel services ²	167.1	.7	-1	152.7	2.4	.3	173.9	1.6	.1	158.1	1.3	.5
Transportation	146.5	-1.4	-5	140.0	-2.8	-5	140.7	-2.3	-5	143.8	.7	-3
Private transportation	142.7	-1.5	-5	137.7	-2.8	-5	139.9	-2.2	-4	141.3	.8	-4
New vehicles	144.9	-7	-2	144.1	-5	.4	146.7	-1.2	.1	145.7	-.8	.1
New cars	141.5	-7	-3	137.8	-1.1	.4	145.0	-1.5	.1	139.4	-1.5	.1
Used cars	151.9	-4.2	.2	149.9	-4.9	.2	150.1	-4.6	.2	146.7	-4.7	.3
Motor fuel	101.5	-7.0	-2.2	99.4	-12.7	-3.1	99.6	-8.0	-2.1	108.0	5.9	-2.8
Gasoline	101.0	-7.0	-2.4	99.0	-12.9	-3.2	99.1	-7.9	-2.2	107.1	6.5	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	99.7	-7.6	-2.5	97.2	-13.5	-3.6	96.0	-8.6	-2.4	104.2	7.1	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁹	104.5	-6.8	-2.4	109.5	-12.5	-2.9	105.8	-7.3	-1.9	104.4	6.3	-2.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	101.2	-6.4	-2.0	102.3	-11.8	-3.1	102.6	-7.0	-1.8	108.6	6.8	-2.6
Maintenance and repairs	175.1	2.6	.3	156.8	3.4	.4	164.6	2.6	.3	167.7	1.9	.5
Other private transportation ²	178.5	1.0	-1	170.0	3.0	.0	181.1	1.1	-2	169.9	1.1	.3
Other private transportation commodities	105.8	-.8	.0	104.9	.4	.1	101.2	-1.6	-.3	102.5	-1	.6
Other private transportation services ¹⁰	193.0	1.2	-1	185.2	3.5	.0	204.8	1.5	-2	188.8	1.3	.3
Public transportation ²	185.0	-1.2	-4	191.0	-3.9	-7	161.5	-3.9	-2.4	188.1	-1.3	-1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
Medical care	245.0	2.4	0.2	230.0	2.6	0.4	236.6	3.1	0.5	235.5	2.9	0.0
Medical care commodities	217.2	1.7	.8	211.8	2.8	.3	211.7	2.4	.8	219.6	1.8	-.3
Medical care services	251.0	2.6	.1	234.1	2.6	.4	242.4	3.2	.5	239.3	3.1	.1
Professional medical services	228.6	2.7	.1	214.1	3.2	.3	223.5	3.6	.2	207.7	2.8	.0
Entertainment ¹⁰	169.1	1.3	-.1	160.3	1.3	.1	157.2	1.6	.2	154.8	.9	.2
Entertainment commodities ²	146.4	-.7	-.7	144.9	-.2	-.3	141.5	.2	.4	137.6	.4	.2
Entertainment services ²	199.5	3.0	.5	180.8	2.9	.3	183.2	3.0	-.1	179.0	1.5	.2
Other goods and services ³	237.8	5.0	.1	221.9	5.8	.1	218.9	5.9	.0	230.8	5.1	.4
Tobacco and smoking products ²	242.0	6.1	-.5	262.0	7.7	.4	235.0	7.7	-.6	275.5	7.4	1.9
Personal care ²	164.7	2.0	-.1	149.3	3.2	-.3	147.6	2.7	.3	155.4	1.2	-1.0
Personal and educational expenses ²	275.5	5.2	.4	245.6	5.3	.0	259.2	5.7	.1	268.8	5.1	.1
Commodity and service group												
All items	165.5	1.4	-.1	153.7	1.2	-.2	155.6	1.2	-.4	159.2	2.4	.0
Commodities	143.0	-.2	-.7	139.4	-.6	-.4	141.8	-.1	-.4	142.3	1.6	-.2
Food and beverages	160.4	.7	-.3	155.8	1.2	.3	156.8	1.8	.3	161.3	2.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	130.8	-1.1	-1.0	130.1	-1.8	-.9	133.2	-1.3	-.7	130.7	1.1	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.0	-.5	-1.4	133.3	-2.1	-1.7	135.7	-.5	-1.2	132.0	2.6	-1.6
Apparel commodities ²	123.4	2.1	-2.9	125.6	-.5	-3.4	138.8	1.4	-1.7	115.7	-.2	-3.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.4	-1.7	-.7	139.4	-2.7	-1.0	137.2	-1.4	-.9	142.9	3.8	-.9
Durables	127.9	-1.8	-.2	124.6	-1.4	.2	128.9	-2.3	-.2	128.9	-.8	.6
Services	192.2	2.7	.4	171.4	2.9	.0	172.6	2.4	-.4	177.6	3.1	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	181.6	3.3	.5	165.6	3.2	.0	152.8	2.9	.1	165.3	3.4	.2
Household services less rent of shelter ⁴	135.8	1.2	.1	128.8	1.7	-.2	133.8	.4	-2.5	139.8	3.6	.1
Transportation services	187.1	1.0	-.1	179.1	2.3	.0	188.1	1.1	-.4	183.3	1.0	.3
Medical care services	251.0	2.6	.1	234.1	2.6	.4	242.4	3.2	.5	239.3	3.1	.1
Other services	228.6	4.1	.4	196.7	4.2	.2	208.3	4.5	.1	205.0	3.4	.1
Special indexes												
All items less food	166.7	1.6	-.1	153.3	1.2	-.3	155.2	1.1	-.4	158.9	2.5	-.1
All items less shelter	157.1	.7	-.3	150.7	.5	-.3	154.5	.7	-.5	155.5	2.0	-.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	152.0	1.1	-.2	145.2	.8	-.2	146.8	.9	-.5	149.1	2.3	-.1
All items less medical care	162.3	1.4	-.1	150.2	1.1	-.3	151.0	1.1	-.5	155.7	2.4	-.1
Commodities less food	132.4	-.8	-.9	131.4	-1.6	-.8	133.9	-1.1	-.7	132.5	1.2	-.5
Nondurables less food	133.2	-.4	-1.3	135.2	-1.7	-1.5	136.5	-.3	-1.0	134.7	2.7	-1.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	140.2	-1.3	-.6	141.0	-2.2	-.9	137.9	-.9	-.6	144.4	3.7	-.7
Nondurables	146.4	.2	-.7	144.7	-.3	-.6	146.3	.7	-.4	147.4	2.6	-.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	174.3	2.2	.2	162.1	2.5	.1	169.2	2.1	-.8	171.8	2.7	.1
Services less medical care services	187.8	2.7	.4	166.1	2.9	.0	165.3	2.3	-.5	172.9	3.1	.2
Energy	109.2	-4.0	-.7	104.7	-7.1	-1.7	104.6	-5.9	-4.0	116.9	5.7	-1.5
All items less energy	173.5	1.9	-.1	161.0	2.0	-.1	162.9	1.9	.0	164.3	2.2	.1
All items less food and energy	177.4	2.2	.0	162.5	2.2	-.1	164.4	1.9	-.1	165.3	2.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.9	.5	-.8	140.2	.4	-.6	143.1	.1	-.5	139.7	.6	-.1
Energy commodities	99.7	-8.1	-1.6	99.3	-13.0	-3.0	100.3	-8.2	-1.9	109.1	5.7	-2.8
Services less energy services	198.5	2.9	.4	178.7	3.2	.1	179.5	2.9	.1	181.0	3.0	.2

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

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

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁵ Revised indexes for Southern Region: Nov. 1997=119.6

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Revised indexes for Southern Region: Nov. 1997=122.6

⁸ Revised indexes for Southern Region: Nov. 1997=122.4

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

¹⁰ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
All items	144.4	1.8	-0.1	158.0	1.2	-0.3	159.8	1.2	-0.4	156.7	1.2	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	144.4	-	-	255.1	-	-	256.0	-	-	253.2	-	-
Food and beverages	143.4	1.6	.1	157.9	1.0	-.1	157.5	1.5	.3	154.0	1.6	.1
Food	143.1	1.6	.1	158.0	1.0	.0	156.9	1.4	.3	153.5	1.6	.0
Food at home	146.5	1.0	.1	159.5	.1	-.3	154.6	.7	.3	151.1	1.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products ⁴	159.7	1.3	.1	176.2	1.1	.6	173.4	2.4	.4	180.6	1.7	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ⁴	137.1	-.9	-.8	150.5	-1.8	-.7	142.5	-1.8	-.2	138.9	-.9	-.8
Dairy products ⁴	142.7	-.7	.4	149.2	-1.6	.5	140.7	.1	.9	141.9	-.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables ⁴	175.9	3.3	1.4	194.2	.5	-.4	186.5	.9	.8	170.3	.6	-.2
Other food at home ⁴	134.6	2.4	-.1	148.2	2.7	-.4	148.9	2.6	.2	144.6	4.4	1.3
Sugar and sweets ⁴	137.2	2.5	.4	147.0	2.0	.1	144.7	1.6	.6	138.3	1.5	-.6
Fats and oils ⁴	131.1	-1.4	-.4	138.2	1.4	-.9	140.1	.2	.6	140.8	1.5	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages ⁴	123.0	3.9	-1.0	126.9	3.9	-1.9	136.2	4.1	-.7	124.3	6.7	-1.4
Other prepared food ⁴	144.9	2.1	.5	171.4	2.4	.6	163.9	2.4	.6	163.0	4.6	3.4
Food away from home	137.6	2.7	.2	156.5	2.3	.3	162.5	2.7	.4	159.0	2.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages	146.9	1.9	.2	157.7	1.4	-.3	165.2	3.3	.6	160.7	1.3	.2
Housing ⁵	140.2	2.6	.1	155.2	1.8	.1	156.7	1.7	-.8	152.2	1.8	-.1
Shelter	148.7	3.6	.3	172.3	2.4	.2	179.5	3.1	.2	173.9	2.4	-.2
Renters' costs ^{4 6}	146.1	4.1	.3	170.2	2.5	.5	156.5	3.4	-.3	155.1	2.6	-1.0
Rent, residential	140.7	3.5	.3	167.0	2.2	.0	163.0	2.7	.3	160.3	2.0	.1
Other renters' costs ⁴	179.7	7.0	.6	249.0	3.2	1.9	193.1	6.4	-2.7	195.1	5.1	-5.7
Homeowners' costs ^{4 6}	150.3	3.3	.2	167.5	2.3	.1	172.1	3.1	.3	165.7	2.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁶	150.6	3.3	.3	167.9	2.3	.0	172.7	3.0	.3	165.7	2.5	.2
Maintenance and repairs ⁴	128.7	3.0	.3	137.1	1.3	.9	157.5	2.0	.2	140.7	.9	.4
Maintenance and repair services ⁴	133.8	-	.0	149.7	3.2	1.9	175.6	4.9	.0	156.9	.9	.7
Maintenance and repair commodities ⁴	122.7	2.8	.8	127.3	-.4	.1	133.7	-2.8	.5	120.9	1.1	.0
Fuel and other utilities ⁵	130.2	1.2	-.4	136.2	1.1	.3	130.6	-2.0	-3.9	129.2	1.1	-.1
Fuels	128.2	.4	-.7	115.2	.0	.6	113.7	-5.8	-7.1	107.4	-1.4	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ⁴	138.9	-11.4	.1	96.3	-11.7	.9	95.2	-15.2	1.1	90.6	-11.6	1.0
Fuel oil ⁴	141.3	-11.4	.2	95.3	-9.6	.8	86.8	-15.4	1.4	89.0	-12.5	1.4
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 4}	131.8	-11.5	-.2	126.8	-14.3	1.0	128.8	-15.0	.8	123.7	-10.7	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	127.3	1.5	-.9	121.8	1.5	.6	121.4	-4.8	-7.9	115.7	-.2	-.3
Electricity ⁷	127.5	.2	.3	129.3	1.2	.5	122.7	-7.5	-10.6	120.2	.2	.4
Utility (piped) gas	127.0	3.8	-1.3	110.8	2.3	.6	125.3	2.5	-.6	111.8	-1.1	-2.3
Other utilities and public services ⁴	132.8	2.3	.1	180.1	2.3	-.1	164.7	2.7	.1	171.7	3.4	.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁵	116.0	-.4	.0	126.0	.6	-.2	123.1	.9	-.2	124.7	.3	-.1
Housefurnishings ⁴	103.6	-2.2	-.1	113.3	-.4	-.5	108.3	.0	.0	109.6	-1.0	-.1
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	136.4	1.6	.1	136.4	1.6	.4	142.6	1.7	-.4	137.0	1.9	.1
Housekeeping services ⁴	138.7	2.4	.1	161.8	2.3	-.1	159.5	3.0	.0	163.5	2.6	.0
Apparel and upkeep	119.1	1.3	-2.4	129.0	-1.5	-3.6	141.1	1.1	-2.5	136.5	2.0	-.4
Apparel commodities ⁴	117.3	1.2	-2.7	124.8	-1.7	-3.9	138.6	1.2	-2.7	133.4	2.0	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel ⁴	120.2	3.3	-2.1	134.7	1.3	.4	138.5	1.5	-1.7	128.5	2.6	-.5
Women's and girls' apparel ⁴	111.1	1.6	-3.6	122.2	-5.5	-8.2	135.7	-.7	-3.6	135.5	1.0	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ⁴	105.3	-1.5	-.9	127.2	.2	-.2	143.5	-3.0	-.2	119.6	.8	.0
Footwear ⁴	125.4	.2	-.6	118.9	1.4	-1.1	136.1	6.7	-2.9	136.3	3.1	1.6
Other apparel commodities ⁴	132.1	-2.7	-4.6	119.8	1.0	-1.8	161.4	1.6	-2.5	146.7	3.5	-.5
Apparel services ⁴	136.8	1.3	.2	169.4	2.0	-.1	170.2	1.4	.2	166.1	1.8	.1
Transportation	141.9	-1.3	-.4	141.8	-1.7	-.7	141.1	-1.7	-.2	140.5	-2.8	-.6
Private transportation	141.4	-1.3	-.5	139.9	-1.7	-.6	139.1	-1.8	-.2	138.3	-2.7	-.4
New vehicles	127.6	-.9	.2	144.8	-.3	-.1	145.2	-1.0	.3	146.9	-.9	-.1
New cars	124.6	-1.0	.2	137.4	-1.1	-.1	141.1	-1.7	.1	142.0	-1.7	.3
Used cars	141.5	-4.4	.2	149.6	-4.7	.1	149.1	-4.7	.2	142.7	-5.9	.3
Motor fuel	148.9	-5.6	-2.7	101.0	-6.7	-2.5	100.6	-8.5	-2.2	99.5	-8.3	-2.5
Gasoline	148.1	-5.5	-2.9	100.7	-6.6	-2.6	100.4	-8.5	-2.3	98.8	-8.2	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular	148.0	-6.2	-3.1	97.8	-7.3	-3.0	97.6	-9.2	-2.6	94.9	-8.9	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁸	103.8	-4.4	-2.7	106.6	-6.5	-2.0	109.8	-7.4	-2.2	109.4	-8.0	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	139.0	-5.6	-2.4	103.4	-6.1	-2.5	104.9	-6.3	-2.0	101.6	-6.7	-1.9
Maintenance and repairs	147.6	2.9	.4	168.2	1.8	.4	163.7	2.9	.2	153.1	3.0	.5
Other private transportation ⁴	148.6	1.5	-.1	173.0	.9	-.5	177.3	2.8	.5	171.7	.9	.2
Other private transportation commodities	107.3	.2	.0	98.7	-2.2	.1	103.9	-1.0	.6	120.5	-.9	-.2
Other private transportation services ⁹	158.3	1.7	-.1	192.2	1.3	-.5	198.5	3.4	.5	185.3	1.2	.3
Public transportation ⁴	146.9	-2.2	-.1	197.9	-1.8	-1.3	205.6	-1.7	-2.0	201.8	-7.0	-4.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A ²			Size class B ³			Size class C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
Medical care	187.0	2.6	0.3	236.8	3.8	0.4	241.0	2.7	0.4	229.3	2.5	0.4
Medical care commodities	173.0	2.0	.2	213.8	2.6	1.1	209.8	3.0	.7	213.3	1.5	.0
Medical care services	190.1	2.6	.3	241.8	4.0	.2	247.6	2.7	.3	233.2	2.7	.4
Professional medical services	173.1	2.8	.2	215.5	4.6	.1	227.9	2.6	.3	225.0	3.4	.2
Entertainment ⁹	143.1	.9	.4	156.6	2.1	-.5	163.9	1.3	-.1	148.6	2.2	.3
Entertainment commodities ⁴	131.4	-.4	.0	137.2	-1.0	-.7	147.7	.8	-.1	139.3	2.1	.2
Entertainment services ⁴	155.8	2.0	.5	186.9	5.5	-.3	190.3	1.8	-.2	163.2	2.3	.4
Other goods and services ⁵	183.6	5.7	.3	227.2	5.1	.0	223.9	5.2	-.2	224.3	5.1	.0
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	196.1	8.0	.8	256.9	6.6	-.3	255.3	6.6	-.7	239.2	5.7	-.3
Personal care ⁴	137.4	1.8	-.4	151.2	2.4	.3	155.4	4.9	-.3	138.8	1.2	-.3
Personal and educational expenses ⁴	196.3	5.7	.3	261.7	5.1	.0	252.2	4.3	.2	270.7	5.7	.2
Commodity and service group												
All items	144.4	1.8	-.1	158.0	1.2	-.3	159.8	1.2	-.4	156.7	1.2	-.1
Commodities	136.1	.3	-.4	140.5	-.4	-.7	143.0	.0	-.3	140.9	-.1	-.2
Food and beverages	143.4	1.6	.1	157.9	1.0	-.1	157.5	1.5	.3	154.0	1.6	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	131.1	-.7	-.8	130.6	-1.3	-.1	134.5	-1.0	-.7	133.1	-1.3	-.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.9	.1	-1.5	131.9	-1.3	-1.8	137.0	-.6	-1.4	134.3	-.7	-.7
Apparel commodities ⁴	117.3	1.2	-2.7	124.8	-1.7	-3.9	138.6	1.2	-2.7	133.4	2.0	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	151.6	-.4	-.9	137.9	-1.1	-.9	139.1	-1.3	-.9	136.1	-1.7	-.8
Durables	121.0	-1.8	.2	127.3	-1.2	-.1	129.6	-1.5	.2	129.2	-1.9	.0
Services	152.2	3.0	.2	179.0	2.5	.1	181.7	2.4	-.5	177.4	2.3	-.1
Rent of shelter ⁶	149.1	3.6	.3	168.7	2.4	.2	168.0	3.1	.2	162.6	2.5	-.1
Household services less rent of shelter ⁶	131.3	2.1	-.3	138.8	1.9	.1	132.3	-.5	-.3	133.5	1.8	-.1
Transportation services	153.5	1.2	.1	186.3	1.0	-.4	189.2	2.7	.1	179.6	.4	-.3
Medical care services	190.1	2.6	.3	241.8	4.0	.2	247.6	2.7	.3	233.2	2.7	.4
Other services	172.2	4.0	.3	211.9	4.8	.0	207.1	3.3	.0	207.3	4.4	.2
Special indexes												
All items less food	144.7	1.8	-.1	157.9	1.2	-.4	160.3	1.2	-.6	157.2	1.0	-.2
All items less shelter	142.8	1.1	-.3	154.4	.8	-.5	154.6	.7	-.6	152.6	.8	-.1
All items less homeowners' costs ^{4 6}	143.2	1.4	-.1	148.5	.9	-.3	147.7	.9	-.5	145.6	.9	-.2
All items less medical care	142.5	1.7	-.1	154.1	1.0	-.3	155.7	1.1	-.4	152.3	1.0	-.2
Commodities less food	132.0	-.5	-.8	131.5	-1.2	-1.1	135.6	-.7	-.7	134.1	-1.1	-.4
Nondurables less food	139.7	.3	-1.3	133.3	-1.1	-1.7	138.6	-.2	-1.2	135.6	-.6	-.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	150.9	-.1	-.7	138.8	-.8	-.8	140.6	-.8	-.7	137.5	-1.4	-.7
Nondurables	141.4	.9	-.6	145.0	-.1	-.9	147.2	.5	-.5	144.4	.5	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁶	155.5	2.4	.1	171.6	2.7	.0	169.3	1.7	-1.1	166.4	2.2	.0
Services less medical care services	149.3	3.0	.1	173.3	2.4	.1	175.4	2.3	-.6	171.0	2.3	-.1
Energy	137.5	-2.7	-1.7	106.9	-3.3	-.8	105.7	-7.2	-4.9	102.7	-4.8	-1.3
All items less energy	145.0	2.1	.1	165.1	1.5	-.2	167.8	2.0	.0	164.5	1.7	.0
All items less food and energy	145.5	2.2	.1	167.0	1.7	-.3	170.6	2.2	-.1	167.4	1.8	-.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	129.8	.4	-.5	140.0	-.1	-.9	145.7	.8	-.5	143.4	.2	-.1
Energy commodities	148.1	-6.0	-2.5	100.6	-7.2	-2.1	100.4	-9.2	-2.0	98.7	-8.6	-2.2
Services less energy services	154.2	3.1	.3	185.7	2.7	.1	189.2	3.0	.2	185.2	2.5	-.1

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

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

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

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

1998.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁷ Revised indexes for City size - A: Nov. 1997=127.1

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	165.2	1.6	-0.2	163.3	0.8	0.1	168.7	1.4	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	252.4	-	-	260.6	-	-	280.6	-	-
Food and beverages	159.9	1.1	-4	163.7	-3	-5	159.4	1.1	.3
Food	159.4	1.1	-4	163.6	-4	-5	158.8	1.1	.3
Food at home	159.8	.3	-7	165.8	-2.0	-9	155.7	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products ³	185.2	.3	-3	171.8	2.4	-2	186.1	3.4	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	148.1	-1.7	-1.9	161.7	-2.5	-1.2	150.0	-2.0	-1
Dairy products ³	140.0	-8	1.2	142.6	-3.1	-6	122.9	-3.0	1.1
Fruits and vegetables ³	188.1	.9	-3	191.5	-6.2	.1	183.8	.1	.2
Other food at home ³	153.5	3.6	-1	164.6	.4	-1.8	148.3	3.4	.0
Food away from home	160.5	2.5	.1	163.4	2.0	.0	166.4	2.5	.5
Alcoholic beverages	166.8	1.5	.1	167.2	.6	-4	165.8	1.5	.0
Housing ⁴	164.1	2.2	.3	164.1	1.2	.6	175.5	2.8	.2
Shelter	189.5	3.6	.4	190.8	2.0	1.1	216.1	3.9	.4
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	177.9	4.1	.5	191.0	3.4	3.6	164.5	3.9	.1
Rent, residential	183.1	3.5	.4	171.4	1.9	-2	177.1	3.2	.4
Other renters' costs ³	249.5	7.1	.8	271.4	5.4	8.8	198.5	8.9	-2.2
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	178.8	3.4	.4	181.1	1.4	-1	196.8	4.0	.5
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	179.5	3.3	.4	182.0	1.4	-1	197.3	3.8	.5
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	124.1	-5	.3	136.4	-7	-5	118.5	-1.7	.1
Fuels	119.0	-1.4	.4	120.5	-1.9	-2	98.5	-4.4	.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	99.9	-11.4	.3	92.6	-9.6	1.0	81.5	-13.9	1.4
Fuel oil ³	98.1	-11.9	.4	94.5	-9.0	1.3	82.5	-15.9	1.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	138.1	-8.3	-1	114.3	-11.4	.1	100.1	-6.9	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	132.2	.8	.4	141.4	.4	-6	116.4	-2	-1
Electricity	135.4	.4	.9	148.3	-3	.2	120.3	-5	-1
Utility (piped) gas	128.0	1.4	-3	130.0	1.6	-2.3	111.4	1.0	.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	123.0	-2.1	.0	118.7	-2	.3	121.3	3.0	-2
Apparel and upkeep	122.6	1.8	-3.4	130.8	5.2	.7	146.2	-2.5	-3.5
Apparel commodities ³	117.6	1.9	-3.8	128.0	5.7	.9	143.6	-2.8	-3.8
Men's and boys' apparel ³	123.7	7.1	-2.6	162.2	9.9	9.1	161.9	5.1	-1.9
Women's and girls' apparel ³	105.7	.7	-6.7	113.2	4.2	-5.0	131.3	-8.6	-6.9
Footwear ³	129.0	-2	-6	131.1	5.6	-9	139.3	-2.2	-4.5
Transportation	149.5	-1.5	-5	142.9	-8	-4	138.8	-2.3	-1.0
Private transportation	145.2	-1.5	-5	140.2	-1.3	-5	135.7	-1.8	-8
Motor fuel	100.6	-6.7	-2.2	103.3	-7.2	-1.9	100.5	-8.1	-2.8
Gasoline	100.1	-6.6	-2.3	103.3	-6.9	-2.1	99.9	-8.0	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.9	-7.1	-2.4	100.9	-7.4	-2.0	99.4	-8.5	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.3	-6.6	-2.3	109.5	-6.8	-2.6	107.6	-7.6	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium	99.9	-6.3	-2.1	104.6	-5.8	-1.4	103.7	-7.3	-2.1
Public transportation ³	178.4	-1.3	-2	201.9	4.4	.1	224.9	-8.6	-3.1
Medical care	248.3	2.8	.2	240.7	1.3	.2	232.6	1.7	.2
Entertainment ⁸	170.6	.7	-1	160.3	1.9	-5	174.3	3.1	.5
Other goods and services ⁴	236.8	5.7	.2	231.6	3.0	.1	241.3	4.3	-2
Personal care ³	169.5	1.7	.2	148.5	1.8	-5	155.5	4.4	-3
Commodity and service group									
All items	165.2	1.6	-2	163.3	.8	.1	168.7	1.4	-1
Commodities	142.6	-1	-8	142.5	-1	-3	144.6	-7	-6
Food and beverages	159.9	1.1	-4	163.7	-3	-5	159.4	1.1	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	129.9	-1.0	-1.2	129.0	-1	-1	134.8	-2.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.6	-5	-1.8	130.5	.0	-3	136.5	-2.2	-1.4
Durables	128.2	-2.2	-1	124.6	-2	.1	128.4	-1.9	-6
Services	190.1	2.9	.3	191.6	1.8	.4	200.6	3.2	.2
Medical care services	255.2	3.1	.0	245.2	.9	.2	237.5	1.6	.2
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	157.5	.8	-4	156.1	.5	-3	155.0	.5	-4
All items less medical care	161.8	1.6	-2	160.3	.8	.1	165.8	1.5	-2
All items less energy	172.5	2.1	-1	171.2	1.3	.2	179.1	2.1	-1
All items less food and energy	176.3	2.3	-1	173.4	1.7	.3	184.7	2.3	-2
Energy	110.8	-3.5	-6	112.5	-4.0	-9	98.0	-5.9	-9
Commodities less food	131.5	-9	-1.2	130.4	-1	-2	136.3	-1.9	-1.1
Nondurables less food	131.9	-3	-1.6	132.6	.2	-2	138.4	-1.7	-1.3
Nondurables	145.7	.3	-1.0	147.5	-1	-4	147.9	-3	-5
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	173.4	2.2	.2	175.7	1.7	-1	174.4	2.6	.0
Services less medical care services	185.4	2.9	.4	187.4	1.9	.5	197.6	3.4	.2

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
	Expenditure category											
All items	153.6	1.4	-0.1	151.9	0.8	-0.7	156.8	1.1	0.2	151.0	0.5	-0.4
All items (December 1977 = 100)	251.1	-	-	244.7	-	-	246.5	-	-	244.7	-	-
Food and beverages	158.3	1.4	.4	151.8	1.4	.0	154.7	.5	.5	149.3	1.3	.2
Food	157.7	1.3	.4	151.9	1.3	.1	153.5	.3	.4	148.3	1.2	.3
Food at home	158.2	.6	.6	152.0	.0	.0	151.4	-.7	.5	144.7	.3	.2
Cereals and bakery products ³	178.9	2.5	.2	184.1	.5	2.4	172.8	2.2	1.1	173.2	-.8	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	152.1	-1.0	-.2	136.7	-3.5	-3.0	138.5	-1.1	.0	137.4	-1.2	-.5
Dairy products ³	149.6	-2.3	.0	142.7	-6.1	-.6	139.9	-1.9	.8	138.2	-1.4	.8
Fruits and vegetables ³	190.2	2.4	2.6	169.4	2.5	.9	177.6	-6.4	.4	160.9	2.0	2.2
Other food at home ³	141.1	2.0	.6	148.4	4.6	1.2	147.4	2.4	.5	133.9	2.4	-.4
Food away from home	157.3	2.7	.2	152.0	3.8	.3	158.5	2.3	.4	155.5	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	164.4	.9	-.1	150.5	3.0	-1.0	168.9	1.6	.1	165.8	3.6	.1
Housing ⁴	146.9	2.7	-.2	148.1	2.3	.2	154.7	2.0	.4	145.8	1.5	-.3
Shelter	165.3	3.6	.1	169.1	2.7	-.2	172.7	2.9	.1	161.3	2.3	-.3
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	159.5	3.9	-.3	167.4	.5	-.9	163.6	3.5	.1	148.8	3.1	-.9
Rent, residential	169.5	3.5	.2	172.1	3.2	.2	161.3	2.3	.2	150.5	2.2	-.1
Other renters' costs ³	177.4	5.3	-1.6	205.8	-4.7	-3.3	207.2	6.6	-.3	180.6	9.0	-4.9
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	166.0	3.5	.1	171.2	3.5	.1	173.1	2.7	.2	160.0	1.8	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	166.1	3.5	.1	172.1	3.5	.1	174.1	2.7	.2	160.4	1.8	-.1
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	125.0	1.2	-.4	118.8	1.3	.8	133.8	-.4	-.1	133.8	.7	-.5
Fuels	111.3	-.7	-.8	102.6	-.7	1.3	120.1	-2.3	-.4	105.0	-1.3	-1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	93.0	-18.1	-.9	90.9	-20.6	.0	95.5	-23.5	.8	88.2	-9.9	-.2
Fuel oil ³	90.3	-11.7	-1.2	91.5	-12.6	-1.9	85.2	-15.5	.8	84.0	-16.2	-.5
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	119.7	-22.9	-.4	125.7	-24.7	1.2	132.9	-30.1	.8	131.4	-1.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	114.8	.1	-.8	108.4	.7	1.3	130.0	-.7	-.5	112.9	-.7	-1.1
Electricity	120.6	.2	.3	127.0	-.3	-.1	133.2	.0	.2	109.7	2.5	1.0
Utility (piped) gas	109.8	.0	-1.9	92.3	2.2	3.4	127.8	-1.6	-1.2	119.4	-4.2	-3.4
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	116.2	.5	-1.1	129.1	2.5	1.4	134.9	2.0	2.2	124.5	-.3	-.2
Apparel and upkeep	124.2	.7	-2.5	127.1	-.8	-.9	131.7	1.5	-.2	144.5	.7	.5
Apparel commodities ³	122.3	.6	-.2	123.6	-.9	-1.0	128.1	1.4	-.2	143.7	.6	.5
Men's and boys' apparel ³	127.3	2.8	-1.6	121.5	-.8	-.8	131.0	6.9	.7	144.4	.4	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel ³	112.2	.1	-4.3	131.4	-15.1	-16.4	126.7	-3.8	-5.2	137.2	-1.5	-.1
Footwear ³	130.5	1.2	-.2	111.5	5.9	1.6	130.5	6.3	-.5	174.5	5.1	3.6
Transportation	140.1	-3.0	-.6	140.4	-2.6	-1.3	141.2	-1.8	.4	136.1	-4.4	-1.2
Private transportation	138.1	-2.8	-.6	138.2	-2.6	-1.4	138.9	-2.1	.4	132.2	-4.0	-.8
Motor fuel	100.2	-13.2	-3.3	100.4	-12.2	-3.9	98.3	-11.9	-2.0	96.5	-11.7	-3.3
Gasoline	99.6	-13.5	-3.6	100.4	-12.5	-4.1	98.0	-12.1	-2.1	95.5	-12.0	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.4	-14.0	-3.7	97.1	-13.1	-4.6	96.3	-12.4	-2.1	92.6	-12.5	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	107.9	-13.3	-3.6	110.8	-11.1	-2.4	111.2	-11.8	-1.6	111.7	-11.8	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	101.5	-11.9	-3.0	105.9	-11.9	-4.2	98.9	-11.3	-2.5	98.6	-10.3	-3.2
Public transportation ³	172.4	-4.8	-.6	239.4	-2.9	.9	230.4	5.4	2.4	280.4	-11.5	-7.9
Medical care	228.3	2.2	.4	229.3	3.6	.3	244.2	2.8	.7	219.5	3.0	.1
Entertainment ⁸	163.4	1.7	.6	148.4	1.4	-.9	166.4	-.4	-.8	150.6	2.5	.3
Other goods and services ⁴	228.0	6.7	.5	214.8	3.5	-.4	216.6	6.0	-.4	209.6	3.5	-.7
Personal care ³	142.6	2.1	-.4	164.7	1.2	-1.0	165.7	7.0	.1	139.1	3.2	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	153.6	1.4	-.1	151.9	.8	-.7	156.8	1.1	.2	151.0	.5	-.4
Commodities	139.3	-.5	-.4	136.1	-1.6	-1.4	141.5	-.4	.0	140.1	-.6	-.3
Food and beverages	158.3	1.4	.4	151.8	1.4	.0	154.7	.5	.5	149.3	1.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	128.2	-1.8	-.9	127.9	-3.3	-2.3	134.3	-1.0	-.2	134.9	-2.0	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.6	-1.3	-1.3	127.4	-5.8	-4.3	134.9	-1.5	-1.3	137.5	-2.1	-.9
Durables	121.0	-2.3	-.2	127.7	.4	.6	131.1	-.3	1.4	127.1	-1.8	-.2
Services	170.8	3.1	.0	170.6	2.8	-.1	177.3	2.7	.3	165.4	1.7	-.4
Medical care services	232.5	2.2	.5	231.2	4.1	.0	251.1	2.5	.6	221.3	2.6	.0
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	150.9	.6	-.3	148.0	.1	-.9	152.9	.5	.1	149.0	.0	-.3
All items less medical care	150.3	1.3	-.2	148.3	.7	-.7	153.2	1.0	.1	147.3	.3	-.3
All items less energy	160.6	2.2	.0	160.4	1.5	-.6	164.4	2.0	.3	158.1	1.2	-.2
All items less food and energy	161.3	2.4	-.1	162.5	1.6	-.8	167.3	2.4	.2	160.6	1.3	-.2
Energy	105.5	-7.5	-2.0	100.0	-6.5	-1.2	107.9	-6.9	-1.1	100.8	-6.6	-2.1
Commodities less food	129.8	-1.6	-.8	128.7	-3.0	-2.2	135.5	-.9	-.2	135.9	-1.7	-.6
Nondurables less food	135.6	-1.2	-1.2	128.6	-5.2	-4.1	136.8	-1.3	-1.2	139.3	-1.7	-.9
Nondurables	146.3	.1	-.4	139.3	-2.2	-2.1	144.6	-.5	-.4	144.0	-.3	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	163.6	2.8	.1	160.4	2.8	-.1	163.4	2.4	.4	155.2	1.3	-.4
Services less medical care services	165.8	3.3	.0	165.4	2.7	-.1	171.5	2.6	.3	159.4	1.5	-.4

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B ²			Size class C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	154.2	1.2	-0.2	156.8	1.5	-0.2	155.6	0.7	-1.0	157.5	1.6	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	249.8	-	-	254.1	-	-	251.9	-	-	254.9	-	-
Food and beverages	157.1	1.9	.3	157.4	1.3	.3	158.3	2.2	.5	152.3	1.4	-4
Food	157.4	1.9	.2	157.7	1.3	.4	158.1	2.0	.4	152.5	1.5	-5
Food at home	155.5	.8	-2	157.7	1.2	.3	156.1	1.7	.4	149.3	1.4	-7
Cereals and bakery products ³	168.9	.7	-6	176.9	2.6	1.3	168.6	1.9	.1	185.4	2.9	-4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	145.7	-1.8	-2	147.2	-1.2	.0	141.8	-2.5	-4	142.1	-4	-1.2
Dairy products ³	154.4	.7	.3	151.1	.7	1.3	149.7	2.8	.9	136.3	.2	-5
Fruits and vegetables ³	189.1	4.7	1.1	200.6	2.2	.1	189.6	7.8	2.0	164.1	1.5	-1.6
Other food at home ³	141.5	1.5	-1.3	141.7	3.1	-1	152.9	2.3	.1	138.7	3.0	.1
Food away from home	161.9	3.4	.8	158.8	1.5	.4	163.5	2.7	.4	160.9	1.8	.0
Alcoholic beverages	154.0	2.0	.5	153.2	.7	-3	162.1	5.5	1.9	147.9	-1	1.0
Housing ⁴	143.7	1.6	-4	150.9	2.2	.0	144.5	.1	-2.4	153.1	2.5	.1
Shelter	157.5	2.9	.1	159.2	3.4	.2	159.5	2.4	.3	179.1	3.5	.1
Renters' costs ^{3,5}	148.2	2.8	.1	164.0	3.6	-1	143.1	2.7	-1	153.9	2.9	-8
Rent, residential	156.4	2.2	-1	160.2	3.3	.3	150.0	2.3	.3	161.4	3.7	.2
Other renters' costs ³	185.1	7.1	.9	263.7	4.7	-1.5	171.0	4.6	-2.5	184.4	-3	-5.4
Homeowners' costs ^{3,5}	151.9	2.8	.1	156.1	3.2	.3	148.7	2.3	.4	165.1	3.6	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	152.0	2.6	.1	156.3	3.3	.3	148.4	2.3	.4	164.2	3.8	.4
Fuel and other utilities ^{4,9}	120.1	.4	-7	148.5	1.5	.5	134.0	-4.8	-8.8	128.5	1.3	.1
Fuels ¹⁰	106.8	-5	-1.4	120.4	.7	.9	117.3	-11.7	-16.5	108.1	-1.6	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ³	97.1	-8.3	.1	109.2	-12.1	.8	129.0	-10.5	.9	93.0	-11.3	.2
Fuel oil ³	92.7	-9.0	.1	94.5	-10.2	.6	86.6	-6.6	.0	91.5	-8.8	.0
Other household fuel commodities ^{3,6}	131.4	-7.7	.1	139.9	-13.3	1.0	155.4	-10.7	1.0	116.1	-12.6	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ¹¹	110.2	-1	-1.4	120.9	2.2	.9	118.0	-11.7	-17.1	112.9	-5	.2
Electricity ¹²	107.3	-3	-1	120.5	2.7	1.1	116.0	-15.4	-20.7	114.9	-5	.3
Utility (piped) gas	115.7	.5	-4.5	128.3	-2	.3	136.8	5.9	-1	115.9	-7	-1.4
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	125.9	-2.2	-4	131.0	-6	-1.4	115.0	-4	-1.5	120.8	1.3	-2
Apparel and upkeep	148.9	2.2	-3	132.4	-1.9	-3.1	151.6	3.6	-1.9	130.1	.8	-1.7
Apparel commodities ³	144.2	2.2	-5	127.0	-2.5	-3.4	149.9	3.9	-2.2	124.9	.8	-1.9
Men's and boys' apparel ³	147.9	4.0	-1.5	133.8	.9	-1.5	135.1	1.1	-2.8	123.3	4.8	.4
Women's and girls' apparel ³	144.9	3.3	.3	124.1	-6.1	-6.3	151.7	3.0	.8	135.4	-1.8	-3.6
Footwear ³	137.0	1.3	.7	125.7	.0	-1.8	145.0	13.7	-3.6	101.3	.2	-2.3
Transportation	141.6	-2.1	-5	140.6	-2.4	-6	139.9	-2.6	-6	140.5	-2.0	.0
Private transportation	141.2	-2.2	-6	139.8	-2.2	-5	138.6	-2.5	-4	139.7	-2.0	.0
Motor fuel	101.9	-7.9	-2.2	100.1	-7.0	-2.0	99.1	-9.6	-2.4	93.3	-7.6	-1.3
Gasoline	101.1	-7.8	-2.2	99.6	-6.8	-2.1	99.4	-9.4	-2.5	92.2	-7.3	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.8	-8.4	-2.4	96.8	-7.5	-2.3	94.9	-10.1	-2.8	87.8	-8.0	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	103.3	-7.2	-2.1	105.2	-6.7	-1.8	108.1	-8.7	-2.2	109.7	-7.0	.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	103.1	-7.0	-1.9	101.9	-6.8	-1.9	105.0	-7.7	-1.9	99.3	-6.4	-1.5
Public transportation ³	145.5	-1.7	-1.5	170.3	-6.0	-2.9	189.3	-5.6	-4.4	164.2	-4.1	-1.0
Medical care	236.4	2.9	.5	235.4	4.7	.6	239.0	2.3	.5	234.9	2.4	.7
Entertainment ⁸	166.1	1.0	.5	155.6	2.6	-6	151.3	1.2	.4	152.6	1.5	.7
Other goods and services ⁴	208.1	4.9	-1	234.8	6.9	.0	217.8	5.3	-1	220.2	6.9	.3
Personal care ³	152.9	2.3	.3	154.0	3.4	1.2	143.6	4.1	-6	124.5	-3	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	154.2	1.2	-2	156.8	1.5	-2	155.6	.7	-1.0	157.5	1.6	.0
Commodities	142.2	.0	-1	141.2	-4	-5	143.6	.3	-3	138.5	-1	-3
Food and beverages	157.1	1.9	.3	157.4	1.3	.3	158.3	2.2	.5	152.3	1.4	-4
Commodities less food and beverages	133.5	-1.3	-4	132.3	-1.5	-1.0	135.0	-9	-9	130.5	-1.2	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	136.1	-4	-8	134.9	-1.0	-1.5	138.4	-1	-1.5	130.7	-8	-6
Durables	129.8	-2.6	.0	127.0	-2.4	-5	130.3	-2.0	.0	128.2	-1.8	.2
Services	168.6	2.4	-2	175.2	3.2	.1	171.1	1.2	-1.5	182.2	3.2	.3
Medical care services	240.9	2.9	.5	242.5	5.1	.5	245.7	2.3	.3	239.2	2.6	.8
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	153.6	.7	-3	156.8	.9	-3	154.6	.3	-1.3	152.5	1.1	-1
All items less medical care	150.1	1.1	-2	152.5	1.2	-3	150.6	.5	-1.1	151.8	1.5	-1
All items less energy	161.5	1.6	.0	163.3	1.9	-2	163.3	1.9	.0	166.1	2.2	.0
All items less food and energy	162.6	1.6	.0	164.7	2.0	-3	164.7	1.9	-1	169.7	2.4	.1
Energy ¹³	103.5	-4.5	-1.8	107.3	-3.2	-5	105.9	-10.7	-10.2	98.4	-4.5	-5
Commodities less food	134.3	-1.1	-4	132.9	-1.4	-1.0	135.8	-7	-8	130.9	-1.2	-3
Nondurables less food	137.0	-1	-7	135.7	-9	-1.4	139.5	.3	-1.3	131.2	-7	-5
Nondurables	146.6	.8	-3	146.3	.3	-5	148.4	1.2	-5	141.5	.4	-5
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	165.2	2.2	-4	174.1	3.1	.1	168.5	.4	-2.7	171.1	3.0	.4
Services less medical care services	162.1	2.3	-3	168.5	3.0	.1	162.6	1.0	-1.8	174.0	3.3	.2

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997		Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
All items	157.9	2.7	0.1	164.9	2.6	-0.4
All items (December 1977=100)	255.6	-	-	254.3	-	-
Food and beverages	162.1	2.4	.3	159.2	2.4	-.1
Food	161.5	2.4	.3	158.7	2.1	-.1
Food at home	165.6	2.4	.5	156.0	1.1	-.4
Cereals and bakery products ³	181.3	2.0	.9	170.6	2.7	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ³	154.1	1.3	-.4	143.6	-.3	-.5
Dairy products ³	162.7	.2	.2	147.2	1.1	.9
Fruits and vegetables ³	203.2	6.0	2.4	199.6	-.5	-1.2
Other food at home ³	149.0	2.3	.1	141.3	3.1	-.4
Food away from home	155.3	2.3	.0	163.5	3.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages	167.9	2.9	.3	166.6	4.6	.4
Housing ⁴	157.3	3.8	.6	166.7	3.5	-.4
Shelter	167.9	4.1	.5	189.0	4.0	-.2
Renters' costs ^{3 5}	163.8	4.9	.7	163.7	4.1	-1.2
Rent, residential	174.3	4.3	.5	171.0	3.5	.4
Other renters' costs ³	222.9	8.5	2.3	213.7	7.6	-8.6
Homeowners' costs ^{3 5}	165.8	3.5	.3	191.0	3.9	.3
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	165.5	3.5	.3	192.1	3.9	.3
Fuel and other utilities ⁴	145.5	4.5	.1	136.9	5.1	.1
Fuels	138.2	6.0	.1	118.0	6.3	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ^{3 14}	107.4	.1	-.7	289.6	-4.4	.8
Fuel oil ^{3 14}	104.5	-.5	-1.3	351.5	-.7	-1.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{3 6}	141.2	.4	-.4	127.5	-5.3	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	140.4	6.3	.2	116.6	6.7	.0
Electricity	153.9	.1	.0	125.5	2.7	.1
Utility (piped) gas	128.7	22.6	.5	108.8	14.2	-.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁴	128.4	1.6	1.5	121.5	-.4	-1.7
Apparel and upkeep	118.0	.2	-3.0	126.4	-2.8	-3.2
Apparel commodities ³	112.6	.0	-3.6	124.6	-3.2	-3.4
Men's and boys' apparel ³	117.7	-1.8	-2.9	133.6	-9.3	-3.0
Women's and girls' apparel ³	105.9	3.2	-2.3	121.7	5.1	-4.3
Footwear ³	119.0	-1.8	-2.6	117.2	-3.3	-4.2
Transportation	142.9	1.0	-.3	143.9	.9	-.3
Private transportation	140.3	1.2	-.4	142.4	.8	-.1
Motor fuel	107.6	7.8	-2.9	110.3	3.5	-1.7
Gasoline	106.6	8.3	-3.0	109.3	4.1	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular	103.7	8.9	-3.2	106.3	4.0	-1.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.6	8.0	-2.9	114.1	3.9	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	109.1	8.1	-2.7	110.4	4.3	-1.3
Public transportation ³	190.9	-1.2	1.0	178.7	2.6	-3.6
Medical care	231.6	2.4	.0	253.6	5.0	.0
Entertainment ⁸	152.4	.1	.3	172.6	3.2	-.5
Other goods and services ⁴	233.0	5.2	.5	235.2	4.7	.0
Personal care ³	161.0	1.0	-1.5	161.4	2.5	-.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,¹ by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1997
Commodity and service group						
All items	157.9	2.7	0.1	164.9	2.6	-0.4
Commodities	141.4	1.9	-.1	142.1	1.1	-.6
Food and beverages	162.1	2.4	.3	159.2	2.4	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	128.7	1.4	-.5	132.5	.2	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.6	2.9	-1.7	138.9	2.1	-1.5
Durables	127.9	-.4	1.0	124.8	-2.1	-.4
Services	175.1	3.4	.3	192.2	4.0	-.2
Medical care services	234.1	2.5	.1	261.9	5.1	.0
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	155.3	2.1	.0	157.8	2.1	-.4
All items less medical care	154.8	2.7	.1	160.2	2.4	-.4
All items less energy	162.7	2.4	.2	171.0	2.5	-.4
All items less food and energy	163.1	2.4	.2	173.9	2.5	-.4
Energy	117.6	7.0	-1.6	113.5	4.6	-1.0
Commodities less food	130.7	1.5	-.4	134.1	.5	-.9
Nondurables less food	132.7	2.9	-1.4	140.4	2.5	-1.2
Nondurables	146.6	2.6	-.5	149.5	2.3	-.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	170.9	2.5	.2	177.8	3.9	-.2
Services less medical care services	171.1	3.4	.4	185.2	3.9	-.2

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

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

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

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

⁹ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=120.9

¹⁰ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=108.3

¹¹ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=111.8

¹² Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=107.4

¹³ Revised indexes for South A Size: Nov. 1997=105.4

¹⁴ Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Indexes, December 1997						
U.S. city average	158.2	178.1	148.0	147.5	190.0	147.1
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	160.3	183.5	150.2	138.9	187.9	154.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000	159.8	185.2	148.1	140.0	188.1	153.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	165.8	171.8	161.7	142.6	191.5	164.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	155.7	186.1	150.0	122.9	183.8	148.3
North Central urban	154.4	177.6	145.8	145.1	181.9	142.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	158.2	178.9	152.1	149.6	190.2	141.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	152.0	184.1	136.7	142.7	169.4	148.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	151.4	172.8	138.5	139.9	177.6	147.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	144.7	173.2	137.4	138.2	160.9	133.9
South urban	155.3	173.3	144.7	149.4	188.5	144.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000	155.5	168.9	145.7	154.4	189.1	141.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	157.7	176.9	147.2	151.1	200.6	141.7
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	156.1	168.6	141.8	149.7	189.6	152.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	149.3	185.4	142.1	136.3	164.1	138.7
West urban	164.2	177.6	152.5	159.4	204.2	148.9
Size A - More than 1,200,000	165.6	181.3	154.1	162.7	203.2	149.0
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	156.0	170.6	143.6	147.2	199.6	141.3
Size classes						
A ⁵	146.5	159.7	137.1	142.7	175.9	134.6
B ⁴	159.5	176.2	150.5	149.2	194.2	148.2
C ⁴	154.6	173.4	142.5	140.7	186.5	148.9
D	151.1	180.6	138.9	141.9	170.3	144.6
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	161.5	191.8	141.2	157.5	194.3	152.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	155.1	174.9	145.7	146.3	194.3	137.0
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	170.1	185.0	170.7	163.3	208.6	142.4
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	153.6	175.5	150.3	144.6	189.1	129.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	149.7	159.2	142.5	156.6	163.6	141.9
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	150.9	169.9	142.1	137.3	190.8	136.2
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	154.3	167.0	144.5	143.7	180.3	150.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	170.2	178.8	163.0	170.9	208.1	149.8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	162.5	170.8	142.8	152.7	242.2	137.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	162.3	188.0	150.7	139.4	193.3	153.8
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	160.0	191.0	146.9	138.4	181.1	158.6
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	148.6	156.3	136.9	146.9	155.1	156.6
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	148.8	156.1	133.6	149.5	169.0	152.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	168.3	180.8	154.7	158.2	204.4	157.8
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	161.0	184.6	147.1	161.0	191.4	145.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products ¹	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	Dairy products ¹	Fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	Other food at home ¹
Percent change, November 1997 to December 1997						
U.S. city average	0.1	0.2	-0.7	0.5	0.8	0.1
Region and area size ³						
Northeast urban	-5	-2	-1.4	.9	.1	-4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-7	-3	-1.9	1.2	-3	-1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	-9	-2	-1.2	-6	.1	-1.8
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 ⁴	.3	.3	.1	1.1	.2	.0
North Central urban	.4	.7	-5	.1	2.0	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.6	.2	-2	.0	2.6	.6
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	.0	2.4	-3.0	-6	.9	1.2
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 ⁴	.5	1.1	.0	.8	.4	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.2	.2	-5	.8	2.2	-4
South urban	.0	.1	-3	.6	.7	-4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	-2	-6	-2	.3	1.1	-1.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 ⁴	.3	1.3	.0	1.3	.1	-1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 ⁴	.4	.1	-4	.9	2.0	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	-7	-4	-1.2	-5	-1.6	.1
West urban	.2	.2	-3	.4	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.5	.9	-4	.2	2.4	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 ⁴	-4	-1	-5	.9	-1.2	-4
Size classes						
A	.1	.1	-8	.4	1.4	-1
B ⁴	-3	.6	-7	.5	-4	-4
C ⁴	.3	.4	-2	.9	.8	.2
D	.1	-1	-8	.1	-2	1.3
Selected local areas						
Baltimore, MD ⁶	-6	-2	-5	1.3	-3.7	.5
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	.0	.9	.1	-5	-4	-2
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	1.3	.9	.6	.7	4.8	-1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	-8	-2.2	-2	-2.8	-1	.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	.5	.8	1.1	.8	-1.7	1.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	.0	-1.8	-1.4	-4	3.9	.3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-1.5	-3.4	-1.6	-1.0	2.2	-3.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	.4	-1	-2	.1	2.0	.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-5	-4	-1.2	1.0	.8	-2.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	-9	.0	-2.6	.7	-5	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ⁷	-1	-7	-1.3	4.1	-6	.3
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA ⁸	-1.2	-3.0	-7	.5	1.3	-3.0
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL ⁸	1.4	4.7	-4	1.1	-4	3.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA ⁷	1.2	2.9	-3	.4	2.9	1.0
Washington, DC-MD-VA ⁶	1.1	1.4	.7	1.2	4.6	-2.0

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

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

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

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

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

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

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

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Expenditure category						
All items	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Food and beverages	.1	.9	.3	-.5	-.1	.7
Food	.1	.9	.2	-.6	-.2	.8
Food at home	.1	1.3	.4	-.9	-.1	1.2
Cereals and bakery products ²	.2	.9	-.1	.0	-.7	2.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	-.7	.6	-.2	-2.6	-1.3	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	-.9	.2	-.4	-3.1	-1.7	-.5
Dairy products ²	.5	.7	.1	.7	4.1	.4
Fruits and vegetables ^{2 3}	.8	4.8	2.0	-.5	-.6	2.9
Other food at home ²	.1	-.1	.1	.2	.3	1.0
Food away from home	.3	.3	.0	.1	-.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages	.2	-.2	.7	.2	.2	.1
Housing ³	-.1	-.5	.7	.4	.4	.4
Shelter	.2	-.1	.5	.4	.4	.4
Renters' costs ^{2 4}	.2	-.2	.9	.3	.9	.3
Rent, residential	.2	.0	.2	.4	.1	.9
Other renters' costs ^{2 4}	.1	-1.8	4.8	-.6	2.3	-3.7
Homeowners' costs ^{2 4}	.2	.1	.2	.4	.1	.6
Owners' equivalent rent	.2	.1	.2	.5	.1	.5
Fuel and other utilities ³	-.9	-.2	.2	.9	-.2	-.1
Fuels	-1.8	-.5	.6	1.3	-.1	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	.6	.7	-2.1	.4	.0	.6
Fuel oil ²	.5	.0	-	.4	.0	-6.8
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 5}	.5	1.9	-2.1	-.2	-	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	-2.0	-.5	.6	1.7	-.1	-.2
Electricity	-2.5	1.1	.0	1.6	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas	-1.0	-2.0	1.9	1.6	-.3	-.5
Household furnishings and operation ³	-.1	-3.1	2.7	-.2	1.3	.1
Apparel and upkeep	-2.5	-1.2	-1.7	-3.7	-3.1	-8.0
Apparel commodities ^{2 4}	-2.8	-1.3	-2.0	-4.1	-3.5	-8.9
Men's and boys' apparel ²	-1.5	-.6	-1.9	-2.7	-1.3	-7.2
Women's and girls' apparel ²	-4.3	-4.9	-2.1	-7.5	-7.7	-4.0
Footwear ²	-.9	3.8	-1.5	-.1	-1.5	-3.9
Transportation	-.5	-.1	-.3	-.1	-.8	-.1
Private transportation	-.5	-.2	-.5	-.2	-1.0	-.2
Motor fuel	-2.6	-1.5	-3.5	-1.9	-3.0	-2.1
Gasoline	-2.7	-1.7	-3.9	-2.0	-3.1	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	-2.9	-1.6	-3.9	-2.0	-3.1	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	-2.5	-1.7	-4.1	-1.9	-2.9	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium	-2.3	-1.7	-3.4	-2.1	-2.6	-1.9
Public transportation ²	-.8	.8	2.5	.2	1.2	.2
Medical care	.3	.2	-.1	.2	.1	.4
Entertainment ⁷	.1	.4	.9	-.7	1.1	-.3
Other goods and services ³	.1	1.3	.8	-.1	.2	.8
Personal care ²	-.3	-1.5	-1.8	.0	.0	-2.0

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, November 1997 to December 1997 —Continued

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago- Gary- Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles- Anaheim- Riverside, CA	N.Y.- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE- MD ¹	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹
Commodity and service group						
All items	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Commodities	-4	.1	.2	-1.0	-.9	-.7
Food and beverages	.1	.9	.3	-.5	-.1	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	-.8	-.6	.2	-1.4	-1.5	-1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	-1.5	-.4	-1.1	-2.0	-1.9	-3.4
Durables	.2	-.9	1.6	.2	-.6	.6
Services	.1	.0	.4	.4	.4	.3
Medical care services	.3	.5	.0	.1	.0	.5
Special indexes						
All items less shelter	-.3	.1	.3	-.4	-.3	-.3
All items less medical care	-.3	.1	.3	-.2	-.1	-.1
All items less energy	-.1	.1	.4	-.2	-.1	.0
All items less food and energy	-.1	-.1	.5	-.1	.0	-.2
Energy	-2.2	-.9	-1.8	.1	-1.2	-1.2
Commodities less food	-.7	-.5	.2	-1.3	-1.4	-1.8
Nondurables less food	-1.2	-.4	-.8	-1.8	-1.8	-3.0
Nondurables	-.5	.3	-.3	-1.1	-.9	-.9
Services less rent of shelter	-.2	.1	.2	.3	.5	.3
Services less medical care services	-.1	.0	.4	.4	.4	.3

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

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

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

⁴ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹											
	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—	
	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	158.2	1.5	-0.2	157.3	1.7	0.3	152.7	1.7	-0.1	151.7	1.5	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	471.3	-	-	462.0	-	-	470.8	-	-	446.7	-	-
Food and beverages	158.5	1.5	.3	163.4	1.7	.9	158.5	2.3	1.0	151.9	.6	.3
Food	158.1	1.5	.3	162.7	2.1	1.0	157.2	2.2	1.4	151.2	.3	.2
Food at home	158.2	.8	.1	170.1	1.7	1.3	149.7	.9	1.1	150.9	-.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products ²	178.1	1.5	.1	185.0	4.8	.1	159.2	-1.4	-2.2	169.9	-.8	-1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	148.0	-1.2	-.3	170.7	1.2	.6	142.5	-3.1	1.7	142.1	-2.1	.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	147.8	-.7	-1.0	172.8	1.6	.0	142.0	-2.9	.4	142.3	-1.8	-.3
Dairy products ²	147.5	-.7	1.4	163.3	-1.1	3.2	156.6	1.9	1.1	137.3	.0	-.6
Fruits and vegetables ^{2,3}	190.0	2.2	1.2	208.6	3.0	5.1	163.6	.2	1.1	190.8	-1.6	4.1
Other food at home ²	147.1	2.7	-.9	142.4	.8	-1.4	141.9	8.0	2.4	136.2	3.7	-1.7
Food away from home	159.0	2.6	.5	149.0	2.8	.5	170.2	4.0	1.6	152.7	1.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages	163.1	2.0	.2	173.1	-1.3	-.4	175.4	3.2	-1.7	160.0	3.1	.6
Housing ³	154.4	2.3	.0	152.6	3.4	.5	139.6	3.2	-.7	143.7	2.9	-.2
Shelter	173.1	3.2	.2	175.5	5.0	.2	148.5	5.5	.3	160.6	3.4	-.2
Renters' costs ^{4,2,5}	163.1	3.7	-.3	169.9	4.3	-.5	138.3	4.6	-.1	153.9	3.7	-3.1
Rent, residential	168.8	3.1	.5	186.2	4.1	.3	146.4	4.5	.4	157.8	2.0	.5
Other renters' costs ^{2,4}	215.8	5.9	-3.9	169.0	4.9	-6.4	155.6	6.4	-5.2	169.7	8.6	-11.5
Homeowners' costs ^{4,2,5}	168.0	3.1	.5	177.6	5.3	.5	142.2	5.4	.6	170.3	3.3	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	168.3	3.0	.5	176.6	5.2	.5	142.9	4.9	.6	171.2	3.3	.8
Fuel and other utilities ³	129.7	.5	-.7	127.6	3.3	3.6	126.7	1.5	-4.7	128.1	3.0	.3
Fuels	115.2	-1.1	-1.4	115.7	1.8	6.7	119.7	1.2	-9.0	107.5	1.6	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	97.0	-12.3	2.1	95.6	-10.5	.7	110.1	-17.7	1.0	97.3	-12.7	4.1
Fuel oil ²	94.2	-11.9	2.2	92.1	-8.3	.0	NA	-	-	99.9	-12.7	6.3
Other household fuel commodities ^{2,6}	128.5	-13.1	1.9	130.3	-14.3	1.9	115.4	-17.6	1.1	116.0	-12.7	3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	122.4	.1	-1.8	119.5	2.0	6.8	118.7	1.4	-9.1	110.3	2.1	.0
Electricity	126.4	-1.3	-3.9	122.7	.0	3.4	114.6	.4	-16.8	130.5	1.5	-.8
Utility (piped) gas	118.3	3.0	2.8	116.5	3.9	10.2	130.4	3.2	9.0	96.4	2.9	.7
Household furnishings and operation ³	123.6	.1	-.2	108.6	-3.9	-2.1	125.8	-4.0	-.2	111.1	-.2	-.9
Apparel and upkeep	130.3	.8	-2.7	115.2	1.1	-1.0	134.0	.7	-1.2	133.4	4.5	-3.8
Apparel commodities ^{2,4}	126.6	.7	-3.0	114.3	1.0	-1.0	128.0	1.0	-1.3	132.8	4.6	-4.0
Men's and boys' apparel ²	130.7	2.5	-1.3	118.9	6.9	-1.1	103.9	-2.5	.5	127.3	1.9	-3.1
Women's and girls' apparel ²	121.5	-.2	-4.2	98.8	2.3	.0	129.8	-.1	-5.8	135.4	7.5	-4.3
Footwear ²	129.2	1.7	-2.0	139.7	-4.3	-3.1	155.8	3.6	3.9	141.9	6.5	-2.7
Transportation	142.4	-1.7	-.8	135.7	-3.4	-.7	144.9	-3.1	-1.2	148.0	-3.1	-1.5
Private transportation	140.1	-1.6	-.7	133.0	-3.7	-.7	145.9	-2.8	-1.0	146.6	-2.3	-1.2
Motor fuel	101.7	-6.6	-4.6	100.4	-11.9	-2.9	101.4	-5.7	-4.3	97.0	-15.1	-7.0
Gasoline	101.2	-6.6	-4.8	99.6	-12.2	-3.2	100.9	-5.5	-4.6	96.6	-15.4	-7.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular	98.9	-7.1	-5.2	97.7	-13.0	-3.3	97.6	-6.2	-5.0	96.2	-16.1	-7.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	105.9	-5.8	-4.6	106.0	-11.7	-3.3	103.0	-5.0	-4.5	110.2	-15.2	-7.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium	102.8	-5.9	-4.2	101.2	-10.8	-3.2	103.1	-4.1	-4.0	100.4	-12.9	-6.7
Public transportation ²	182.5	-2.4	-2.8	162.0	-1.0	-.8	123.0	-10.7	-4.7	179.8	-12.7	-6.2
Medical care	236.5	2.8	.6	241.8	2.2	.2	232.2	1.8	.3	214.4	2.2	.7
Entertainment ⁸	160.4	1.3	-.1	170.9	-.3	-.8	167.7	1.8	1.6	162.0	3.1	1.2
Other goods and services ³	226.9	5.4	.4	240.5	7.0	1.5	210.8	8.6	3.5	225.2	7.6	.4
Personal care ²	153.9	2.3	.4	158.9	2.8	-1.1	182.0	8.1	.0	133.1	-1.0	-.2
Commodity and service group												
All items	158.2	1.5	-.2	157.3	1.7	.3	152.7	1.7	-.1	151.7	1.5	-.5
Commodities	141.6	.1	-.5	140.1	-.6	-.1	142.2	-.1	.4	136.0	-.4	-.9
Food and beverages	158.5	1.5	.3	163.4	1.7	.9	158.5	2.3	1.0	151.9	.6	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	131.3	-.8	-1.1	125.6	-2.4	-.8	132.5	-1.5	-.1	127.1	-1.2	-1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.1	-.4	-1.9	133.2	-.7	-.5	130.3	-.1	-.6	133.4	-.9	-3.1
Durables	127.5	-1.6	.2	116.6	-4.7	-1.2	136.1	-3.1	.7	115.3	-1.7	.3
Services	178.2	2.8	.1	176.6	3.8	.6	164.7	3.4	-.5	171.3	3.3	-.1
Medical care services	241.6	2.9	.5	244.6	2.5	.3	242.3	1.0	.2	223.0	1.8	.9
Special indexes												
All items less shelter	154.2	.9	-.4	152.2	.5	.3	154.6	.5	-.2	150.6	.9	-.6
All items less medical care	154.5	1.4	-.3	153.2	1.7	.3	148.6	1.6	-.1	149.1	1.4	-.6
All items less energy	165.2	1.9	.0	164.4	2.4	.2	160.3	2.0	.5	158.6	2.3	-.2
All items less food and energy	167.1	2.1	.0	164.8	2.4	.0	161.1	2.0	.3	160.6	2.8	-.4
Energy	107.7	-3.8	-3.0	107.1	-5.2	1.8	109.2	-2.5	-6.7	102.9	-7.6	-3.6
Commodities less food	132.5	-.7	-1.0	127.8	-2.3	-.7	134.0	-1.3	-.1	128.5	-.9	-1.8
Nondurables less food	135.0	-.1	-1.7	136.1	-.8	-.4	132.8	.2	-.7	135.2	-.5	-2.7
Nondurables	146.2	.7	-.7	148.8	.6	.3	144.5	1.2	.3	142.8	-.1	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	168.8	2.3	-.1	166.3	2.8	1.0	169.9	2.3	-1.1	165.5	3.2	.1
Services less medical care services	172.7	2.7	.0	170.7	4.0	.6	158.1	3.6	-.6	167.4	3.5	-.1

See footnote 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 ¹								
	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—	
		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
All items	144.5	1.0	-1.2	155.3	1.7	-0.1	167.7	1.8	-0.2
All items (1967 = 100)	461.3	-	-	459.1	-	-	477.4	-	-
Food and beverages	149.4	2.1	-1	164.9	1.7	.4	162.7	1.2	.1
Food	148.9	1.8	-4	162.8	1.6	.4	162.3	1.2	.1
Food at home	154.3	-1	-1.7	170.2	1.5	.6	162.3	.5	-1
Cereals and bakery products ²	167.0	3.5	-2.2	178.8	2.2	.1	188.0	.6	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	144.5	-3.2	-7	163.0	1.9	.4	150.7	-1.5	-1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish	146.8	-2.6	-1.2	158.9	2.3	-1	151.0	-1.4	-1.8
Dairy products ²	143.7	-1.3	-1.6	170.9	-1.7	1.1	139.4	-5	2.3
Fruits and vegetables ^{2,3}	180.3	4.1	-3.5	208.1	2.1	2.1	193.3	1.9	1.2
Other food at home ²	150.3	-2	-1.4	149.8	2.0	-5	153.8	3.2	-1.5
Food away from home	140.3	5.4	1.9	151.6	1.7	.2	165.7	2.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages	152.2	4.5	3.3	182.6	2.8	.2	168.4	1.7	.3
Housing ³	125.7	2.0	-2.0	152.8	2.6	.7	167.6	2.3	.6
Shelter	139.0	3.1	-3	159.2	2.2	.3	195.4	3.8	.6
Renters' costs ^{4,2,5}	145.3	4.1	-4	153.5	3.2	.1	179.5	4.5	.2
Rent, residential	136.8	2.1	-3	161.4	2.0	.5	187.3	3.6	.6
Other renters' costs ^{2,4}	243.4	17.8	-1.6	222.3	9.5	-2.3	259.0	10.3	-2.6
Homeowners' costs ^{4,2,5}	138.8	2.2	-3	158.6	1.6	.4	185.9	3.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	138.8	2.1	-2	158.1	1.7	.4	186.8	3.4	.8
Fuel and other utilities ³	103.4	1.9	-8.2	157.3	5.7	.8	116.9	-6	1.7
Fuels ⁹	93.7	4.0	-14.8	156.3	7.9	1.5	116.1	-1.5	2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	NA	-	-	126.6	1.0	.7	103.2	-10.0	2.7
Fuel oil ²	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	102.4	-10.3	2.8
Other household fuel commodities ^{2,6}	119.2	-1.2	.1	126.7	1.0	.7	127.9	-7.0	1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ¹⁰	93.5	4.2	-15.2	156.8	8.0	1.5	126.3	1.1	2.6
Electricity ¹¹	92.6	2.1	-19.1	168.2	.7	.0	126.9	1.0	2.4
Utility (piped) gas	99.2	11.3	.0	151.6	25.4	4.5	125.2	1.3	2.7
Household furnishings and operation ³	113.4	-1.3	-1.2	126.0	1.6	2.4	125.3	-3.2	-8
Apparel and upkeep	142.1	-1.1	-2.9	117.0	-1.0	-3.0	124.5	3.2	-4.5
Apparel commodities ^{2,4}	140.9	-1.7	-3.2	111.5	-1.2	-3.3	120.3	3.4	-5.0
Men's and boys' apparel ²	168.0	-1.5	-3.6	120.6	-2.4	-4.7	122.4	9.0	-2.7
Women's and girls' apparel ²	150.2	.9	-2.4	110.1	2.2	-1.7	112.6	1.6	-8.7
Footwear ²	128.3	3.9	2.0	98.6	-6.2	-3.6	134.7	1.4	.0
Transportation	140.5	-3.0	-1.3	140.5	.8	-1.1	153.7	-1.9	-1.3
Private transportation	140.1	-2.9	-1.2	137.0	.8	-1.4	146.7	-2.1	-1.1
Motor fuel	98.7	-7.8	-4.4	104.1	10.4	-6.7	98.5	-6.5	-4.2
Gasoline	98.4	-7.9	-4.7	101.7	11.0	-7.3	98.2	-6.6	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular	97.4	-8.5	-5.3	99.7	11.8	-7.6	97.7	-6.6	-4.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	102.1	-7.3	-4.0	99.3	10.5	-7.4	100.9	-6.2	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium	96.8	-6.7	-3.7	102.7	10.0	-6.6	99.1	-6.5	-4.6
Public transportation ²	172.5	-4.0	-5.8	213.5	-3	2.3	187.1	-6	-1.7
Medical care	235.0	5.6	1.4	230.3	.9	.2	247.5	3.1	.4
Entertainment ⁸	165.3	.7	-3	148.0	.3	.8	164.3	-1	-8
Other goods and services ³	188.4	3.8	-2.2	230.5	3.0	-4	236.9	6.2	-2
Personal care ²	121.0	-1.5	-3	161.2	-2.2	-1.7	170.0	.5	1.1
Commodity and service group									
All items	144.5	1.0	-1.2	155.3	1.7	-1	167.7	1.8	-2
Commodities	137.9	-3	-1.1	140.4	1.2	-4	144.8	.1	-1.0
Food and beverages	149.4	2.1	-1	164.9	1.7	.4	162.7	1.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	131.0	-2.0	-1.9	125.6	.9	-1.1	130.9	-8	-2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.7	-1.3	-3.1	128.0	2.1	-2.7	130.8	.2	-2.8
Durables	124.8	-3.0	-2	124.0	-5	.9	128.0	-3.3	-2
Services	152.8	2.6	-1.2	171.1	2.1	.4	191.9	3.0	.4
Medical care services	236.4	-	1.7	233.2	.8	.0	254.3	3.2	.3
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	146.6	.5	-1.4	155.0	1.5	-1	158.3	.9	-6
All items less medical care	139.5	.7	-1.4	152.3	1.8	.0	164.4	1.7	-3
All items less energy	151.7	1.5	-5	159.6	1.3	.3	174.9	2.2	-2
All items less food and energy	152.4	1.3	-6	159.2	1.2	.2	178.6	2.4	-3
Energy ¹²	98.2	-3.6	-8.7	120.4	9.3	-3.3	108.8	-3.4	-1
Commodities less food	132.0	-1.6	-1.6	128.7	1.1	-9	132.5	-7	-1.9
Nondurables less food	135.7	-7	-2.4	133.0	2.2	-2.3	133.1	.4	-2.5
Nondurables	142.4	.5	-1.5	147.4	1.8	-9	148.1	.8	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	153.5	2.5	-1.9	173.2	2.0	.5	171.1	2.0	.1
Services less medical care services	143.5	2.2	-1.6	166.9	2.2	.4	187.5	3.0	.4

See footnote 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 ¹								
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ¹³			Pittsburgh- Beaver Valley, PA ¹⁴			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA ¹³		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997		Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
Expenditure category	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997
All items	165.7	1.3	-0.7	150.6	1.2	-0.5	159.4	4.1	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	481.2	-	-	448.0	-	-	485.3	-	-
Food and beverages	154.7	.1	.3	152.5	1.0	-.3	163.2	3.6	.6
Food	153.6	.0	.2	150.9	.6	-.3	164.2	3.7	.8
Food at home	160.0	-.4	.4	148.6	-.9	-.7	168.3	4.1	.8
Cereals and bakery products ²	191.0	.5	1.4	156.3	-4.3	-4.2	180.8	2.8	-1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ²	146.9	-.9	-.3	136.9	-4.4	-.4	154.7	1.8	1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	147.5	-.5	-.5	137.7	-4.3	-1.3	148.5	1.8	-.1
Dairy products ²	138.4	-1.8	4.6	146.9	-.7	1.2	158.2	3.7	1.1
Fruits and vegetables ^{2 3}	181.1	-5.4	1.9	155.1	.9	5.6	204.4	10.0	1.0
Other food at home ²	158.6	4.1	-2.3	156.6	4.3	-3.6	157.8	2.9	1.1
Food away from home	139.5	1.0	-.1	156.4	3.9	.2	157.4	2.9	.8
Alcoholic beverages	170.9	1.9	.2	169.2	4.7	-.2	155.5	3.0	-.9
Housing ³	168.6	2.2	-.8	144.1	1.8	.3	166.1	6.4	.5
Shelter	199.5	3.3	-1.4	153.1	3.6	.5	181.2	7.3	.7
Renters' costs ^{4 2 5}	186.1	3.3	-5.9	154.0	4.0	-.1	174.6	7.2	.2
Rent, residential	177.5	2.4	.3	153.9	3.3	.7	192.6	8.0	1.4
Other renters' costs ^{2 4}	277.2	4.9	-14.7	194.9	5.2	-1.5	204.8	1.2	-8.0
Homeowners' costs ^{4 2 5}	178.4	3.2	.3	161.3	3.3	.6	171.1	7.4	1.1
Owners' equivalent rent ⁵	179.3	3.3	.3	161.8	3.4	.6	171.0	7.5	1.0
Fuel and other utilities ³	130.4	-.5	.0	142.5	.1	.4	148.8	4.1	-.1
Fuels	118.6	-2.2	.0	134.5	-.4	-.4	154.2	5.8	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities ²	97.2	-16.9	1.4	109.9	-3.0	.3	162.6	1.1	1.1
Fuel oil ²	91.2	-16.9	1.3	78.6	-16.9	.9	108.3	.4	1.1
Other household fuel commodities ^{2 8}	NA	-	-	150.1	3.3	.0	176.4	1.0	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	135.8	.2	-.1	138.9	-.4	-.4	154.0	6.0	-.8
Electricity	148.1	.0	.0	137.7	.0	.0	175.0	.0	-.5
Utility (piped) gas	120.1	.7	-.5	139.1	-.6	-.7	130.1	20.7	-1.4
Household furnishings and operation ³	121.7	.5	2.4	121.4	-2.2	-.8	121.1	3.2	.4
Apparel and upkeep	100.0	-.4	-6.4	133.6	2.4	-5.2	112.2	-.5	-7.8
Apparel commodities ^{2 4}	94.3	-.4	-7.0	129.5	2.6	-5.5	106.9	-.9	-8.8
Men's and boys' apparel ²	126.9	9.8	-1.2	114.5	.4	-6.5	113.6	-8.3	-4.2
Women's and girls' apparel ²	66.1	-5.0	-12.8	148.7	7.9	-5.9	84.1	2.1	-5.0
Footwear ²	112.5	-6.8	-8.2	118.1	2.2	-.8	154.8	7.7	-2.8
Transportation	153.3	-.8	-.8	132.5	-1.2	-1.7	135.0	1.4	-.6
Private transportation	151.6	-.9	-.8	133.5	-.2	-1.2	131.0	1.7	-.5
Motor fuel	103.2	-6.9	-4.9	100.8	-8.0	-5.9	109.6	10.5	-4.0
Gasoline	101.7	-6.6	-5.1	101.0	-7.9	-6.3	108.3	11.5	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	100.7	-7.8	-6.2	98.1	-9.2	-6.9	105.7	12.2	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁷	99.9	-7.5	-5.3	110.2	-6.6	-6.1	103.4	10.4	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium	96.8	-6.7	-4.7	102.7	-5.7	-4.8	109.5	10.6	-3.4
Public transportation ²	178.3	-.8	-.6	112.0	-19.4	-13.2	189.3	-1.5	-1.1
Medical care	244.9	1.8	.2	223.9	1.4	.8	223.2	3.7	1.0
Entertainment ⁸	178.1	.2	-.3	167.3	2.3	1.1	153.9	-2.0	-.2
Other goods and services ³	239.7	4.6	.3	222.5	3.2	.8	238.4	6.2	.8
Personal care ²	197.1	6.1	1.3	122.9	-3.6	.9	159.6	4.3	-2.0
Commodity and service group									
All items	165.7	1.3	-.7	150.6	1.2	-.5	159.4	4.1	-.1
Commodities	137.6	-1.0	-.9	138.3	.1	-1.1	141.7	2.8	-.7
Food and beverages	154.7	.1	.3	152.5	1.0	-.3	163.2	3.6	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	125.3	-2.0	-1.9	128.9	-.5	-1.6	127.3	2.1	-1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	121.4	-2.1	-3.0	134.6	-.1	-2.7	126.0	3.6	-3.8
Durables	129.3	-1.8	.2	122.6	-1.2	-.2	127.2	-.2	1.4
Services	198.8	2.9	-.5	165.8	2.3	.2	177.3	5.2	.5
Medical care services	253.4	2.1	.0	218.7	.8	.0	224.6	2.7	1.0
Special indexes									
All items less shelter	156.7	.5	-.4	150.3	.5	-.7	151.9	2.6	-.4
All items less medical care	162.3	1.2	-.7	147.8	1.2	-.5	157.0	4.2	-.1
All items less energy	173.6	1.8	-.6	155.5	1.8	-.2	164.0	3.9	.1
All items less food and energy	179.8	2.2	-.8	156.7	2.1	-.1	164.0	3.9	-.1
Energy	110.7	-4.2	-1.9	116.6	-4.0	-2.9	125.7	8.4	-2.6
Commodities less food	127.1	-1.8	-1.9	130.8	-.2	-1.5	128.6	2.1	-1.8
Nondurables less food	124.4	-1.7	-2.8	137.0	.4	-2.4	127.8	3.5	-3.5
Nondurables	138.9	-.9	-1.2	143.9	.5	-1.4	145.7	3.6	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	180.2	2.6	.4	158.0	1.3	-.1	159.9	2.4	.2
Services less medical care services	194.8	3.0	-.5	162.2	2.5	.2	174.6	5.3	.4

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

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

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

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

⁹ Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 93.7

¹⁰ Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 93.4

¹¹ Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 92.6

¹² Revised indexes for Houston, Texas: Nov. 1997= 99.5

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

^{NA} Data not adequate for publication.

Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1960	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.8	-	-	29.6	1.4	1.7
1961	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	30.0	29.9	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.9	.7	1.0
1962	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	-	-	30.2	1.3	1.0
1963	30.4	30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.9	-	-	30.6	1.6	1.3
1964	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.0	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.2	-	-	31.0	1.0	1.3
1965	31.2	31.2	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.8	-	-	31.5	1.9	1.6
1966	31.8	32.0	32.1	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.7	32.7	32.9	32.9	32.9	-	-	32.4	3.5	2.9
1967	32.9	32.9	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	-	-	33.4	3.0	3.1
1968	34.1	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.5	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.5	-	-	34.8	4.7	4.2
1969	35.6	35.8	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.3	37.5	37.7	-	-	36.7	6.2	5.5
1970	37.8	38.0	38.2	38.5	38.6	38.8	39.0	39.0	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	-	-	38.8	5.6	5.7
1971	39.8	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.6	40.7	40.8	40.8	40.9	40.9	41.1	-	-	40.5	3.3	4.4
1972	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.5	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.3	42.4	42.5	-	-	41.8	3.4	3.2
1973	42.6	42.9	43.3	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.3	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.9	46.2	-	-	44.4	8.7	6.2
1974	46.6	47.2	47.8	48.0	48.6	49.0	49.4	50.0	50.6	51.1	51.5	51.9	-	-	49.3	12.3	11.0
1975	52.1	52.5	52.7	52.9	53.2	53.6	54.2	54.3	54.6	54.9	55.3	55.5	-	-	53.8	6.9	9.1
1976	55.6	55.8	55.9	56.1	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	58.0	58.2	-	-	56.9	4.9	5.8
1977	58.5	59.1	59.5	60.0	60.3	60.7	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.9	62.1	-	-	60.6	6.7	6.5
1978	62.5	62.9	63.4	63.9	64.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	66.5	67.1	67.4	67.7	-	-	65.2	9.0	7.6
1979	68.3	69.1	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.3	73.1	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.9	76.7	-	-	72.6	13.3	11.3
1980	77.8	78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3	-	-	82.4	12.5	13.5
1981	87.0	87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	-	-	90.9	8.9	10.3
1982	94.3	94.6	94.5	94.9	95.8	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	97.6	-	-	96.5	3.8	6.2
1983	97.8	97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	-	-	99.6	3.8	3.2
1984	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.1	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.5	105.0	105.3	105.3	105.3	102.9	104.9	103.9	3.9	4.3
1985	105.5	106.0	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.3	108.7	109.0	109.3	106.6	108.5	107.6	3.8	3.6
1986	109.6	109.3	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.5	109.1	110.1	109.6	1.1	1.9
1987	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	112.4	114.9	113.6	4.4	3.6
1988	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1	117.5	118.0	118.5	119.0	119.8	120.2	120.3	120.5	116.8	119.7	118.3	4.4	4.1
1989	121.1	121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.6	125.9	126.1	122.7	125.3	124.0	4.6	4.8
1990	127.4	128.0	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.9	130.4	131.6	132.7	133.5	133.8	133.8	128.7	132.6	130.7	6.1	5.4
1991	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	135.2	137.2	136.2	3.1	4.2
1992	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	139.7	140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	139.2	141.4	140.3	2.9	3.0
1993	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	144.2	144.4	144.4	144.8	145.1	145.7	145.8	145.8	143.7	145.3	144.5	2.7	3.0
1994	146.2	146.7	147.2	147.4	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	147.2	149.3	148.2	2.7	2.6
1995	150.3	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.5	152.5	152.9	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	151.5	153.2	152.4	2.5	2.8
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	158.3	158.6	158.6	155.8	157.9	156.9	3.3	3.0
1997	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	159.9	-	160.5	1.7	2.3

- 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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Commodity and service group											
All items	115.4	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	161.3
Commodities	109.3	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	141.7
Food and beverages	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1
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	131.2
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	133.5
Apparel commodities ¹	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	127.7
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	139.5
Durables	109.5	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	128.0
Services	122.2	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	181.0
Rent of shelter ²	128.5	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	185.3
Household services less rent of shelter ^{1 2}	112.3	116.2	119.0	122.2	127.8	131.4	134.9	135.9	138.6	143.4	145.7
Transportation services	124.6	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	186.0
Medical care services	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8
Other services	129.0	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	213.1
Special indexes											
All items less food	115.5	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	161.8
All items less shelter	113.2	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	156.4
All items less homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	161.8
All items less medical care	114.3	119.1	124.4	131.8	135.3	138.9	142.5	146.0	149.6	154.5	157.0
Commodities less food	106.0	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	132.6
Nondurables less food	103.7	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	135.3
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	141.0
Nondurables	109.1	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.5
Services less rent of shelter ²	124.6	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	185.2	189.5
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	175.4
Energy	88.3	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	108.4
All items less energy	119.2	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	168.3
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	170.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	113.5	118.0	121.2	125.3	130.3	133.6	135.7	137.6	140.0	141.5	142.1
Energy commodities	82.0	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	101.6
Services less energy services	124.4	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	186.9
Expenditure category											
Food and beverages	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1
Food	114.7	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	158.7
Food at home	112.8	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	159.2
Cereals and bakery products	116.8	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	178.4
Cereals and cereal products	116.1	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.6	169.6
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	150.6
Cereal	126.7	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	189.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	106.3	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	149.8
Bakery products	117.0	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	182.3
White bread	113.1	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	186.2
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	185.2
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	180.1
Other bakery products	120.3	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	178.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	110.3	116.1	123.8	133.6	131.6	132.1	137.1	136.4	142.0	150.0	148.4
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	136.9
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	116.4
Chuck roast ¹	105.0	112.4	123.4	136.1	137.7	139.2	142.7	140.3	141.7	146.3	143.3
Round roast ¹	101.8	107.0	113.9	124.9	124.1	126.5	127.2	126.9	124.4	131.6	125.3
Round steak ¹	108.1	111.9	118.8	130.2	129.9	129.9	133.3	131.7	129.1	133.9	130.5
Sirloin steak ¹	112.9	120.8	123.4	131.5	127.5	129.1	137.6	135.8	133.4	139.1	138.4
Other beef and veal ¹	115.1	125.4	133.3	146.6	145.3	148.6	154.3	153.0	156.5	159.2	160.7
Pork	113.1	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	153.0
Bacon	108.2	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	160.3
Chops	114.3	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	150.2
Ham	118.1	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	154.3
Other pork, including sausage ¹	111.4	108.5	115.9	134.9	127.7	125.8	129.9	128.8	136.8	150.3	150.2
Other meats	112.1	113.1	119.5	131.6	127.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.0
Poultry	107.8	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	155.2
Fresh whole chicken	107.7	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9
Fresh and frozen chicken parts	110.8	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	161.5	154.4
Other poultry ¹	103.8	113.3	121.1	123.0	122.8	126.6	130.9	138.9	143.1	152.3	154.6
Fish and seafood	133.3	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	177.2
Canned fish and seafood	110.0	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	129.4
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ¹	146.2	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	198.6	200.5
Eggs	85.5	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	151.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	106.7	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	147.8
Fresh milk and cream ¹	105.0	109.9	122.6	125.6	125.3	128.4	131.1	132.0	134.5	149.9	147.0
Fresh whole milk	104.8	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	145.8
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	105.3	109.5	122.0	124.9	124.9	129.1	131.8	133.2	135.4	151.8	148.5
Processed dairy products ¹	108.8	113.3	123.7	128.4	130.2	130.4	129.8	131.8	136.2	147.9	149.3
Cheese	107.0	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.3
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	151.8
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	109.9	112.1	113.4	113.4	113.7	113.5	111.4	111.9	121.4	136.2	146.9
Fruits and vegetables ³	123.4	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	191.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	133.2	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	222.3
Fresh fruits	126.3	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	239.4
Apples	103.6	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	193.9
Bananas	107.4	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	151.5
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	126.3	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	189.3
Other fresh fruits ¹	140.4	154.8	179.7	195.7	213.1	215.3	249.3	260.8	264.5	312.9	294.9
Fresh vegetables	140.2	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	205.2
Potatoes	103.8	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	175.0
Lettuce	272.7	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	218.5
Tomatoes	139.3	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	253.4
Other fresh vegetables	126.3	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	201.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	110.0	121.9	124.9	131.6	129.7	131.4	133.2	133.8	137.5	146.2	147.2
Processed fruits ¹	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 ¹	112.1	126.2	126.3	137.4	131.8	135.3	133.4	132.6	137.2	147.4	147.9
Canned and dried fruits ¹	111.5	115.9	119.6	122.5	128.5	130.7	132.9	133.8	139.0	144.8	148.1
Processed vegetables ¹	107.3	118.9	124.8	128.1	127.6	127.3	132.8	134.7	137.1	145.1	145.9
Frozen vegetables ¹	111.5	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.8
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	105.7	120.7	125.4	128.5	127.3	126.6	132.1	134.4	136.2	146.5	145.6
Other food at home	110.0	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	147.7
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	133.3
Sweets, including candy ¹	114.7	119.4	123.6	129.8	136.0	137.3	138.4	139.1	142.7	149.7	153.7
Fats and oils	107.7	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	140.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	104.8	107.8	111.0	113.1	112.5	112.3	114.8	131.7	129.5	126.9	133.1
Carbonated drinks	103.3	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	116.1
Coffee	110.5	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	170.2
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	112.4	115.5	120.2	126.5	129.7	132.3	131.6	132.8	135.9	139.6	142.1
Other prepared food	115.0	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	162.8
Canned and packaged soup	118.9	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	189.1
Frozen prepared food	119.0	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	146.2	144.9
Snacks	115.7	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.6
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	168.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	112.9	119.8	127.9	135.6	140.2	142.9	147.9	152.4	155.4	160.9	167.4
Food away from home	118.9	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	155.0	159.0
Lunch ¹	118.6	124.0	130.2	136.1	140.2	142.3	145.1	147.7	151.1	155.6	159.7
Dinner ¹	118.7	123.9	129.1	134.3	137.9	139.9	142.4	145.3	148.5	152.7	156.7
Other meals and snacks ¹	119.4	124.6	130.6	137.8	142.0	144.1	146.7	149.6	153.0	158.7	162.3
Alcoholic beverages	115.4	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	164.0
Alcoholic beverages at home	112.0	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.3
Beer and ale	111.5	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.3	147.5
Wine	106.1	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.1
Distilled spirits	114.8	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	151.9
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	192.5

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ³	115.6	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	157.7
Shelter	123.7	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	178.1
Renters' costs ^{1 2}	129.1	134.1	140.1	149.5	155.8	160.2	164.4	168.2	173.2	179.1	186.1
Rent, residential	125.6	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	169.1
Other renters' costs ¹	124.1	130.0	137.2	157.0	169.7	176.7	183.3	186.2	194.2	203.8	216.1
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	213.5
Lodging while at school ²	136.5	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	229.7
Tenants' insurance ¹	122.5	126.6	129.7	131.6	134.4	138.3	142.8	148.7	152.0	155.8	161.0
Homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	128.0	134.0	140.9	147.5	153.0	157.5	162.5	167.8	174.0	178.8	184.3
Owners' equivalent rent ²	128.0	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	184.7
Household insurance ^{1 2}	126.2	130.6	134.0	136.5	140.0	144.3	149.0	155.4	158.3	162.4	167.1
Maintenance and repairs ¹	113.3	115.8	119.5	123.8	128.1	129.3	127.6	132.7	136.6	141.5	145.6
Maintenance and repair services ¹	116.6	118.4	122.2	128.9	131.4	135.2	130.8	137.0	142.1	148.0	154.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ¹	109.1	112.4	115.8	116.8	123.7	121.3	123.5	126.8	129.1	132.6	133.9
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 4}	102.2	104.8	109.4	111.7	116.3	117.5	119.1	121.1	120.6	126.5	125.5
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	105.7	109.5	111.7	111.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	121.1	125.6	126.7	129.9
Fuel and other utilities ³	102.0	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	130.0
Fuels	95.1	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.8
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	97.2
Fuel oil	79.2	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	94.0
Other household fuel commodities ⁴	102.6	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	128.8
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	123.0
Electricity	107.3	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	127.0
Utility (piped) gas	91.9	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	118.8
Other utilities and public services ¹	120.9	125.5	128.2	132.7	140.2	143.6	148.8	150.6	153.9	159.1	162.9
Telephone services ¹	115.7	117.2	116.9	116.4	120.5	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.6	127.2	127.5
Local charges ¹	138.9	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	163.8
Interstate toll calls	74.0	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	75.2
Intrastate toll calls	103.6	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	92.1	94.7
Water and sewerage maintenance	128.0	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	213.7
Cable television ⁵	127.9	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	233.6
Refuse collection ⁵	136.1	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	252.8
Household furnishings and operation ³	107.3	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.1
Housefurnishings ¹	103.3	105.9	105.5	106.1	107.1	108.7	110.3	110.3	111.1	111.0	109.5
Textile housefurnishings ¹	108.0	114.3	113.9	116.7	118.9	116.7	124.4	119.9	120.5	119.7	115.8
Furniture and bedding	111.5	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.5
Bedroom furniture	115.8	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	142.7
Sofas ¹	116.0	116.9	116.1	116.6	117.3	121.3	119.5	127.4	140.5	143.0	141.4
Living room chairs and tables ¹	109.4	113.0	112.5	118.7	116.1	120.3	129.6	130.2	137.9	136.4	132.9
Other furniture ¹	105.5	109.7	107.9	110.0	109.7	113.9	117.4	120.8	122.7	121.6	120.1
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	89.5	90.1	88.5	86.4	84.9	83.5	82.8	81.8	78.6	77.1	74.1
Video and audio products ¹	83.9	82.7	82.3	79.3	78.7	77.3	76.7	75.1	72.2	70.6	67.9
Televisions	77.9	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	60.2
Video products other than televisions ^{1 6}	-	100.0	95.1	86.1	81.4	78.6	77.0	71.9	67.1	66.7	61.3
Audio products ¹	92.3	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	88.4
Major household appliances ^{1 4}	98.8	102.4	101.0	100.7	98.6	99.1	100.6	104.2	102.3	103.7	101.7
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	100.4	102.0	103.3	102.3	100.6	101.3	105.8	111.0	108.9	111.3	107.5
Laundry equipment	102.7	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.4
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 4}	97.2	101.9	98.5	97.4	94.5	94.7	94.8	97.1	94.5	93.8	91.6
Information processing equipment ⁶	-	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	47.4
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2}	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	161.8
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	115.3	114.6	119.8	128.6	126.2	128.8	132.1	132.6	138.8	142.2	145.3
Clocks, lamps, and decor items	102.8	105.9	112.8	112.6	117.8	120.3	118.2	117.8	122.1	117.0	121.0
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ¹	106.2	109.0	111.0	112.4	120.2	121.9	122.9	123.5	119.3	120.4	126.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	104.2	103.9	100.7	102.6	102.6	102.7	106.5	107.0	107.8	110.4	109.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 4}	98.4	100.0	97.2	96.3	95.9	96.9	93.6	91.6	88.3	89.7	88.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ⁷	-	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	107.1
Housekeeping supplies	112.5	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	116.8	121.7	127.3	132.4	138.0	137.4	137.2	139.3	141.4	145.3	147.1
Household paper products and stationery supplies ¹	109.4	115.7	122.1	126.7	127.1	127.3	130.2	130.5	144.3	145.3	146.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ¹	110.6	113.0	120.9	122.8	123.7	123.0	127.6	128.3	133.3	133.1	136.5
Housekeeping services ¹	111.4	115.9	117.6	122.3	129.4	134.3	137.2	139.1	145.3	150.1	153.7
Postage	110.2	125.1	125.1	125.1	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	160.3	160.3	160.3
Appliance and furniture repair ¹	117.6	120.8	123.1	127.3	132.8	142.0	145.6	147.1	153.6	159.0	161.4
Gardening and other household services ^{1 4}	104.9	109.2	113.2	117.7	120.2	126.1	128.4	129.2	131.6	138.4	139.9

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	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	131.6
Apparel commodities ¹	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	127.7
Apparel commodities less footwear	111.7	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	127.6
Men's and boys'	110.7	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.8	131.2
Men's	111.6	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	133.7
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	111.7	122.0	124.7	128.2	131.3	132.8	137.4	136.0	133.7	133.3	135.8
Furnishings and special clothing	110.1	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	134.1
Shirts ¹	115.3	122.6	122.9	127.9	133.1	134.6	130.8	127.3	132.0	134.5	135.6
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	109.4	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	129.2	129.0
Boys'	107.2	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	120.7
Women's and girls'	112.6	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.3	123.6
Women's	113.0	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	123.7
Coats and jackets	104.0	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	126.7
Dresses	119.9	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	102.7
Separates and sportswear ¹	116.8	119.3	118.7	126.0	131.2	129.5	133.3	128.6	124.9	124.7	124.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	108.0	114.3	116.3	121.3	124.1	125.0	126.8	128.2	130.7	132.6	135.4
Suits ¹	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	123.6
Infants' and toddlers'	114.5	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	125.8
Other apparel commodities ¹	111.3	119.1	122.8	130.8	135.4	138.9	140.5	146.5	148.6	141.6	139.6
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ⁴	102.7	109.2	111.2	118.8	121.2	122.9	121.3	121.3	132.3	127.8	123.7
Watches and jewelry ⁴	109.7	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	138.9
Watches ⁴	103.4	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	122.2
Jewelry ⁴	111.5	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	143.6
Footwear	107.2	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	128.2
Men's	111.4	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	131.4
Boys' and girls'	110.0	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.5
Women's	102.4	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	122.7
Apparel services ¹	121.4	126.7	131.3	140.2	144.9	149.7	153.8	156.4	157.7	161.5	163.8
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ¹	122.5	129.1	134.1	141.3	145.5	150.2	155.0	157.8	159.1	164.8	166.6
Other apparel services ¹	120.4	124.4	128.6	139.5	144.5	149.5	152.9	155.1	156.6	158.2	161.1
Transportation	107.6	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	143.2
Private	106.5	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	140.0
New vehicles	116.4	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	144.1
New cars	116.6	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	141.5
Subcompact new cars ^{1 4}	101.9	104.1	105.1	105.5	109.8	112.8	116.7	120.6	122.9	124.0	121.9
Compact new cars ^{1 4}	101.4	102.5	104.7	106.5	109.0	109.8	113.3	118.2	120.1	124.0	122.8
Intermediate new cars ^{1 4}	100.5	101.9	105.6	107.3	111.2	113.5	115.9	119.8	121.5	122.5	121.6
Full-size new cars ^{1 4}	103.2	105.8	109.0	110.6	114.7	116.6	120.1	122.4	123.9	126.4	123.6
Luxury new cars ^{1 4}	104.1	109.5	111.7	114.5	117.6	121.8	124.0	127.5	130.2	133.6	133.0
New trucks ⁵	114.3	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	151.4
New motorcycles ⁴	104.1	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	163.7
Used cars	116.3	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	147.9
Motor fuel	82.0	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	101.9
Gasoline	81.8	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	101.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular	80.8	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	99.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	85.3	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	103.0
Automobile maintenance and repair	116.9	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.6	164.7
Body work	120.7	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	176.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	118.3	123.4	129.6	136.7	142.1	148.3	154.1	159.8	163.0	167.6	171.6
Maintenance and servicing	115.0	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.2	152.1
Power plant repair ¹	116.8	121.4	127.3	133.1	139.5	145.7	151.2	156.2	161.2	166.6	169.8
Other private transportation ¹	123.8	132.5	139.0	146.7	152.0	155.5	159.0	167.6	172.4	176.0	178.9
Other private transportation commodities ¹	97.5	100.3	102.3	103.8	105.3	104.7	103.3	104.3	105.2	105.2	104.4
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	100.5	110.1	109.8	117.5	118.4	118.1	118.8	126.0	130.0	132.0	131.8
Automobile parts and equipment	96.7	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	101.4
Tires	93.2	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	99.0
Other parts and equipment ¹	104.3	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	108.2
Other private transportation services ¹	129.2	139.3	146.9	156.3	162.5	167.1	171.8	182.4	188.3	192.7	196.6
Automobile insurance	149.4	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	255.3
Automobile finance charges ¹	90.3	97.8	102.0	102.0	94.8	81.6	77.0	94.7	96.6	94.7	91.8
Automobile fees ¹	124.4	131.3	138.8	152.6	156.9	166.7	170.3	176.5	177.6	179.3	188.0
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	119.9	127.2	135.4	158.7	165.4	175.6	179.8	180.6	183.7	183.9	188.3
Other automobile-related fees ¹	129.6	136.2	143.1	147.4	149.5	158.9	162.0	173.7	172.8	176.0	189.0
Public transportation	122.1	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	184.3
Airline fares	123.9	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	194.8
Other intercity transportation	127.8	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	156.3
Intracity public transportation	119.8	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	176.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Medical care	133.1	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	237.1
Medical care commodities	134.9	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	216.8
Prescription drugs	145.7	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	251.5
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁴	105.4	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	145.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	127.2	134.0	141.5	150.0	153.7	160.5	164.9	166.3	167.6	171.2	173.1
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	172.8
Medical care services	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8
Professional medical services	131.8	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	217.5
Physicians' services	133.4	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	224.5
Dental services	132.1	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	230.0
Eye care ⁴	105.3	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	142.5
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	104.5	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	153.0
Hospital and related services	135.9	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	282.5
Hospital services ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Inpatient hospital services ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Outpatient hospital services ⁴	107.1	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	228.3
Nursing home services ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Entertainment ¹	117.4	122.8	129.1	134.6	139.9	143.8	147.8	151.2	156.2	160.8	163.1
Entertainment commodities ¹	112.6	117.5	121.6	125.2	129.6	131.9	134.4	136.8	140.7	144.1	144.0
Reading materials	121.4	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	180.2
Newspapers ¹	120.8	126.6	131.6	137.8	151.1	157.2	164.0	172.2	185.3	190.8	191.8
Magazines, periodicals, and books ¹	122.1	126.6	133.3	139.4	144.0	149.0	153.1	156.4	162.8	166.7	169.5
Sporting goods and equipment	106.3	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.5
Sport vehicles, including bicycles	106.8	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.3
Other sporting goods	103.4	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.1
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ¹	110.6	115.6	119.5	122.3	123.9	125.2	126.9	126.3	128.9	133.2	132.1
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ¹	108.0	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	124.4
Photographic supplies and equipment	116.3	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	132.9	134.0
Pet supplies and expense	112.5	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.1
Entertainment services ¹	124.3	130.0	138.8	146.3	152.7	158.3	163.9	168.3	174.6	180.5	185.1
Club memberships ^{1,4}	101.7	109.1	113.5	119.1	123.2	126.0	130.1	129.3	132.3	131.4	130.9
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{1,4}	107.0	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.9	141.5	152.8	156.7	160.4	167.1	172.3
Admissions	128.4	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	200.3
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	105.0	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	165.5	174.1
Other entertainment services ^{1,4}	101.7	105.1	109.6	116.2	120.6	124.3	127.9	131.2	136.3	141.3	144.0
Other goods and services ³	132.1	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	230.1
Tobacco and smoking products	137.0	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	251.2
Personal care	116.5	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	154.0
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	145.3
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements	115.5	121.6	123.9	131.2	135.1	137.0	143.4	144.8	146.9	150.6	153.9
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	139.2
Personal care services	117.9	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	163.9
Beauty parlor services for females ¹	117.7	122.7	129.7	135.2	137.9	140.9	146.0	149.0	153.9	158.2	162.9
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ¹	118.6	124.0	129.2	133.7	137.6	142.4	145.9	149.7	155.2	162.4	167.0
Personal and educational expenses ¹	143.4	153.0	164.0	176.3	191.1	204.2	217.5	229.2	241.8	252.9	266.1
School books and supplies	142.4	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	242.8
Personal and educational services ¹	143.6	153.2	164.2	176.6	191.8	205.3	219.0	231.1	243.7	254.8	268.1
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	288.5
College tuition	145.3	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	301.7
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	300.6
Day care and nursery school ⁷	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	137.6
Personal expenses	136.2	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	230.0
Legal service fees ⁴	105.2	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	167.5
Personal financial services ⁴	104.1	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	194.7
Funeral expenses ⁴	103.9	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	172.3
Special indexes											
Domestically produced farm food	112.7	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	161.1
Selected beef cuts	107.6	112.0	119.6	129.5	128.2	128.4	133.0	129.2	127.6	131.1	129.1
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	82.3	80.8	86.2	117.2	98.7	100.5	95.2	100.8	97.0	109.0	102.4
Utilities and public transportation	110.1	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	145.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ¹	111.9	116.2	118.1	123.0	129.7	134.5	136.9	139.1	145.3	150.1	153.9

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

² Indexes on a December 1982 = 100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986 = 100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983 = 100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1988 = 100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1990 = 100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993 = 100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996 = 100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

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

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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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	1.7	4.4	10.3	3.1	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-0.5
Fresh milk and cream ¹	1.6	4.7	11.6	2.4	-2	2.5	2.1	.7	1.9	11.4	-1.9
Fresh whole milk	1.4	5.1	11.7	2.4	-4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-1.7
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	2.2	4.0	11.4	2.4	.0	3.4	2.1	1.1	1.7	12.1	-2.2
Processed dairy products ¹	1.8	4.1	9.2	3.8	1.4	.2	-5	1.5	3.3	8.6	.9
Cheese	2.4	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-1.2
Ice cream and related products	1.4	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.9
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	.7	2.0	1.2	.0	.3	-2	-1.9	.4	8.5	12.2	7.9
Fruits and vegetables ²	12.8	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	2.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	17.9	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	2.8
Fresh fruits	10.5	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-4.7
Apples	-11.4	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	-1
Bananas	17.0	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-3.8
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	14.4	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-5.2
Other fresh fruits ¹	16.0	10.3	16.1	8.9	8.9	1.0	15.8	4.6	1.4	18.3	-5.8
Fresh vegetables	25.5	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	13.2
Potatoes	-.1	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2
Lettuce	-	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	18.4
Tomatoes	10.4	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	31.0
Other fresh vegetables	14.1	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	8.4
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	4.6	10.8	2.5	5.4	-1.4	1.3	1.4	.5	2.8	6.3	.7
Processed fruits ¹	5.8	10.8	.6	7.5	-2.3	2.5	-.8	-.3	3.6	6.7	.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	6.7	12.6	.1	8.8	-4.1	2.7	-1.4	-.6	3.5	7.4	.3
Canned and dried fruits ¹	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.4	4.9	1.7	1.7	.7	3.9	4.2	2.3
Processed vegetables ¹	3.0	10.8	5.0	2.6	-.4	-2	4.3	1.4	1.8	5.8	.6
Frozen vegetables ¹	3.0	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.9
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	2.9	14.2	3.9	2.5	-.9	-.5	4.3	1.7	1.3	7.6	-.6
Other food at home	.9	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.9
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	.8
Sweets, including candy ¹	1.9	4.1	3.5	5.0	4.8	1.0	.8	.5	2.6	4.9	2.7
Fats and oils	1.7	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-.7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	-.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	-3.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	-.5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	4.9
Carbonated drinks	1.6	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-.3	2.9	-.4	-1.6
Coffee	-14.3	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	16.9
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	2.3	2.8	4.1	5.2	2.5	2.0	-.5	.9	2.3	2.7	1.8
Other prepared food	4.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.5
Canned and packaged soup	6.1	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.3
Frozen prepared food	5.8	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-.1	.2	.6	4.6	-.9
Snacks	3.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-.2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	2.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	2.8	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.7
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	4.7	6.1	6.8	6.0	3.4	1.9	3.5	3.0	2.0	3.5	4.0
Food away from home	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.6
Lunch ¹	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3	3.0	2.6
Dinner ¹	3.5	4.4	4.2	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.6
Other meals and snacks ¹	3.3	4.4	4.8	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	3.7	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	2.2
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	.5	-.1	.9	3.4	.9
Beer and ale	2.1	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-.1	.6	2.9	-.5
Wine	3.8	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	2.4
Distilled spirits	1.2	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.3
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	3.7

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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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Expenditure category											
Housing ²	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4
Shelter	4.8	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4
Renters' costs ¹	3.9	3.9	4.5	6.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.3	3.0	3.4	3.9
Rent, residential	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1
Other renters' costs ¹	4.1	4.8	5.5	14.4	8.1	4.1	3.7	1.6	4.3	4.9	6.0
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	6.2
Lodging while at school	6.2	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.9
Tenants' insurance ¹	3.6	3.3	2.4	1.5	2.1	2.9	3.3	4.1	2.2	2.5	3.3
Homeowners' costs ¹	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.1
Household insurance ¹	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.3	1.9	2.6	2.9
Maintenance and repairs ¹	3.3	2.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	.9	-1.3	4.0	2.9	3.6	2.9
Maintenance and repair services ¹	4.3	1.5	3.2	5.5	1.9	2.9	-3.3	4.7	3.7	4.2	4.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ¹	2.0	3.0	3.0	.9	5.9	-1.9	1.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	1.0
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ¹	2.2	2.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	1.0	1.4	1.7	-4	4.9	-8
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	1.6	3.6	2.0	-2	7.4	-4.3	2.2	3.5	3.7	.9	2.5
Fuel and other utilities ²	1.6	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.5
Fuels	1.4	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-5	.7	5.6	-1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	12.9	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-11.9
Fuel oil	17.9	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7
Other household fuel commodities	2.6	-3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-12.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	.2	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-6	.8	3.8	.2
Electricity	1.8	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	-1.3
Utility (piped) gas	-2.9	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	3.3
Other utilities and public services ¹	1.9	3.8	2.2	3.5	5.7	2.4	3.6	1.2	2.2	3.4	2.4
Telephone services ¹	-1.3	1.3	-3	-4	3.5	-3	1.8	.7	1.2	2.1	.2
Local charges ¹	3.3	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	1.0
Interstate toll calls	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	-4.3
Intrastate toll calls	-3.0	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	2.8
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	4.0
Cable television	9.5	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	6.9
Refuse collection	10.2	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	2.0
Household furnishings and operation ²	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.1
Housefurnishings ¹	.4	2.5	-4	.6	.9	1.5	1.5	.0	.7	-1	-1.4
Textile housefurnishings ¹	.2	5.8	-3	2.5	1.9	-1.9	6.6	-3.6	.5	-7	-3.3
Furniture and bedding	2.1	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-7
Bedroom furniture	.2	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	.8
Sofas ¹	4.5	.8	-7	.4	.6	3.4	-1.5	6.6	10.3	1.8	-1.1
Living room chairs and tables ¹	2.2	3.3	-4	5.5	-2.2	3.6	7.7	.5	5.9	-1.1	-2.6
Other furniture ¹	2.4	4.0	-1.6	1.9	-3	3.8	3.1	2.9	1.6	-9	-1.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	-2.7	.7	-1.8	-2.4	-1.7	-1.6	-8	-1.2	-3.9	-1.9	-3.9
Video and audio products ¹	-3.7	-1.4	-5	-3.6	-8	-1.8	-8	-2.1	-3.9	-2.2	-3.8
Televisions	-4.4	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-4.3
Video products other than televisions ¹	-	-	-4.9	-9.5	-5.5	-3.4	-2.0	-6.6	-6.7	-6	-8.1
Audio products ¹	1.0	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-6	-2.0
Major household appliances ¹	-1.2	3.6	-1.4	-3	-2.1	.5	1.5	3.6	-1.8	1.4	-1.9
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	.9	1.6	1.3	-1.0	-1.7	.7	4.4	4.9	-1.9	2.2	-3.4
Laundry equipment	-1.3	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-7	3.1	.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ¹	-2.8	4.8	-3.3	-1.1	-3.0	.2	.1	2.4	-2.7	-7	-2.3
Information processing equipment	-	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-12.1
Other housefurnishings ¹	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.1	.0	.4	.8	.3	.3
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	5.5	-6	4.5	7.3	-1.9	2.1	2.6	.4	4.7	2.4	2.2
Clocks, lamps, and decor items	1.7	3.0	6.5	-2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-3	3.7	-4.2	3.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ¹	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.3	6.9	1.4	.8	.5	-3.4	.9	4.9
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	1.3	-3	-3.1	1.9	.0	.1	3.7	.5	.7	2.4	-1.1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ¹	-1.6	1.6	-2.8	-9	-4	1.0	-3.4	-2.1	-3.6	1.6	-1.1
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers	-	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-8.0
Housekeeping supplies	2.9	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.2	-4	-1	1.5	1.5	2.8	1.2
Household paper products and stationery supplies	.7	5.8	5.5	3.8	.3	.2	2.3	.2	10.6	.7	.6
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ¹	3.2	2.2	7.0	1.6	.7	-6	3.7	.5	3.9	-2	2.6
Housekeeping services ¹	1.8	4.0	1.5	4.0	5.8	3.8	2.2	1.4	4.5	3.3	2.4
Postage	.0	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ¹	3.1	2.7	1.9	3.4	4.3	6.9	2.5	1.0	4.4	3.5	1.5
Gardening and other household services ¹	4.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	2.1	4.9	1.8	.6	1.9	5.2	1.1

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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Apparel and upkeep	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	0.9	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	1.0
Apparel commodities ¹	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	-.5	.9
Apparel commodities less footwear	5.1	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-.2	-.9	.8
Men's and boys'	3.1	6.0	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.0	.3	-1.7	.6	1.4	2.7
Men's	4.0	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	2.5
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	3.4	9.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	1.1	3.5	-1.0	-1.7	-.3	1.9
Furnishings and special clothing	.6	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-.5	-.2	-2.2	3.8	7.6
Shirts ¹	6.4	6.3	.2	4.1	4.1	1.1	-2.8	-2.7	3.7	1.9	.8
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	5.8	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	-.2
Boys'	-.5	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	3.3
Women's and girls'	5.9	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	.2
Women's	6.0	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	.6
Coats and jackets	4.5	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	.5
Dresses	13.3	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	-5.0
Separates and sportswear ¹	5.1	2.1	-.5	6.1	4.1	-1.3	2.9	-3.5	-2.9	-.2	-.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	.5	5.8	1.7	4.3	2.3	.7	1.4	1.1	2.0	1.5	2.1
Suits ¹	10.2	5.3	-2.2	11.8	10.1	.9	4.3	.3	-5.0	-3.9	11.4
Girls'	4.8	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-2.9	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers'	2.4	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	-.9
Other apparel commodities ¹	8.4	7.0	3.1	6.5	3.5	2.6	1.2	4.3	1.4	-4.7	-1.4
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage	2.7	6.3	1.8	6.8	2.0	1.4	-1.3	.0	9.1	-3.4	-3.2
Watches and jewelry	9.7	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	-1.0
Watches	3.4	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	-.3
Jewelry	11.5	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2
Footwear	3.8	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	1.8
Men's	2.6	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	.2
Boys' and girls'	7.0	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	2.4
Women's	3.3	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	2.6
Apparel services ¹	3.9	4.4	3.6	6.8	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	.8	2.4	1.4
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ¹	5.2	5.4	3.9	5.4	3.0	3.2	3.2	1.8	.8	3.6	1.1
Other apparel services ¹	2.6	3.3	3.4	8.5	3.6	3.5	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.8
Transportation	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4
Private	6.5	2.9	3.9	9.8	-1.4	2.7	1.5	4.9	1.3	3.7	-1.2
New vehicles	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	-.9
New cars	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	1.6	-1.0
Subcompact new cars ¹	1.9	2.2	1.0	.4	4.1	2.7	3.5	3.3	1.9	.9	-1.7
Compact new cars ¹	1.4	1.1	2.1	1.7	2.3	.7	3.2	4.3	1.6	3.2	-1.0
Intermediate new cars ¹	.5	1.4	3.6	1.6	3.6	2.1	2.1	3.4	1.4	.8	-.7
Full-size new cars ¹	3.2	2.5	3.0	1.5	3.7	1.7	3.0	1.9	1.2	2.0	-2.2
Luxury new cars ¹	4.1	5.2	2.0	2.5	2.7	3.6	1.8	2.8	2.1	2.6	-.4
New trucks	1.3	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	-.1
New motorcycles	4.1	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	.8
Used cars	8.9	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-4.9
Motor fuel	18.7	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-6.2
Gasoline	18.6	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	18.5	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-6.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium	15.6	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-5.6
Automobile maintenance and repair	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.1	2.6
Body work	5.5	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	3.1	4.3	5.0	5.5	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.7	2.0	2.8	2.4
Maintenance and servicing	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.7	5.4	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.6
Power plant repair ¹	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	1.9
Other private transportation ¹	4.7	7.0	4.9	5.5	3.6	2.3	2.3	5.4	2.9	2.1	1.6
Other private transportation commodities ¹	1.8	2.9	2.0	1.5	1.4	-.6	-1.3	1.0	.9	.0	-.8
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	-2.0	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-.2
Automobile parts and equipment	2.1	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.9
Tires	1.4	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	-2.8
Other parts and equipment ¹	2.7	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	1.1
Other private transportation services ¹	5.4	7.8	5.5	6.4	4.0	2.8	2.8	6.2	3.2	2.3	2.0
Automobile insurance	5.8	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.4
Automobile finance charges ¹	5.9	8.3	4.3	.0	-7.1	-13.9	-5.6	23.0	2.0	-2.0	-3.1
Automobile fees ¹	3.5	5.5	5.7	9.9	2.8	6.2	2.2	3.6	.6	1.0	4.9
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	1.7	6.1	6.4	17.2	4.2	6.2	2.4	.4	1.7	.1	2.4
Other automobile-related fees ¹	5.2	5.1	5.1	3.0	1.4	6.3	2.0	7.2	-.5	1.9	7.4
Public transportation	1.8	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-2.9
Airline fares	1.6	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8
Other intercity transportation	2.0	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	.7
Intracity public transportation	2.4	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	1.1

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

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

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

1998.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1960	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.9	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.8	1.7	1.7
1961	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	-	-	30.1	.7	1.0
1962	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6	-	-	30.4	1.3	1.0
1963	30.6	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.0	31.1	-	-	30.8	1.6	1.3
1964	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.3	31.4	31.4	-	-	31.2	1.0	1.3
1965	31.4	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.6	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.9	32.0	-	-	31.7	1.9	1.6
1966	32.0	32.2	32.3	32.5	32.5	32.6	32.7	32.9	32.9	33.1	33.1	33.1	-	-	32.6	3.4	2.8
1967	33.1	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	34.0	34.1	-	-	33.6	3.0	3.1
1968	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.6	34.7	34.9	35.1	35.2	35.3	35.5	35.6	35.7	-	-	35.0	4.7	4.2
1969	35.8	36.0	36.3	36.5	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.2	37.3	37.5	37.7	37.9	-	-	36.9	6.2	5.4
1970	38.0	38.2	38.4	38.7	38.8	39.0	39.2	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	40.0	-	-	39.0	5.5	5.7
1971	40.0	40.1	40.2	40.4	40.6	40.8	40.9	41.0	41.0	41.1	41.2	41.3	-	-	40.7	3.3	4.4
1972	41.4	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.2	42.4	42.5	42.6	42.7	-	-	42.1	3.4	3.4
1973	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.9	44.1	44.4	44.5	45.4	45.5	45.9	46.2	46.5	-	-	44.7	8.9	6.2
1974	46.9	47.5	48.0	48.3	48.8	49.3	49.7	50.3	50.9	51.4	51.8	52.2	-	-	49.6	12.3	11.0
1975	52.4	52.8	53.0	53.2	53.5	53.9	54.5	54.7	54.9	55.3	55.6	55.8	-	-	54.1	6.9	9.1
1976	56.0	56.1	56.2	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.7	57.9	58.2	58.3	58.5	-	-	57.2	4.8	5.7
1977	58.9	59.5	59.8	60.3	60.6	61.0	61.3	61.5	61.8	61.9	62.2	62.5	-	-	60.9	6.8	6.5
1978	62.8	63.2	63.7	64.3	64.9	65.6	66.0	66.4	66.8	67.4	67.7	68.1	-	-	65.6	9.0	7.7
1979	68.7	69.5	70.3	71.1	71.9	72.8	73.7	74.4	75.1	75.7	76.4	77.2	-	-	73.1	13.4	11.4
1980	78.3	79.4	80.5	81.4	82.3	83.2	83.3	83.8	84.6	85.3	86.1	86.9	-	-	82.9	12.6	13.4
1981	87.5	88.5	89.0	89.6	90.3	91.1	92.2	92.8	93.7	93.9	94.1	94.4	-	-	91.4	8.6	10.3
1982	94.7	95.0	94.8	95.2	96.2	97.4	98.0	98.2	98.3	98.6	98.4	98.0	-	-	96.9	3.8	6.0
1983	98.1	98.1	98.4	99.0	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.2	101.2	-	-	99.8	3.3	3.0
1984	101.6	101.8	101.8	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.2	104.2	104.8	104.8	104.7	104.8	102.1	104.4	103.3	3.6	3.5
1985	104.9	105.4	105.9	106.3	106.7	107.0	107.1	107.3	107.6	107.9	108.3	108.6	106.0	107.8	106.9	3.6	3.5
1986	108.9	108.5	107.9	107.6	107.9	108.4	108.4	108.6	109.1	109.1	109.2	109.3	108.2	109.0	108.6	.6	1.6
1987	110.0	110.5	111.0	111.6	111.9	112.4	112.7	113.3	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	111.2	113.7	112.5	4.5	3.6
1988	114.5	114.7	115.1	115.7	116.2	116.7	117.2	117.7	118.5	118.9	119.0	119.2	115.5	118.4	117.0	4.4	4.0
1989	119.7	120.2	120.8	121.8	122.5	122.8	123.2	123.2	123.6	124.2	124.4	124.6	121.3	123.9	122.6	4.5	4.8
1990	125.9	126.4	127.1	127.3	127.5	128.3	128.7	129.9	131.1	131.9	132.2	132.2	127.1	131.0	129.0	6.1	5.2
1991	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	133.8	134.1	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	135.8	135.9	133.3	135.2	134.3	2.8	4.1
1992	136.0	136.4	137.0	137.3	137.6	138.1	138.4	138.8	139.1	139.6	139.8	139.8	137.1	139.3	138.2	2.9	2.9
1993	140.3	140.7	141.1	141.6	141.9	142.0	142.1	142.4	142.6	143.3	143.4	143.3	141.3	142.9	142.1	2.5	2.8
1994	143.6	144.0	144.4	144.7	144.9	145.4	145.8	146.5	146.9	147.0	147.3	147.2	144.5	146.8	145.6	2.7	2.5
1995	147.8	148.3	148.7	149.3	149.6	149.9	149.9	150.2	150.6	151.0	150.9	150.9	148.9	150.6	149.8	2.5	2.9
1996	151.7	152.2	152.9	153.6	154.0	154.1	154.3	154.5	155.1	155.5	155.9	155.9	153.1	155.2	154.1	3.3	2.9
1997	156.3	156.8	157.0	157.2	157.2	157.4	157.5	157.8	158.3	158.5	158.5	158.2	157.0	-	157.6	1.5	2.3

- 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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Commodity and service group											
All items	114.2	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	158.2
Commodities	108.9	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	141.6
Food and beverages	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5
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	131.3
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	133.1
Apparel commodities ¹	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	126.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	101.2	104.1	111.7	131.0	126.2	129.9	127.2	131.3	132.1	140.4	139.3
Durables	108.0	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	127.5
Services	121.3	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	178.2
Rent of shelter ²	116.4	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	166.6
Household services less rent of shelter ^{1 2}	103.1	106.8	109.3	112.2	117.6	120.8	124.2	124.9	127.2	131.7	133.7
Transportation services	123.6	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	183.9
Medical care services	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6
Other services	127.9	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	209.9
Special indexes											
All items less food	114.1	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	158.1
All items less shelter	112.5	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	154.2
All items less homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	148.1
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	154.5
Commodities less food	105.6	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	132.5
Nondurables less food	103.3	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	135.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	101.8	104.9	112.2	129.7	127.0	130.7	128.6	132.4	133.4	141.3	140.7
Nondurables	108.8	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.2
Services less rent of shelter ²	112.2	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	168.8
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	172.7
Energy	87.8	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	107.7
All items less energy	118.0	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	165.2
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	167.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	112.6	117.0	120.2	124.0	128.9	132.7	134.7	137.1	139.6	141.0	141.5
Energy commodities	82.1	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	101.6
Services less energy services	123.7	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	184.3
Expenditure category											
Food and beverages	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5
Food	114.5	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	158.1
Food at home	112.5	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	158.2
Cereals and bakery products	116.9	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	178.1
Cereals and cereal products	115.8	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	168.8
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	150.0
Cereal	126.7	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	188.6
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal	106.6	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	150.1
Bakery products	117.2	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	182.2
White bread	113.1	125.7	133.3	138.2	140.2	145.9	155.9	160.2	169.4	183.5	186.3
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	185.3
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	179.1
Other bakery products	120.7	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	110.1	115.8	123.8	133.6	131.5	132.1	136.9	136.0	141.7	149.8	148.0
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	143.3
Beef and veal	108.6	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.6
Ground beef other than canned	102.2	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.3
Chuck roast ¹	105.5	112.9	123.9	136.6	138.5	140.1	143.5	141.2	142.2	147.2	144.0
Round roast ¹	101.9	108.1	116.2	128.0	125.9	129.1	130.1	132.3	128.6	135.9	128.3
Round steak ¹	108.5	112.0	118.9	130.3	130.1	129.8	133.3	131.5	128.9	134.1	130.6
Sirloin steak ¹	113.4	121.3	124.6	131.9	128.5	130.4	138.8	137.2	134.9	141.8	140.8
Other beef and veal ¹	115.2	125.7	133.4	147.0	145.4	148.6	154.5	153.0	156.7	159.5	160.6
Pork	112.9	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.1
Bacon	107.9	96.7	105.0	123.0	108.5	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.0	161.4	160.2
Chops	114.5	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	150.9
Ham	117.5	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	153.9
Other pork, including sausage ¹	111.3	108.5	115.8	135.1	127.8	126.0	130.2	128.8	137.2	150.5	150.5
Other meats	111.8	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	146.6
Poultry	107.4	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.0
Fresh whole chicken	107.4	131.0	130.0	130.3	129.8	135.4	141.3	139.7	145.2	158.9	159.5
Fresh and frozen chicken parts	110.2	131.1	129.7	132.7	134.3	136.5	146.4	143.0	150.0	160.8	153.9
Other poultry ¹	103.6	112.5	120.1	121.8	122.2	125.7	129.7	138.2	141.8	151.2	153.9
Fish and seafood	133.6	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.0
Canned fish and seafood	110.2	124.8	119.4	119.1	118.4	119.8	122.8	124.5	125.7	126.8	129.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood ¹	147.0	150.0	159.3	165.2	168.7	172.0	177.8	189.0	195.9	201.4	202.5
Eggs	84.9	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	150.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	106.4	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	147.5
Fresh milk and cream ¹	104.9	109.9	122.5	125.6	125.3	128.2	131.0	131.9	134.3	149.7	146.8
Fresh whole milk	104.7	110.0	122.7	125.8	125.3	127.6	130.3	130.8	133.6	148.3	145.7
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	105.3	109.7	122.1	125.0	125.1	129.2	132.1	133.5	135.3	152.0	148.4
Processed dairy products ¹	108.5	113.1	123.5	128.1	129.8	130.1	129.3	131.3	135.8	147.6	148.9
Cheese	106.7	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.7
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	151.9
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	109.3	111.5	113.0	112.8	113.0	112.8	111.0	111.5	120.9	135.5	146.1
Fruits and vegetables ³	123.0	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	190.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables	132.7	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	220.7
Fresh fruits	126.0	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	236.0
Apples	104.3	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	194.9
Bananas	107.4	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	151.3
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	126.4	144.2	137.8	151.9	187.0	156.8	177.0	178.1	204.2	198.1	188.4
Other fresh fruits ¹	139.9	154.5	176.9	194.4	213.1	214.5	247.8	259.1	263.8	313.2	293.5
Fresh vegetables	139.5	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	205.8
Potatoes	102.7	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	175.0
Lettuce	272.4	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	215.4
Tomatoes	137.9	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	249.5
Other fresh vegetables	126.1	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	203.6
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	109.9	122.0	125.0	131.7	129.6	131.0	132.9	133.6	137.2	146.0	146.8
Processed fruits ¹	112.4	124.5	125.2	134.9	131.4	134.3	133.1	132.6	137.4	146.7	147.5
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	112.5	126.6	126.4	137.9	132.0	135.0	133.1	132.1	136.8	147.0	147.2
Canned and dried fruits ¹	111.0	115.4	119.0	122.0	127.9	130.0	131.9	133.2	138.2	144.0	147.2
Processed vegetables ¹	107.3	119.3	125.1	128.4	127.7	127.6	132.9	135.0	137.4	145.6	146.2
Frozen vegetables ¹	111.7	116.6	124.9	128.6	129.6	130.7	135.5	136.6	140.6	144.0	147.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	105.8	121.1	125.8	129.0	127.4	126.8	132.3	134.9	136.5	147.0	146.2
Other food at home	109.8	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	147.1
Sugar and sweets	110.9	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	102.1	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	133.7
Sweets, including candy ¹	114.6	119.2	123.5	129.6	135.8	137.2	138.3	139.1	142.6	149.5	153.7
Fats and oils	107.6	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	140.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	104.9	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	126.5	131.7
Carbonated drinks	103.6	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	116.3
Coffee	110.3	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	169.3
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	112.6	115.5	120.1	126.5	129.9	132.4	131.5	132.6	135.7	139.5	141.8
Other prepared food	114.8	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	162.7
Canned and packaged soup	119.0	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	189.6
Frozen prepared food	118.7	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	145.3	144.1
Snacks	115.6	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	155.1
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices	113.1	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	163.9	168.4
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	112.5	119.4	127.7	135.2	140.2	142.8	147.9	152.5	155.1	160.6	167.3
Food away from home	118.8	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	159.0
Lunch ¹	118.3	123.7	129.9	135.7	139.7	141.9	144.6	147.4	150.8	155.4	159.5
Dinner ¹	118.7	123.8	129.1	134.3	137.9	140.0	142.5	145.4	148.7	152.9	156.9
Other meals and snacks ¹	119.3	124.4	130.3	137.5	141.6	143.7	146.1	149.1	152.5	158.2	162.0
Alcoholic beverages	115.1	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	163.1
Alcoholic beverages at home	111.8	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.4
Beer and ale	111.3	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	148.1	147.2
Wine	105.6	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.0
Distilled spirits	114.6	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	151.2
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	192.1

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ³	114.1	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	154.4
Shelter	121.2	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	173.1
Renters' costs ^{1 2}	115.9	120.0	125.4	132.6	137.7	141.4	144.9	148.5	152.5	157.3	163.1
Rent, residential	125.3	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	168.8
Other renters' costs ¹	124.5	129.2	137.6	157.2	170.2	176.9	183.3	187.2	194.1	203.7	215.8
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	213.2
Lodging while at school ⁴	136.9	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	231.2
Tenants' insurance ¹	122.6	126.0	128.9	130.4	133.6	137.0	141.2	147.9	150.8	151.5	156.2
Homeowners' costs ^{1 2}	116.6	122.2	128.3	134.3	139.5	143.5	148.2	153.1	158.7	163.0	168.0
Owners' equivalent rent ²	116.6	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	168.3
Household insurance ^{1 2}	116.1	119.6	122.7	124.9	128.4	132.0	136.4	142.9	145.6	147.2	151.6
Maintenance and repairs ¹	112.5	115.2	119.0	123.6	130.6	129.8	127.7	132.4	135.8	140.1	143.4
Maintenance and repair services ¹	115.9	117.8	122.4	129.8	135.7	139.0	134.0	140.3	144.7	150.1	155.2
Maintenance and repair commodities ¹	107.1	110.6	113.6	115.2	123.1	118.0	119.0	121.9	124.2	127.1	128.6
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ^{1 5}	101.9	104.0	109.4	112.3	117.1	116.3	116.4	117.5	118.3	124.4	124.9
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	105.4	109.8	110.8	111.1	121.2	112.9	114.5	118.7	122.1	122.3	124.5
Fuel and other utilities ³	101.7	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.7
Fuels	94.8	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	115.2
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	97.0
Fuel oil	79.5	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	94.2
Other household fuel commodities ⁵	102.4	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	128.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	100.7	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	122.4
Electricity	107.0	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	126.4
Utility (piped) gas	91.8	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	118.3
Other utilities and public services ¹	120.9	125.6	128.4	133.2	140.7	144.2	149.6	151.1	154.3	159.6	163.7
Telephone services ¹	115.6	117.1	116.7	116.4	120.4	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.4	127.0	127.4
Local charges ¹	138.5	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	163.0
Interstate toll calls	74.0	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.7	75.1
Intrastate toll calls	103.5	99.2	96.7	94.6	93.2	91.0	91.1	90.3	87.1	92.5	95.1
Water and sewerage maintenance	127.9	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	210.6
Cable television ⁶	127.9	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	234.6
Refuse collection ⁶	136.1	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	252.8
Household furnishings and operation ³	106.9	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.6
Housefurnishings ¹	102.9	105.4	104.7	105.2	106.0	107.7	109.1	109.1	109.7	109.8	108.3
Textile housefurnishings ¹	108.6	115.5	114.7	117.6	119.2	117.6	124.8	121.0	121.1	119.9	117.4
Furniture and bedding	111.5	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.6
Bedroom furniture	115.5	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	141.5
Sofas ¹	115.7	114.7	113.5	113.7	113.6	117.7	116.3	123.5	136.9	138.6	137.4
Living room chairs and tables ¹	109.3	112.7	111.4	117.4	115.6	119.9	125.7	126.7	134.6	132.8	128.8
Other furniture ¹	105.5	109.1	107.1	109.8	109.2	114.0	115.8	118.3	119.9	118.2	114.3
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	90.1	90.8	89.2	87.1	85.9	84.8	84.4	83.6	80.5	79.2	76.5
Video and audio products ¹	83.8	82.8	82.1	79.1	78.6	77.5	77.1	75.2	72.3	70.6	68.0
Televisions	77.3	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	59.3
Video products other than televisions ^{1 7}	-	100.0	94.9	85.8	80.9	79.2	78.1	72.8	67.8	67.3	62.2
Audio products ¹	91.9	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	88.4
Major household appliances ^{1 5}	98.8	102.2	101.0	101.0	98.9	99.3	101.1	104.4	102.3	103.9	101.9
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	100.6	102.4	103.6	102.7	101.0	101.7	106.5	111.9	109.5	111.8	108.3
Laundry equipment	102.9	106.6	106.0	107.9	105.8	106.3	106.9	109.9	109.5	113.1	113.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ^{1 5}	97.1	101.5	97.9	96.9	94.6	94.6	95.3	97.3	93.8	93.3	90.8
Information processing equipment ⁷	-	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	48.9
Other housefurnishings ^{1 2}	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	148.1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	113.7	112.6	117.8	126.6	124.1	128.2	129.1	131.7	137.3	139.5	142.9
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	118.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ¹	106.3	109.5	111.9	113.5	120.6	122.5	123.8	124.6	120.7	122.9	128.9
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	102.9	103.0	100.3	102.1	101.5	102.6	106.6	107.2	108.0	110.6	109.4
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ^{1 5}	98.3	100.1	97.1	96.3	95.8	97.1	93.5	91.6	88.2	89.9	88.9
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers ⁸	-	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	107.3
Housekeeping supplies	112.9	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	144.3
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	116.9	121.8	127.3	132.3	137.9	137.3	136.9	139.2	141.2	145.1	146.9
Household paper products and stationery supplies ¹	109.5	115.6	121.8	126.8	127.2	127.1	129.8	130.6	144.3	145.4	146.7
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ¹	111.2	113.6	121.3	123.1	124.0	123.7	127.4	128.4	133.4	134.3	138.2
Housekeeping services ¹	111.6	116.5	117.8	122.7	131.3	135.9	139.1	141.5	148.6	152.9	156.7
Postage	110.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	160.8	160.8	160.8
Appliance and furniture repair ¹	117.3	120.0	122.1	126.9	132.3	140.1	143.8	144.6	151.6	156.5	158.7
Gardening and other household services ^{1 5}	104.7	109.0	112.1	116.4	119.0	124.9	127.0	127.7	130.2	137.1	138.3

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Apparel and upkeep	112.6	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	130.3
Apparel commodities ¹	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	126.6
Apparel commodities less footwear	111.7	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	126.1
Men's and boys'	110.4	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	130.7
Men's	111.5	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.9
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	135.9
Furnishings and special clothing	110.0	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	136.1
Shirts ¹	116.1	123.3	123.7	129.0	133.8	135.8	132.1	127.8	133.4	135.7	136.2
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	109.3	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	129.0	128.9
Boys'	107.1	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	120.5
Women's and girls'	112.6	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	121.7	121.5
Women's	112.7	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	120.8
Coats and jackets	105.0	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	129.2
Dresses	122.5	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	100.5
Separates and sportswear ¹	116.7	119.2	118.3	125.3	129.9	128.6	131.6	127.7	124.3	124.1	123.4
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories ¹	107.6	113.7	115.8	120.9	123.7	124.4	125.8	128.1	130.2	131.9	134.8
Suits ¹	107.2	113.4	110.3	122.0	132.8	131.1	136.9	138.6	131.5	128.7	137.5
Girls'	112.0	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	125.0
Infants' and toddlers'	116.4	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	126.5
Other apparel commodities ¹	110.6	117.8	121.5	128.8	132.6	137.3	140.1	144.1	145.3	139.7	138.5
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage ⁵	102.7	109.1	110.8	118.2	120.6	122.1	120.9	120.9	130.8	126.9	123.8
Watches and jewelry ⁵	109.0	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	137.7
Watches ⁵	103.6	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	121.1
Jewelry ⁵	110.6	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	142.4
Footwear	108.0	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	129.2
Men's	111.9	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	131.4
Boys' and girls'	110.6	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	135.0
Women's	102.6	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	123.1
Apparel services ¹	120.9	125.8	130.6	139.6	144.4	149.2	153.4	155.9	157.1	160.5	162.9
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated ¹	122.3	128.8	133.8	140.8	145.2	149.9	154.8	157.6	158.7	164.4	166.1
Other apparel services ¹	120.2	124.0	128.4	139.0	144.1	149.1	152.8	155.0	156.4	158.0	160.9
Transportation	107.3	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	142.4
Private	106.4	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	140.1
New vehicles	116.1	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	145.3
New cars	116.3	118.9	121.7	123.3	127.2	130.1	133.9	138.1	140.4	142.7	140.9
Subcompact new cars ^{1 5}	101.8	104.2	105.4	105.6	109.6	112.6	116.5	120.5	122.7	123.7	121.5
Compact new cars ^{1 5}	101.2	102.5	104.9	106.6	109.2	109.8	113.2	117.8	119.9	123.8	122.6
Intermediate new cars ^{1 5}	100.4	101.9	105.9	107.6	111.3	113.7	116.2	120.1	121.7	122.6	121.7
Full-size new cars ^{1 5}	103.1	105.6	109.1	110.5	114.3	116.0	119.7	122.0	123.4	125.9	123.2
Luxury new cars ^{1 5}	103.8	109.2	111.6	114.6	117.2	121.7	124.3	128.1	130.5	134.2	133.3
New trucks ⁶	114.3	116.9	121.0	125.9	130.3	133.8	140.0	145.1	149.3	153.0	153.2
New motorcycles ⁵	104.0	109.4	114.1	117.4	123.7	128.9	138.3	149.4	156.5	163.1	164.0
Used cars	116.2	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	158.8	149.5
Motor fuel	82.0	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	101.7
Gasoline	81.9	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	101.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular	80.8	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	98.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	85.3	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	102.8
Automobile maintenance and repair	117.0	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	161.4	165.7
Body work	121.3	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	176.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair ¹	118.6	123.8	129.9	137.1	143.0	149.3	155.2	160.8	164.2	168.7	172.9
Maintenance and servicing	114.7	118.3	122.0	126.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.6	152.7
Power plant repair ¹	116.8	121.6	127.4	133.3	139.4	145.9	151.2	156.3	161.4	166.5	169.9
Other private transportation ¹	122.0	130.4	136.8	144.2	149.2	151.9	154.9	163.4	168.4	171.6	174.3
Other private transportation commodities ¹	97.4	99.9	101.9	103.2	104.8	104.0	102.6	103.5	104.4	104.3	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	130.6
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	98.2
Other parts and equipment ¹	103.9	104.4	106.8	108.6	109.7	108.5	106.8	105.3	106.4	106.0	107.6
Other private transportation services ¹	127.1	137.1	144.7	153.8	159.8	163.5	167.6	178.4	184.5	188.6	192.3
Automobile insurance	148.8	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	249.0	255.3
Automobile finance charges ¹	90.4	98.1	102.3	102.5	95.3	81.9	76.7	94.4	96.5	93.9	90.8
Automobile fees ¹	123.3	130.5	137.9	151.4	156.8	166.4	170.1	175.2	177.0	178.3	187.0
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees ¹	119.3	126.6	134.5	156.0	163.4	173.0	177.4	178.1	181.3	181.4	185.9
Other automobile-related fees ¹	129.3	136.5	143.2	146.2	149.1	158.6	161.4	172.3	172.2	175.4	189.7
Public transportation	121.3	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	182.5
Airline fares	122.7	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	193.9
Other intercity transportation	128.0	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	160.3
Intracity public transportation	120.2	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	176.2

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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Medical care	133.4	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	236.5
Medical care commodities	134.1	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	214.1
Prescription drugs	145.7	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	244.9	251.0
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁵	105.3	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.5	144.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	126.9	133.2	140.3	148.9	152.7	159.2	163.3	164.7	165.9	169.0	171.6
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	175.0
Medical care services	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6
Professional medical services	132.0	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	218.9
Physicians' services	133.6	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	225.3
Dental services	132.0	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	229.6
Eye care ⁵	105.3	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	142.8
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	105.0	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	156.8
Hospital and related services	135.4	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	278.7
Hospital services ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Inpatient hospital services ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Outpatient hospital services ⁵	107.2	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	228.6
Nursing home services ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0
Entertainment ¹	116.9	122.2	128.4	133.3	138.4	142.2	146.1	149.2	153.8	158.4	160.4
Entertainment commodities ¹	112.6	117.6	121.7	124.8	129.0	131.5	133.9	136.1	139.4	142.9	142.8
Reading materials	121.4	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	181.3
Newspapers ¹	120.9	126.8	131.8	138.2	151.4	157.9	164.8	173.2	186.5	191.9	193.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books ¹	122.3	127.0	133.6	139.5	144.4	149.1	153.4	156.5	162.5	166.6	169.4
Sporting goods and equipment	107.8	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.5
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	117.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment ¹	110.5	115.6	119.2	122.1	123.8	125.4	126.9	126.4	129.2	133.8	132.7
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment ¹	107.8	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	125.2
Photographic supplies and equipment	116.3	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	134.6
Pet supplies and expense	112.6	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	141.9
Entertainment services ¹	124.0	129.7	138.7	146.1	152.5	158.1	163.8	168.3	174.6	180.7	185.4
Club memberships ^{1 5}	102.0	110.5	115.3	120.7	125.3	128.0	132.6	131.8	134.8	133.5	133.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships ^{1 5}	106.9	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.2	140.6	152.1	155.6	159.3	165.9	170.7
Admissions	128.1	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	199.8
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	105.3	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	175.8
Other entertainment services ^{1 5}	101.6	105.2	109.9	116.3	120.8	124.4	127.6	130.9	135.7	140.3	142.8
Other goods and services ³	131.3	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	226.9
Tobacco and smoking products	137.2	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	250.9
Personal care	116.4	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	153.9
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	146.1
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	156.7
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	139.8
Personal care services	117.8	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	164.1
Beauty parlor services for females ¹	117.5	122.7	129.4	135.2	137.9	140.8	146.1	148.9	153.7	158.4	163.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males ¹	118.4	123.8	128.7	133.2	137.4	142.5	145.6	149.6	155.3	162.3	167.0
Personal and educational expenses ¹	143.0	152.3	163.1	174.7	188.7	200.5	213.3	224.9	237.3	248.3	261.6
School books and supplies	141.9	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	245.2
Personal and educational services ¹	143.3	152.7	163.4	175.0	189.3	201.2	214.5	226.5	238.9	249.8	263.2
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	282.7
College tuition	145.4	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	300.9
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	299.4
Day care and nursery school ⁸	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	138.7
Personal expenses	136.0	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	228.9
Legal service fees ⁵	105.2	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	166.5
Personal financial services ⁵	104.5	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	193.9
Funeral expenses ⁵	104.6	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	174.7
Special indexes											
Domestically produced farm food	112.4	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	160.2
Selected beef cuts	107.8	112.1	120.0	129.9	128.5	128.8	133.3	129.7	127.8	131.6	129.3
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products ¹	82.3	80.9	86.3	117.1	98.8	100.3	95.0	100.6	96.9	109.3	102.2
Utilities and public transportation	109.6	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance services ¹	113.1	117.9	119.4	124.6	133.1	137.6	140.1	142.9	149.9	154.3	158.3

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

² Indexes on a December 1984 = 100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982 = 100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986 = 100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983 = 100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1988 = 100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1990 = 100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1993 = 100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1996 = 100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

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

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

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Dairy products	1.6	4.5	10.4	3.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-0.7
Fresh milk and cream ¹	1.6	4.8	11.5	2.5	-2	2.3	2.2	.7	1.8	11.5	-1.9
Fresh whole milk	1.4	5.1	11.5	2.5	-4	1.8	2.1	.4	2.1	11.0	-1.8
Other fresh milk and cream ¹	2.2	4.2	11.3	2.4	.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.3	12.3	-2.4
Processed dairy products ¹	1.6	4.2	9.2	3.7	1.3	.2	-6	1.5	3.4	8.7	.9
Cheese	2.1	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.4
Ice cream and related products	1.4	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	1.0
Other dairy products, including butter ¹	.6	2.0	1.3	-2	.2	-2	-1.6	.5	8.4	12.1	7.8
Fruits and vegetables ²	12.5	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	2.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	17.6	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	3.0
Fresh fruits	10.3	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.9
Apples	-11.0	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	-2
Bananas	17.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-3.8
Oranges, including tangerines ¹	14.7	14.1	-4.4	10.2	23.1	-16.1	12.9	.6	14.7	-3.0	-4.9
Other fresh fruits ¹	15.9	10.4	14.5	9.9	9.6	.7	15.5	4.6	1.8	18.7	-6.3
Fresh vegetables	25.1	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	13.6
Potatoes	-3	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2
Lettuce	-	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	17.6
Tomatoes	10.3	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	31.0
Other fresh vegetables	14.2	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	8.6
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	4.5	11.0	2.5	5.4	-1.6	1.1	1.5	.5	2.7	6.4	.5
Processed fruits ¹	5.7	10.8	.6	7.7	-2.6	2.2	-9	-4	3.6	6.8	.5
Fruit juices and frozen fruit ¹	6.6	12.5	-2	9.1	-4.3	2.3	-1.4	-8	3.6	7.5	.1
Canned and dried fruits ¹	2.9	4.0	3.1	2.5	4.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	3.8	4.2	2.2
Processed vegetables ¹	3.0	11.2	4.9	2.6	-5	-1	4.2	1.6	1.8	6.0	.4
Frozen vegetables ¹	2.9	4.4	7.1	3.0	.8	.8	3.7	.8	2.9	2.4	2.6
Processed vegetables excluding frozen ¹	3.0	14.5	3.9	2.5	-1.2	-5	4.3	2.0	1.2	7.7	-5
Other food at home	.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.7
Sugar and sweets	1.6	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	1.3	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	.8
Sweets, including candy ¹	1.7	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.8	1.0	.8	.6	2.5	4.8	2.8
Fats and oils	1.8	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	-3
Nonalcoholic beverages	-3.0	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	4.1
Carbonated drinks	1.7	1.5	4.9	.8	.9	1.5	1.8	-3	2.9	-5	-1.9
Coffee	-14.4	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	16.8
Other noncarbonated drinks ¹	2.3	2.6	4.0	5.3	2.7	1.9	-7	.8	2.3	2.8	1.6
Other prepared food	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	2.5
Canned and packaged soup	6.2	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	2.2
Frozen prepared food	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	5.0	-8
Snacks	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.4
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	2.7
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food ¹	4.6	6.1	7.0	5.9	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.1	1.7	3.5	4.2
Food away from home	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.6
Lunch ¹	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	3.1	2.6
Dinner ¹	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.6
Other meals and snacks ¹	3.3	4.3	4.7	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.7	2.4
Alcoholic beverages	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	2.0
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.2	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	.5
Beer and ale	2.1	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	-6
Wine	3.4	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	2.2
Distilled spirits	1.1	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.2
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	3.7

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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										Dec.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Expenditure category											
Housing ²	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.3
Shelter	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.2
Renters' costs ¹	3.9	3.5	4.5	5.7	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.7
Rent, residential	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1
Other renters' costs ¹	4.3	3.8	6.5	14.2	8.3	3.9	3.6	2.1	3.7	4.9	5.9
Lodging while out of town	4.1	3.6	6.5	15.5	8.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	6.0
Lodging while at school	5.9	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.5	8.0	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.5	5.5
Tenants' insurance ¹	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.7	2.0	.5	3.1
Homeowners' costs ¹	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.7	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.0
Household insurance ¹	3.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.8	1.9	1.1	3.0
Maintenance and repairs ¹	3.0	2.4	3.3	3.9	5.7	-.6	-1.6	3.7	2.6	3.2	2.4
Maintenance and repair services ¹	4.2	1.6	3.9	6.0	4.5	2.4	-3.6	4.7	3.1	3.7	3.4
Maintenance and repair commodities ¹	1.7	3.3	2.7	1.4	6.9	-4.1	.8	2.4	1.9	2.3	1.2
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs ¹	1.9	2.1	5.2	2.7	4.3	-.7	.1	.9	.7	5.2	.4
Other maintenance and repair commodities ¹	1.5	4.2	.9	.3	9.1	-6.8	1.4	3.7	2.9	.2	1.8
Fuel and other utilities ²	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5
Fuels	1.2	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-.6	.6	5.7	-1.1
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	-12.3
Fuel oil	18.0	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-11.9
Other household fuel commodities	2.4	-.2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-13.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	2	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-.8	.6	4.1	.1
Electricity	1.7	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	-1.3
Utility (piped) gas	-2.9	3.7	2.6	1.7	-.1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	3.0
Other utilities and public services ¹	2.0	3.9	2.2	3.7	5.6	2.5	3.7	1.0	2.1	3.4	2.6
Telephone services ¹	-1.0	1.3	-.3	-.3	3.4	-.2	1.8	.7	1.1	2.1	.3
Local charges ¹	3.6	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-.4	2.3	.9	1.1
Interstate toll calls	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.8	-4.6
Intrastate toll calls	-3.0	-4.2	-2.5	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.1	-.9	-3.5	6.2	2.8
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.2	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.9
Cable television	9.7	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	6.9
Refuse collection	9.9	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	2.0
Household furnishings and operation ²	1.0	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.1
Housefurnishings ¹	.4	2.4	-.7	.5	.8	1.6	1.3	.0	.5	.1	-1.4
Textile housefurnishings ¹	.9	6.4	-.7	2.5	1.4	-1.3	6.1	-3.0	.1	-1.0	-2.1
Furniture and bedding	2.0	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-1.0
Bedroom furniture	.3	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	1.4
Sofas ¹	5.0	-.9	-1.0	.2	-.1	3.6	-1.2	6.2	10.9	1.2	-.9
Living room chairs and tables ¹	1.9	3.1	-1.2	5.4	-1.5	3.7	4.8	.8	6.2	-1.3	-3.0
Other furniture ¹	2.5	3.4	-1.8	2.5	-.5	4.4	1.6	2.2	1.4	-1.4	-3.3
Appliances, including electronic equipment ¹	-2.7	.8	-1.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.3	-.5	-.9	-3.7	-1.6	-3.4
Video and audio products ¹	-3.7	-1.2	-.8	-3.7	-.6	-1.4	-.5	-2.5	-3.9	-2.4	-3.7
Televisions	-4.9	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-.7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-3.9
Video products other than televisions ¹	-	-	-5.1	-9.6	-5.7	-2.1	-1.4	-6.8	-6.9	-.7	-7.6
Audio products ¹	.9	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-.7	-2.0
Major household appliances ¹	-1.2	3.4	-1.2	.0	-2.1	.4	1.8	3.3	-2.0	1.6	-1.9
Refrigerators and home freezers ¹	1.1	1.8	1.2	-.9	-1.7	.7	4.7	5.1	-2.1	2.1	-3.1
Laundry equipment	-1.1	3.6	-.6	1.8	-1.9	.5	.6	2.8	-.4	3.3	.1
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners ¹	-2.9	4.5	-3.5	-1.0	-2.4	.0	.7	2.1	-3.6	-.5	-2.7
Information processing equipment	-	-	-7.3	-3.2	-3.1	-7.2	-7.9	-8.1	-10.0	-10.6	-10.9
Other housefurnishings ¹	1.7	2.2	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	-.3	.7	.6	.7	.3
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment ¹	6.2	-1.0	4.6	7.5	-2.0	3.3	.7	2.0	4.3	1.6	2.4
Clocks, lamps, and decor items	1.4	3.2	6.0	.1	3.5	2.4	-3.4	-.4	3.7	-3.9	3.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware ¹	1.4	3.0	2.2	1.4	6.3	1.6	1.1	.6	-3.1	1.8	4.9
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware ¹	.9	.1	-2.6	1.8	-.6	1.1	3.9	.6	.7	2.4	-1.1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances ¹	-1.7	1.8	-3.0	-.8	-.5	1.4	-3.7	-2.0	-3.7	1.9	-1.1
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers	-	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-8.3
Housekeeping supplies	2.9	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-.3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.6
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap ¹	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	-.4	-.3	1.7	1.4	2.8	1.2
Household paper products and stationery supplies ¹	.9	5.6	5.4	4.1	.3	-.1	2.1	.6	10.5	.8	.9
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies ¹	2.8	2.2	6.8	1.5	.7	-.2	3.0	.8	3.9	.7	2.9
Housekeeping services ¹	1.5	4.4	1.1	4.2	7.0	3.5	2.4	1.7	5.0	2.9	2.5
Postage	.0	13.6	.0	.0	16.2	.0	.0	.0	10.4	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair ¹	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	5.9	2.6	.6	4.8	3.2	1.4
Gardening and other household services ¹	4.7	4.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	5.0	1.7	.6	2.0	5.3	.9

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

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

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

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- Data not available.

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

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

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

Area, region and population size class	Utility (pipel) gas				Electricity		Fuel oil #2	
	per 40 therms		per 100 therms		per 500 KWH		per gallon (3.785 liters)	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	\$32.777	\$32.316	\$71.527	\$70.476	\$48.840	\$48.131	\$0.970	\$0.979
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	40.541	40.363	85.971	85.421	63.302	63.679	.963	.975
Size A - More than 1,200,000	40.800	40.643	86.567	86.014	66.113	66.591	1.010	1.021
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	41.862	41.238	87.416	86.363	56.476	56.578	.922	.934
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	38.138	38.154	81.921	81.966	50.423	50.416	.892	.905
North Central urban	30.193	29.519	62.574	61.172	45.563	45.670	.925	.922
Size A - More than 1,200,000	30.139	29.546	62.141	60.947	47.031	47.175	.939	.938
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	28.058	28.642	53.525	55.873	48.559	48.543	.966	.947
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	31.757	31.389	69.259	68.300	41.919	41.853	.887	.894
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	30.574	27.687	66.090	59.028	37.664	38.013	NA	NA
South urban	34.274	33.256	72.308	70.038	^R 42.219	39.982	1.022	1.025
Size A - More than 1,200,000	34.976	33.330	72.194	68.389	^R 43.647	43.527	1.133	1.134
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	36.230	36.359	75.962	76.106	42.738	43.141	.947	.953
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	32.036	31.920	71.030	70.949	42.956	33.390	NA	NA
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	29.694	28.819	67.096	66.451	35.074	35.155	1.003	1.003
West urban	28.793	28.845	72.050	72.270	50.333	50.351	1.147	1.111
Size A - More than 1,250,000	28.899	28.972	74.135	74.458	50.746	50.746	1.158	1.117
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	24.821	24.824	57.569	57.532	38.254	38.291	1.130	1.101
Size classes								
A ²	33.096	32.632	72.424	71.326	^R 51.754	51.871	1.016	1.024
B	33.509	33.602	70.994	71.563	47.919	48.148	.931	.939
C	30.945	30.777	68.682	68.309	43.236	38.109	.912	.923
D	30.512	28.542	65.225	60.596	38.733	38.904	.929	.948
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	32.019	31.470	63.818	62.744	58.021	58.565	NA	NA
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	32.138	32.704	83.329	84.889	63.947	63.947	NA	NA
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	40.241	40.870	84.969	85.959	70.911	71.909	1.063	1.078
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	37.807	37.679	83.719	83.530	62.826	62.826	.899	.899
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	25.880	25.720	75.231	74.822	61.080	61.080	NA	NA
Baltimore, MD	37.100	34.660	77.760	71.650	47.760	47.760	1.108	1.110
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	44.320	44.320	96.811	96.811	63.245	63.090	.986	.994
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	28.186	28.110	62.823	62.660	59.969	59.969	NA	NA
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	49.983	49.983	111.846	111.846	43.590	43.590	NA	NA
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	30.994	34.576	56.948	65.860	37.068	37.068	NA	NA
Washington, DC-MD-VA	48.089	42.577	99.560	86.289	40.288	40.620	1.157	1.157
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	26.979	26.986	59.673	59.709	45.470	45.470	NA	NA
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	26.425	26.552	52.663	53.125	47.323	47.323	NA	NA
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX ³	28.607	28.607	56.503	56.503	^R 40.750	40.750	NA	NA
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	39.491	39.491	79.606	79.606	52.869	52.869	.817	.814

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

² ; RELABEL ROW=AREA-10(A300) WITH FOOTNOTE(102);

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³ ; RELABEL ROW=AREA-10(X300) WITH FOOTNOTE(104);

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^{NA} Data not adequate for publication.

^R Revised.

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 Dec. 1997		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Dec. 1997	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Low	High	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Low	High
U.S. city average	\$0.717	\$0.708	1	2,800	\$0.091	\$0.090	5	6,301
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	.867	.861	1	2,800	.120	.120	110	5,069
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.880	.874	5	862	.125	.126	110	3,750
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	.864	.844	1	505	.108	.108	173	5,069
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	.762	.763	19	328	.092	.092	227	2,865
North Central urban	.606	.596	6	1,124	.086	.086	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.602	.590	6	1,124	.090	.091	5	3,785
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	.567	.586	20	380	.087	.087	220	4,517
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	.666	.658	12	623	.077	.077	39	3,404
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.602	.582	22	668	.067	.068	252	2,397
South urban	.806	.784	1	1,230	^R .077	.073	32	6,301
Size A - More than 1,200,000	.806	.768	7	394	^R .077	.077	148	6,301
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	.846	.849	1	1,230	.078	.079	112	6,229
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	.809	.809	3	278	.079	.062	94	4,249
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.721	.711	5	283	.069	.069	32	5,536
West urban	.708	.710	5	1,557	.099	.099	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,250,000	.724	.727	15	1,557	.100	.100	103	5,033
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	.567	.566	24	606	.080	.080	101	3,146
Size classes								
A ²	.724	.713	5	1,557	^R .097	.097	5	6,301
B	.744	.747	1	1,230	.089	.089	112	6,229
C	.697	.694	3	623	.080	.071	39	4,249
D	.631	.617	5	2,800	.074	.074	32	5,536
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	.566	.555	24	1,124	.116	.117	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	.815	.830	17	447	.127	.127	164	2,454
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	.888	.897	5	549	.136	.138	125	3,750
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	.850	.847	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	.726	.722	15	293	.127	.127	200	1,746
Baltimore, MD	.829	.768	34	125	.076	.076	541	4,252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1.024	1.024	16	232	.121	.120	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	.617	.615	41	561	.106	.106	298	2,259
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.897	1.897	7	13	.085	.085	380	2,607
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	.555	.613	73	314	.069	.069	5	2,608
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1.240	1.106	20	68	.070	.069	415	3,401
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	.619	.618	20	394	.072	.072	242	6,250
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	.535	.539	10	1,016	.097	.097	27	1,534
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX ³	.678	.678	18	209	^R .074	.074	312	6,301
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	.724	.724	72	632	.092	.092	245	2,808

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³ TEXT 104 RELABEL ROW=AREA-10(X300) WITH FOOTNOTE(104);

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

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline All types ¹		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	\$1.271	\$1.236	\$1.213	\$1.177	\$1.307	\$1.274	\$1.397	\$1.363
Region and area size ²								
Northeast urban	1.315	1.282	1.248	1.216	1.354	1.320	1.430	1.399
Size A - More than 1,200,000	1.314	1.281	1.241	1.210	1.345	1.313	1.425	1.393
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	1.351	1.323	1.295	1.268	1.411	1.375	1.465	1.444
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	1.287	1.248	1.225	1.185	1.330	1.287	1.409	1.379
North Central urban	1.192	1.151	1.151	1.108	1.227	1.188	1.311	1.270
Size A - More than 1,200,000	1.214	1.169	1.172	1.125	1.264	1.216	1.339	1.298
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	1.176	1.125	1.124	1.069	1.224	1.193	1.307	1.251
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	1.157	1.132	1.121	1.095	1.178	1.159	1.265	1.232
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.161	1.123	1.125	1.090	1.175	1.133	1.265	1.225
South urban	1.205	1.179	1.140	1.112	1.243	1.219	1.328	1.303
Size A - More than 1,200,000	1.208	1.181	1.141	1.112	1.260	1.234	1.334	1.308
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	1.247	1.221	1.170	1.142	1.258	1.235	1.341	1.314
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	1.165	1.135	1.115	1.083	1.210	1.183	1.302	1.278
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.192	1.176	1.136	1.120	1.222	1.210	1.328	1.308
West urban	1.426	1.382	1.366	1.322	1.474	1.431	1.569	1.525
Size A - More than 1,250,000	1.446	1.401	1.382	1.339	1.487	1.442	1.589	1.543
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	1.386	1.361	1.339	1.316	1.399	1.363	1.530	1.511
Size classes								
A	1.299	1.261	1.239	1.200	1.343	1.306	1.429	1.392
B	1.281	1.245	1.217	1.178	1.313	1.286	1.381	1.349
C	1.215	1.185	1.165	1.134	1.250	1.221	1.347	1.320
D	1.214	1.183	1.173	1.143	1.230	1.197	1.340	1.306
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	1.292	1.268	1.231	1.208	1.343	1.318	1.427	1.400
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	1.449	1.394	1.390	1.336	1.477	1.417	1.573	1.519
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	1.330	1.299	1.262	1.232	1.377	1.345	1.456	1.421
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	1.310	1.269	1.179	1.144	1.289	1.252	1.366	1.331
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	1.466	1.435	1.399	1.369	1.521	1.489	1.632	1.601
Baltimore, MD	1.260	1.239	1.205	1.184	1.305	1.285	1.355	1.333
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1.292	1.274	1.246	1.227	1.336	1.321	1.405	1.393
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1.158	1.098	1.113	1.051	1.195	1.139	1.279	1.223
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.304	1.272	1.234	1.199	1.354	1.328	1.412	1.382
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1.162	1.094	1.112	1.045	1.193	1.113	1.316	1.253
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1.283	1.256	1.223	1.198	1.319	1.288	1.388	1.361
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1.184	1.161	1.120	1.101	1.246	1.216	1.316	1.293
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	1.187	1.133	1.146	1.089	1.241	1.189	1.333	1.286
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	1.175	1.149	1.117	1.086	1.224	1.204	1.279	1.263
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	1.265	1.227	1.208	1.168	1.315	1.280	1.403	1.372

¹ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

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

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

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.283	\$0.279	\$0.308	\$0.289	\$0.255	\$0.270	\$0.290	\$0.285	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.572	.575	NA	NA	NA	NA	.553	.557	0.641	0.652
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.869	.883	.777	.772	.862	.884	.817	.833	1.066	NA
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.897	.884	.916	.907	.925	.903	.848	.838	.942	.926
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.610	1.587	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.680	1.675
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.284	1.296	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.185	1.194	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.667	2.633	NA	NA	2.497	2.450	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.527	1.512	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.525	1.546	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.851	1.811	1.793	1.697	1.847	1.754	1.898	1.899	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.409	1.392	NA	NA	1.399	1.353	1.454	1.441	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.047	2.058	2.206	2.204	1.897	1.853	2.054	2.073	1.994	2.053
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)	2.165	2.148	NA	NA	2.256	2.267	2.078	2.021	2.283	2.259
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.406	2.447	2.468	2.530	2.380	2.359	2.398	2.515	2.304	2.222
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.810	2.782	2.756	2.672	2.780	2.765	2.811	2.871	3.072	2.925
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.733	2.699	NA	NA	2.821	2.758	2.772	2.604	2.706	2.778
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.190	5.207	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.155	5.178	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.891	6.073	NA	NA	5.783	5.812	5.877	6.105	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.793	5.943	NA	NA	5.844	6.289	6.436	6.386	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.093	3.093	3.284	3.257	2.945	2.920	3.067	3.127	3.047	3.021
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.035	3.045	NA	NA	3.069	3.010	2.846	2.984	3.185	3.157
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.517	3.641	NA	NA	3.450	3.312	3.478	3.682	3.401	3.649
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.225	4.166	4.139	4.004	4.098	4.229	4.156	3.976	5.061	4.974
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)	2.515	2.513	NA	NA	2.595	2.581	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.665	2.607	2.869	2.816	2.574	2.546	2.598	2.503	2.634	2.579
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.477	3.394	3.263	3.155	3.219	3.161	3.532	3.461	3.972	3.846
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.017	3.908	3.993	3.777	3.966	3.918	4.268	4.208	3.815	3.696
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.973	1.914	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.826	1.852	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.756	2.734	NA	NA	2.659	2.651	2.749	2.837	2.591	2.561
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)	1.278	1.285	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.211	1.244	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.100	2.081	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.118	2.105	NA	NA
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.288	2.284	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.272	2.283	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.423	2.334	NA	NA	2.269	2.213	2.474	2.357	2.349	2.276
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.018	1.001	1.069	1.042	1.010	0.985	0.938	0.926	1.107	1.100
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.035	1.987	2.166	2.022	1.932	1.932	1.839	1.816	2.288	2.255
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.246	1.217	1.262	1.190	1.157	1.146	1.233	1.213	1.341	1.351
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.976	.982	NA	NA	.995	1.021	.944	.920	1.038	1.061
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.051	2.029	2.012	1.993	2.098	2.066	1.973	1.964	2.207	2.164
Eggs:										
Grade A, large, per doz.	1.090	1.172	1.205	1.297	.998	1.098	1.104	1.155	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	1.335	1.400	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.469	1.522
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	1.619	1.614	1.426	1.428	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.788	1.801
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit)	2.678	2.672	2.627	2.632	2.541	2.505	2.687	2.684	2.856	2.865
Milk, fresh, low fat, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milk, fresh, low fat, per gal. (3.8 lit)	2.427	2.409	NA	NA	2.329	2.303	2.555	2.583	NA	NA
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.360	2.460	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.323	2.369	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.497	3.439	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.392	3.458	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.458	3.613	NA	NA
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	2.928	3.022	3.364	3.423	2.580	2.654	2.713	2.918	3.174	3.195
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm)	.651	.666	.618	.699	NA	NA	.644	.639	NA	NA
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.864	.897	.938	.973	.814	.865	.851	.921	.871	.848
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.468	.461	.539	.503	.448	.439	.433	.435	.483	.487
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.642	.583	.616	.588	.711	.622	.584	.585	.647	.538
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)	.543	.532	.549	.483	.519	.508	.545	.537	.556	.590
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.035	2.188	2.301	2.363	1.866	2.010	1.886	2.110	2.211	NA
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.162	1.057	1.169	1.054	1.236	1.059	1.190	1.110	1.076	1.004
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	.854	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm)	1.654	NA	1.475	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.659	NA
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.366	.370	.403	.386	.304	.312	.397	.401	.363	.384
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.010	.699	1.025	.794	.896	.683	1.068	.698	1.038	.628
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.370	1.617	1.543	1.656	1.370	1.626	1.304	1.576	1.300	1.635
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.003	.926	.974	.910	1.003	.903	1.120	1.067	NA	NA
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.420	.464	NA	NA	.395	.462	.379	.398	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.493	.500	NA	NA	.429	.447	NA	NA	.441	.448
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.568	.566	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)	.606	.577	NA	NA	NA	NA	.660	.625	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.436	.457	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.667	1.540	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.583	1.370	NA	NA
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.841	.842	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	1.666	1.670	NA	NA	1.530	1.525	1.665	1.631	1.728	1.861
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.937	.943	NA	NA	.923	.920	.921	.939	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.699	.700	NA	NA	NA	NA	.642	.638	NA	NA
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.739	.721	.789	.752	NA	NA	.673	.677	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.967	.950	NA	NA	.887	.894	.957	.938	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)	.685	.687	NA	NA	NA	NA	.669	.677	.775	.771

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	0.429	0.428	0.442	0.438	0.427	0.432	0.428	0.424	0.423	0.422
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.417	.412	.427	.423	.412	.413	.412	.409	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.810	.804	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)	.866	.870	1.009	1.009	.792	.797	.853	.855	.853	.859
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.703	1.730	1.756	1.705	1.705	1.660	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz)	.999	.988	NA	NA	NA	NA	.981	.957	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.303	4.161	4.505	4.438	4.104	3.953	NA	NA	4.317	4.152
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)	10.465	10.346	NA	NA	10.446	10.316	9.592	9.561	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm)	3.133	3.166	2.885	3.103	3.273	3.265	3.151	3.148	3.177	3.131
Alcoholic Beverages at Home:										
Malt Beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	.839	.838	.869	.819	.787	.797	.825	.855	.888	.874
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	9.589	9.495	12.258	NA	9.363	NA	NA	NA	NA	8.312
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	5.275	5.001	5.623	4.350	4.902	5.046	4.829	5.968	5.547	4.809

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

² Deposit may be included in price.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

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

(Nov. 1996 = 100)

Washington- Baltimore	Pricing schedule ¹	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
		Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997
CPI-U								
All items	1	101.4	-	100.5	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	1	100.0	-	100.8	-	-	-	-
Housing	1	101.9	-	99.9	-	-	-	-
Residential rent	M	100.7	100.4	100.6	100.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Apparel	1	99.2	-	95.3	-	-	-	-
Transportation	1	100.7	-	100.2	-	-	-	-
Medical care	1	101.8	-	102.8	-	-	-	-
Entertainment	1	101.9	-	101.9	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	1	104.2	-	104.1	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	1	101.1	-	100.5	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care	1	101.4	-	100.3	-	-	-	-
Food	1	99.9	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
Energy	M	108.8	104.0	100.1	97.5	-10.4	-6.3	-2.6
CPI-W								
All items	1	101.4	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	1	99.8	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
Housing	1	102.2	-	100.0	-	-	-	-
Residential rent	M	100.7	100.5	100.7	100.5	-2	.0	-2
Apparel	1	99.4	-	96.1	-	-	-	-
Transportation	1	100.7	-	100.0	-	-	-	-
Medical care	1	100.9	-	102.1	-	-	-	-
Entertainment	1	101.4	-	101.7	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	1	104.6	-	104.2	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	1	101.0	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care	1	101.4	-	100.3	-	-	-	-
Food	1	99.7	-	100.5	-	-	-	-
Energy	M	108.9	103.5	100.2	97.6	-10.4	-5.7	-2.6

¹ Residential rent and Energy are priced monthly in Washington-Baltimore as indicated:

M - Every month.

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

Data not available.

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

(Dec. 1996 = 100)

Region and Population Size Class	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997
CPI-U All Items							
Population Size Class							
B/C	101.4	101.7	101.7	101.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications							
Northeast B/C	101.3	101.4	101.3	101.3	.0	-.1	.0
North Central B/C	101.2	101.3	101.3	101.0	-.2	-.3	-.3
South B/C	101.5	101.8	101.9	101.3	-.2	-.5	-.6
West B/C	101.8	102.1	102.4	102.0	.2	-.1	-.4
CPI-W All Items							
Population Size Class							
B/C	101.3	101.5	101.5	101.2	-.1	-.3	-.3
Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications							
Northeast B/C	101.1	101.2	101.1	101.1	.0	-.1	.0
North Central B/C	101.1	101.2	101.2	101.0	-.1	-.2	-.2
South B/C	101.3	101.5	101.7	101.1	-.2	-.4	-.6
West B/C	101.8	102.1	102.3	101.9	.1	-.2	-.4

Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories

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

Italic denotes substratum indexes.

Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories (cont.)

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

Italic denotes substratum indexes.

Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories (cont.)

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

Italic denotes substratum indexes.

Technical Notes

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPI's for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2), a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, medicine, and the other goods that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, gasoline stations and other types of stores and services establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuel, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by either personal visits or telephone calls from the Bureau's trained representatives. Some data, such as used car prices, are obtained from secondary sources.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The indexes measure price change from a designated reference date, usually 1982-84, which equals 100.0. An increase of 7 percent, for example, is shown as 107.0. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$100 in 1982-84 to \$107.

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

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

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

Energy Prices

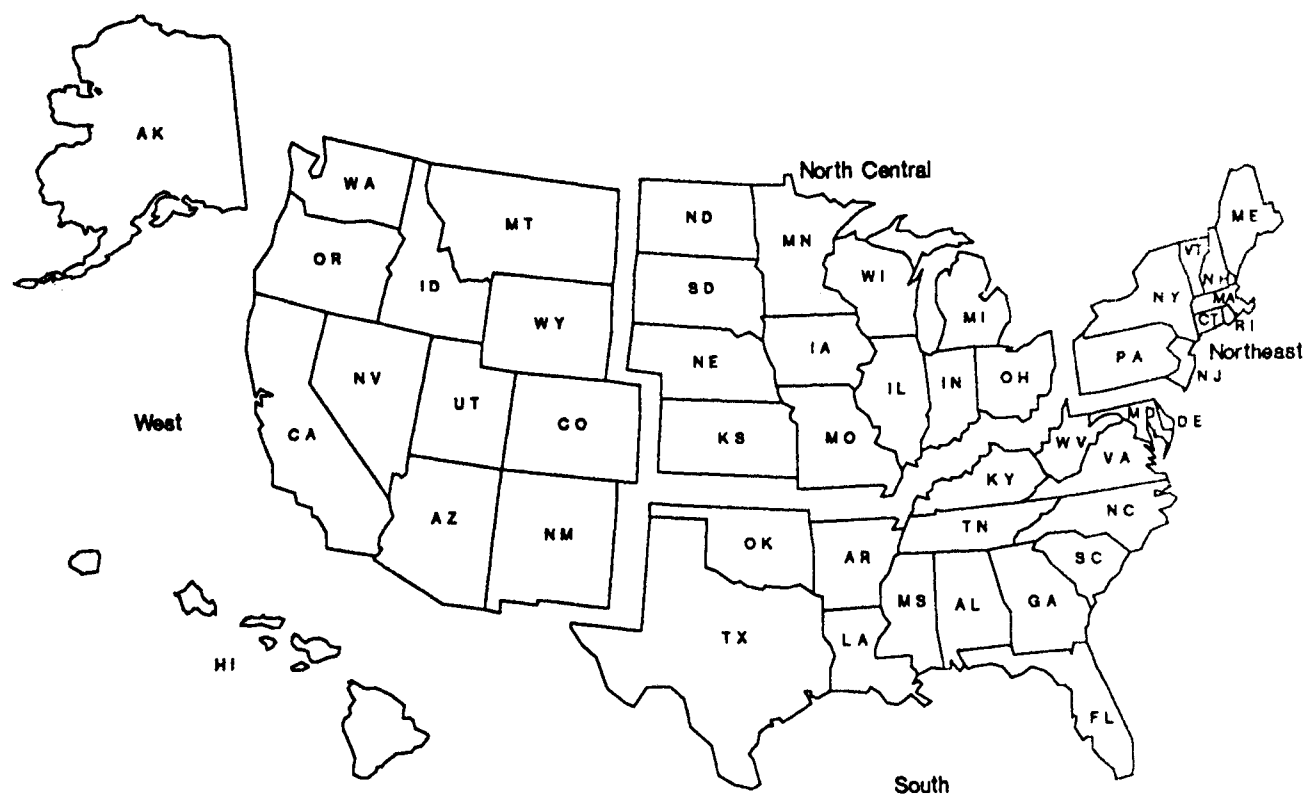
Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 15 large metropolitan areas, the four census regions, four size classifications, and 13 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by the four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Prices

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

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

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

Adjustment of Shelter Indexes for Aging Effects

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A description of intervention analysis, including a list of

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

Metropolitan Areas

BLS publishes five major metropolitan areas monthly:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to Obtain Consumer Price Index Information

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

Electronic access to CPI data

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

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

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

Subscriptions to CPI publications

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

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

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

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

Recorded CPI data

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

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

Other sources of CPI data

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

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

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

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

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