

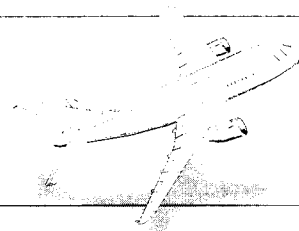
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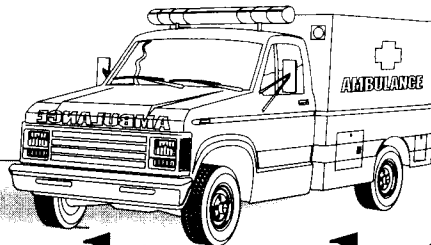


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Price Movements February 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in February before seasonal adjustment to a level of 161.9 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in February, the CPI-U has increased 1.4 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February 1998 CPI-W level of 158.5 was 1.1 percent higher than the index in February 1997.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in February after being unchanged in January. The food index, which advanced 0.3 percent in January, was unchanged in February. Grocery store food prices declined 0.1 percent after increasing 0.4 percent in January, reflecting a sharp turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables. The energy index declined sharply for the third consecutive month—down 2.2 percent in February. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 3.3 percent, and the index for energy services declined 1.2 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent, following an increase of 0.2 percent in January. Large ad-

vances in shelter costs and tobacco prices, coupled with an upturn in the index for apparel, were responsible for the large February increase.

The food and beverages index was unchanged in February. The index for grocery store food prices, which rose 0.4 percent in January, declined 0.1 percent in February, due to a sharp turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables—down 0.8 percent in February after registering a 2.9-percent increase in January. The index for fresh vegetables fell 7.2 percent, more than offsetting a 5.8-percent rise in the index for fresh fruits. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh vegetable prices declined 10.0 percent, while fresh fruit prices were virtually unchanged.) The index for processed fruits and vegetables fell 0.7 percent. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for dairy and related products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs also declined—down 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively. Within the latter group, prices for beef declined 0.6 percent, while the indexes for pork and poultry each increased 0.1 percent. The other three major groups—cereal and bakery products, nonalcoholic beverages, and other food at home—each registered a small increase. The other two components of the food and beverage index—food away from home and alcoholic beverages—rose 0.3 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadjusted 12 months ended February 1998	
	Changes from preceding month						Compound annual rate, 3 months ended February 1998		
	1997					1998			
	August	September	October	November	December	January			February
All items	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.5	1.4
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.2	.2	.1	.3	0	1.3	1.8
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	.1	.1	1.0	1.9
Apparel	-.5	.2	.1	.1	.2	-.5	.2	-.9	0
Transportation	.6	.3	0	-.6	-.3	-.3	-.4	-4.1	-1.9
Medical care	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.1	.3	3.1	2.8
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.3	-	1.5
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	0	-.1	-	2.4
Other goods and services	.5	.3	.7	.4	.4	.4	.8	6.8	5.6
Special indexes									
Energy	1.5	.9	-.2	0	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2	-22.9	-8.8
Food	.3	.1	.3	.1	0	.3	0	1.3	1.9
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	2.8	2.3

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in February, the same as in January. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.1 percent, owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 percent, and the cost of lodging away from home increased 0.5 percent. The index for fuels and utilities, which decreased 1.2 percent in January, fell 0.9 percent in February. The index for household fuels declined 1.3 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for fuel oil (3.0 percent), natural gas (1.5 percent), and electricity (1.2 percent). The index for household furnishings and operation increased 0.3 percent in February.

The transportation component declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.4 percent in February. For the second consecutive month, a sharp drop in the index for motor fuels more than offset a large increase in the index for public transportation. The index for gasoline fell 3.4 percent in February and has declined 10.8 percent in the last five months. As of February, gasoline prices were 21.3 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. The index for new and used vehicle prices was unchanged; the index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent, and used car and truck prices rose 0.2 percent. (As of February, about 85 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1998 models.) Public transportation costs rose 1.4 percent in February. The index for airline fares increased substantially for the second consecutive month, up 3.2 percent in February, following a 2.7-percent rise in January. The index for other intercity transportation also rose substantially in February—up 1.5 percent.

The index for apparel increased 0.2 percent in February, following a 0.5-percent decline in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.6 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in February to a level 2.8 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs,

and medical supplies—rose 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

Recreation costs rose 0.3 percent in February, the same as in January. Increases in the indexes for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, for newspapers and magazines, and for cable television accounted for about three-fourths of the February advance.

The index for education and communication declined 0.1 percent in February. A 0.3-percent increase in education costs was more than offset by a 0.4-percent decrease in communication costs. Within the communication category, declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for cellular telephone services—down 5.8 and 0.9 percent, respectively—were responsible for the decrease.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.8 percent in February. About three-fourths of the advance was accounted for by a 2.9-percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products. Several cigarette companies raised their wholesale prices in late January.

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

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

CPI (Old Series)

For the first 6 months of 1998, BLS also will calculate old series CPI-U and old series CPI-W based on the 1982-84 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 1987 through 1997. These old series data are contained in tables 1(OS)-4(OS). From January to February, the old series CPI-U and the old series CPI-W each rose 0.2 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended February 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended February 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997					1998			
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February		
All items	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.3	1.1
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.3	.1	0	.3	0	1.3	1.8
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.3	0	0	.1	.5	1.8
Apparel	-.5	.2	0	0	0	-.5	-.2	-2.7	-.5
Transportation	.7	.2	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.4	-4.7	-2.4
Medical care	.2	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	3.1	2.8
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.3	-	1.5
Education and communication		-	-			-.1	.0	-	2.4
Other goods and services	.4	.5	.7	.4	.4	.5	1.1	8.2	6.1
Special indexes									
Energy	1.7	.9	-.2	-.2	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1	-23.0	-9.1
Food	.3	.1	.2	.2	-.1	-.4	-.1	1.0	1.8
All items less food and energy	0	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.4	2.1

Overview of Publication Changes

In January 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) introduced a new geographic area sample, a revised item structure, and updated expenditure weights into the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Approximately every 10 years, the CPI undertakes this type of revision, in order to keep the index up-to-date. Since World War II, revisions of the CPI (besides this one) 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 were taken, in order to ameliorate the effects of these changes. Beginning with the release of the January 1997 index, data series that were to be changed or dropped from publication have been footnoted in all BLS published tables. This provided an early warning for users to reconsider their use of those indexes and provided 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 item structure

Effective in 1998, there are 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 formerly available seven major groups to the new total of eight.

Previously, the major groups were: 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 remained 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.

Changes to geographic structure

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to be representative of current demographics of the United States. The 1998 revision uses the 1990 Census of population. The CPI developed an updated area sample design, decided on new local area indexes, and changed the frequency of publication for local area indexes, in order to better reflect these new demographics.

In addition to the national index, BLS formerly published indexes for 29 metropolitan areas. In 1998, it continues 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 the BLS formerly published separately, constitute a new Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. A single index is now published for this consolidated area.

The new publication plan for local area indexes that began with the index for January 1998 is summarized below:

- Monthly indexes are now published for the three largest metropolitan areas. Because of sample design considerations, indexes for the Philadelphia and San Francisco areas, both formerly published monthly, are now published every other month, following the release of the December 1997 index.
- Bimonthly indexes are published for the next 11 largest areas, including Atlanta and Seattle (These cities used to have semiannual average indexes.)
- Semiannual average indexes are now published for 12 additional areas, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis. (These cities formerly had bimonthly indexes.)
- BLS continues to publish separate indexes for the four census regions of the United States. However, beginning in 1998, there are only two area size classes for metropolitan areas, instead of the former 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 former cutoff of 1.2 million and is important, since 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 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 is the full list of areas for which indexes are currently published, since January 1998:

Metropolitan areas for which a local index is published monthly:

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

Metropolitan areas for which a local index is published bimonthly:

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

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

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

Atlanta, GA
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA

Metropolitan areas for which a local index is published semiannually (January and July):

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

A note on seasonally adjusted data

Beginning with release of seasonal adjustment factors for 1997 in February 1998, seasonal adjustment will be performed using X-12-ARIMA. X-12-ARIMA is a seasonal adjustment software package developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The X-

12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment program is an enhanced version of the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program. The enhancements include a variety of new diagnostics and modeling tools, to help the user detect and remedy any inadequacies in the seasonal adjustments obtained under the program options selected.

In addition, seasonally adjusted data for some index series have been affected by changes to the CPI publication structure introduced with data for January 1998.

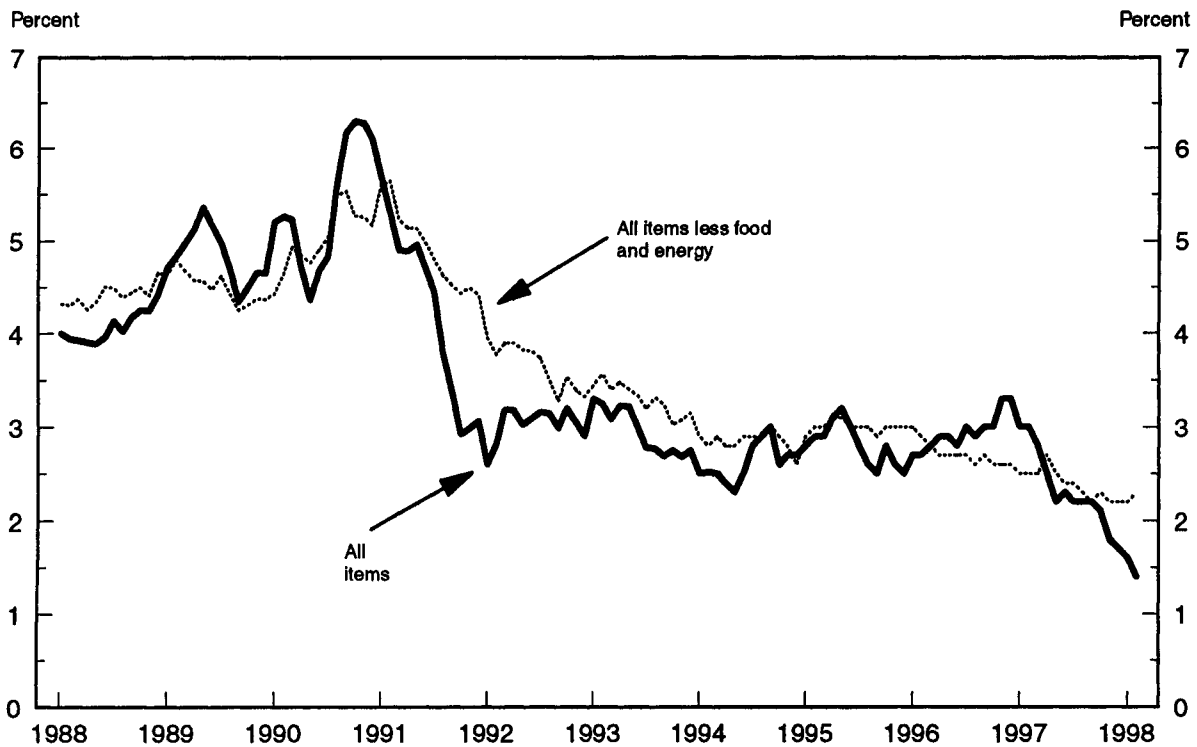
BLS to maintain current reference base of 1982-84=100 for most CPI index series

The Bureau of Labor Statistics previously indicated its intention to change the numerical 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 their present 1982-84=100 base to a 1993-95=100 base, effective with release of the January 1999 index in February 1999. BLS also indicated that the alternate, or 1967=100 base, will be discontinued in 1999, as well. This plan was initially described in the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*, which contained several articles that dealt with the 1998 CPI revision.

BLS has now decided not to implement this rebasing plan. Instead, the Bureau 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 rebased index values are smaller than before the rebasing took place, however, the loss of precision due to rounding is serious. In addition, retaining the old index reference base will spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

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

CPI-U 12-month changes, 1988 to present



Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 1993-December 1997

David Swanson

This article presents estimates of the variance for 1-month, 2-month, 6-month, and 12-month percent changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). These estimates cover the period January 1993 through December 1997.¹ Variance is a measure of the uncertainty in the CPI caused by using a random sample of retail prices instead of the complete universe of retail prices. Each month, the CPI collects prices from a random sample of approximately 73,000 items in 21,000 outlets around the United States.

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

Presentation of findings

The percent changes in the CPI, along with their standard errors, were estimated for all 60 months between January 1993 and December 1997. To summarize the results, tables 1-5 show the median values of those percent changes, as well as the median values of their standard errors. Table 1 shows this information for the U.S. City Average, and tables 2-5 show the same information for the Northeast, Midwest, South, and West regions.

From January 1993 through December 1997, the 12-month changes in the U.S. City Average All Items index had a median value of 2.7 percent. The standard errors of those 60 estimates had a median value of 0.12 percent. Margins of error are usually expressed as a statistic's point estimate plus or minus 2 standard errors, so the margin of error on the CPI's 12-month change is approximately plus or minus 0.24 percent. That means that in a typical 12-month period, the true change in the CPI was probably somewhere between 2.46 percent and 2.94 percent.

At the region level (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West regions) the 12-month changes in the All Items index had a median value between 2.6 percent and 3.0 percent, and the

standard errors had a median value between 0.17 percent and 0.22 percent. Regions have larger standard errors than the U.S. City Average, because regional indexes are computed from a smaller sample of retail prices. (In general, smaller sample sizes lead to larger standard errors.)

Analysis of findings

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

The primary reason standard errors increase as one proceeds from the U.S. City Average to individual regions of the country is the difference in sample sizes. In general, smaller sample sizes lead to larger standard errors. For example, the U.S. City Average All Items index is computed each month from the prices of approximately 73,000 randomly selected items throughout the United States; and its median standard error for 12-month changes is 0.12 percent. By contrast, the Northeast Region All Items index is computed from the prices of approximately 17,000 randomly selected Items; and its median standard error is 0.19 percent. (Regional indexes have larger standard errors because their sample sizes are smaller.)

The same thing occurs as one moves from the All Items index to individual major groups. In the South, the All Items index is computed each month from the prices of approximately 22,000 randomly selected Items; and its median standard error is 0.22 percent. By contrast, the shelter index in the South is computed from the prices of approximately 1,600 housing units and 900 other housing-related Items; and its median standard error is 0.43 percent, nearly twice as large as All Items. So again, smaller sample sizes lead to larger standard errors.

The second observation is that standard errors differ between major groups. There are two reasons for this. First, the major groups differ in sample size. For example, the U.S. City Average food and beverages index is computed from approximately 38,000 prices each month, while the entertainment index is computed from approximately 3,000 prices, so it is not surprising that entertainment has larger standard errors. Second, there are real differences in major group price behaviors caused by different selling practices, seasonal in-

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

fluences, and consumer demand. This is especially true for the apparel and upkeep indexes, where it is common for the prices of individual Items to fluctuate by 50 percent or more each month. As a result, standard errors for apparel and upkeep are large.

The third observation is that standard errors decrease on a relative basis (standard error divided by price change), as the price change interval gets longer. For the U.S. City Average-All Items index, the median standard error divided by the median percent price change is $0.06/0.2 = .30$ for 1-month changes, $0.08/.4 = .20$ for 2-month changes, $0.11/1.3 = .08$ for 6-month changes, and $0.12/2.7 = .04$ for 12-month changes. This shows that the relative accuracy of index changes improves, as the price change interval gets longer. On an absolute basis the standard errors increase, but they increase at a decreasing rate.

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

Sources of error

One way of analyzing the error in a survey estimate is to divide the total error into two sources: *sampling error* and *non-sampling error*. Sampling error is the uncertainty in the CPI caused by the fact that a random sample of retail prices is used to compute the CPI, instead of using the complete universe of retail prices. Non-sampling error is the rest of the error. Nonsampling error includes things like incorrect information given by survey respondents, and data processing errors. Non-sampling error arises, regardless of whether data are collected from a random sample of retail prices or from the complete universe.

Another way of analyzing error is to divide it into *variance* and *bias*. The variance of the CPI is a measure of how close different estimates of the CPI would be to each other, if it were possible to repeat the survey over-and-over using different random samples. Of course, it is not feasible to constantly repeat the survey, but statistical theory allows the CPI's variance to be estimated anyway. A small variance does not necessarily indicate small total error but instead indicates that multiple random samples would produce values that are consistently very close to each other. *Bias* is the difference between the CPI's "expected" value and its "true" value. A statistic may have a small bias but a large variance, or it may have a large bias but a small variance. To be accurate, both bias and variance need to be small.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is constantly working to reduce the error in the CPI. Variance and sampling error are reduced, by using a sample of retail prices that is as large as possible within resource constraints. The Bureau has developed a model that optimizes the allocation of resources by indicating the number of prices that should be observed in each geographic area and each item category, in order to mini-

mize the variance of the U.S. City Average All Items index. Additionally, the Bureau reduces nonsampling error through a series of computerized and professional data reviews, as well as through continuous survey process improvements. The Bureau is also working to reduce bias through theoretical research, although improvements in this area are difficult, since nobody knows what the "true" value is.

Replication and variance estimation

An important advantage of using random sampling is that the CPI's variance can be estimated directly from the sample data. Since 1978, the CPI's sample design has accommodated variance estimation, by using 2 or more independent samples of Items and outlets in each geographic area. This allows 2 or more statistically independent estimates of the index to be made; and from that, an estimate of the variance can be produced. The independent samples are called *replicates*, and the set of all observed prices is called the *full sample*.

Replicate and full sample indexes are used to calculate expenditure estimates (*cost weights*) for each area and each item stratum. The percent change of an index is equal to the percent change of its cost weights; hence, cost weights can be used instead of index values to compute variances. For technical reasons, cost weights are preferred over indexes.

To compute variances, the differences between the replicate cost weights and the full sample cost weight are squared. Cost weight variances for individual areas are then summed, along with the covariances between areas, to estimate variances for higher-level geographic areas, such as regions of the country or the U.S. City Average.²

The first step in calculating the variance of an index change is to estimate the cost weight variances for each month and the covariances between months. Variances of cost weights are estimated by summing the squared differences between replicate and full sample cost weights, and then dividing by the number of replicates times that number minus one:

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

where $C(t)$ is the full sample cost weight for month t , $C_r(t)$ is the r^{th} replicate's cost weight for month t , and R is the number of replicates.

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

$$\text{Cov}[C(t), C(t-k)] = \frac{1}{R(R-1)} \sum_{r=1}^R [C_r(t) - C(t)][C_r(t-k) - C(t-k)]$$

Then, the variance of the percent change between the two

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

months' cost weights is estimated by calculating the variance of the linear approximation of their ratio:

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

Where:

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

is the percent change in the index between month t-k and month t, and I(t) is the index for month t. Finally, the standard error

of the percent change is computed by taking the square root of its variance:

$$SE[PC(t, t-k)] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[PC(t, t-k)]}$$

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Table 1V. U.S. city average, CPI-U, median price change, median price change standard error, and minimum and maximum standard error by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1993-97

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error
All Items	0.2	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.4	0.08	0.04	0.13	1.3	0.11	0.06	0.18	2.7	0.12	0.06	0.20
Food	0.2	0.08	0.03	0.13	0.5	0.10	0.06	0.15	1.3	0.12	0.06	0.23	2.6	0.13	0.07	0.22
Housing	0.2	0.10	0.04	0.17	0.5	0.12	0.06	0.25	1.3	0.17	0.10	0.26	2.6	0.20	0.07	0.38
Shelter	0.3	0.11	0.04	0.25	0.4	0.15	0.08	0.35	1.6	0.23	0.10	0.32	3.1	0.22	0.08	0.52
Fuels and utilities	0.2	0.15	0.04	0.51	0.3	0.24	0.07	0.56	1.0	0.31	0.18	0.64	2.1	0.30	0.17	0.70
Household furnishings and operations ...	0.1	0.22	0.10	0.57	0.2	0.30	0.16	0.62	0.7	0.41	0.23	0.62	1.2	0.49	0.28	0.74
Apparel	-0.1	0.65	0.36	1.89	0.0	0.92	0.41	2.06	0.0	1.22	0.61	2.25	0.1	1.20	0.53	2.45
Transportation	0.2	0.07	0.04	0.12	0.3	0.09	0.06	0.16	1.2	0.13	0.08	0.24	2.6	0.16	0.06	0.32
Medical care	0.3	0.07	0.04	0.21	0.6	0.10	0.05	0.26	2.1	0.16	0.07	0.27	4.5	0.20	0.13	0.28
Entertainment	0.2	0.18	0.09	0.35	0.4	0.24	0.14	0.42	1.2	0.35	0.21	0.54	2.7	0.41	0.27	0.60
Other goods and services	0.2	0.11	0.05	0.27	0.5	0.15	0.08	0.35	2.0	0.25	0.13	0.43	4.2	0.35	0.2	0.58

Table 2V. Northeast region, CPI-U, median price change, median price change standard error, and minimum and maximum standard error by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1993-97

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error
All Items	0.2	0.11	0.05	0.49	0.4	0.16	0.04	0.42	1.3	0.19	0.06	0.48	2.6	0.19	0.06	0.47
Food	0.2	0.14	0.05	0.38	0.3	0.18	0.05	0.45	1.3	0.21	0.04	0.81	2.4	0.22	0.06	0.75
Housing	0.1	0.19	0.04	0.54	0.3	0.24	0.08	0.63	1.3	0.28	0.03	0.77	2.5	0.27	0.10	1.03
Shelter	0.3	0.23	0.02	0.76	0.3	0.29	0.10	0.95	1.3	0.40	0.06	0.89	2.7	0.40	0.14	1.34
Fuels and utilities	0.1	0.13	0.02	0.46	0.4	0.16	0.04	0.53	0.6	0.31	0.10	0.61	2.3	0.30	0.10	0.56
Household furnishings and operations	0.1	0.36	0.11	1.11	0.1	0.53	0.15	1.30	0.4	0.60	0.07	1.65	1.2	0.82	0.27	2.04
Apparel	-0.3	1.24	0.51	5.96	0.3	1.51	0.41	4.96	-0.2	2.06	0.82	6.12	0.7	2.33	0.47	6.76
Transportation	0.1	0.12	0.03	0.39	0.4	0.13	0.02	0.65	1.4	0.23	0.04	0.92	3.0	0.38	0.01	1.14
Medical care	0.3	0.13	0.03	0.57	0.7	0.21	0.04	0.48	2.1	0.28	0.08	0.74	4.2	0.39	0.09	0.75
Entertainment	0.2	0.37	0.11	1.14	0.4	0.52	0.16	1.04	1.3	0.58	0.12	1.74	2.9	0.77	0.27	1.30
Other goods and services	0.2	0.18	0.02	0.54	0.5	0.23	0.06	0.93	1.9	0.36	0.12	1.28	3.9	0.53	0.13	1.51

Table 3V. Midwest¹ region, CPI-U, median price change, median price change standard error, and minimum and maximum standard error by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1993-7

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error
All Items	0.2	0.09	0.02	0.19	0.4	0.13	0.04	0.29	1.4	0.18	0.05	0.49	2.9	0.22	0.05	0.64
Food	0.2	0.14	0.01	0.29	0.4	0.17	0.06	0.37	1.2	0.20	0.07	0.55	2.6	0.22	0.05	0.62
Housing	0.2	0.13	0.04	0.51	0.4	0.21	0.05	0.59	1.4	0.30	0.09	0.61	2.8	0.29	0.09	0.96
Shelter	0.3	0.14	0.03	0.55	0.6	0.20	0.07	0.64	1.8	0.27	0.09	0.64	3.6	0.34	0.06	0.89
Fuels and utilities	0.2	0.26	0.03	0.98	0.4	0.43	0.08	1.29	0.9	0.54	0.11	1.26	1.9	0.60	0.02	1.74
Household furnishings and operations	0.1	0.45	0.09	1.24	0.1	0.65	0.20	1.67	0.5	0.88	0.14	2.02	1.0	1.26	0.34	2.05
Apparel	-0.1	0.80	0.16	2.83	0.1	1.32	0.34	3.12	0.0	1.94	0.51	4.88	0.5	1.98	0.47	4.72
Transportation	0.1	0.11	0.03	0.30	0.2	0.16	0.04	0.32	1.2	0.18	0.06	0.54	2.6	0.25	0.07	0.58
Medical care	0.2	0.13	0.03	0.39	0.5	0.18	0.05	0.46	1.9	0.27	0.03	0.56	4.5	0.29	0.14	0.77
Entertainment	0.3	0.32	0.07	1.20	0.5	0.47	0.12	1.46	1.3	0.77	0.29	1.67	3.2	0.80	0.21	2.02
Other goods and services	0.3	0.20	0.05	0.71	0.5	0.25	0.05	0.81	2.0	0.51	0.07	0.98	3.8	0.68	0.23	1.24

¹The Midwest region (formerly designated as North Central) is composed of two divisions: East North Central and West North Central.

Table 4V. South region, CPI-U, median price change, median price change standard error, and minimum and maximum standard error by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1993-97

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error
All Items	0.2	0.11	0.02	0.37	0.5	0.15	0.04	0.41	1.3	0.23	0.07	0.48	3.0	0.22	0.06	0.59
Food	0.2	0.12	0.04	0.30	0.5	0.16	0.05	0.35	1.3	0.21	0.05	0.44	2.6	0.23	0.06	0.49
Housing	0.2	0.16	0.04	0.34	0.5	0.21	0.04	0.47	1.4	0.35	0.05	0.87	3.0	0.37	0.07	0.87
Shelter	0.2	0.18	0.04	0.57	0.5	0.34	0.05	0.62	1.7	0.52	0.06	1.16	3.5	0.43	0.08	0.99
Fuels and utilities	0.0	0.25	0.04	1.60	0.2	0.46	0.08	1.53	1.1	0.69	0.12	1.99	2.2	0.64	0.16	2.02
Household furnishings and operations	0.1	0.32	0.08	0.79	0.2	0.48	0.07	0.99	0.8	0.58	0.09	1.25	1.6	0.73	0.20	1.59
Apparel	-0.1	1.08	0.27	5.83	0.3	1.66	0.55	6.27	0.0	2.16	0.41	6.29	0.2	2.22	0.82	7.03
Transportation	0.2	0.10	0.02	0.21	0.3	0.16	0.07	0.27	1.3	0.24	0.07	0.41	2.7	0.25	0.06	0.73
Medical care	0.3	0.10	0.03	0.59	0.7	0.16	0.03	0.67	2.2	0.29	0.05	0.73	4.7	0.38	0.08	0.72
Entertainment	0.2	0.23	0.07	0.55	0.5	0.30	0.10	0.91	1.4	0.40	0.08	1.08	2.9	0.56	0.16	1.08
Other goods and services	0.3	0.20	0.03	0.67	0.6	0.29	0.09	0.78	2.0	0.42	0.20	1.01	4.3	0.61	0.22	1.33

Table 5V. West region, CPI-U, median price change, median price change standard error, and minimum and maximum standard error by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1993-97

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Min. standard error	Max. standard error
All Items	0.2	0.10	0.02	0.22	0.4	0.11	0.03	0.34	1.3	0.17	0.06	0.38	2.6	0.17	0.05	0.45
Food	0.2	0.18	0.05	0.47	0.5	0.19	0.05	0.54	1.5	0.24	0.07	0.65	2.6	0.26	0.08	0.60
Housing	0.2	0.19	0.03	0.51	0.5	0.20	0.01	0.56	1.2	0.29	0.09	0.60	2.5	0.29	0.10	1.05
Shelter	0.3	0.16	0.04	0.63	0.5	0.21	0.05	0.70	1.4	0.30	0.06	0.91	2.9	0.37	0.08	1.34
Fuels and utilities	0.1	0.16	0.01	2.67	0.4	0.23	0.03	2.60	1.6	0.54	0.29	2.69	2.4	0.38	0.10	2.67
Household furnishings and operations	0.1	0.42	0.13	2.02	0.3	0.57	0.25	2.08	0.6	0.74	0.24	1.60	1.3	0.92	0.17	1.95
Apparel	-0.4	1.15	0.26	3.23	0.0	1.59	0.48	4.41	-0.2	2.59	0.77	4.63	-0.5	1.47	0.51	3.73
Transportation	0.1	0.18	0.03	0.40	0.2	0.21	0.06	0.58	1.1	0.26	0.09	0.76	2.7	0.34	0.13	0.80
Medical care	0.3	0.12	0.02	0.59	0.6	0.17	0.02	0.49	1.8	0.30	0.08	0.62	3.7	0.44	0.17	0.92
Entertainment	0.1	0.28	0.06	0.98	0.2	0.39	0.13	1.14	0.8	0.69	0.13	1.21	2.0	0.95	0.27	1.77
Other goods and services	0.3	0.24	0.07	0.79	0.6	0.29	0.07	1.00	2.1	0.45	0.12	1.19	4.5	0.65	0.26	1.54

Improvements to CPI Procedures: Sample Rotation of the Used Car and Truck Sample

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In January 1998, the used car and truck portion of the CPI was resampled. This new sample was used in the CPI for the first time in February 1998. Unlike most items in the CPI, used car and truck prices are not collected in retail establishments; the CPI uses a secondary source, the N.A.D.A. Official Used Car Trade-In Guide, for the prices of used vehicles. As with other CPI items, in order to keep the set of vehicles priced up to date, vehicles must periodically be resampled. The sample was last revised in May 1994. Beginning with this revision of the used car and truck index, resampling will be done using the Consumer Expenditure Survey. (Previously, the sample was selected using industry information on automotive fleets.)

The expenditure weight of used cars and trucks in the CPI represents *net* purchases. In other words, the weight consists of purchases of used vehicles, less trade-ins on new and used vehicles. Sales among consumers—with or without dealer participation—are a “wash.” Therefore, expenditures consumers make to buy used vehicles are offset by the receipts consumers receive from the sale of used vehicles; only the difference (dealers’ overhead) counts toward the weight of used cars and trucks in the CPI.

Under this scheme, the portion of used vehicle sales contributing to the CPI weight for used vehicles comes from four sources:

1. sales of fleet vehicles
2. automotive dealer profits on used cars and trucks
3. imports of used cars and trucks
4. sales of previously leased cars and trucks

With the 1998 resampling, the sample size has been in-

creased from 442 vehicles to 562; and vehicles classified as trucks (pickup, sport/utility, and van) are included in the sample for the first time. The new sample only uses vehicles between 2 and 6 years of age. In addition, the new sample is older and more varied, on average, than the previous sample, since it has a larger percentage of vehicles in the 5- and 6-year-old range. The previous sample had slightly more than 10 percent of its vehicles in the 5- and 6-year-old category. This reflected the replacement schedules used by fleet managers, who tend to turn over vehicles more rapidly than is done in the general used vehicle market. In contrast, the new sample has nearly 30 percent of its vehicles in the 5- and 6-year-old range, which is closer to the actual consumer purchase pattern.

Previously, nearly 75 percent of all quotes were in the intermediate/full size classes. This has been more than halved in the new sample, since the importance of small and luxury/status vehicles has increased. Sedans, which were dominant in the old sample, have been partially replaced by coupes and trucks. In addition to the above changes, the new sample provides for the possibility of selecting several additional options—previously unpriced in the CPI—reflecting the current state of the market.

Additional information on this index may be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, Room 3615 PSB, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212-0001, or by calling Tim LaFleur at (202) 606-6982. Mr. LaFleur can also be reached by e-mail (lafleur_t@bls.gov).

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	161.6	161.9	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	484.2	484.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	160.3	159.8	1.8	-.3	.1	.3	.0
Food	15.326	159.9	159.4	1.9	-.3	.0	.3	.0
Food at home	9.646	161.0	160.0	1.5	-.6	-.1	.4	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	179.0	179.7	1.7	.4	.2	-.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	148.3	147.5	-.9	-.5	-.6	-.3	-.1
Dairy and related products ¹	1.037	148.3	147.7	1.0	-.4	.5	.3	-.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	202.1	193.8	3.4	-4.1	-.4	2.9	-.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	134.1	134.8	4.9	.5	-.7	-.2	.1
Other food at home	1.972	148.7	149.1	2.5	.3	.1	.0	.1
Sugar and sweets	.377	150.3	149.6	1.6	-.5	.4	.5	-.4
Fats and oils	.291	140.5	141.5	-.8	.7	.1	-1.1	.7
Other foods	1.305	163.6	164.2	2.2	.4	.6	.1	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	.309	100.4	100.4	-	.0	-	.4	.0
Food away from home ¹	5.680	159.2	159.6	2.6	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	.172	100.1	100.4	-	.3	-	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages	.983	164.6	165.0	2.0	.2	.2	.2	-.1
Housing	39.560	158.3	158.8	1.9	.3	.1	.1	.1
Shelter	29.788	179.2	180.1	3.2	.5	.4	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence	6.885	169.5	169.9	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.1
Lodging away from home ²	2.327	105.1	109.3	-	4.0	-	-2.2	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	20.199	185.1	185.5	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.377	100.3	100.2	-	-.1	-	.3	-.1
Fuels and utilities	4.942	128.8	127.4	-2.7	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-.9
Fuels	4.018	114.5	112.8	-5.4	-1.5	-2.0	-1.6	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	.261	96.4	95.2	-13.1	-1.2	-.4	-2.1	-2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	121.6	119.7	-4.5	-1.6	-2.2	-1.5	-1.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	125.6	126.1	.7	.4	.0	.2	.3
Apparel	4.944	129.8	131.9	.0	1.6	.2	-.5	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	129.8	130.8	2.7	.8	.6	.2	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	120.2	124.3	-1.4	3.4	-.4	-1.0	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.268	124.8	123.1	-3.2	-1.4	-.2	-.8	-1.4
Footwear	.895	127.4	126.6	.2	-.6	.8	-.5	-1.3
Transportation	17.578	142.7	142.1	-1.9	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.4
Private transportation	16.240	139.3	138.4	-2.5	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.899	100.2	100.2	-1.4	.0	-	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.063	144.4	144.4	-.7	.0	-.2	.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.880	148.1	148.4	-3.9	.2	.2	.1	.2
Motor fuel	2.995	97.8	94.1	-13.0	-3.8	-1.5	-3.7	-3.3
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	97.2	93.5	-12.9	-3.8	-1.6	-3.6	-3.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.560	101.3	101.4	-1.2	.1	-.2	-.3	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	165.0	165.5	2.7	.3	.5	.2	.3
Public transportation	1.338	187.1	191.2	4.8	2.2	-.2	1.6	1.4
Medical care	5.614	238.1	239.3	2.8	.5	.3	.1	.3
Medical care commodities	1.222	217.6	218.4	2.1	.4	.5	.2	.1
Medical care services	4.392	242.9	244.2	3.0	.5	.3	.1	.4
Professional services	2.808	218.5	219.7	3.0	.5	.3	.3	.2
Hospital and related services	1.334	283.5	285.2	3.1	.6	.5	-.1	.5
Recreation ²	6.145	100.3	100.7	1.5	.4	-	.3	.3
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.763	100.6	101.2	2.2	.6	-.3	.6	.6

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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ²	5.528	99.9	99.8	2.4	-0.1	-	0.0	-0.1
Education ²	2.615	100.3	100.4	5.0	.1	-	.4	.3
Educational books and supplies	.194	245.1	246.9	4.9	.7	0.4	-2	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	289.2	289.2	5.0	.0	.4	.5	.3
Communication ^{1 2}	2.913	99.6	99.2	-1.3	-4	-1	-4	-4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.706	99.6	99.1	-1.5	-5	-1	-4	-5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.357	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-1	.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	.350	46.2	44.3	-16.7	-4.1	-4	-2.5	-4.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.234	96.9	91.3	-	-5.8	-	-3.1	-5.8
Other goods and services	4.321	231.3	233.1	5.6	.8	.4	.4	.8
Tobacco and smoking products	.894	253.8	261.2	10.0	2.9	.7	.7	2.9
Personal care ¹	3.427	154.6	155.0	2.3	.3	-2	.4	.3
Personal care products ¹	.737	146.1	146.7	2.4	.4	-5	.6	.4
Personal care services ¹	.963	164.3	164.3	2.2	.0	.2	.2	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	230.9	232.1	4.6	.5	.5	.2	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.635	141.6	141.5	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1
Food and beverages	16.310	160.3	159.8	1.8	-3	.1	.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	130.5	130.5	-1.6	.0	-2	-4	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	132.0	132.1	-1.9	.1	-1	-1.1	-1
Apparel	4.944	129.8	131.9	.0	1.6	.2	-.5	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	138.1	137.2	-2.7	-7	-4	-1.2	-.6
Durables	11.596	128.2	128.2	-1.2	.0	-2	.2	-.2
Services	57.365	181.8	182.4	2.6	.3	.2	.1	.2
Rent of shelter ³	29.410	186.5	187.5	3.2	.5	.4	.2	.3
Transportation services	6.984	187.1	187.9	2.5	.4	.1	.6	.4
Other services	10.625	213.7	214.4	3.7	.3	.4	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.674	161.9	162.3	1.3	.2	.1	-.1	.1
All items less shelter	70.212	156.4	156.4	.7	.0	-.1	-.1	-.1
All items less medical care	94.386	157.3	157.5	1.3	.1	.0	.0	.1
Commodities less food	27.309	131.9	131.9	-1.4	.0	-.1	-.4	-.2
Nondurables less food	15.712	133.9	134.1	-1.5	.1	-.1	-.9	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	139.8	138.9	-2.3	-.6	-.3	-1.1	-.6
Nondurables	31.039	146.2	146.1	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	27.955	189.9	190.1	2.0	.1	.0	-.1	.0
Services less medical care services	52.973	176.1	176.6	2.6	.3	.2	.1	.1
Energy	7.013	105.9	103.2	-8.8	-2.5	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2
All items less energy	92.987	169.0	169.6	2.2	.4	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.661	171.2	172.1	2.3	.5	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	142.0	142.7	.4	.5	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities	3.256	97.8	94.3	-13.2	-3.6	-1.4	-3.5	-3.3
Services less energy services	53.608	187.9	188.8	3.1	.5	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.619	\$.618	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.207	\$.206	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	161.8	161.9	161.9	162.0	1.0	2.0	2.3	0.5	1.5	1.4
Food and beverages	159.2	159.3	159.7	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.1	1.6
Food	158.9	158.9	159.4	159.4	.8	3.1	2.0	1.3	1.9	1.7
Food at home	159.5	159.3	159.9	159.7	.3	3.6	1.3	.5	1.9	.9
Cereals and bakery products	178.8	179.1	179.0	179.4	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.6	147.7	147.3	147.2	.5	1.4	-1.6	-3.7	.9	-2.7
Dairy and related products ¹	147.0	147.8	148.3	147.7	-2.2	-5.4	10.4	1.9	-3.8	6.1
Fruits and vegetables	191.7	190.9	196.5	194.9	-5.2	12.2	2.5	6.8	3.1	4.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	135.3	134.3	134.0	134.1	16.9	12.3	-4.6	-3.5	14.6	-4.0
Other food at home	148.5	148.7	148.7	148.8	5.1	5.3	-.3	.8	5.2	.3
Sugar and sweets	148.7	149.3	150.0	149.4	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.9	1.2	2.2
Fats and oils	141.3	141.5	140.0	141.0	-.6	-.8	-.8	-.8	-.7	-.8
Other foods	162.5	163.4	163.6	163.8	-.2	2.8	2.8	3.2	1.3	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.4	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ¹	158.6	159.0	159.2	159.6	1.8	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.8
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	164.1	164.5	164.9	164.8	2.0	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.7
Housing	158.2	158.3	158.4	158.6	1.6	2.1	3.4	1.0	1.8	2.2
Shelter	178.0	178.7	179.0	179.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.6	169.1	169.5	169.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.9
Lodging away from home ²	-	100.0	99.8	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	183.9	184.5	184.9	185.5	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.3	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	132.1	130.7	129.1	127.9	-5.1	1.2	6.3	-12.1	-2.0	-3.4
Fuels	118.4	116.0	114.2	112.7	-10.6	.0	9.7	-17.9	-5.5	-5.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.5	96.1	94.1	91.9	-19.2	-14.0	-.4	-17.7	-16.6	-9.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	126.4	123.6	121.8	120.3	-9.5	1.6	10.8	-18.0	-4.1	-4.7
Household furnishings and operations	125.4	125.4	125.7	126.1	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.3	.2	1.4
Apparel	133.0	133.2	132.5	132.7	2.4	-2.1	1.2	-.9	.2	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	130.9	131.7	132.0	132.0	5.1	1.9	.9	3.4	3.5	2.2
Women's and girls' apparel	126.1	125.6	124.4	125.3	1.9	-5.6	3.2	-2.5	-1.9	.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	126.0	125.8	124.8	123.1	22.4	-18.1	-4.0	-8.9	.2	-6.5
Footwear	128.5	129.5	128.8	127.1	1.9	2.2	1.6	-4.3	2.1	-1.4
Transportation	143.9	143.5	143.0	142.4	-3.3	1.1	-1.1	-4.1	-1.1	-2.6
Private transportation	140.7	140.3	139.6	138.8	-4.7	1.7	-1.4	-5.3	-1.5	-3.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	143.7	143.4	143.6	143.5	-.3	-.6	-1.4	-.6	-.4	-1.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	147.6	147.9	148.1	148.4	-1.3	-13.3	-2.4	2.2	-7.5	-.1
Motor fuel	105.1	103.5	99.7	96.4	-23.0	10.8	-4.8	-29.2	-7.6	-17.9
Gasoline (all types)	104.7	103.0	99.3	95.9	-23.1	11.7	-5.2	-29.6	-7.3	-18.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.5	101.3	101.0	101.1	-1.9	.4	-1.6	-1.6	-.8	-1.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	163.9	164.7	165.0	165.5	2.8	2.5	1.5	4.0	2.6	2.7
Public transportation	186.1	185.8	188.8	191.4	12.1	-5.4	1.7	11.9	3.0	6.7
Medical care	237.1	237.9	238.2	238.9	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities	216.4	217.4	217.8	218.0	3.4	.4	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.2
Medical care services	241.6	242.4	242.6	243.5	3.3	2.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.1
Professional services	217.5	218.1	218.7	219.2	4.0	2.6	2.2	3.2	3.3	2.7
Hospital and related services	281.5	282.8	282.6	284.0	3.2	2.0	3.6	3.6	2.6	3.6
Recreation ²	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 2}	100.3	100.0	100.6	101.2	-.4	4.5	1.2	3.6	2.0	2.4

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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ²	-	100.0	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education ²	-	100.0	100.4	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	242.8	243.8	243.2	244.9	6.0	7.1	3.2	3.5	6.5	3.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	285.6	286.8	288.1	289.0	5.5	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.5	4.7
Communication ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.2	.4	-3.1	1.2	-3.5	-1.4	-1.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.1	.0	-3.1	1.2	-3.9	-1.6	-1.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	47.6	47.4	46.2	44.3	-16.9	-19.0	-4.9	-25.0	-17.9	-15.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	-	100.0	96.9	91.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	229.9	230.8	231.8	233.7	5.7	4.3	5.6	6.8	5.0	6.2
Tobacco and smoking products	250.3	252.1	253.8	261.2	8.2	2.8	10.9	18.6	5.5	14.7
Personal care ¹	154.3	154.0	154.6	155.0	2.9	-3	4.8	1.8	1.3	3.3
Personal care products ¹	146.1	145.3	146.1	146.7	2.3	-1.7	7.4	1.7	.3	4.5
Personal care services ¹	163.5	163.9	164.3	164.3	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0
Miscellaneous personal services	230.1	231.2	231.6	231.6	5.3	7.5	2.8	2.6	6.4	2.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.3	142.1	141.9	141.8	-.8	.9	1.1	-1.4	.0	-.1
Food and beverages	159.2	159.3	159.7	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.1	1.6
Commodities less food and beverages	132.0	131.8	131.3	131.0	-2.4	-.3	.0	-3.0	-1.3	-1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.8	134.6	133.1	133.0	-4.4	1.5	.9	-5.2	-1.5	-2.2
Apparel	133.0	133.2	132.5	132.7	2.4	-2.1	1.2	-.9	.2	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.7	140.2	138.5	137.7	-6.1	4.1	-.3	-8.3	-1.1	-4.4
Durables	127.9	127.7	128.0	127.8	-.9	-2.8	-1.2	-.3	-1.8	-.8
Services	181.4	181.7	181.9	182.3	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.7	2.6
Rent of shelter ³	185.6	186.3	186.6	187.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3
Transportation services	185.7	185.9	187.1	187.8	4.7	.7	1.1	4.6	2.6	2.8
Other services	212.7	213.5	214.0	214.4	4.3	4.1	2.5	3.2	4.2	2.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	162.2	162.3	162.2	162.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	.2	1.5	1.2
All items less shelter	156.9	156.8	156.7	156.6	.3	1.8	1.8	-.8	1.0	.5
All items less medical care	157.4	157.4	157.4	157.5	.8	2.1	2.3	.3	1.4	1.3
Commodities less food	133.5	133.3	132.8	132.6	-2.1	-.3	.3	-2.7	-1.2	-1.2
Nondurables less food	136.5	136.3	135.1	135.0	-4.0	1.5	.9	-4.3	-1.3	-1.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.1	141.7	140.2	139.4	-5.0	3.7	.0	-7.4	-.7	-3.8
Nondurables	147.2	147.1	146.8	146.5	-2.2	2.5	1.9	-1.9	.1	.0
Services less rent of shelter ³	190.0	190.0	189.9	189.9	2.4	1.9	3.7	-.2	2.2	1.7
Services less medical care services	175.8	176.1	176.3	176.5	2.8	2.6	3.5	1.6	2.7	2.5
Energy	111.3	109.3	106.7	104.3	-16.1	4.5	2.9	-22.9	-6.4	-10.9
All items less energy	168.6	168.9	169.2	169.6	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.3
All items less food and energy	171.0	171.4	171.7	172.2	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.5	142.5	142.6	142.9	1.1	-1.4	1.1	1.1	-.1	1.1
Energy commodities	104.3	102.8	99.2	95.9	-22.5	7.5	-4.1	-28.5	-8.7	-17.2
Services less energy services	187.0	187.6	188.0	188.6	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	161.6	161.9	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	484.2	484.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	160.3	159.8	1.8	-3	.1	.3	.0
Food	15.326	159.9	159.4	1.9	-3	.0	.3	.0
Food at home	9.646	161.0	160.0	1.5	-6	-1	.4	-1
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	179.0	179.7	1.7	.4	.2	-1	.2
Cereals and cereal products	.547	169.9	170.2	1.5	.2	.1	-6	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	.071	158.3	156.3	-2	-1.3	.3	1.1	-5
Breakfast cereal	.317	187.2	188.4	1.9	.6	.2	-1.0	.9
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	.160	150.2	150.2	2.2	.0	.1	-1.1	.2
Rice 1 2 3	-	100.1	98.9	-	-1.2	-	.1	-1.2
Bakery products	.989	183.0	184.0	1.8	.5	.1	.5	.0
Bread 1 3	.290	99.4	100.2	-	.8	-	-.6	.8
White bread 2 3	-	184.5	186.3	1.4	1.0	-.4	-.9	1.0
Bread other than white 2 3	-	186.3	187.9	3.5	.9	1.4	-.3	.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins 1 3	.142	101.0	101.8	-	.8	-	1.0	.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies 3	.270	180.1	181.9	1.9	1.0	-1	.0	1.0
Cookies 2 3	-	182.7	183.5	2.2	.4	-.8	.2	.4
Fresh cakes and cupcakes 2 3	-	178.2	180.4	1.8	1.2	.9	-.2	1.2
Other bakery products	.286	181.4	180.7	.3	-.4	-.2	1.2	-1.7
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts 2 3	-	177.9	178.6	2.6	.4	2.1	.4	.4
Crackers, bread, and cracker products 2	-	208.0	207.4	-2.7	-3	-.9	2.9	-6.3
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers 2 3	-	184.7	182.6	2.6	-1.1	2.4	1.7	-1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	148.3	147.5	-.9	-.5	-.6	-.3	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.499	148.4	147.9	-.5	-.3	-.6	-.1	.0
Meats	1.670	143.2	142.4	-1.1	-.6	-.3	-.2	-.3
Beef and veal	.742	136.8	135.9	-.5	-.7	.1	-.4	-.6
Uncooked ground beef	.282	117.4	115.5	-1.4	-1.6	-.4	1.3	-2.4
Uncooked beef roasts 1 3	.132	99.5	99.9	-	.4	-	-.5	.4
Uncooked beef steaks 1 3	.277	99.2	99.0	-	-.2	-	-.8	-.2
Uncooked other beef and veal 1 3	.051	99.9	99.3	-	-.6	-	-.1	-.6
Pork	.587	152.1	151.5	-2.4	-.4	-.5	-.4	.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products 1 3	.192	99.1	97.9	-	-1.2	-	-.9	-1.2
Bacon and related products 2	-	156.8	155.0	-4.0	-1.1	-.8	-1.6	-.5
Breakfast sausage and related products 1 2 3	-	101.1	99.6	-	-1.5	-	1.1	-1.5
Ham	.136	151.7	153.4	-1.5	1.1	1.0	-.1	.8
Ham, excluding canned 2	-	162.0	164.0	-.9	1.2	.6	.5	1.2
Pork chops	.131	150.8	149.6	-4.3	-.8	-.8	-1.1	-.3
Other pork including roasts and picnics 1 3	.128	99.8	99.4	-	-.4	-	-.2	-.4
Other meats 3	.341	148.1	147.3	-.3	-.5	-1.5	.7	-.5
Frankfurters 2 3	-	148.6	147.4	1.3	-.8	-.3	2.6	-.8
Lunchmeats 1 2 3	-	100.3	100.0	-	-.3	-	.3	-.3
Lamb and organ meats 2 3	-	163.4	162.3	.9	-.7	-2.2	1.6	-.7
Lamb and mutton 1 2 3	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry 3	.495	155.1	155.3	-1.6	.1	-1.4	-.1	.1
Chicken 1 3	.382	99.3	99.7	-	.4	-	-.7	.4
Fresh whole chicken 2 3	-	155.0	155.4	-2.4	.3	-1.4	-2.5	.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts 2 3	-	154.4	155.7	-2.7	.8	-2.5	.0	.8
Other poultry including turkey 1 3	.113	102.3	101.3	-	-1.0	-	2.3	-1.0
Fish and seafood	.334	180.7	180.9	3.2	.1	-.6	.1	1.6
Fresh fish and seafood 1 3	.187	103.3	103.8	-	.5	-	3.3	.5
Processed fish and seafood 1 3	.147	100.3	99.9	-	-.4	-	.3	-.4
Canned fish and seafood 2 3	-	129.9	130.3	2.5	.3	-.7	.4	.3
Frozen fish and seafood 2	-	201.1	198.9	.2	-1.1	-.6	-1.8	.6
Eggs	.130	143.8	137.3	-7.0	-4.5	-.7	-2.6	-2.3
Dairy and related products 3	1.037	148.3	147.7	1.0	-.4	.5	.3	-.4
Milk 1 3	.403	99.8	100.2	-	.4	-	-.2	.4
Fresh whole milk 2 3	-	145.6	146.3	1.6	.5	-.1	-.1	.5
Fresh milk other than whole 1 2 3	-	99.8	100.3	-	.5	-	-.2	.5
Cheese and related products 3	.305	148.5	148.3	-.3	-.1	.7	.1	-.1
Ice cream and related products	.176	153.5	150.8	-.5	-1.8	.4	.8	-1.6
Other dairy and related products 1 3	.152	100.9	99.4	-	-1.5	-	.9	-1.5

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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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	202.1	193.8	3.4	-4.1	-0.4	2.9	-0.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1.068	237.7	225.5	4.9	-5.1	-.8	3.3	-.8
Fresh fruits	.547	240.2	240.3	3.8	.0	.2	-1.0	5.8
Apples	.097	197.2	200.2	1.1	1.5	.7	-.7	.8
Bananas	.101	154.7	160.2	-5.9	3.6	-2.2	-.3	-4.0
Citrus fruits ^{1 3}	.110	105.6	101.3	-	-4.1	-	5.6	-4.1
Oranges, including tangerines ²	-	201.3	197.7	1.7	-1.8	3.5	10.8	-4.1
Other fresh fruits ^{1 3}	.240	96.6	96.6	-	.0	-	-3.4	.0
Fresh vegetables	.521	233.8	210.5	6.0	-10.0	-1.9	7.9	-7.2
Potatoes	.093	180.2	179.3	10.1	-.5	.2	1.0	-.2
Lettuce ³	.066	290.5	198.8	7.8	-31.6	-15.3	33.0	-31.6
Tomatoes ³	.101	238.4	226.0	6.8	-5.2	12.8	-5.9	-5.2
Other fresh vegetables	.261	243.1	223.1	5.3	-8.2	-.7	11.2	-6.8
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	.327	101.6	100.9	-	-.7	-	1.6	-.7
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	.176	101.8	100.8	-	-1.0	-	1.8	-1.0
Canned fruits ^{1 2 3}	-	100.6	100.3	-	-.3	-	.6	-.3
Canned vegetables ^{1 2 3}	-	103.5	102.1	-	-1.4	-	3.5	-1.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	.103	101.7	101.6	-	-.1	-	1.7	-.1
Frozen vegetables ²	-	150.0	149.8	1.4	-.1	.6	-.7	.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 3}	.048	100.2	99.9	-	-.3	-	.2	-.3
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	100.5	-	.4	-	.1	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	134.1	134.8	4.9	.5	-.7	-.2	.1
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 3}	.781	101.1	101.7	-	.6	-	1.1	.6
Carbonated drinks	.411	118.3	120.1	-.1	1.5	-.3	-.2	.8
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	.054	101.0	100.7	-	-.3	-	1.0	-.3
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	.316	100.0	99.6	-	-.4	-	.0	-.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 3}	.297	100.0	100.1	-	.1	-	.0	.1
Coffee ³	.166	169.8	169.1	15.3	-.4	-2.1	-.2	-.4
Roasted coffee ^{2 3}	-	176.9	176.8	20.5	-.1	-2.7	-.6	-.1
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{2 3}	-	155.5	154.1	5.0	-.9	-.8	.2	-.9
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 3}	.131	100.3	101.0	-	.7	-	.3	.7
Other food at home	1.972	148.7	149.1	2.5	.3	.1	.0	.1
Sugar and sweets	.377	150.3	149.6	1.6	-.5	.4	.5	-.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	.074	136.4	135.9	.4	-.4	.6	.5	-.6
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 3}	.228	101.2	100.9	-	-.3	-	1.2	-.3
Other sweets ^{1 3}	.076	102.3	101.3	-	-1.0	-	2.3	-1.0
Fats and oils	.291	140.5	141.5	-.8	.7	.1	-1.1	.7
Butter and margarine ^{1 3}	.091	99.3	99.8	-	.5	-	-.7	.5
Butter ^{2 3}	-	124.7	126.2	16.1	1.2	3.9	-2.7	1.2
Margarine ^{2 3}	-	146.1	145.5	-1.2	-.4	.3	1.3	-.4
Salad dressing ^{1 3}	.082	100.0	101.3	-	1.3	-	.0	1.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 3}	.119	100.8	101.4	-	.6	-	.8	.6
Peanut butter ^{1 2 3}	-	100.3	101.0	-	.7	-	.3	.7
Other foods	1.305	163.6	164.2	2.2	.4	.6	.1	.1
Soups	.109	189.6	190.2	2.9	.3	.5	.5	.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ³	.224	145.2	145.2	-.5	.0	-.6	.2	.0
Snacks ³	.271	155.1	155.5	.9	.3	.6	-.3	.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	.293	171.0	173.0	3.2	1.2	.8	.2	1.1
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2 3}	-	99.9	101.0	-	1.1	-	-.1	1.1
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2 3}	-	96.7	104.6	-	8.2	-	-3.3	8.2
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2 3}	-	101.4	102.3	-	.9	-	1.4	.9
Other condiments ²	-	167.6	170.3	6.9	1.6	.8	1.9	1.8
Baby food ^{1 3}	.099	100.6	100.5	-	-.1	-	.6	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 3}	.309	100.4	100.4	-	.0	-	.4	.0
Prepared salads ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ³	5.680	159.2	159.6	2.6	.3	.3	.1	.3
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	2.969	100.2	100.4	-	.2	-	.2	.2
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	1.655	100.2	100.5	-	.3	-	.2	.3
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 3}	.662	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-.1	.1
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 3}	.222	100.1	100.2	-	.1	-	.1	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 3}	.172	100.1	100.4	-	.3	-	.1	.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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Alcoholic beverages	.983	164.6	165.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Alcoholic beverages at home	.628	149.9	150.2	.5	.2	.2	.1	-.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	.333	148.0	148.2	-.6	.1	.3	.1	-.4
Distilled spirits at home	.110	151.5	152.0	1.5	.3	.3	-.5	.2
Whiskey at home ^{2 3}	-	151.5	150.8	1.3	-.5	-.4	.0	-.5
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{2 3}	-	151.8	152.4	1.8	.4	-.1	-.2	.4
Wine at home	.185	146.2	146.9	1.8	.5	.0	.1	-.3
Alcoholic beverages away from home	.355	193.1	193.6	3.5	.3	.5	.3	.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	100.3	100.2	-	-.1	-	.3	-.1
Wine away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	100.6	100.6	-	.0	-	.6	.0
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.5	-	.5	-	.0	.5
Housing	39.560	158.3	158.8	1.9	.3	.1	.1	.1
Shelter	29.788	179.2	180.1	3.2	.5	.4	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence	6.885	169.5	169.9	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.1
Lodging away from home ¹	2.327	105.1	109.3	-	4.0	-	-.2	.5
Housing at school, excluding board ⁴	.231	229.8	230.0	4.3	.1	.4	.3	.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	2.096	225.5	235.6	4.2	4.5	1.0	-.2	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	20.199	185.1	185.5	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 3}	.377	100.3	100.2	-	-.1	-	.3	-.1
Fuels and utilities	4.942	128.8	127.4	-2.7	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-.9
Fuels	4.018	114.5	112.8	-5.4	-1.5	-2.0	-1.6	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	.261	96.4	95.2	-13.1	-1.2	-.4	-2.1	-2.3
Fuel oil	.185	93.0	91.4	-14.6	-1.7	-.2	-2.7	-3.0
Other household fuels ^{3 5}	.075	128.6	128.6	-.9	.0	.6	-.2	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	121.6	119.7	-4.5	-1.6	-2.2	-1.5	-1.2
Electricity	2.649	126.2	124.6	-3.6	-1.3	-1.8	-1.0	-1.2
Utility natural gas service	1.108	116.0	113.5	-6.2	-2.2	-3.0	-2.7	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	.924	100.2	100.7	-	.5	-	.0	.6
Water and sewerage maintenance	.677	214.3	215.1	4.1	.4	.3	.0	.5
Garbage and trash collection ^{3 6}	.247	252.9	254.7	2.7	.7	.0	.0	.7
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	125.6	126.1	.7	.4	.0	.2	.3
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 3}	.354	101.5	101.9	-	.4	-	1.5	.4
Floor coverings ^{1 3}	.087	99.9	99.9	-	.0	-	-.1	.0
Window coverings ^{1 3}	.112	103.4	102.0	-	-1.4	-	3.4	-1.4
Other linens ^{1 3}	.155	101.0	102.9	-	1.9	-	1.0	1.9
Furniture and bedding ³	1.141	133.0	133.6	.3	.5	-.4	-.4	.5
Bedroom furniture ³	.329	139.4	140.3	.8	.6	1.1	-2.3	.6
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 3}	.621	100.7	101.1	-	.4	-	.7	.4
Other furniture ^{1 3}	.179	99.6	99.7	-	.1	-	-.4	.1
Appliances ^{1 3}	.368	100.9	101.0	-	.1	-	.9	.1
Major appliances ^{1 3}	.217	101.1	101.2	-	.1	-	1.1	.1
Laundry equipment ^{2 3}	-	114.5	114.2	.7	-.3	.5	1.0	-.3
Other appliances ^{1 3}	.144	100.6	100.8	-	.2	-	.6	.2
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 3}	.546	101.6	101.4	-	-.2	-	1.6	-.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ³	.229	120.6	120.1	.0	-.4	.8	-.3	-.4
Indoor plants and flowers ⁷	.152	113.4	114.5	2.7	1.0	.7	7.3	-1.2
Dishes and flatware ^{1 3}	.080	100.2	99.4	-	-.8	-	.2	-.8
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 3}	.085	100.4	99.3	-	-1.1	-	.4	-1.1
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	.653	100.8	101.1	-	.3	-	.8	.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 3}	.169	100.2	99.9	-	-.3	-	.2	-.3
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	.332	101.1	101.8	-	.7	-	1.1	.7
Housekeeping supplies	.873	143.1	145.0	1.8	1.3	.2	-.5	1.3
Household cleaning products ^{1 3}	.404	100.1	100.7	-	.6	-	.1	.6
Household paper products ^{1 3}	.209	100.1	101.8	-	1.7	-	.1	1.7
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 3}	.259	99.1	101.2	-	2.1	-	-.9	2.1
Household operations ^{1 3}	.896	100.1	100.3	-	.2	-	.1	.2
Domestic services ^{1 3}	.316	100.2	100.4	-	.2	-	.2	.2
Gardening and lawncare services ^{1 3}	.264	100.0	99.9	-	-.1	-	.0	-.1
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 3}	.104	100.0	100.9	-	.9	-	.0	.9
Repair of household items ^{1 3}	.100	100.2	100.3	-	.1	-	.2	.1

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

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Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Apparel	4.944	129.8	131.9	0.0	1.6	0.2	-0.5	0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	129.8	130.8	2.7	.8	.6	.2	.0
Men's apparel	1.091	132.1	134.1	2.5	1.5	1.2	-.2	.7
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	.253	136.4	138.2	5.7	1.3	.6	2.9	.4
Men's furnishings	.278	132.0	134.3	8.7	1.7	3.7	.8	1.8
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 3}	.317	96.1	97.3	-	1.2	-	-3.9	1.2
Men's pants and shorts	.227	130.8	132.9	-.1	1.6	.1	.3	.2
Boys' apparel	.298	119.7	118.0	4.8	-1.4	.8	1.0	-2.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	120.2	124.3	-1.4	3.4	-.4	-1.0	.7
Women's apparel	1.687	119.6	124.2	-1.6	3.8	-.5	-1.4	1.0
Women's outerwear	.128	119.7	116.2	-1.3	-2.9	-2.2	-.8	-2.8
Women's dresses	.214	95.8	109.9	-5.4	14.7	-1.4	-4.7	6.0
Women's suits and separates ^{1 3}	.886	95.4	98.6	-	3.4	-	-4.6	3.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 3}	.435	101.7	103.5	-	1.8	-	1.7	1.8
Girls' apparel	.303	123.6	125.2	-.4	1.3	.7	1.6	-1.0
Footwear	.895	127.4	126.6	.2	-.6	.8	-.5	-1.3
Men's footwear	.279	130.6	130.2	-1.8	-.3	.5	-1.1	-.7
Boys' and girls' footwear	.219	133.3	127.9	-2.7	-4.1	.4	1.8	-4.6
Women's footwear	.397	121.6	122.9	3.4	1.1	.7	-.5	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ³	.268	124.8	123.1	-3.2	-1.4	-.2	-.8	-1.4
Jewelry and watches ⁵	.401	142.0	146.2	-.2	3.0	.3	-.7	2.4
Watches ⁵	.072	123.6	122.3	-3.1	-1.1	-.5	.3	-1.7
Jewelry ⁵	.330	147.2	152.8	.4	3.8	.4	-.7	3.2
Transportation	17.578	142.7	142.1	-1.9	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.4
Private transportation	16.240	139.3	138.4	-2.5	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.6
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.899	100.2	100.2	-1.4	.0	-	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.063	144.4	144.4	-.7	.0	-.2	.1	-.1
New cars and trucks ^{1 2 3}	-	100.2	100.2	-	.0	-	.2	.0
New cars ²	-	141.8	141.7	-.8	-1	-.3	.1	.0
New trucks ^{2 5}	-	151.8	151.9	-.5	.1	-.1	.1	-.1
New motorcycles ^{2 5}	-	163.5	162.8	-.3	-.4	-.2	-.1	-.9
Used cars and trucks ³	1.880	148.1	148.4	-3.9	.2	.2	.1	.2
Car and truck rental ^{1 3}	.138	97.8	99.5	-	1.7	-	-2.2	1.7
Motor fuel	2.995	97.8	94.1	-13.0	-3.8	-1.5	-3.7	-3.3
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	97.2	93.5	-12.9	-3.8	-1.6	-3.6	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	-	95.0	91.0	-13.7	-4.2	-1.8	-3.8	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3 8}	-	101.8	98.1	-12.4	-3.6	-2.5	-3.9	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	-	99.4	96.0	-11.6	-3.4	-1.4	-3.3	-2.9
Other motor fuels ^{1 3}	.019	98.0	95.8	-	-2.2	-	-2.0	-2.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.560	101.3	101.4	-1.2	.1	-.2	-.3	.1
Tires	.272	98.8	99.1	-2.7	.3	-.3	-.4	.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 3}	.287	100.0	99.9	-	-.1	-	.0	-.1
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{2 3}	-	108.4	108.4	.7	.0	.0	.2	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{2 3}	-	131.4	131.0	.4	-.3	.2	-.3	-.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	165.0	165.5	2.7	.3	.5	.2	.3
Motor vehicle body work ³	.118	176.5	178.1	4.8	.9	.5	.2	.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ³	.507	152.7	153.2	3.4	.3	.6	.4	.3
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 3}	.958	100.1	100.3	-	.2	-	.1	.2
Motor vehicle insurance	2.551	256.1	255.3	2.2	-.3	.2	.2	.0
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 3}	.633	102.2	102.3	-	.1	-	2.2	.1
State and local registration and license ^{1 3}	.425	101.3	101.3	-	.0	-	1.3	.0
Parking and other fees ^{1 3}	.185	104.3	104.7	-	.4	-	4.3	.4
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2 3}	-	104.5	104.9	-	.4	-	4.5	.4
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2 3}	-	100.3	100.6	-	.3	-	.3	.3
Public transportation	1.338	187.1	191.2	4.8	2.2	-.2	1.6	1.4
Airline fare ³	.814	200.1	206.6	7.1	3.2	-1.4	2.7	3.2
Other intercity transportation ³	.183	156.9	159.2	3.2	1.5	.8	.4	1.5
Ship fare ^{1 2 3}	-	101.8	104.5	-	2.7	-	1.8	2.7
Intracity transportation ³	.337	175.5	175.3	.3	-.1	-.1	-.6	-.1

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		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Medical care	5.614	238.1	239.3	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3
Medical care commodities	1.222	217.6	218.4	2.1	.4	.5	.2	.1
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	.818	252.4	253.7	2.5	.5	.8	.1	.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{3 5}	.404	146.4	146.6	1.3	.1	-.1	.4	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ³	.270	173.1	173.2	.2	.1	-.1	.0	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ³	.134	174.9	175.3	3.3	.2	-.2	1.2	.2
Medical care services	4.392	242.9	244.2	3.0	.5	.3	.1	.4
Professional services	2.808	218.5	219.7	3.0	.5	.3	.3	.2
Physicians' services	1.444	225.3	226.9	2.8	.7	.3	.0	.4
Dental services ³	.812	231.6	232.6	4.1	.4	.1	.7	.4
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{3 5}	.281	142.7	142.9	1.5	.1	.6	.1	.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	.270	154.1	154.4	2.5	.2	.1	.5	-.1
Hospital and related services	1.334	283.5	285.2	3.1	.6	.5	-.1	.5
Hospital services ^{3 9}	1.284	103.5	104.1	3.1	.6	.5	.3	.6
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 3 9}	-	102.8	103.3	2.5	.5	.4	.3	.5
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 5}	-	228.6	230.4	3.2	.8	.3	-.4	.5
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{3 9}	.050	104.6	105.9	4.5	1.2	.5	.7	1.2
Recreation ¹	6.145	100.3	100.7	1.5	.4	-	.3	.3
Video and audio ^{1 3}	1.763	100.6	101.2	2.2	.6	-.3	.6	.6
Televisions ³	.215	60.1	60.3	-4.4	.3	-1.1	-.2	.3
Cable television ⁶	.842	237.9	241.7	8.0	1.6	.4	1.7	.8
Other video equipment ^{1 3}	.087	99.0	97.9	-	-1.1	-	-1.0	-1.1
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 3}	.189	98.2	97.9	-	-.3	-	-1.8	-.3
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2 3}	-	98.9	99.9	-	1.0	-	-1.1	1.0
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2 3}	-	96.4	98.0	-	1.7	-	-3.6	1.7
Audio equipment ³	.167	87.9	86.9	-3.8	-1.1	-6	-6	-1.1
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 3}	.148	99.6	99.5	-	-.1	-	-.4	-.1
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 3}	.664	100.6	100.6	-	.0	-	.6	.0
Pets and pet products ³	.434	143.3	142.7	.0	-.4	-.7	.8	-.4
Pet food ^{1 2 3}	-	101.0	100.7	-	-.3	-	1.0	-.3
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	99.7	-	-.4	-	.1	-.4
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 3}	.231	100.2	100.9	-	.7	-	.2	.7
Pet services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.3	102.2	-	1.9	-	.3	1.9
Veterinarian services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	101.0	-	.9	-	.1	.9
Sporting goods ³	.493	123.4	123.4	.1	.0	.7	.7	.0
Sports vehicles including bicycles ³	.213	125.1	125.0	-.3	-.1	1.0	.6	-.1
Sports equipment ³	.269	119.1	119.2	.4	.1	.5	.8	.1
Photography ^{1 3}	.265	99.9	99.6	-	-.3	-	-.1	-.3
Photographic equipment and supplies ³	.108	133.8	132.7	-1.1	-.8	-.7	-.1	-.8
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2 3}	-	100.5	99.3	-	-1.2	-	.5	-1.2
Photographic equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	99.0	98.0	-	-1.0	-	-1.0	-1.0
Photographers and film processing ^{1 3}	.155	99.9	99.9	-	.0	-	-.1	.0
Photographer fees ^{1 2 3}	-	99.9	98.8	-	-1.1	-	-.1	-1.1
Film processing ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.0	-	.0	-	.0	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	.596	99.1	98.8	-	-.3	-	-1.1	-.5
Toys	.450	123.1	122.6	-3.2	-.4	-.3	-1.4	-.6
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	99.6	99.7	-	.1	-	-.4	.1
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	96.3	NA	-	-	-	-3.7	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 3}	.072	99.2	99.5	-	.3	-	-.8	.3
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 3}	.057	100.1	99.9	-	-.2	-	.1	-.2
Recreation services ¹	1.771	100.2	100.8	-	.6	-	.2	.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 3}	.647	100.3	100.6	-	.3	-	.3	.3
Admissions ³	.738	200.7	202.8	3.7	1.0	.1	.2	1.0
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	101.0	-	1.0	-	.0	1.0
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2 3}	-	100.8	102.0	-	1.2	-	.8	1.2
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	.219	173.8	174.2	4.4	.2	1.8	.0	-.2
Recreational reading materials ³	.593	180.5	181.9	2.0	.8	.3	.2	.8
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 3}	.391	100.3	101.2	-	.9	-	.3	.9
Recreational books ^{1 3}	.201	99.9	100.4	-	.5	-	-.1	.5

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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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ¹	5.528	99.9	99.8	2.4	-0.1	-	0.0	-0.1
Education ¹	2.615	100.3	100.4	5.0	.1	-	.4	.3
Educational books and supplies	.194	245.1	246.9	4.9	.7	0.4	-2	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	289.2	289.2	5.0	.0	.4	.5	.3
College tuition and fees	1.112	302.5	302.4	4.5	.0	.4	.4	.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	.323	300.6	300.6	7.2	.0	.5	.5	.4
Child care and nursery school ⁷	.865	138.2	138.2	4.1	.0	.5	.4	-1
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 3}	.049	99.8	99.9	-	.1	-	-2	.1
Communication ^{1 3}	2.913	99.6	99.2	-1.3	-4	-1	-4	-4
Postage and delivery services ^{1 3}	.207	100.0	100.0	-	.0	-	.0	.0
Postage ³	.203	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 3}	.004	100.0	101.5	-	1.5	-	.0	1.5
Information and information processing ^{1 3}	2.706	99.6	99.1	-1.5	-5	-1	-4	-5
Telephone services ^{1 3}	2.357	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-1	.1
Telephone services, local charges ³	1.083	163.8	164.4	1.3	.4	.0	.0	.4
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 3}	1.209	99.8	99.7	-	-1	-	-2	-1
Interstate toll calls ^{2 3}	-	75.2	75.3	-4.4	.1	.1	.0	.1
Intrastate toll calls ^{2 3}	-	94.3	93.7	.1	-6	-3	-4	-6
Cellular telephone services ^{1 3}	.065	99.0	98.1	-	-9	-	-1.0	-9
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{3 10}	.350	46.2	44.3	-16.7	-4.1	-4	-2.5	-4.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 3}	.234	96.9	91.3	-	-5.8	-	-3.1	-5.8
Computer software and accessories ^{1 3}	.037	97.1	97.2	-	.1	-	-2.9	.1
Computer information processing services ^{1 3}	.020	100.2	100.2	-	.0	-	.2	.0
Other information processing equipment ^{1 3}	.057	99.6	98.3	-	-1.3	-	-4	-1.3
Other goods and services	4.321	231.3	233.1	5.6	.8	.4	.4	.8
Tobacco and smoking products	.894	253.8	261.2	10.0	2.9	.7	.7	2.9
Cigarettes ^{1 3}	.830	101.0	104.1	-	3.1	-	1.0	3.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 3}	.059	100.8	101.6	-	.8	-	.8	.8
Personal care ³	3.427	154.6	155.0	2.3	.3	-2	.4	.3
Personal care products ³	.737	146.1	146.7	2.4	.4	-5	.6	.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 3}	.372	100.1	100.5	-	.4	-	.1	.4
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ³	.361	155.6	156.1	2.5	.3	.3	1.1	.3
Personal care services ³	.963	164.3	164.3	2.2	.0	.2	.2	.0
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 3}	.963	100.2	100.2	-	.0	-	.2	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	230.9	232.1	4.6	.5	.5	.2	.0
Legal services ^{3 5}	.329	168.6	169.9	6.1	.8	.1	.7	.8
Funeral expenses ⁵	.344	172.9	173.9	4.3	.6	.4	.0	.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 3}	.214	100.2	100.7	-	.5	-	.2	.5
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 3}	.065	100.2	100.2	-	.0	-	.2	.0
Financial services ^{3 5}	.307	195.4	196.3	4.2	.5	.4	.4	.5
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	100.2	-	.1	-	.1	.1
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2 3}	-	101.0	102.6	-	1.6	-	1.0	1.6
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 3}	.262	100.1	99.8	-	-3	-	.1	-3
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	-	158.6	157.7	3.5	-6	1.0	.6	-4
Special aggregate indexes								
Commodities	42.635	141.6	141.5	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	130.5	130.5	-1.6	.0	-2	-4	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	132.0	132.1	-1.9	.1	-1	-1.1	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	138.1	137.2	-2.7	-7	-4	-1.2	-6
Durables	11.596	128.2	128.2	-1.2	.0	-2	.2	-2
Services	57.365	181.8	182.4	2.6	.3	.2	.1	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.410	186.5	187.5	3.2	.5	.4	.2	.3
Transportation services	6.984	187.1	187.9	2.5	.4	.1	.6	.4
Other services	10.625	213.7	214.4	3.7	.3	.4	.2	.2
All items less food	84.674	161.9	162.3	1.3	.2	.1	-1	.1
All items less shelter	70.212	156.4	156.4	.7	.0	-1	-1	-1
All items less medical care	94.386	157.3	157.5	1.3	.1	.0	.0	.1
Commodities less food	27.309	131.9	131.9	-1.4	.0	-1	-4	-2
Nondurables less food	15.712	133.9	134.1	-1.5	.1	-1	-9	-1
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	139.8	138.9	-2.3	-6	-3	-1.1	-6
Nondurables	31.039	146.2	146.1	.1	-1	-1	-2	-2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Special aggregate indexes								
Apparel less footwear	4.049	125.6	128.3	-0.2	2.1	0.0	-0.5	0.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.955	189.9	190.1	2.0	.1	.0	-.1	.0
Services less medical care services	52.973	176.1	176.6	2.6	.3	.2	.1	.1
Energy	7.013	105.9	103.2	-8.8	-2.5	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2
All items less energy	92.987	169.0	169.6	2.2	.4	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.661	171.2	172.1	2.3	.5	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	142.0	142.7	.4	.5	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities	3.256	97.8	94.3	-13.2	-3.6	-1.4	-3.5	-3.3
Services less energy services	53.608	187.9	188.8	3.1	.5	.3	.2	.3
Domestically produced farm food	8.134	162.9	161.5	1.1	-.9	-.1	.4	-.1
Utilities and public transportation	9.217	144.9	144.7	-.1	-.1	-.8	-.5	.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.619	\$.618	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.207	\$.206	-	-	-	-	-

- ¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
³ Not seasonally adjusted.
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 1990=100 base.

- ⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 NA Data not adequate for publication.
 - Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	161.8	161.9	161.9	162.0	1.0	2.0	2.3	0.5	1.5	1.4
Food and beverages	159.2	159.3	159.7	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.1	1.6
Food	158.9	158.9	159.4	159.4	.8	3.1	2.0	1.3	1.9	1.7
Food at home	159.5	159.3	159.9	159.7	.3	3.6	1.3	.5	1.9	.9
Cereals and bakery products	178.8	179.1	179.0	179.4	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.6
Cereals and cereal products	170.6	170.8	169.7	170.4	2.2	5.3	-.9	-.5	3.7	-.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes	154.7	155.2	156.9	156.1	1.5	-.3	-5.5	3.7	.6	-1.0
Breakfast cereal	188.7	189.1	187.2	188.9	2.0	7.3	-1.7	.4	4.6	-.6
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	151.1	151.3	149.6	149.9	2.2	6.1	3.5	-3.1	4.1	.1
Rice ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.1	98.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bakery products	182.4	182.5	183.4	183.4	.7	.9	3.4	2.2	.8	2.8
Bread ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.4	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
White bread ^{2 3}	186.9	186.2	184.5	186.3	-2.2	.4	8.8	-1.3	-.9	3.6
Bread other than white ^{2 3}	184.3	186.9	186.3	187.9	-.7	5.6	1.3	8.0	2.4	4.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.0	101.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ³	180.2	180.1	180.1	181.9	2.3	1.6	.0	3.8	1.9	1.9
Cookies ^{2 3}	183.7	182.3	182.7	183.5	-.9	2.7	7.5	-.4	.9	3.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{2 3}	177.0	178.6	178.2	180.4	5.1	-.9	-4.4	7.9	2.0	1.6
Other bakery products	181.3	181.0	183.2	180.0	.0	.0	4.3	-2.8	.0	.7
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{2 3}	173.6	177.2	177.9	178.6	2.1	-1.6	-1.6	12.0	.2	5.0
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	214.0	212.0	218.1	204.3	4.5	-11.2	16.0	-16.9	-3.7	-1.8
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ^{2 3}	177.5	181.7	184.7	182.6	1.1	-3.1	.9	12.0	-1.0	6.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.6	147.7	147.3	147.2	.5	1.4	-1.6	-3.7	.9	-2.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	149.0	148.1	148.0	148.0	1.1	1.9	-2.4	-2.7	1.5	-2.5
Meats	143.8	143.3	143.0	142.5	1.7	2.0	-4.1	-3.6	1.8	-3.8
Beef and veal	136.4	136.6	136.0	135.2	3.3	2.7	-4.3	-3.5	3.0	-3.9
Uncooked ground beef	115.8	115.3	116.8	114.0	5.3	2.8	-7.3	-6.1	4.0	-6.7
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.5	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.2	99.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	99.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pork	154.1	153.3	152.7	152.8	.3	-.5	-6.0	-3.3	-.1	-4.7
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.1	97.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacon and related products ²	162.1	160.8	158.2	157.4	-1.0	3.5	-6.6	-11.1	1.2	-8.9
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	101.1	99.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ham	152.2	153.7	153.6	154.9	.0	-.8	-11.7	7.3	-.4	-2.7
Ham, excluding canned ²	162.5	163.5	164.3	166.3	.2	-.7	-11.6	9.7	-.2	-1.5
Pork chops	153.9	152.6	150.9	150.5	-3.5	-.8	-4.3	-8.5	-2.1	-6.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.8	99.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other meats ³	149.3	147.0	148.1	147.3	.0	4.4	-.3	-5.3	2.2	-2.8
Frankfurters ^{2 3}	145.4	144.9	148.6	147.4	-2.5	8.6	-5.8	5.6	2.9	-.3
Lunchmeats ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.3	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lamb and organ meats ^{2 3}	164.4	160.8	163.4	162.3	2.0	-2.5	9.8	-5.0	-.2	2.1
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry ³	157.4	155.2	155.1	155.3	-3.3	-2.5	4.7	-5.2	-2.9	-.4
Chicken ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.3	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh whole chicken ^{2 3}	161.2	158.9	155.0	155.4	-1.5	-6.9	14.6	-13.6	-4.2	-.5
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{2 3}	158.3	154.4	154.4	155.7	-6.8	-1.3	4.1	-6.4	-4.1	-1.3
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 3}	-	100.0	102.3	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and seafood	178.7	177.7	177.9	180.7	3.0	7.2	-1.8	4.6	5.1	1.3
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 3}	-	100.0	103.3	103.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.3	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canned fish and seafood ^{2 3}	130.3	129.4	129.9	130.3	1.9	3.2	5.1	.0	2.5	2.5
Frozen fish and seafood ²	202.2	201.0	197.3	198.5	3.5	8.2	-3.5	-7.1	5.8	-5.3
Eggs	141.5	140.5	136.9	133.7	-7.6	-7.4	9.3	-20.3	-7.5	-6.7
Dairy and related products ³	147.0	147.8	148.3	147.7	-2.2	-5.4	10.4	1.9	-3.8	6.1
Milk ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.8	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh whole milk ^{2 3}	145.9	145.8	145.6	146.3	-4.1	-8.9	20.7	1.1	-6.6	10.5
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	99.8	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese and related products ³	147.3	148.3	148.5	148.3	-2.7	-2.7	1.4	2.7	-2.7	2.1
Ice cream and related products	150.6	151.2	152.4	150.0	.3	-1.6	1.1	-1.6	-.7	-.3
Other dairy and related products ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.9	99.4	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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)

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					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Fruits and vegetables	191.7	190.9	196.5	194.9	-5.2	12.2	2.5	6.8	3.1	4.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables	221.5	219.8	227.1	225.2	-7.8	18.6	2.8	6.9	4.6	4.8
Fresh fruits	235.3	235.8	233.4	247.0	-2.5	3.8	-5.3	21.4	.6	7.3
Apples	200.5	202.0	200.6	202.2	-4.7	1.8	3.9	3.4	-1.5	3.7
Bananas	162.4	158.9	158.4	152.1	-14.0	1.6	16.5	-23.1	-6.6	-5.3
Citrus fruits ^{1 3}	-	100.0	105.6	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oranges, including tangerines ²	211.9	219.4	243.1	233.1	2.6	12.3	-36.5	46.4	7.4	-3.6
Other fresh fruits ^{1 3}	-	100.0	96.6	96.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh vegetables	209.4	205.4	221.6	205.6	-13.7	39.7	12.8	-7.1	9.8	2.4
Potatoes	184.5	184.8	186.7	186.4	-3.3	22.4	19.4	4.2	8.8	11.5
Lettuce ³	257.9	218.5	290.5	198.8	-19.4	71.7	175.9	-64.7	17.6	-1.3
Tomatoes ³	224.6	253.4	238.4	226.0	-19.9	-13.1	81.9	2.5	-16.5	36.6
Other fresh vegetables	204.5	203.0	225.7	210.3	-7.0	22.0	-2.9	11.8	6.5	4.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.6	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.8	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canned fruits ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.6	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canned vegetables ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	103.5	102.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.7	101.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frozen vegetables ²	148.9	149.8	148.7	149.5	-2.2	7.0	-5	1.6	2.3	.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	135.3	134.3	134.0	134.1	16.9	12.3	-4.6	-3.5	14.6	-4.0
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.1	101.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbonated drinks	118.1	117.7	117.5	118.4	-7	-3	-7	1.0	-5	.2
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.0	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	99.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coffee ³	173.8	170.2	169.8	169.1	69.2	40.7	-17.0	-10.4	54.3	-13.8
Roasted coffee ^{2 3}	183.0	178.0	176.9	176.8	102.0	59.0	-24.6	-12.9	79.2	-19.0
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{2 3}	156.4	155.2	155.5	154.1	20.2	10.3	-2.5	-5.8	15.1	-4.1
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.3	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other food at home	148.5	148.7	148.7	148.8	5.1	5.3	-3	.8	5.2	.3
Sugar and sweets	148.7	149.3	150.0	149.4	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.9	1.2	2.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	134.5	135.3	136.0	135.2	.3	.0	-9	2.1	.1	.6
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.2	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sweets ^{1 3}	-	100.0	102.3	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fats and oils	141.3	141.5	140.0	141.0	-6	-8	-8	-8	-7	-8
Butter and margarine ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.3	99.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butter ^{2 3}	123.4	128.2	124.7	126.2	11.5	12.4	32.6	9.4	11.9	20.4
Margarine ^{2 3}	143.8	144.2	146.1	145.5	-6.9	-3	-2.2	4.8	-3.6	1.2
Salad dressing ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.8	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peanut butter ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.3	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other foods	162.5	163.4	163.6	163.8	-2	2.8	2.8	3.2	1.3	3.0
Soups	189.6	190.5	191.5	191.9	5.5	-2	1.3	4.9	2.6	3.1
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ³	145.8	144.9	145.2	145.2	-2.4	2.8	-8	-1.6	.1	-1.2
Snacks ³	154.6	155.6	155.1	155.5	-1.3	5.0	-2.3	2.3	1.8	.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	168.8	170.2	170.5	172.3	-1.2	4.4	1.2	8.6	1.6	4.8
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	99.9	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	96.7	104.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	101.4	102.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other condiments ²	163.0	164.3	167.5	170.5	-3.0	4.4	7.7	19.7	.6	13.6
Baby food ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.6	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.4	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepared salads ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ³	158.6	159.0	159.2	159.6	1.8	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.8
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other food away from home ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Alcoholic beverages	164.1	164.5	164.9	164.8	2.0	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.7
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.8	150.1	150.3	149.8	1.1	1.1	.0	.0	1.1	.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	147.7	148.1	148.3	147.7	-8	-5	-1.1	.0	-7	-5
Distilled spirits at home	152.1	152.5	151.7	152.0	2.2	2.4	1.9	-3	2.3	.8
Whiskey at home ^{2 3}	152.1	151.5	151.5	150.8	5.8	1.1	1.9	-3.4	3.4	-8
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{2 3}	152.2	152.1	151.8	152.4	-3	4.3	2.7	.5	2.0	1.6
Wine at home	146.5	146.5	146.7	146.3	4.8	3.1	.0	-5	3.9	-3
Alcoholic beverages away from home	191.8	192.7	193.3	193.8	2.8	4.3	3.0	4.2	3.6	3.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.3	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wine away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.0	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing	158.2	158.3	158.4	158.6	1.6	2.1	3.4	1.0	1.8	2.2
Shelter	178.0	178.7	179.0	179.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.6	169.1	169.5	169.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.9
Lodging away from home ¹	-	100.0	99.8	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing at school, excluding board ⁴	227.8	228.6	229.3	229.8	4.2	4.2	5.1	3.6	4.2	4.3
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	227.9	230.1	229.6	230.7	2.4	2.0	7.3	5.0	2.2	6.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	183.9	184.5	184.9	185.5	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.3	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	132.1	130.7	129.1	127.9	-5.1	1.2	6.3	-12.1	-2.0	-3.4
Fuels	118.4	116.0	114.2	112.7	-10.6	.0	9.7	-17.9	-5.5	-5.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.5	96.1	94.1	91.9	-19.2	-14.0	-4	-17.7	-16.6	-9.5
Fuel oil	93.3	93.1	90.6	87.9	-19.0	-15.8	-1.3	-21.2	-17.4	-11.8
Other household fuels ^{3 5}	128.0	128.8	128.6	128.6	-29.8	-17.0	13.2	1.9	-23.6	7.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	126.4	123.6	121.8	120.3	-9.5	1.6	10.8	-18.0	-4.1	-4.7
Electricity	133.0	130.6	129.3	127.8	.3	-2.1	3.1	-14.7	-9	-6.3
Utility natural gas service	119.6	116.0	112.9	111.2	-27.6	10.2	29.1	-25.3	-10.7	-1.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	100.0	100.0	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water and sewerage maintenance	213.3	214.0	214.0	215.1	3.5	6.1	3.4	3.4	4.8	3.4
Garbage and trash collection ^{3 6}	252.8	252.8	252.9	254.7	2.3	3.4	1.9	3.0	2.8	2.5
Household furnishings and operations	125.4	125.4	125.7	126.1	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.3	.2	1.4
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.5	101.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Floor coverings ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Window coverings ^{1 3}	-	100.0	103.4	102.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other linens ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.0	102.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and bedding ³	134.0	133.5	133.0	133.6	10.0	-6.0	-9	-1.2	1.7	-1.0
Bedroom furniture ³	141.2	142.7	139.4	140.3	12.3	-4.7	-1.1	-2.5	3.5	-1.8
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.7	101.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other furniture ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.6	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appliances ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.9	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major appliances ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.1	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laundry equipment ^{2 3}	112.8	113.4	114.5	114.2	-5.5	5.5	-1.8	5.1	-2	1.6
Other appliances ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.6	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.6	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ³	120.0	121.0	120.6	120.1	1.7	-3.3	1.3	.3	-8	.8
Indoor plants and flowers ⁷	107.0	107.7	115.6	114.2	5.9	-11.2	-9.2	29.8	-3.0	8.6
Dishes and flatware ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	99.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.4	99.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.8	101.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.1	101.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies	143.5	143.8	143.1	145.0	1.4	.6	1.1	4.2	1.0	2.7
Household cleaning products ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household paper products ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	101.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.1	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household operations ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repair of household items ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Apparel	133.0	133.2	132.5	132.7	2.4	-2.1	1.2	-0.9	0.2	0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	130.9	131.7	132.0	132.0	5.1	1.9	.9	3.4	3.5	2.2
Men's apparel	133.1	134.7	134.4	135.4	2.8	.6	-3	7.1	1.7	3.3
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	135.4	136.2	140.2	140.7	7.1	-1.8	2.1	16.6	2.6	9.1
Men's furnishings	128.2	132.9	133.9	136.3	1.3	11.2	-3.4	27.8	6.1	11.1
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 3}	-	100.0	96.1	97.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Men's pants and shorts	130.9	131.0	131.4	131.6	2.1	-2.4	-2.1	2.2	-2	.0
Boys' apparel	119.6	120.6	121.8	119.3	14.4	4.1	2.4	-1.0	9.2	.7
Women's and girls' apparel	126.1	125.6	124.4	125.3	1.9	-5.6	3.2	-2.5	-1.9	.3
Women's apparel	126.5	125.9	124.1	125.3	1.3	-5.3	4.6	-3.7	-2.0	.3
Women's outerwear	125.4	122.6	121.6	118.2	11.1	9.1	-1.0	-21.1	10.1	-11.6
Women's dresses	109.1	107.6	102.5	108.7	-6.8	-16.9	4.5	-1.5	-12.0	1.5
Women's suits and separates ^{1 3}	-	100.0	95.4	98.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.7	103.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Girls' apparel	124.0	124.9	126.9	125.6	5.2	-5.5	-5.9	5.3	-3	-5
Footwear	128.5	129.5	128.8	127.1	1.9	2.2	1.6	-4.3	2.1	-1.4
Men's footwear	132.0	132.6	131.2	130.3	-3	-2.1	.3	-5.1	-1.2	-2.4
Boys' and girls' footwear	132.7	133.2	135.6	129.4	-7.9	.6	7.2	-9.6	-3.7	-1.5
Women's footwear	123.2	124.1	123.5	122.9	9.4	6.4	-1.0	-1.0	7.9	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ³	126.0	125.8	124.8	123.1	22.4	-18.1	-4.0	-8.9	.2	-6.5
Jewelry and watches ⁵	143.9	144.4	143.4	146.9	-5.8	-6	-2.7	8.6	-3.2	2.8
Watches ⁵	125.5	124.9	125.3	123.2	2.5	-5.5	-1.9	-7.1	-1.6	-4.5
Jewelry ⁵	149.2	149.8	148.8	153.6	-7.1	.0	-2.6	12.3	-3.6	4.6
Transportation	143.9	143.5	143.0	142.4	-3.3	1.1	-1.1	-4.1	-1.1	-2.6
Private transportation	140.7	140.3	139.6	138.8	-4.7	1.7	-1.4	-5.3	-1.5	-3.4
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	143.7	143.4	143.6	143.5	-3	-6	-1.4	-6	-4	-1.0
New cars and trucks ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
New cars ²	141.1	140.7	140.8	140.8	-6	-3	-1.7	-8	-4	-1.3
New trucks ^{2 6}	151.2	151.0	151.2	151.0	-1.0	.0	-5	-5	-5	-5
New motorcycles ^{2 5}	164.0	163.7	163.5	162.1	.5	1.5	1.2	-4.6	1.0	-1.7
Used cars and trucks ³	147.6	147.9	148.1	148.4	-1.3	-13.3	-2.4	2.2	-7.5	-1
Car and truck rental ^{1 3}	-	100.0	97.8	99.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	105.1	103.5	99.7	96.4	-23.0	10.8	-4.8	-29.2	-7.6	-17.9
Gasoline (all types)	104.7	103.0	99.3	95.9	-23.1	11.7	-5.2	-29.6	-7.3	-18.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	102.7	100.9	97.1	93.6	-24.3	12.8	-5.6	-31.0	-7.6	-19.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3 8}	108.6	105.9	101.8	98.1	-9.0	9.1	-11.0	-33.4	-4	-23.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	105.8	104.3	100.9	98.0	-20.8	8.3	-3.7	-26.4	-7.4	-15.8
Other motor fuels ^{1 3}	-	100.0	98.0	95.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.5	101.3	101.0	101.1	-1.9	.4	-1.6	-1.6	-8	-1.6
Tires	99.1	98.8	98.4	98.7	-3.1	-2.4	-3.9	-1.6	-2.7	-2.8
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{2 3}	108.2	108.2	108.4	108.4	-7	2.3	.7	.7	.7	.7
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{2 3}	131.6	131.8	131.4	131.0	6.6	-2.7	-3	-1.8	1.8	-1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	163.9	164.7	165.0	165.5	2.8	2.5	1.5	4.0	2.6	2.7
Motor vehicle body work ³	175.4	176.2	176.5	178.1	5.3	3.8	3.7	6.3	4.5	5.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ³	151.2	152.1	152.7	153.2	.5	5.5	2.4	5.4	3.0	3.9
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle insurance	253.4	254.0	254.6	254.5	3.2	2.2	1.3	1.7	2.7	1.5
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 3}	-	100.0	102.2	102.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
State and local registration and license ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.3	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parking and other fees ^{1 3}	-	100.0	104.3	104.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	104.5	104.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public transportation	186.1	185.8	188.8	191.4	12.1	-5.4	1.7	11.9	3.0	6.7
Airline fare ³	197.5	194.8	200.1	206.6	19.1	-14.1	7.4	19.7	1.1	13.4
Other intercity transportation ³	155.1	156.3	156.9	159.2	2.1	-3	.5	11.0	.9	5.6
Ship fare ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	101.8	104.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intracity transportation ³	176.7	176.6	175.5	175.3	1.1	1.4	1.8	-3.1	1.3	-7

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Medical care	237.1	237.9	238.2	238.9	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities	216.4	217.4	217.8	218.0	3.4	.4	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.2
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	250.4	252.4	252.7	253.2	3.4	.5	1.3	4.5	2.0	2.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{3 5}	146.0	145.8	146.4	146.6	1.7	1.4	.5	1.7	1.5	1.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ³	173.3	173.1	173.1	173.2	.7	.2	.2	-.2	.5	.0
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ³	173.2	172.8	174.9	175.3	3.3	3.3	1.6	4.9	3.3	3.3
Medical care services	241.6	242.4	242.6	243.5	3.3	2.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.1
Professional services	217.5	218.1	218.7	219.2	4.0	2.6	2.2	3.2	3.3	2.7
Physicians' services	224.9	225.5	225.5	226.5	3.7	2.7	2.0	2.9	3.2	2.4
Dental services ³	229.8	230.0	231.6	232.6	4.2	3.6	3.6	5.0	3.9	4.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{3 5}	141.7	142.5	142.7	142.9	1.4	1.1	.0	3.4	1.3	1.7
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	153.4	153.6	154.3	154.1	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.8	3.4	1.7
Hospital and related services	281.5	282.8	282.6	284.0	3.2	2.0	3.6	3.6	2.6	3.6
Hospital services ^{3 9}	102.7	103.2	103.5	104.1	1.2	2.4	3.2	5.6	1.8	4.4
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 3 9}	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.3	.8	2.0	2.4	4.8	1.4	3.6
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 5}	228.1	228.8	227.9	229.0	3.8	2.7	4.7	1.6	3.3	3.1
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{3 9}	103.4	103.9	104.6	105.9	2.0	4.8	1.6	10.0	3.4	5.7
Recreation ¹	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 3}	100.3	100.0	100.6	101.2	-4	4.5	1.2	3.6	2.0	2.4
Televisions ³	60.9	60.2	60.1	60.3	-5.6	-6.9	-1.3	-3.9	-6.2	-2.6
Cable television ⁶	234.4	235.4	239.4	241.2	5.1	9.3	5.7	12.1	7.2	8.8
Other video equipment ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.0	97.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 3} ..	-	100.0	98.2	97.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	98.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	96.4	98.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audio equipment ³	88.9	88.4	87.9	86.9	-8.6	2.7	.0	-8.7	-3.1	-4.4
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.6	99.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pets and pet products ³	143.1	142.1	143.3	142.7	-3	-1.1	2.6	-1.1	-7	.7
Pet food ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	101.0	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.1	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pet services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.3	102.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Veterinarian services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.1	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporting goods ³	121.6	122.5	123.4	123.4	-4.5	2.7	-3.5	6.1	-1.0	1.1
Sports vehicles including bicycles ³	123.1	124.3	125.1	125.0	-4.1	1.9	-5.0	6.3	-1.1	.5
Sports equipment ³	117.5	118.1	119.1	119.2	-5.0	3.1	-2.0	5.9	-1.0	1.9
Photography ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	99.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photographic equipment and supplies ³	134.9	134.0	133.8	132.7	.0	-2.1	4.3	-6.4	-1.0	-1.2
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.5	99.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photographic equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	99.0	98.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photographers and film processing ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photographer fees ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	99.9	98.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Film processing ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recreational goods ¹	-	100.0	98.9	98.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toys	125.7	125.3	123.6	122.8	-3.4	2.6	-3.1	-8.9	-5	-6.1
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	99.6	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	96.3	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.2	99.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation services ¹	-	100.0	100.2	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admissions ³	200.1	200.3	200.7	202.8	3.5	14.7	-7.8	5.5	9.0	-1.4
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.0	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.8	102.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	170.8	173.8	173.8	173.5	3.2	7.4	.9	6.5	5.2	3.7
Recreational reading materials ³	179.7	180.2	180.5	181.9	.0	2.9	.0	5.0	1.5	2.5
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.3	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreational books ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-

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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ¹	-	100.0	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education ¹	-	100.0	100.4	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	242.8	243.8	243.2	244.9	6.0	7.1	3.2	3.5	6.5	3.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	285.6	286.8	288.1	289.0	5.5	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.5	4.7
College tuition and fees	298.6	299.8	301.0	302.1	5.4	5.4	2.6	4.8	5.4	3.7
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	296.5	297.9	299.4	300.6	6.0	8.7	8.4	5.6	7.3	7.0
Child care and nursery school ⁷	136.6	137.3	137.9	137.8	4.0	3.6	5.4	3.6	3.8	4.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.8	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communication ^{1 3}	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.2	.4	-3.1	1.2	-3.5	-1.4	-1.2
Postage and delivery services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage ³	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.0	101.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing ^{1 3}	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.1	.0	-3.1	1.2	-3.9	-1.6	-1.4
Telephone services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone services, local charges ³	163.8	163.8	163.8	164.4	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.2
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.8	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interstate toll calls ^{2 3}	75.1	75.2	75.2	75.3	.0	-18.8	1.6	1.1	-9.9	1.3
Intrastate toll calls ^{2 3}	95.0	94.7	94.3	93.7	.9	1.3	3.9	-5.4	1.1	-8
Cellular telephone services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.0	98.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{3 10}	47.6	47.4	46.2	44.3	-16.9	-19.0	-4.9	-25.0	-17.9	-15.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 3}	-	100.0	96.9	91.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer software and accessories ^{1 3}	-	100.0	97.1	97.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer information processing services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other information processing equipment ^{1 3}	-	100.0	99.6	98.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	229.9	230.8	231.8	233.7	5.7	4.3	5.6	6.8	5.0	6.2
Tobacco and smoking products	250.3	252.1	253.8	261.2	8.2	2.8	10.9	18.6	5.5	14.7
Cigarettes ^{1 3}	-	100.0	101.0	104.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.8	101.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care ³	154.3	154.0	154.6	155.0	2.9	-3	4.8	1.8	1.3	3.3
Personal care products ³	146.1	145.3	146.1	146.7	2.3	-1.7	7.4	1.7	.3	4.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ³	153.4	153.9	155.6	156.1	-3.9	-1.3	8.5	7.2	-2.6	7.9
Personal care services ³	163.5	163.9	164.3	164.3	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous personal services	230.1	231.2	231.6	231.6	5.3	7.5	2.8	2.6	6.4	2.7
Legal services ^{3 5}	167.4	167.5	168.6	169.9	3.5	13.0	2.2	6.1	8.2	4.1
Funeral expenses ⁵	172.2	172.9	172.9	173.3	8.4	4.3	1.6	2.6	6.4	2.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial services ^{3 5}	194.0	194.7	195.4	196.3	7.0	3.6	1.5	4.8	5.3	3.1
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	100.1	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2 3}	-	100.0	101.0	102.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 3}	-	100.0	100.1	99.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	155.8	157.4	158.4	157.7	8.1	.5	.8	5.0	4.2	2.8
Special aggregate indexes										
Commodities	142.3	142.1	141.9	141.8	-8	.9	1.1	-1.4	.0	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.0	131.8	131.3	131.0	-2.4	-3	.0	-3.0	-1.3	-1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.8	134.6	133.1	133.0	-4.4	1.5	.9	-5.2	-1.5	-2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.7	140.2	138.5	137.7	-6.1	4.1	-3	-8.3	-1.1	-4.4
Durables	127.9	127.7	128.0	127.8	-9	-2.8	-1.2	-3	-1.8	-8
Services	181.4	181.7	181.9	182.3	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.7	2.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	185.6	186.3	186.6	187.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3
Transportation services	185.7	185.9	187.1	187.8	4.7	.7	1.1	4.6	2.6	2.8
Other services	212.7	213.5	214.0	214.4	4.3	4.1	2.5	3.2	4.2	2.9
All items less food	162.2	162.3	162.2	162.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	.2	1.5	1.2
All items less shelter	156.9	156.8	156.7	156.6	.3	1.8	1.8	-8	1.0	.5
All items less medical care	157.4	157.4	157.4	157.5	.8	2.1	2.3	.3	1.4	1.3
Commodities less food	133.5	133.3	132.8	132.6	-2.1	-3	.3	-2.7	-1.2	-1.2
Nondurables less food	136.5	136.3	135.1	135.0	-4.0	1.5	.9	-4.3	-1.3	-1.8

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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.1	141.7	140.2	139.4	-5.0	3.7	0.0	-7.4	-0.7	-3.8
Nondurables	147.2	147.1	146.8	146.5	-2.2	2.5	1.9	-1.9	.1	.0
Apparel less footwear	129.2	129.2	128.6	129.1	2.8	-3.6	1.6	-.3	-.5	.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	190.0	190.0	189.9	189.9	2.4	1.9	3.7	-.2	2.2	1.7
Services less medical care services	175.8	176.1	176.3	176.5	2.8	2.6	3.5	1.6	2.7	2.5
Energy	111.3	109.3	106.7	104.3	-16.1	4.5	2.9	-22.9	-6.4	-10.9
All items less energy	168.6	168.9	169.2	169.6	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.3
All items less food and energy	171.0	171.4	171.7	172.2	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.5	142.5	142.6	142.9	1.1	-1.4	1.1	1.1	-.1	1.1
Energy commodities	104.3	102.8	99.2	95.9	-22.5	7.5	-4.1	-28.5	-8.7	-17.2
Services less energy services	187.0	187.6	188.0	188.6	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.1
Domestically produced farm food	161.0	160.8	161.5	161.3	-1.0	3.6	1.3	.7	1.3	1.0
Utilities and public transportation	147.4	146.2	145.5	145.5	-.8	-1.4	7.4	-5.1	-1.1	1.0

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Not seasonally adjusted.

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 1990=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, unadjusted indexes for special detailed expenditure categories¹

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997
Food and beverages									
Rice ²	-	100.0	100.1	98.9	-	-	0.1	-1.2	-
White bread	186.9	186.2	184.5	186.3	0.5	-0.4	-9	1.0	1.4
Bread other than white	184.3	186.9	186.3	187.9	-3	1.4	-3	.9	3.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes	177.0	178.6	178.2	180.4	-2	.9	-2	1.2	1.8
Cookies	183.7	182.3	182.7	183.5	1.3	-8	.2	.4	2.2
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts	173.6	177.2	177.9	178.6	-1.3	2.1	.4	.4	2.6
Crackers, bread, and cracker products	207.1	206.4	208.0	207.4	-1.6	-3	.8	-3	-2.7
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers	177.5	181.7	184.7	182.6	.3	2.4	1.7	-1.1	2.6
Bacon and related products	163.5	160.3	156.8	155.0	-2.2	-2.0	-2.2	-1.1	-4.0
Breakfast sausage and related products ²	-	100.0	101.1	99.6	-	-	1.1	-1.5	-
Ham, excluding canned	167.0	164.7	162.0	164.0	-2.2	-1.4	-1.6	1.2	-9
Frankfurters	145.4	144.9	148.6	147.4	-1.1	-3	2.6	-8	1.3
Lunchmeats ²	-	100.0	100.3	100.0	-	-	.3	-3	-
Lamb and organ meats	164.4	160.8	163.4	162.3	.5	-2.2	1.6	-7	.9
Lamb and mutton ²	-	100.0	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh whole chicken	161.2	158.9	155.0	155.4	2.9	-1.4	-2.5	.3	-2.4
Fresh and frozen chicken parts	158.3	154.4	154.4	155.7	1.5	-2.5	.0	.8	-2.7
Canned fish and seafood	130.3	129.4	129.9	130.3	.5	-7	.4	.3	2.5
Frozen fish and seafood	202.4	200.5	201.1	198.9	.2	-9	.3	-1.1	.2
Fresh whole milk	145.9	145.8	145.6	146.3	1.5	-1	-1	.5	1.6
Fresh milk other than whole ²	-	100.0	99.8	100.3	-	-	-2	.5	-
Oranges, including tangerines	205.6	189.3	201.3	197.7	-20.6	-7.9	6.3	-1.8	1.7
Canned fruits ²	-	100.0	100.6	100.3	-	-	.6	-3	-
Canned vegetables ²	-	100.0	103.5	102.1	-	-	3.5	-1.4	-
Frozen vegetables	148.1	147.8	150.0	149.8	.3	-2	1.5	-1	1.4
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ²	-	100.0	100.1	100.5	-	-	.1	.4	-
Roasted coffee	183.0	178.0	176.9	176.8	-3.0	-2.7	-6	-1	20.5
Instant and freeze dried coffee	156.4	155.2	155.5	154.1	-6	-8	.2	-9	5.0
Butter	123.4	128.2	124.7	126.2	7.8	3.9	-2.7	1.2	16.1
Margarine	143.8	144.2	146.1	145.5	-1.0	.3	1.3	-4	-1.2
Peanut butter ²	-	100.0	100.3	101.0	-	-	.3	.7	-
Salt and other seasonings and spices ²	-	100.0	99.9	101.0	-	-	-1	1.1	-
Olives, pickles, relishes ²	-	100.0	96.7	104.6	-	-	-3.3	8.2	-
Sauces and gravies ²	-	100.0	101.4	102.3	-	-	1.4	.9	-
Other condiments	161.2	162.1	167.6	170.3	-1.3	.6	3.4	1.6	6.9
Prepared salads ²	-	100.0	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Whiskey at home	152.1	151.5	151.5	150.8	-1	-4	.0	-5	1.3
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home	152.2	152.1	151.8	152.4	.0	-1	-2	.4	1.8
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ²	-	100.0	100.3	100.2	-	-	.3	-1	-
Wine away from home ²	-	100.0	100.6	100.6	-	-	.6	.0	-
Distilled spirits away from home ²	-	100.0	100.0	100.5	-	-	.0	.5	-
Housing									
Laundry equipment	112.8	113.4	114.5	114.2	-5	.5	1.0	-3	-
Transportation									
New cars and trucks ²	-	100.0	100.2	100.2	-	-	.2	.0	-
New cars	141.3	141.5	141.8	141.7	.5	.1	.2	-1	-8
New trucks ³	151.3	151.4	151.8	151.9	.1	.1	.3	.1	-5
New motorcycles ⁴	164.7	163.7	163.5	162.8	.4	-6	-1	-4	-3
Gasoline, unleaded regular	102.0	99.1	95.0	91.0	-2.4	-2.8	-4.1	-4.2	-13.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁵	108.6	105.9	101.8	98.1	-2.2	-2.5	-3.9	-3.6	-12.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	105.4	103.0	99.4	96.0	-2.0	-2.3	-3.5	-3.4	-11.6
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires	108.2	108.2	108.4	108.4	-1	.0	.2	.0	.7
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids	131.6	131.8	131.4	131.0	.0	.2	-3	-3	.4
Parking fees and tolls ²	-	100.0	104.5	104.9	-	-	4.5	.4	-
Automobile service clubs ²	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	.3	.3	-
Ship fare ²	-	100.0	101.8	104.5	-	-	1.8	2.7	-
Medical care									
Inpatient hospital services ⁶	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.3	.4	.4	.3	.5	2.5
Outpatient hospital services ⁴	227.7	228.3	228.6	230.4	.2	.3	.1	.8	3.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, unadjusted indexes for special detailed expenditure categories¹-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997
Recreation									
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ²	-	100.0	98.9	99.9	-	-	-1.1	1.0	
Rental of video tapes and discs ²	-	100.0	96.4	98.0	-	-	-3.6	1.7	
Pet food ²	-	100.0	101.0	100.7	-	-	1.0	-3	
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ²	-	100.0	100.1	99.7	-	-	.1	-4	
Pet services ²	-	100.0	100.3	102.2	-	-	.3	1.9	
Veterinarian services ²	-	100.0	100.1	101.0	-	-	.1	.9	
Film and photographic supplies ²	-	100.0	100.5	99.3	-	-	.5	-1.2	
Photographic equipment ²	-	100.0	99.0	98.0	-	-	-1.0	-1.0	
Photographer fees ²	-	100.0	99.9	98.8	-	-	-1	-1.1	
Film processing ²	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	.0	.0	
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ²	-	100.0	99.6	99.7	-	-	-.4	.1	
Video game hardware, software and accessories ²	-	100.0	96.3	NA	-	-	-3.7	-	
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ²	-	100.0	100.0	101.0	-	-	.0	1.0	
Admission to sporting events ²	-	100.0	100.8	102.0	-	-	.8	1.2	
Education and communication									
Interstate toll calls	75.1	75.2	75.2	75.3	0.0	0.1	.0	.1	-4.4
Intrastate toll calls	95.0	94.7	94.3	93.7	1.2	-.3	-.4	-.6	.1
Other goods and services									
Checking account and other bank services ²	-	100.0	100.1	100.2	-	-	.1	.1	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ²	-	100.0	101.0	102.6	-	-	1.0	1.6	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap	155.6	158.1	158.6	157.7	.3	1.6	.3	-.6	3.5

¹ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	158.4	158.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	471.9	472.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	159.6	159.2	1.8	-3	.0	.3	.0
Food	16.861	159.3	158.8	1.8	-3	-.1	.4	-.1
Food at home	10.785	159.9	158.9	1.3	-6	-.2	.4	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	178.8	179.4	1.7	.3	.2	-.2	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	148.0	147.2	-8	-5	-.5	.3	-.1
Dairy and related products ¹	1.135	147.9	147.4	1.0	-3	.5	.3	-.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	200.9	192.4	3.4	-4.2	-.7	3.6	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	132.9	133.6	4.4	.5	-.8	-.2	.1
Other food at home	2.185	148.1	148.5	2.4	.3	.1	.1	.1
Sugar and sweets	.420	150.2	149.5	1.6	-5	.5	.5	-.5
Fats and oils	.332	140.4	141.4	-6	.7	.1	-.9	.6
Other foods	1.432	163.6	164.1	2.3	.3	.5	.3	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	.344	100.5	100.5	-	.0	-	.5	.0
Food away from home ¹	6.076	159.3	159.6	2.5	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	.212	100.1	100.3	-	.2	-	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	163.6	163.9	1.7	.2	.2	.2	-.1
Housing	36.450	154.8	155.1	1.8	.2	.0	.0	.1
Shelter	27.033	173.9	174.6	3.1	.4	.3	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence	8.347	169.2	169.6	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.1
Lodging away from home ²	1.346	104.8	108.6	-	3.6	-	.1	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	17.016	168.7	169.1	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.324	100.4	100.2	-	-.2	-	.4	-.2
Fuels and utilities	5.053	128.6	127.1	-2.8	-1.2	-1.1	-1.2	-.9
Fuels	4.143	113.9	112.2	-5.3	-1.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	.229	96.2	95.1	-13.1	-1.1	-.4	-2.1	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	121.0	119.2	-4.5	-1.5	-2.3	-1.5	-1.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	124.1	124.7	.8	.5	.0	.2	.4
Apparel	5.300	128.7	130.4	-.5	1.3	.0	-.5	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	129.4	130.1	2.3	.5	.4	.2	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	118.5	122.3	-2.0	3.2	-.6	-.9	.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.337	125.3	123.1	-3.9	-1.8	-.5	-.9	-1.8
Footwear	1.082	128.4	127.4	.2	-.8	.7	-.5	-1.5
Transportation	19.847	141.7	140.9	-2.4	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.4
Private transportation	18.790	139.3	138.4	-2.8	-.6	-.3	-.6	-.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.285	100.1	100.2	-1.7	.1	-	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.304	145.6	145.5	-.8	-.1	-.2	.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.162	149.7	149.9	-3.7	.1	.2	.1	.1
Motor fuel	3.682	97.6	94.1	-13.0	-3.6	-1.5	-3.6	-3.1
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	97.1	93.6	-12.9	-3.6	-1.6	-3.6	-3.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.694	100.7	100.9	-.7	.2	-.1	-.1	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	166.0	166.5	2.7	.3	.5	.1	.3
Public transportation	1.057	184.7	187.9	4.2	1.7	.0	.9	1.2
Medical care	4.591	237.4	238.7	2.8	.5	.4	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	.906	214.7	215.4	1.9	.3	.4	.2	.0
Medical care services	3.684	242.5	244.0	3.0	.6	.4	.1	.3
Professional services	2.372	219.8	221.0	3.1	.5	.3	.2	.4
Hospital and related services	1.097	279.6	281.4	3.2	.6	.4	.0	.5
Recreation ²	5.969	100.3	100.7	1.5	.4	-	.3	.3
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.968	100.5	101.2	2.4	.7	-.3	.5	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ²	5.396	100.0	99.8	2.4	-0.2	-	-0.1	0.0
Education ²	2.402	100.3	100.4	5.1	.1	-	.3	.4
Educational books and supplies	.192	247.5	249.4	5.3	.8	0.4	-.3	.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	283.5	283.5	5.2	.0	.5	.3	.4
Communication ^{1 2}	2.994	99.7	99.3	-1.0	-.4	-.1	-.3	-.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.841	99.6	99.3	-1.1	-.3	-.1	-.4	-.3
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.547	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-.1	.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	.294	47.7	45.8	-15.2	-4.0	-.8	-2.5	-4.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.191	96.6	91.1	-	-5.7	-	-3.4	-5.7
Other goods and services	4.544	228.2	230.6	6.1	1.1	.4	.5	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	253.6	261.1	10.2	3.0	.7	.8	3.0
Personal care ¹	3.244	154.5	155.0	2.4	.3	-.3	.4	.3
Personal care products ¹	.832	147.0	147.6	2.4	.4	-.7	.6	.4
Personal care services ¹	.964	164.5	164.5	2.3	.0	.2	.2	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	229.8	231.1	4.3	.6	.5	.2	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	47.234	141.4	141.3	-.4	-.1	-.1	-.1	-.1
Food and beverages	17.903	159.6	159.2	1.8	-.3	.0	.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	130.5	130.5	-1.8	.0	-.2	-.4	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	131.5	131.5	-2.2	.0	-.3	-1.0	-.2
Apparel	5.300	128.7	130.4	-.5	1.3	.0	-.5	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	137.6	136.7	-2.9	-.7	-.4	-1.4	-.4
Durables	13.403	127.7	127.7	-1.4	.0	.0	.2	-.1
Services	52.766	178.7	179.1	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
Rent of shelter ³	26.708	167.4	168.1	3.1	.4	.4	.2	.2
Transportation services	6.824	184.9	185.3	2.2	.2	.2	.5	.3
Other services	10.006	210.5	211.2	3.8	.3	.3	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.139	158.1	158.4	1.0	.2	.0	-.1	.0
All items less shelter	72.967	154.2	154.1	.4	-.1	-.1	-.1	-.1
All items less medical care	95.409	154.7	154.8	1.0	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Commodities less food	30.373	131.8	131.8	-1.6	.0	-.1	-.5	-.2
Nondurables less food	16.970	133.5	133.5	-1.8	.0	-.2	-1.0	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	139.2	138.3	-2.5	-.6	-.4	-1.5	-.4
Nondurables	33.831	145.9	145.6	-.1	-.2	-.1	-.1	-.4
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.057	169.1	169.2	1.8	.1	.0	-.1	-.1
Services less medical care services	49.082	173.2	173.6	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.0
Energy	7.825	105.0	102.4	-9.1	-2.5	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1
All items less energy	92.175	165.8	166.3	2.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	75.315	167.5	168.2	2.1	.4	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	141.5	142.1	.3	.4	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities	3.910	97.7	94.3	-13.2	-3.5	-1.4	-3.5	-3.0
Services less energy services	48.852	185.1	185.8	3.0	.4	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.631	\$.631	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.212	\$.212	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	158.6	158.7	158.7	158.7	0.8	2.1	1.8	0.3	1.4	1.0
Food and beverages	158.7	158.7	159.2	159.2	1.0	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5
Food	158.3	158.2	158.8	158.7	.8	3.1	2.0	1.0	1.9	1.5
Food at home	158.6	158.3	158.9	158.7	.3	3.4	1.3	.3	1.8	.8
Cereals and bakery products	178.5	178.9	178.6	179.1	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.2	147.4	147.0	146.8	.5	1.4	-1.9	-3.7	.9	-2.8
Dairy and related products ¹	146.8	147.5	147.9	147.4	-2.4	-5.7	11.1	1.6	-4.1	6.2
Fruits and vegetables	191.1	189.7	196.5	194.4	-5.2	12.5	2.1	7.1	3.2	4.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	134.0	132.9	132.7	132.8	16.0	10.7	-4.1	-3.5	13.3	-3.8
Other food at home	147.8	147.9	148.1	148.2	5.1	4.7	-.3	1.1	4.9	.4
Sugar and sweets	148.5	149.2	149.9	149.2	1.6	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.9
Fats and oils	141.1	141.3	140.0	140.8	-.3	-.6	-.8	-.8	-.4	-.8
Other foods	162.3	163.1	163.6	163.8	.3	3.0	2.2	3.7	1.6	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.5	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ¹	158.6	159.0	159.3	159.6	1.3	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.2	2.8
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	163.2	163.6	164.0	163.8	2.0	2.5	1.2	1.5	2.2	1.4
Housing	154.8	154.8	154.8	155.0	1.3	2.1	3.4	.5	1.7	2.0
Shelter	172.9	173.5	174.0	174.4	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.3	168.7	169.2	169.4	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.9
Lodging away from home ²	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	167.6	168.1	168.5	169.1	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.4	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	131.8	130.4	128.8	127.6	-5.4	1.6	6.6	-12.2	-2.0	-3.2
Fuels	117.8	115.3	113.5	112.1	-11.0	.0	10.1	-18.0	-5.7	-5.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.3	95.9	93.9	91.8	-19.9	-13.3	-.4	-17.4	-16.7	-9.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	125.9	123.0	121.1	119.7	-10.1	1.3	11.6	-18.3	-4.6	-4.5
Household furnishings and operations	123.9	123.9	124.2	124.7	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.6	.2	1.6
Apparel	132.0	132.0	131.3	131.1	2.8	-2.1	.6	-2.7	.3	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	130.7	131.2	131.4	131.1	4.8	1.9	.9	1.2	3.3	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	124.8	124.1	123.0	123.4	1.6	-5.3	1.6	-4.4	-1.9	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	127.1	126.5	125.3	123.1	23.0	-17.9	-4.0	-12.0	.5	-8.1
Footwear	129.6	130.5	129.9	128.0	1.3	2.2	2.2	-4.8	1.7	-1.4
Transportation	143.0	142.6	141.9	141.3	-4.3	1.1	-1.7	-4.7	-1.7	-3.2
Private transportation	140.7	140.3	139.5	138.7	-5.2	1.4	-2.0	-5.6	-2.0	-3.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	144.9	144.6	144.7	144.6	-.3	-.5	-1.6	-.8	-.4	-1.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	149.2	149.5	149.7	149.9	-1.0	-13.2	-1.9	1.9	-7.3	.0
Motor fuel	104.8	103.2	99.5	96.4	-23.5	11.2	-6.2	-28.4	-7.8	-18.1
Gasoline (all types)	104.6	102.9	99.2	96.0	-24.2	13.0	-5.9	-29.0	-7.5	-18.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.7	100.6	100.5	100.6	-2.0	1.2	-1.6	-.4	-.4	-1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	165.0	165.8	166.0	166.5	2.7	2.7	1.7	3.7	2.7	2.7
Public transportation	184.1	184.1	185.8	188.1	9.9	-3.2	1.8	9.0	3.1	5.3
Medical care	236.3	237.2	237.6	238.1	3.3	2.1	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities	213.7	214.6	215.0	214.9	3.3	-.4	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.3
Medical care services	241.2	242.2	242.5	243.2	3.4	2.4	2.9	3.4	2.9	3.1
Professional services	219.0	219.6	220.0	220.8	4.0	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.0
Hospital and related services	277.7	278.9	278.8	280.3	3.1	2.2	3.5	3.8	2.7	3.7
Recreation ²	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 2}	100.3	100.0	100.5	101.2	.4	4.5	1.2	3.6	2.4	2.4

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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ²	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education ²	-	100.0	100.3	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	245.1	246.1	245.3	247.4	6.3	7.4	3.7	3.8	6.8	3.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	279.9	281.2	282.1	283.2	5.6	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.1
Communication ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.3	.8	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	-1.2	-8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.3	.4	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	-1.4	-8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	49.3	48.9	47.7	45.8	-15.3	-18.0	.0	-25.5	-16.6	-13.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	-	100.0	96.6	91.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	226.4	227.4	228.5	230.9	5.8	3.7	6.6	8.2	4.7	7.4
Tobacco and smoking products	249.9	251.6	253.6	261.1	8.2	3.0	10.8	19.2	5.6	14.9
Personal care ¹	154.3	153.9	154.5	155.0	3.2	-5	5.1	1.8	1.3	3.4
Personal care products ¹	147.1	146.1	147.0	147.6	2.2	-1.6	7.7	1.4	.3	4.5
Personal care services ¹	163.7	164.1	164.5	164.5	4.0	1.0	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services	228.8	230.0	230.5	230.6	5.4	5.7	3.0	3.2	5.5	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.1	142.0	141.8	141.6	-1.1	.9	.6	-1.4	-1	-4
Food and beverages	158.7	158.7	159.2	159.2	1.0	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages	132.0	131.7	131.2	130.9	-2.7	-.3	-.3	-3.3	-1.5	-1.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.6	134.2	132.9	132.6	-4.6	1.5	.6	-5.8	-1.6	-2.7
Apparel	132.0	132.0	131.3	131.1	2.8	-2.1	.6	-2.7	.3	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.6	140.1	138.1	137.5	-6.9	4.4	-.3	-8.5	-1.4	-4.5
Durables	127.3	127.3	127.5	127.4	-.9	-3.4	-1.9	.3	-2.2	-.8
Services	178.4	178.6	178.8	179.1	2.5	2.8	3.2	1.6	2.7	2.4
Rent of shelter ³	166.6	167.2	167.6	167.9	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0
Transportation services	183.5	183.8	184.7	185.2	3.6	1.5	.9	3.8	2.6	2.3
Other services	209.5	210.2	210.7	211.2	4.4	3.7	2.9	3.3	4.1	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	158.4	158.4	158.3	158.3	.5	1.8	2.0	-.3	1.2	.9
All items less shelter	154.8	154.6	154.5	154.4	-.3	1.6	1.8	-1.0	.7	.4
All items less medical care	154.9	154.9	154.8	154.9	.5	1.8	2.1	.0	1.2	1.0
Commodities less food	133.5	133.3	132.7	132.4	-2.6	-.3	.0	-3.3	-1.5	-1.6
Nondurables less food	136.3	136.0	134.7	134.3	-3.7	1.5	.6	-5.7	-1.2	-2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.3	141.8	139.7	139.2	-6.3	4.3	1.4	-8.4	-1.1	-3.6
Nondurables	146.8	146.7	146.5	145.9	-1.4	2.8	.8	-2.4	.7	-.8
Services less rent of shelter ³	169.3	169.3	169.1	169.0	1.9	2.4	3.4	-.7	2.2	1.3
Services less medical care services	173.0	173.2	173.4	173.4	2.4	2.6	3.3	.9	2.5	2.1
Energy	110.8	108.7	106.0	103.8	-17.3	5.2	2.2	-23.0	-6.7	-11.3
All items less energy	165.4	165.7	166.0	166.3	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1
All items less food and energy	167.4	167.7	168.0	168.4	2.7	1.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.0	142.0	142.1	142.4	1.4	-1.7	.8	1.1	-.1	1.0
Energy commodities	104.3	102.8	99.2	96.2	-23.3	8.8	-5.6	-27.6	-8.7	-17.3
Services less energy services	184.4	184.9	185.4	185.9	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	158.4	158.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	471.9	472.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	159.6	159.2	1.8	-.3	.0	.3	.0
Food	16.861	159.3	158.8	1.8	-.3	-.1	.4	-.1
Food at home	10.785	159.9	158.9	1.3	-.6	-.2	.4	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	178.8	179.4	1.7	.3	.2	-.2	.3
Cereals and cereal products	.614	169.3	169.4	1.5	.1	.1	-.5	.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes	.083	158.1	155.9	-.1	-1.4	.5	1.2	-.6
Breakfast cereal	.343	187.0	187.9	2.0	.5	.2	-1.0	.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	.188	150.2	150.3	2.1	.1	.2	-1.4	.3
Bakery products	1.064	183.0	184.0	1.9	.5	.1	.4	.2
Bread ^{1 2}	.326	99.4	100.2	-	.8	-	-.6	.8
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 2}	.144	101.1	102.0	-	.9	-	1.1	.9
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ²	.293	179.2	180.9	2.0	.9	-.1	.1	.9
Other bakery products	.300	181.8	181.2	.4	-.3	-.2	1.5	-1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	148.0	147.2	-.8	-.5	-.5	-.3	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.965	148.1	147.6	-.5	-.3	-.5	-.1	.0
Meats	2.042	143.2	142.5	-1.0	-.5	-.4	-.2	-.3
Beef and veal	.919	136.6	135.8	-.4	-.6	.2	-.4	-.5
Uncooked ground beef	.360	117.4	115.6	-1.3	-1.5	-.4	1.4	-2.2
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 2}	.158	99.4	99.9	-	.5	-	-.6	.5
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 2}	.342	99.3	99.2	-	-.1	-	-.7	-.1
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 2}	.059	99.9	99.4	-	-.5	-	-.1	-.5
Pork	.724	152.3	151.7	-2.2	-.4	-.6	-.3	.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 2}	.233	99.0	97.9	-	-1.1	-	-1.0	-1.1
Ham	.161	151.9	153.6	-1.0	1.1	1.1	-.2	.8
Pork chops	.167	151.7	150.4	-4.3	-.9	-1.0	-.7	-.5
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 2}	.163	99.9	99.4	-	-.5	-	-.1	-.5
Other meats ²	.399	147.5	146.8	-.5	-.5	-1.5	.6	-.5
Poultry ²	.568	155.2	155.2	-1.5	.0	-1.4	.1	.0
Chicken ^{1 2}	.449	99.5	99.8	-	.3	-	-.5	.3
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 2}	.119	102.4	101.3	-	-1.1	-	2.4	-1.1
Fish and seafood	.355	181.7	181.6	3.1	-.1	-.4	-.1	1.4
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 2}	.208	103.3	103.4	-	.1	-	3.3	.1
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 2}	.147	100.4	100.0	-	-.4	-	.4	-.4
Eggs	.160	142.8	136.5	-7.0	-4.4	-.6	-2.6	-2.1
Dairy and related products ²	1.135	147.9	147.4	1.0	-.3	.5	.3	-.3
Milk ^{1 2}	.473	99.8	100.2	-	.4	-	-.2	.4
Cheese and related products ²	.323	148.0	147.8	-.3	-.1	.6	.2	-.1
Ice cream and related products	.181	153.7	150.9	-.5	-1.8	.5	.9	-1.8
Other dairy and related products ^{1 2}	.159	100.9	99.5	-	-1.4	-	.9	-1.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	200.9	192.4	3.4	-4.2	-.7	3.6	-1.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1.104	236.1	223.7	4.9	-5.3	-1.2	4.3	-1.2
Fresh fruits	.557	237.5	237.5	3.8	.0	-.6	.6	5.4
Apples	.107	198.1	201.3	1.0	1.6	.7	-.7	.8
Bananas	.105	154.5	159.8	-5.6	3.4	-2.2	-.3	-4.2
Citrus fruits ^{1 2}	.112	105.7	101.4	-	-4.1	-	5.7	-4.1
Other fresh fruits ^{1 2}	.232	97.1	96.8	-	-.3	-	-2.9	-.3
Fresh vegetables	.547	233.4	210.1	6.0	-10.0	-2.0	7.9	-7.4
Potatoes	.103	180.4	179.6	9.8	-.4	.1	1.2	-.2
Lettuce ²	.073	286.0	195.5	7.5	-31.6	-15.9	32.8	-31.6
Tomatoes ²	.116	236.1	223.2	7.2	-5.5	12.7	-5.4	-5.5
Other fresh vegetables	.255	245.4	225.7	5.7	-8.0	-.8	11.3	-6.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	.342	101.6	101.0	-	-.6	-	1.6	-.6
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	.188	101.9	100.9	-	-1.0	-	1.9	-1.0
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	.105	101.6	101.5	-	-.1	-	1.6	-.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 2}	.049	100.3	100.2	-	-.1	-	.3	-.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	132.9	133.6	4.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 2}	.910	101.1	101.8	-	.7	-	1.1	.7
Carbonated drinks	.508	118.7	120.4	-2	1.4	-3	-1	.9
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	.053	100.9	100.7	-	-2	-	.9	-2
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	.349	99.9	99.5	-	-4	-	-1	-4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 2}	.305	100.0	100.1	-	.1	-	.0	.1
Coffee ²	.165	168.9	168.3	15.4	-4	-2.1	-2	-4
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 2}	.140	100.3	101.0	-	.7	-	.3	.7
Other food at home	2.185	148.1	148.5	2.4	.3	.1	.1	.1
Sugar and sweets	.420	150.2	149.5	1.6	-5	.5	.5	-5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	.093	136.8	136.3	.4	-4	.6	.5	-6
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 2}	.249	101.3	101.0	-	-3	-	1.3	-3
Other sweets ^{1 2}	.078	102.4	101.2	-	-1.2	-	2.4	-1.2
Fats and oils	.332	140.4	141.4	-6	.7	.1	-9	.6
Butter and margarine ^{1 2}	.101	99.4	99.7	-	.3	-	-6	.3
Salad dressing ^{1 2}	.090	100.2	101.5	-	1.3	-	.2	1.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 2}	.141	100.9	101.6	-	.7	-	.9	.7
Other foods	1.432	163.6	164.1	2.3	.3	.5	.3	.1
Soups	.107	190.0	190.8	2.9	.4	.6	.5	.3
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ²	.251	144.4	144.3	-3	-1	-6	.2	-1
Snacks ²	.301	154.7	155.2	.8	.3	.3	-3	.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	.307	171.1	173.2	3.2	1.2	.9	.1	1.2
Baby food ^{1 2}	.123	100.6	100.4	-	-2	-	.6	-2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	.344	100.5	100.5	-	.0	-	.5	.0
Food away from home ²	6.076	159.3	159.6	2.5	.2	.3	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	3.162	100.2	100.5	-	.3	-	.2	.3
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	1.761	100.2	100.5	-	.3	-	.2	.3
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 2}	.705	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-1	.1
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 2}	.237	100.1	100.1	-	.0	-	.1	.0
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	.212	100.1	100.3	-	.2	-	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	163.6	163.9	1.7	.2	.2	.2	-1
Alcoholic beverages at home	.698	149.0	149.3	.3	.2	.1	.3	-3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	.477	147.9	148.0	-6	.1	.1	.3	-5
Distilled spirits at home	.095	151.1	151.5	1.6	.3	.3	-3	.3
Wine at home	.125	143.9	144.6	1.5	.5	.0	.1	-3
Alcoholic beverages away from home	.344	192.2	192.6	3.3	.2	.4	.0	.3
Housing	36.450	154.8	155.1	1.8	.2	.0	.0	.1
Shelter	27.033	173.9	174.6	3.1	.4	.3	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence	8.347	169.2	169.6	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.1
Lodging away from home ¹	1.346	104.8	108.6	-	3.6	-	.1	.0
Housing at school, excluding board ³	.137	231.2	231.5	4.2	.1	.4	.1	.3
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	1.209	224.6	233.5	4.1	4.0	1.1	.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	17.016	168.7	169.1	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.324	100.4	100.2	-	-2	-	.4	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.053	128.6	127.1	-2.8	-1.2	-1.1	-1.2	-9
Fuels	4.143	113.9	112.2	-5.3	-1.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	.229	96.2	95.1	-13.1	-1.1	-4	-2.1	-2.2
Fuel oil	.148	93.2	91.6	-14.7	-1.7	-2	-2.6	-3.0
Other household fuels ^{2 4}	.081	128.0	128.2	-9.8	.2	.5	-4	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	121.0	119.2	-4.5	-1.5	-2.3	-1.5	-1.2
Electricity	2.802	125.6	124.1	-3.6	-1.2	-2.0	-1.1	-1.0
Utility natural gas service	1.112	115.5	112.8	-6.8	-2.3	-3.0	-2.7	-1.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	.910	100.2	100.7	-	.5	-	.1	.4
Water and sewerage maintenance	.676	211.2	212.0	4.0	.4	.4	.1	.3
Garbage and trash collection ^{2 5}	.235	253.0	254.9	2.7	.8	.0	.1	.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	124.1	124.7	.8	.5	.0	.2	.4
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 2}	.316	101.1	101.4	-	.3	-	1.1	.3
Floor coverings ^{1 2}	.075	99.9	99.9	-	.0	-	-1	.0
Window coverings ^{1 2}	.086	102.5	100.9	-	-1.6	-	2.5	-1.6
Other linens ^{1 2}	.155	100.8	102.5	-	1.7	-	.8	1.7
Furniture and bedding ²	1.169	130.2	130.6	.1	.3	-4	-3	.3
Bedroom furniture ²	.355	138.8	139.1	1.2	.2	1.0	-1.9	.2
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 2}	.616	100.6	101.1	-	.5	-	.6	.5
Other furniture ^{1 2}	.180	99.5	99.6	-	.1	-	-5	.1

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Expenditure category								
Appliances ^{1 2}	.421	101.0	101.0	-	0.0	-	1.0	0.0
Major appliances ^{1 2}	.251	101.2	101.2	-	.0	-	1.2	.0
Other appliances ^{1 2}	.159	100.6	100.9	-	.3	-	.6	.3
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 2}	.480	101.7	101.6	-	-1	-	1.7	-1
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ²	.200	118.0	118.0	0.6	.0	1.0	-3	.0
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	.127	114.1	115.3	3.2	1.1	.7	7.8	-1.5
Dishes and flatware ^{1 2}	.067	100.5	99.7	-	-8	-	.5	-8
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 2}	.086	100.4	99.1	-	-13	-	.4	-13
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	.640	100.9	101.4	-	.5	-	.9	.5
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 2}	.186	100.3	100.0	-	-3	-	.3	-3
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	.302	101.3	102.4	-	1.1	-	1.3	1.1
Housekeeping supplies	.944	143.8	145.8	1.9	1.4	.3	-6	1.4
Household cleaning products ^{1 2}	.451	100.1	100.7	-	.6	-	.1	.6
Household paper products ^{1 2}	.218	100.1	101.8	-	1.7	-	.1	1.7
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 2}	.275	98.7	101.0	-	2.3	-	-13	2.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	.394	100.1	100.5	-	.4	-	.1	.4
Domestic services ^{1 2}	.089	100.2	100.5	-	.3	-	.2	.3
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 2}	.106	100.0	99.9	-	-1	-	.0	-1
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 2}	.074	100.0	101.5	-	1.5	-	.0	1.5
Repair of household items ^{1 2}	.069	100.1	100.4	-	.3	-	.1	.3
Apparel	5.300	128.7	130.4	-5	1.3	.0	-5	-2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	129.4	130.1	2.3	.5	.4	.2	-2
Men's apparel	1.145	132.4	133.9	1.6	1.1	.7	-3	.4
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	.218	136.1	136.9	3.0	.6	.2	2.2	-4
Men's furnishings	.311	134.5	136.4	8.9	1.4	3.8	1.2	1.4
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 2}	.343	96.1	97.1	-	1.0	-	-3.9	1.0
Men's pants and shorts	.252	130.8	132.9	.4	1.6	.2	.5	.2
Boys' apparel	.358	119.8	118.0	4.7	-1.5	1.0	1.1	-1.9
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	118.5	122.3	-2.0	3.2	-6	-9	.3
Women's apparel	1.634	117.1	121.3	-2.4	3.6	-7	-1.5	.7
Women's outerwear	.118	122.0	117.6	-3.8	-3.6	-2.2	-9	-4.9
Women's dresses	.221	95.1	108.0	-5.1	13.6	-1.5	-3.2	5.4
Women's suits and separates ^{1 2}	.833	95.5	98.3	-	2.9	-	-4.5	2.9
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 2}	.438	101.5	103.6	-	2.1	-	1.5	2.1
Girls' apparel	.351	125.5	127.1	-3	1.3	.2	2.1	-1.5
Footwear	1.082	128.4	127.4	.2	-8	.7	-5	-1.5
Men's footwear	.374	130.6	130.3	-2.0	-2	-1	-1.0	-8
Boys' and girls' footwear	.265	134.6	128.3	-2.6	-4.7	.8	1.6	-5.3
Women's footwear	.443	121.9	123.3	3.5	1.1	.6	-1	-4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	.337	125.3	123.1	-3.9	-1.8	-5	-9	-1.8
Jewelry and watches ⁴	.393	140.6	145.1	-1	3.2	.1	-1.1	2.5
Watches ⁴	.076	122.3	121.8	-2.5	-4	-5	-1	-1.2
Jewelry ⁴	.317	145.8	151.8	.5	4.1	.5	-1.5	3.3
Transportation	19.847	141.7	140.9	-2.4	-6	-3	-5	-4
Private transportation	18.790	139.3	138.4	-2.8	-6	-3	-6	-6
New and used motor vehicles ¹	9.285	100.1	100.2	-1.7	.1	-	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.304	145.6	145.5	-8	-1	-2	.1	-1
Used cars and trucks ²	3.162	149.7	149.9	-3.7	.1	.2	.1	.1
Car and truck rental ^{1 2}	.108	97.8	99.6	-	1.8	-	-2.2	1.8
Motor fuel	3.682	97.6	94.1	-13.0	-3.6	-1.5	-3.6	-3.1
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	97.1	93.6	-12.9	-3.6	-1.6	-3.6	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁷	-	94.8	91.1	-13.7	-3.9	-1.7	-3.7	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7 8}	-	101.7	98.2	-12.3	-3.4	-2.5	-4.0	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁷	-	99.1	95.9	-11.7	-3.2	-1.4	-3.4	-2.5
Other motor fuels ^{1 2}	.023	98.0	95.8	-	-2.2	-	-2.0	-2.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.694	100.7	100.9	-7	.2	-1	-1	.1
Tires	.315	98.1	98.4	-2.7	.3	-5	-2	.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 2}	.378	100.0	100.1	-	.1	-	.0	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	166.0	166.5	2.7	.3	.5	.1	.3
Motor vehicle body work ²	.119	176.7	178.1	4.6	.8	.3	.1	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ²	.483	153.1	153.7	3.5	.4	.7	.3	.4
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 2}	1.039	100.0	100.3	-	.3	-	.0	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Motor vehicle insurance	2.881	256.2	255.4	2.3	-0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 2}	.584	102.1	102.1	-	.0	-	2.1	.0
State and local registration and license ^{1 2}	.419	101.5	101.4	-	-1	-	1.5	-1
Parking and other fees ^{1 2}	.143	104.1	104.5	-	.4	-	4.1	.4
Public transportation	1.057	184.7	187.9	4.2	1.7	.0	.9	1.2
Airline fare ²	.555	199.0	205.2	7.1	3.1	-1.5	2.6	3.1
Other intercity transportation ²	.119	161.0	162.8	4.1	1.1	1.0	.4	1.1
Intracity transportation ²	.376	175.0	174.8	.2	-1	-1	-7	-1
Medical care	4.591	237.4	238.7	2.8	.5	.4	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	.906	214.7	215.4	1.9	.3	.4	.2	.0
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	.570	252.0	253.3	2.5	.5	.7	.2	.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{2 4}	.336	145.1	145.0	.8	-1	-1	.2	-1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ²	.245	171.7	171.5	.4	-1	.0	.1	-1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ²	.091	176.2	176.4	2.0	.1	-5	.7	.1
Medical care services	3.684	242.5	244.0	3.0	.6	.4	.1	.3
Professional services	2.372	219.8	221.0	3.1	.5	.3	.2	.4
Physicians' services	1.269	226.0	227.7	2.9	.8	.3	.0	.5
Dental services ²	.665	231.3	232.2	4.1	.4	.1	.7	.4
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{2 4}	.261	142.9	143.0	1.3	.1	.6	.1	.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	.177	157.8	158.4	2.8	.4	.1	.3	.1
Hospital and related services	1.097	279.6	281.4	3.2	.6	.4	.0	.5
Hospital services ^{2 9}	1.084	103.3	104.0	3.1	.7	.5	.3	.7
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 7 9}	-	102.7	103.2	2.6	.5	.4	.4	.5
Outpatient hospital services ^{4 7}	-	229.0	231.0	3.4	.9	.3	-3	.6
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{2 9}	.013	104.6	105.3	3.8	.7	.5	.6	.7
Recreation ¹	5.969	100.3	100.7	1.5	.4	-	.3	.3
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.968	100.5	101.2	2.4	.7	-3	.5	.7
Televisions ²	.256	59.2	59.4	-4.3	.3	-1.0	-2	.3
Cable television ⁵	.927	238.8	242.5	7.9	1.5	.4	1.6	.7
Other video equipment ^{1 2}	.101	98.9	97.7	-	-1.2	-	-1.1	-1.2
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 2} ..	.217	98.3	98.7	-	.4	-	-1.7	.4
Audio equipment ²	.194	87.9	86.9	-3.6	-1.1	-7	-6	-1.1
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 2}	.158	99.6	99.4	-	-2	-	-4	-2
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 2}	.678	100.6	100.6	-	.0	-	.6	.0
Pets and pet products ²	.474	143.1	142.6	.1	-3	-8	.8	-3
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 2}	.204	100.1	101.0	-	.9	-	.1	.9
Sporting goods ²	.525	125.6	125.7	.8	.1	1.1	.9	.1
Sports vehicles including bicycles ²	.249	129.0	129.0	1.5	.0	1.8	1.0	.0
Sports equipment ²	.269	118.2	118.5	-1	.3	.3	.8	.3
Photography ^{1 2}	.282	99.9	99.6	-	-3	-	-1	-3
Photographic equipment and supplies ²	.105	134.4	133.3	-1.5	-8	-8	-1	-8
Photographers and film processing ^{1 2}	.174	99.9	99.9	-	.0	-	-1	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	.668	99.1	98.9	-	-2	-	-1.1	-4
Toys	.536	123.9	123.6	-3.2	-2	-4	-1.3	-5
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 2}	.064	99.7	100.0	-	.3	-	-3	.3
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 2}	.048	100.2	100.0	-	-2	-	.2	-2
Recreation services ¹	1.362	100.2	100.9	-	.7	-	.2	.7
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 2}	.421	100.4	100.6	-	.2	-	.4	.2
Admissions ²	.659	200.2	202.2	3.6	1.0	.0	.2	1.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	.145	175.5	175.9	4.4	.2	1.6	-1	.0
Recreational reading materials ²	.486	181.5	182.8	1.8	.7	.2	.1	.7
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 2}	.337	100.2	101.2	-	1.0	-	.2	1.0
Recreational books ^{1 2}	.149	99.8	100.0	-	.2	-	-2	.2
Education and communication ¹	5.396	100.0	99.8	2.4	-2	-	-1	.0
Education ¹	2.402	100.3	100.4	5.1	.1	-	.3	.4
Educational books and supplies	.192	247.5	249.4	5.3	.8	.4	-3	.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	283.5	283.5	5.2	.0	.5	.3	.4
College tuition and fees	.818	301.7	301.6	4.7	.0	.4	.4	.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	.252	299.4	299.4	7.2	.0	.4	.5	.4
Child care and nursery school ⁶	1.029	139.2	139.2	4.5	.0	.9	.3	.0
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 2}	.049	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-1	.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Communication ^{1 2}	2.994	99.7	99.3	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Postage and delivery services ^{1 2}	.152	100.0	100.0	-	.0	-	.0	.0
Postage ²	.150	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 2}	.002	100.1	101.4	-	1.3	-	.1	1.3
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.841	99.6	99.3	-1.1	-3	-1	-4	-3
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.547	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-	-1	.1
Telephone services, local charges ²	1.172	163.1	163.7	1.4	.4	-1	.1	.4
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 2}	1.314	99.8	99.7	-	-1	-	-2	-1
Cellular telephone services ^{1 2}	.062	99.1	98.3	-	-8	-	-9	-8
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{2 10}	.294	47.7	45.8	-15.2	-4.0	-8	-2.5	-4.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.191	96.6	91.1	-	-5.7	-	-3.4	-5.7
Computer software and accessories ^{1 2}	.028	97.4	97.2	-	-2	-	-2.6	-2
Computer information processing services ^{1 2}	.016	100.2	100.2	-	.0	-	.2	.0
Other information processing equipment ^{1 2}	.058	99.7	98.3	-	-1.4	-	-3	-1.4
Other goods and services	4.544	228.2	230.6	6.1	1.1	.4	.5	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	253.6	261.1	10.2	3.0	.7	.8	3.0
Cigarettes ^{1 2}	1.225	101.1	104.2	-	3.1	-	1.1	3.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 2}	.067	100.5	101.4	-	.9	-	.5	.9
Personal care ²	3.244	154.5	155.0	2.4	.3	-3	.4	.3
Personal care products ²	.832	147.0	147.6	2.4	.4	-7	.6	.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 2}	.417	100.1	100.5	-	.4	-	.1	.4
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ²	.411	158.5	159.0	2.5	.3	.4	1.1	.3
Personal care services ²	.964	164.5	164.5	2.3	.0	.2	.2	.0
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 2}	.964	100.3	100.3	-	.0	-	.3	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	229.8	231.1	4.3	.6	.5	.2	.0
Legal services ^{2 4}	.302	167.8	169.0	5.4	.7	.1	.8	.7
Funeral expenses ⁴	.262	175.0	176.2	4.3	.7	.7	.0	.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 2}	.216	100.2	100.7	-	.5	-	.2	.5
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 2}	.051	100.3	100.4	-	.1	-	.3	.1
Financial services ^{2 4}	.265	194.4	195.4	3.8	.5	.4	.3	.5
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 2}	.223	100.1	99.7	-	-4	-	.1	-4
Special aggregate indexes								
Commodities	47.234	141.4	141.3	-4	-1	-1	-1	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	130.5	130.5	-1.8	.0	-2	-4	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	131.5	131.5	-2.2	.0	-3	-1.0	-2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	137.6	136.7	-2.9	-7	-4	-1.4	-4
Durables	13.403	127.7	127.7	-1.4	.0	.0	.2	-1
Services	52.766	178.7	179.1	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
Rent of shelter ³	26.708	167.4	168.1	3.1	.4	.4	.2	.2
Transportation services	6.824	184.9	185.3	2.2	.2	.2	.5	.3
Other services	10.006	210.5	211.2	3.8	.3	.3	.2	.2
All items less food	83.139	158.1	158.4	1.0	.2	.0	-1	.0
All items less shelter	72.967	154.2	154.1	.4	-1	-1	-1	-1
All items less medical care	95.409	154.7	154.8	1.0	.1	.0	-1	.1
Commodities less food	30.373	131.8	131.8	-1.6	.0	-1	-5	-2
Nondurables less food	16.970	133.5	133.5	-1.8	.0	-2	-1.0	-3
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	139.2	138.3	-2.5	-6	-4	-1.5	-4
Nondurables	33.831	145.9	145.6	-1	-2	-1	-1	-4
Apparel less footwear	4.218	124.4	126.7	-7	1.8	-2	-4	.1
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.057	169.1	169.2	1.8	.1	.0	-1	-1
Services less medical care services	49.082	173.2	173.6	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Special aggregate indexes								
Energy	7.825	105.0	102.4	-9.1	-2.5	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1
All items less energy	92.175	165.8	166.3	2.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	75.315	167.5	168.2	2.1	.4	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	141.5	142.1	.3	.4	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities	3.910	97.7	94.3	-13.2	-3.5	-1.4	-3.5	-3.0
Services less energy services	48.852	185.1	185.8	3.0	.4	.3	.3	.3
Domestically produced farm food	9.110	161.9	160.5	1.1	-.9	-.1	.4	-.2
Utilities and public transportation	9.355	143.1	142.8	-.3	-.2	-1.0	-.8	.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.631	\$.631	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.212	\$.212	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Not seasonally adjusted.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	158.6	158.7	158.7	158.7	0.8	2.1	1.8	0.3	1.4	1.0
Food and beverages	158.7	158.7	159.2	159.2	1.0	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5
Food	158.3	158.2	158.8	158.7	.8	3.1	2.0	1.0	1.9	1.5
Food at home	158.6	158.3	158.9	158.7	.3	3.4	1.3	.3	1.8	.8
Cereals and bakery products	178.5	178.9	178.6	179.1	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.7
Cereals and cereal products	169.8	170.0	169.1	169.6	2.4	5.3	-1.2	-5	3.9	-8
Flour and prepared flour mixes	154.2	155.0	156.8	155.9	.8	-1.0	-4.5	4.5	-1	-1
Breakfast cereal	188.4	188.8	187.0	188.3	2.0	7.5	-1.5	-2	4.7	-8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	151.4	151.7	149.6	150.1	2.5	6.1	3.5	-3.4	4.3	.0
Bakery products	182.2	182.4	183.2	183.6	.9	.7	3.1	3.1	.8	3.1
Bread ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.4	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.1	102.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ²	179.2	179.1	179.2	180.9	2.5	1.6	.2	3.8	2.0	2.0
Other bakery products	181.5	181.1	183.8	180.4	-.2	-.2	4.3	-2.4	-.2	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.2	147.4	147.0	146.8	.5	1.4	-1.9	-3.7	.9	-2.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.6	147.8	147.6	147.6	1.1	1.9	-2.4	-2.7	1.5	-2.5
Meats	143.8	143.2	142.9	142.5	1.7	2.2	-4.3	-3.6	2.0	-3.9
Beef and veal	136.1	136.4	135.8	135.1	3.3	2.7	-4.8	-2.9	3.0	-3.9
Uncooked ground beef	115.7	115.2	116.8	114.2	5.7	3.1	-7.9	-5.1	4.4	-6.5
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.4	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.3	99.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	99.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pork	154.3	153.4	153.0	153.1	.8	-.3	-5.7	-3.1	.3	-4.4
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.0	97.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ham	152.0	153.7	153.4	154.7	.8	.5	-11.7	7.3	.6	-2.7
Pork chops	154.8	153.2	152.1	151.4	-4.0	.0	-4.5	-8.5	-2.0	-6.5
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	99.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other meats ²	148.9	146.6	147.5	146.8	-.3	4.7	-.5	-5.5	2.2	-3.1
Poultry ²	157.2	155.0	155.2	155.2	-2.8	-2.8	5.0	-5.0	-2.8	-.1
Chicken ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.5	99.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 2}	-	100.0	102.4	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and seafood	179.4	178.6	178.5	181.0	2.8	6.7	-.4	3.6	4.7	1.6
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 2}	-	100.0	103.3	103.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.4	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eggs	140.4	139.5	135.9	133.1	-7.3	-8.3	9.7	-19.2	-7.8	-5.9
Dairy and related products ²	146.8	147.5	147.9	147.4	-2.4	-5.7	11.1	1.6	-4.1	6.2
Milk ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.8	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese and related products ²	146.8	147.7	148.0	147.8	-2.7	-2.2	1.1	2.8	-2.4	1.9
Ice cream and related products	150.7	151.4	152.7	150.0	.5	-1.8	1.3	-1.8	-.7	-.3
Other dairy and related products ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.9	99.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruits and vegetables	191.1	189.7	196.5	194.4	-5.2	12.5	2.1	7.1	3.2	4.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables	222.5	219.8	229.2	226.4	-7.4	19.2	2.0	7.2	5.1	4.6
Fresh fruits	232.3	231.0	232.4	244.9	-2.4	3.8	-6.4	23.5	.7	7.5
Apples	201.6	203.1	201.6	203.2	-4.3	1.8	3.7	3.2	-1.3	3.4
Bananas	162.2	158.6	158.2	151.6	-11.9	2.1	15.7	-23.7	-5.2	-6.0
Citrus fruits ^{1 2}	-	100.0	105.7	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fresh fruits ^{1 2}	-	100.0	97.1	96.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh vegetables	209.6	205.5	221.7	205.4	-13.5	40.6	12.8	-7.8	10.3	2.0
Potatoes	184.8	184.9	187.1	186.7	-3.9	22.3	18.8	4.2	8.4	11.3
Lettuce ²	256.0	215.4	286.0	195.5	-16.7	71.9	174.4	-66.0	19.7	-3.4
Tomatoes ²	221.4	249.5	236.1	223.2	-20.7	-12.0	83.2	3.3	-16.5	37.6
Other fresh vegetables	206.2	204.6	227.8	212.9	-7.9	22.6	-2.7	13.6	6.3	5.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.6	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.9	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.6	101.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.3	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	134.0	132.9	132.7	132.8	16.0	10.7	-4.1	-3.5	13.3	-3.8
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.1	101.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbonated drinks	118.1	117.8	117.7	118.8	-7	-1.3	-1.3	2.4	-1.0	.5
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.9	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	99.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coffee ²	173.0	169.3	168.9	168.3	70.9	39.9	-17.1	-10.4	54.6	-13.8
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.3	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other food at home	147.8	147.9	148.1	148.2	5.1	4.7	-3	1.1	4.9	.4
Sugar and sweets	148.5	149.2	149.9	149.2	1.6	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.9
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	134.9	135.7	136.4	135.6	.0	.3	-9	2.1	.1	.6
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.3	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sweets ^{1 2}	-	100.0	102.4	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fats and oils	141.1	141.3	140.0	140.8	-3	-6	-8	-8	-4	-8
Butter and margarine ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.4	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salad dressing ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	101.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.9	101.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other foods	162.3	163.1	163.6	163.8	.3	3.0	2.2	3.7	1.6	3.0
Soups	189.9	191.0	191.9	192.5	5.4	-4	.8	5.6	2.5	3.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ²	145.0	144.1	144.4	144.3	-1.4	2.5	-5	-1.9	.6	-1.2
Snacks ²	154.6	155.1	154.7	155.2	-8	4.2	-1.5	1.6	1.7	.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	168.7	170.3	170.4	172.5	-1.2	4.4	.7	9.3	1.6	4.9
Baby food ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.6	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.5	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ²	158.6	159.0	159.3	159.6	1.3	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.2	2.8
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	163.2	163.6	164.0	163.8	2.0	2.5	1.2	1.5	2.2	1.4
Alcoholic beverages at home	148.9	149.1	149.5	149.0	1.1	.5	-5	.3	.8	-1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	147.6	147.8	148.2	147.5	-5	-8	-1.1	-3	-7	-7
Distilled spirits at home	151.3	151.8	151.3	151.7	1.9	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.0	1.3
Wine at home	144.3	144.3	144.5	144.0	4.3	3.4	-8	-8	3.8	-8
Alcoholic beverages away from home	191.4	192.2	192.2	192.8	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.1
Housing	154.8	154.8	154.8	155.0	1.3	2.1	3.4	.5	1.7	2.0
Shelter	172.9	173.5	174.0	174.4	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.3	168.7	169.2	169.4	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.9
Lodging away from home ¹	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing at school, excluding board ³	229.6	230.5	230.8	231.5	4.2	3.6	6.0	3.4	3.9	4.6
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	226.8	229.3	229.4	229.4	4.1	1.6	5.8	4.7	2.8	5.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	167.6	168.1	168.5	169.1	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.4	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	131.8	130.4	128.8	127.6	-5.4	1.6	6.6	-12.2	-2.0	-3.2
Fuels	117.8	115.3	113.5	112.1	-11.0	.0	10.1	-18.0	-5.7	-5.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.3	95.9	93.9	91.8	-19.9	-13.3	-4	-17.4	-16.7	-9.3
Fuel oil	93.5	93.3	90.9	88.2	-19.6	-15.7	-1.7	-20.8	-17.7	-11.8
Other household fuels ^{2 4}	127.8	128.5	128.0	128.2	-31.0	-17.5	14.7	1.3	-24.6	7.8
Gas (piped) and electricity	125.9	123.0	121.1	119.7	-10.1	1.3	11.6	-18.3	-4.6	-4.5
Electricity	132.7	130.1	128.7	127.4	.9	-2.7	3.7	-15.0	-9	-6.1
Utility natural gas service	119.1	115.5	112.4	110.6	-29.4	10.7	29.7	-25.6	-11.6	-1.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	100.0	100.1	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water and sewerage maintenance	210.2	211.0	211.2	211.8	3.4	6.2	3.3	3.1	4.8	3.2
Garbage and trash collection ^{2 5}	252.7	252.8	253.0	254.9	2.1	3.2	1.9	3.5	2.7	2.7
Household furnishings and operations	123.9	123.9	124.2	124.7	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.6	.2	1.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.1	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Floor coverings ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Window coverings ^{1 2}	-	100.0	102.5	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other linens ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.8	102.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and bedding ²	131.1	130.6	130.2	130.6	11.5	-6.7	-2.1	-1.5	2.0	-1.8
Bedroom furniture ²	140.1	141.5	138.8	139.1	14.1	-5.2	.0	-2.8	4.0	-1.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.6	101.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other furniture ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.5	99.6	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Appliances ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major appliances ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.2	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other appliances ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.6	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.7	101.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ²	117.2	118.4	118.0	118.0	2.1	-3.3	1.0	2.8	-0.7	1.9
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	107.4	108.2	116.6	114.9	8.5	-11.4	-9.8	31.0	-2.0	8.7
Dishes and flatware ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.5	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.4	99.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.9	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.3	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.3	102.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies	144.2	144.7	143.8	145.8	1.7	.0	1.7	4.5	.8	3.1
Household cleaning products ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household paper products ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	101.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 2}	-	100.0	98.7	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household operations ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.0	101.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repair of household items ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel	132.0	132.0	131.3	131.1	2.8	-2.1	.6	-2.7	.3	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	130.7	131.2	131.4	131.1	4.8	1.9	.9	1.2	3.3	1.1
Men's apparel	133.9	134.8	134.4	135.0	3.0	.6	-3.3	3.3	1.8	1.5
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	136.3	136.6	139.6	139.0	5.8	-3	-1.2	8.2	2.7	3.4
Men's furnishings	129.8	134.7	136.3	138.2	.9	10.1	-1.8	28.5	5.4	12.3
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 2}	-	100.0	96.1	97.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Men's pants and shorts	130.7	130.9	131.5	131.8	3.4	-3.3	-1.8	3.4	.0	.8
Boys' apparel	119.2	120.4	121.7	119.4	12.5	3.8	2.4	.7	8.1	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel	124.8	124.1	123.0	123.4	1.6	-5.3	1.6	-4.4	-1.9	-1.4
Women's apparel	124.4	123.5	121.7	122.5	1.0	-5.6	3.3	-6.0	-2.4	-1.5
Women's outerwear	128.4	125.6	124.5	118.4	4.6	8.3	4.5	-27.7	6.4	-13.1
Women's dresses	107.2	105.6	102.2	107.7	-4.5	-17.3	.4	1.9	-11.1	1.1
Women's suits and separates ^{1 2}	-	100.0	95.5	98.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.5	103.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Girls' apparel	126.3	126.6	129.3	127.4	5.4	-4.0	-6.1	3.5	.6	-1.4
Footwear	129.6	130.5	129.9	128.0	1.3	2.2	2.2	-4.8	1.7	-1.4
Men's footwear	132.8	132.7	131.4	130.3	1.8	-3.0	.6	-7.3	-6	-3.4
Boys' and girls' footwear	133.9	135.0	137.2	129.9	-8.7	2.2	9.2	-11.4	-3.4	-1.7
Women's footwear	123.6	124.3	124.2	123.7	7.9	6.7	-6	.3	7.3	-2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	127.1	126.5	125.3	123.1	23.0	-17.9	-4.0	-12.0	.5	-8.1
Jewelry and watches ⁴	144.2	144.4	142.8	146.3	-2.4	-3.3	-6	6.0	-2.8	2.6
Watches ⁴	124.6	124.0	123.9	122.4	2.9	-4.4	-1.6	-6.9	-8	-4.3
Jewelry ⁴	149.7	150.4	148.2	153.1	-3.6	-2.9	-8	9.4	-3.3	4.2
Transportation	143.0	142.6	141.9	141.3	-4.3	1.1	-1.7	-4.7	-1.7	-3.2
Private transportation	140.7	140.3	139.5	138.7	-5.2	1.4	-2.0	-5.6	-2.0	-3.8
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	144.9	144.6	144.7	144.6	-3	-5	-1.6	-8	-4	-1.2
Used cars and trucks ²	149.2	149.5	149.7	149.9	-1.0	-13.2	-1.9	1.9	-7.3	.0
Car and truck rental ^{1 2}	-	100.0	97.8	99.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	104.8	103.2	99.5	96.4	-23.5	11.2	-6.2	-28.4	-7.8	-18.1
Gasoline (all types)	104.6	102.9	99.2	96.0	-24.2	13.0	-5.9	-29.0	-7.5	-18.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁷	102.3	100.6	96.9	93.7	-25.2	14.2	-7.8	-29.6	-7.6	-19.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7 8}	108.6	105.9	101.7	98.2	-9.0	9.1	-11.0	-33.1	-4	-22.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁷	105.6	104.1	100.6	98.1	-21.4	9.5	-4.8	-25.5	-7.3	-15.8
Other motor fuels ^{1 2}	-	100.0	98.0	95.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.7	100.6	100.5	100.6	-2.0	1.2	-1.6	-4	-4	-1.0
Tires	98.4	97.9	97.7	98.0	-3.1	-2.4	-3.6	-1.6	-2.8	-2.6
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	165.0	165.8	166.0	166.5	2.7	2.7	1.7	3.7	2.7	2.7
Motor vehicle body work ²	175.9	176.5	176.7	178.1	5.8	3.8	4.0	5.1	4.8	4.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ²	151.7	152.7	153.1	153.7	.8	5.5	2.4	5.4	3.1	3.9
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.0	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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					
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	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Motor vehicle insurance	253.3	253.9	254.7	254.6	3.1	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.7	1.9
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 2}	-	100.0	102.1	102.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
State and local registration and license ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.5	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parking and other fees ^{1 2}	-	100.0	104.1	104.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public transportation	184.1	184.1	185.8	188.1	9.9	-3.2	1.8	9.0	3.1	5.3
Airline fare ²	196.9	193.9	199.0	205.2	20.6	-14.3	7.9	18.0	1.7	12.8
Other intercity transportation ²	158.7	160.3	161.0	162.8	1.5	2.8	1.5	10.7	2.2	6.0
Intracity transportation ²	176.3	176.2	175.0	174.8	1.2	1.1	2.1	-3.4	1.2	-7
Medical care	236.3	237.2	237.6	238.1	3.3	2.1	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities	213.7	214.6	215.0	214.9	3.3	-4	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.3
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	250.0	251.7	252.3	252.8	3.6	.0	1.6	4.6	1.8	3.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{2 4}	145.0	144.8	145.1	145.0	1.1	.6	1.7	.0	.8	.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ²	171.6	171.6	171.7	171.5	.5	.2	1.2	-2	.4	.5
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ²	175.9	175.0	176.2	176.4	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.1	2.2	1.7
Medical care services	241.2	242.2	242.5	243.2	3.4	2.4	2.9	3.4	2.9	3.1
Professional services	219.0	219.6	220.0	220.8	4.0	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.0
Physicians' services	225.7	226.3	226.2	227.3	3.9	2.7	2.2	2.9	3.3	2.5
Dental services ²	229.4	229.6	231.3	232.2	4.4	3.6	3.4	5.0	4.0	4.2
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{2 4}	142.0	142.8	142.9	143.0	.9	2.0	-3	2.8	1.4	1.3
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	157.4	157.6	158.1	158.3	3.7	2.9	2.6	2.3	3.3	2.4
Hospital and related services	277.7	278.9	278.8	280.3	3.1	2.2	3.5	3.8	2.7	3.7
Hospital services ^{2 9}	102.5	103.0	103.3	104.0	.8	2.4	3.2	6.0	1.6	4.6
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 7 9}	101.9	102.3	102.7	103.2	1.2	1.6	2.4	5.2	1.4	3.8
Outpatient hospital services ^{4 7}	228.4	229.1	228.3	229.7	3.7	3.1	4.7	2.3	3.4	3.5
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{2 9}	103.5	104.0	104.6	105.3	2.0	4.8	1.6	7.1	3.4	4.3
Recreation ¹	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 2}	100.3	100.0	100.5	101.2	.4	4.5	1.2	3.6	2.4	2.4
Televisions ²	59.9	59.3	59.2	59.4	-5.1	-5.7	-3.3	-3.3	-5.4	-3.3
Cable television ⁵	235.4	236.4	240.3	242.0	5.3	9.1	5.6	11.7	7.2	8.6
Other video equipment ^{1 2}	-	100.0	98.9	97.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 2} ..	-	100.0	98.3	98.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audio equipment ²	89.0	88.4	87.9	86.9	-8.2	3.2	.5	-9.1	-2.6	-4.4
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.6	99.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pets and pet products ²	143.0	141.9	143.1	142.6	.0	-8	2.6	-1.1	-4	.7
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sporting goods ²	123.1	124.5	125.6	125.7	-2.2	3.3	-5.9	8.7	.5	1.1
Sports vehicles including bicycles ²	125.5	127.7	129.0	129.0	.3	3.5	-8.4	11.6	1.9	1.1
Sports equipment ²	117.0	117.3	118.2	118.5	-5.6	3.1	-2.7	5.2	-1.3	1.2
Photography ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	99.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photographic equipment and supplies ²	135.7	134.6	134.4	133.3	.6	-2.3	3.0	-6.9	-9	-2.1
Photographers and film processing ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recreational goods ¹	-	100.0	98.9	98.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toys	126.6	126.1	124.4	123.8	-3.7	2.2	-2.5	-8.6	-8	-5.6
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.7	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation services ¹	-	100.0	100.2	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.4	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admissions ²	199.8	199.8	200.2	202.2	3.3	16.6	-8.7	4.9	9.8	-2.1
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	172.7	175.4	175.2	175.2	2.9	6.5	2.4	5.9	4.7	4.1
Recreational reading materials ²	180.9	181.3	181.5	182.8	.2	2.9	.0	4.3	1.6	2.1
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreational books ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.8	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education and communication ¹	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education ¹	-	100.0	100.3	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	245.1	246.1	245.3	247.4	6.3	7.4	3.7	3.8	6.8	3.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	279.9	281.2	282.1	283.2	5.6	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.1
College tuition and fees	297.8	299.1	300.2	301.3	5.8	4.6	3.6	4.8	5.2	4.2
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	295.4	296.7	298.2	299.4	6.2	9.0	8.1	5.5	7.6	6.8
Child care and nursery school ⁶	137.2	138.4	138.8	138.8	4.3	3.6	5.4	4.7	4.0	5.1
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-

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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
Communication ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.3	0.8	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	-1.2	-0.8
Postage and delivery services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage ²	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.3	.4	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	-1.4	-.8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone services, local charges ²	163.1	163.0	163.1	163.7	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.8	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cellular telephone services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.1	98.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{2 10}	49.3	48.9	47.7	45.8	-15.3	-18.0	.0	-25.5	-16.6	-13.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	-	100.0	96.6	91.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	100.0	97.4	97.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer information processing services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other information processing equipment ^{1 2}	-	100.0	99.7	98.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	226.4	227.4	228.5	230.9	5.8	3.7	6.6	8.2	4.7	7.4
Tobacco and smoking products	249.9	251.6	253.6	261.1	8.2	3.0	10.8	19.2	5.6	14.9
Cigarettes ^{1 2}	-	100.0	101.1	104.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.5	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care ²	154.3	153.9	154.5	155.0	3.2	-.5	5.1	1.8	1.3	3.4
Personal care products ²	147.1	146.1	147.0	147.6	2.2	-1.6	7.7	1.4	.3	4.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ²	156.1	156.7	158.5	159.0	-4.3	-1.0	8.4	7.6	-2.7	8.0
Personal care services ²	163.7	164.1	164.5	164.5	4.0	1.0	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.1
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous personal services	228.8	230.0	230.5	230.6	5.4	5.7	3.0	3.2	5.5	3.1
Legal services ^{2 4}	166.4	166.5	167.8	169.0	5.3	7.9	1.9	6.4	6.6	4.1
Funeral expenses ⁴	174.3	175.5	175.5	175.8	6.8	3.5	3.3	3.5	5.2	3.4
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.2	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.3	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial services ^{2 4}	193.1	193.9	194.4	195.4	5.0	3.8	1.5	4.9	4.4	3.1
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 2}	-	100.0	100.1	99.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special aggregate indexes										
Commodities	142.1	142.0	141.8	141.6	-1.1	.9	.6	-1.4	-.1	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages	132.0	131.7	131.2	130.9	-2.7	-.3	-.3	-3.3	-1.5	-1.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.6	134.2	132.9	132.6	-4.6	1.5	.6	-5.8	-1.6	-2.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.6	140.1	138.1	137.5	-6.9	4.4	-.3	-8.5	-1.4	-4.5
Durables	127.3	127.3	127.5	127.4	-.9	-3.4	-1.9	.3	-2.2	-.8
Services	178.4	178.6	178.8	179.1	2.5	2.8	3.2	1.6	2.7	2.4
Rent of shelter ³	166.6	167.2	167.6	167.9	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0
Transportation services	183.5	183.8	184.7	185.2	3.6	1.5	.9	3.8	2.6	2.3
Other services	209.5	210.2	210.7	211.2	4.4	3.7	2.9	3.3	4.1	3.1
All items less food	158.4	158.4	158.3	158.3	.5	1.8	2.0	-.3	1.2	.9
All items less shelter	154.8	154.6	154.5	154.4	-.3	1.6	1.8	-1.0	.7	.4
All items less medical care	154.9	154.9	154.8	154.9	.5	1.8	2.1	.0	1.2	1.0
Commodities less food	133.5	133.3	132.7	132.4	-2.6	-.3	.0	-3.3	-1.5	-1.6
Nondurables less food	136.3	136.0	134.7	134.3	-3.7	1.5	.6	-5.7	-1.2	-2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.3	141.8	139.7	139.2	-6.3	4.3	1.4	-8.4	-1.1	-3.6
Nondurables	146.8	146.7	146.5	145.9	-1.4	2.8	.8	-2.4	.7	-.8
Apparel less footwear	128.3	128.0	127.5	127.6	3.2	-3.7	.9	-2.2	-.3	-.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	169.3	169.3	169.1	169.0	1.9	2.4	3.4	-.7	2.2	1.3
Services less medical care services	173.0	173.2	173.4	173.4	2.4	2.6	3.3	.9	2.5	2.1

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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
Energy	110.8	108.7	106.0	103.8	-17.3	5.2	2.2	-23.0	-6.7	-11.3
All items less energy	165.4	165.7	166.0	166.3	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1
All items less food and energy	167.4	167.7	168.0	168.4	2.7	1.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.0	142.0	142.1	142.4	1.4	-1.7	.8	1.1	-.1	1.0
Energy commodities	104.3	102.8	99.2	96.2	-23.3	8.8	-5.6	-27.6	-8.7	-17.3
Services less energy services	184.4	184.9	185.4	185.9	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.0
Domestically produced farm food	160.0	159.9	160.6	160.3	-.8	3.1	1.0	.8	1.1	.9
Utilities and public transportation	146.1	144.6	143.5	143.5	-1.1	-1.4	8.7	-6.9	-1.2	.6

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Not seasonally adjusted.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.1998 from—			Percent change to Jan.1998 from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	161.5	161.3	161.6	161.9	1.4	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	168.5	168.4	168.8	169.1	1.3	.4	.2	1.6	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.3	169.1	169.5	170.1	1.4	.6	.4	1.6	.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.3	101.3	101.6	101.4	1.2	.1	-.2	1.6	.3	.3
Midwest urban ⁴	M	157.7	157.3	157.6	158.0	1.3	.4	.3	1.4	-.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.4	158.1	158.5	158.9	1.5	.5	.3	1.6	.1	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.3	101.0	101.2	101.6	1.4	.6	.4	1.2	-.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.7	153.0	152.9	152.7	.4	-.2	-.1	.5	-.5	-.1
South urban	M	157.8	157.3	157.6	157.8	1.1	.3	.1	1.2	-.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.4	156.3	156.6	156.7	1.0	.3	.1	1.1	.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.9	101.3	101.5	101.6	1.0	.3	.1	1.2	-.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.1	157.0	157.5	157.9	1.5	.6	.3	1.7	.3	.3
West urban	M	162.8	162.8	163.0	163.2	1.9	.2	.1	2.1	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	162.8	163.1	163.3	163.6	2.2	.3	.2	2.3	.3	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.4	102.0	102.3	102.3	1.5	.3	.0	1.9	-.1	.3
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	145.8	145.7	146.0	146.4	1.6	.5	.3	1.7	.1	.2
B/C ³	M	101.7	101.4	101.6	101.7	1.2	.3	.1	1.4	-.1	.2
D	M	157.8	157.5	157.7	157.8	1.0	.2	.1	1.2	-.1	.1
Selected local areas⁶											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	162.9	162.8	162.8	163.1	1.2	.2	.2	1.5	-.1	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	160.7	161.2	161.0	161.1	1.2	-.1	.1	1.2	.2	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	172.0	171.9	172.1	172.7	1.5	.5	.3	1.8	.1	.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	169.4	-	171.2	-	-	-	-	2.1	1.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	157.1	-	158.2	-	-	-	-	2.9	.7	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.5	152.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁷	1	100.5	-	101.0	-	-	-	-	.6	.5	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	159.4	-	159.5	-	.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	157.1	-	158.5	2.0	.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	145.6	-	146.1	1.1	.3	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	159.5	159.3	-	160.2	-	.6	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.4	166.4	-	167.0	.7	.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	162.6	162.6	-	163.2	3.4	.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	165.0	-	166.5	-	.9	-	-	-	-

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 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ 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; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS;

Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁷ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area 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.

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

Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	169.1	1.3	0.2	158.0	1.3	0.3	157.8	1.1	0.1	163.2	1.9	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	266.3	-	-	257.2	-	-	255.9	-	-	263.9	-	-
Food and beverages	161.7	1.3	-5	156.7	1.8	-1	158.1	1.7	-4	162.9	2.8	-3
Food	161.1	1.3	-5	156.1	1.8	-1	158.1	1.7	-4	162.3	2.7	-3
Food at home	161.8	.5	-9	155.5	1.2	-4	156.7	1.3	-6	166.8	3.0	-7
Food away from home	162.1	2.5	.2	157.6	2.9	.3	162.1	2.5	.2	155.6	2.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages	169.1	1.6	.1	163.4	1.4	.5	158.2	1.5	-2	169.9	3.4	.7
Housing	170.8	1.8	.3	154.1	2.1	.3	149.2	1.2	.3	162.3	2.8	.3
Shelter	200.7	3.1	.4	176.2	3.0	.4	163.8	3.0	.6	179.0	3.5	.6
Rent of primary residence	182.8	3.1	.3	166.5	3.0	.2	157.6	2.8	.2	170.5	3.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	208.4	3.0	.2	180.7	3.3	.2	164.8	3.1	.2	188.8	3.2	.3
Fuels and utilities	124.4	-3.1	-6	124.0	-2.9	-1.3	130.4	-3.4	-9	135.3	-1.1	-2.1
Fuels	114.9	-5.1	-7	107.9	-5.5	-1.7	111.6	-7.3	-1.3	123.1	-1.8	-2.9
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.8	-2.5	-6	113.4	-5.0	-1.7	113.7	-7.2	-1.4	125.8	-1.5	-2.9
Electricity	136.0	-1.0	-4	123.1	.8	-6	113.1	-7.0	-1.0	137.3	-5.6	-3.5
Utility natural gas service	123.3	-5.2	-1.0	104.3	-12.0	-3.2	118.5	-7.9	-2.9	113.9	8.0	-1.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.5	.0	.7	126.2	3.3	1.0	126.3	-1.0	.2	125.8	1.1	-1
Apparel	130.2	.3	2.9	129.7	-8	1.5	141.6	-2	.1	123.1	.2	2.7
Transportation	144.9	-1.8	-5	140.5	-1.9	.1	139.7	-2.7	-6	144.0	-8	-8
Private transportation	139.4	-2.7	-1.0	136.4	-2.4	.0	138.3	-3.0	-8	139.6	-1.6	-1.0
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	99.7	-	-2	100.2	-	.0	100.4	-	.1	100.4	-	.2
New vehicles	143.3	-6	-3	141.5	-6	-1	147.7	-8	.1	144.2	-1.0	.2
New cars and trucks ^{4 5}	99.7	-	-4	100.2	-	-1	100.4	-	.1	100.4	-	.2
New cars ⁵	141.6	-6	-4	137.0	-1.0	-2	146.6	-9	-1	140.2	-1.0	.2
Used cars and trucks	151.3	-4.0	.1	148.1	-4.1	.1	149.2	-3.5	.2	146.2	-4.0	.2
Motor fuel	93.8	-13.7	-4.1	94.1	-13.8	-4	91.9	-14.7	-4.4	97.3	-8.7	-6.4
Gasoline (all types)	93.3	-13.7	-4.1	93.6	-13.9	-4	91.4	-14.7	-4.4	96.4	-8.5	-6.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	91.6	-14.7	-4.6	91.8	-14.4	-9	88.1	-15.7	-4.7	93.5	-8.6	-6.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	96.9	-13.2	-3.7	104.4	-12.9	.5	98.0	-13.8	-4.0	93.5	-8.8	-6.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	94.8	-11.9	-3.5	97.8	-12.5	.4	95.8	-12.8	-3.7	98.9	-6.7	-5.7
Medical care	250.0	2.7	.6	231.4	2.7	.5	238.0	3.1	.4	238.9	2.7	.7
Medical care commodities	222.8	2.4	.6	213.7	1.7	-3	213.8	2.3	.2	227.4	2.0	1.3
Medical care services	255.9	2.8	.6	235.9	3.0	.7	244.1	3.3	.4	241.6	2.9	.6
Professional services	230.8	3.2	.7	215.6	3.4	.7	224.4	3.1	.4	206.6	2.5	.4
Recreation ⁴	101.4	-	.5	100.2	-	.1	101.2	-	.8	99.7	-	.0
Education and communication ⁴	99.1	-	-8	99.9	-	-2	99.9	-	-1	100.1	-	.3
Other goods and services	243.3	5.6	1.2	227.8	6.3	1.0	225.0	6.1	.7	237.2	4.5	.4
Commodity and service group												
All items	169.1	1.3	.2	158.0	1.3	.3	157.8	1.1	.1	163.2	1.9	.1
Commodities	142.1	-4	.1	140.5	-2	.2	141.5	-6	-4	142.0	.6	-2
Commodities less food and beverages	129.2	-1.7	.5	131.2	-1.4	.4	132.1	-1.9	-3	129.3	-1.0	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.6	-2.1	.8	133.0	-2.0	.6	134.0	-2.1	-5	130.5	-1.0	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.8	-3.3	-3	138.1	-2.5	.1	135.6	-3.1	-7	138.9	-1.6	-1.8
Durables	127.1	-1.2	-3	127.8	-8	.1	129.6	-1.9	.0	127.6	-1.2	-1
Services	196.2	2.6	.3	176.7	2.7	.3	174.7	2.3	.4	182.6	3.0	.4
Rent of shelter ³	209.5	3.2	.4	181.1	3.0	.4	168.4	3.1	.7	189.9	3.5	.6
Transportation services	189.0	1.9	.3	186.5	3.8	.6	189.1	1.7	.3	188.9	2.7	.5
Other services	227.5	3.4	.1	205.0	4.1	.3	211.9	4.3	.5	212.0	3.0	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	165.1	1.2	0.1	154.0	1.2	0.2	152.6	0.9	0.1	159.1	1.9	0.1
All items less food	170.8	1.4	.4	158.3	1.3	.3	157.6	.9	.1	163.5	1.9	.2
All items less shelter	158.9	.4	.1	152.9	.7	.2	156.2	.4	-.1	158.1	1.2	-.1
Commodities less food	130.8	-1.6	.4	132.5	-1.3	.5	133.0	-1.8	-.3	131.2	-.8	-.2
Nondurables	146.5	-.3	.1	144.8	-.1	.2	146.0	-.1	-.4	147.1	1.1	-.3
Nondurables less food	132.9	-1.8	.8	134.8	-1.7	.7	135.2	-1.8	-.5	133.4	-.6	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.9	-2.7	-.3	139.7	-2.1	.1	136.7	-2.6	-.7	141.3	-1.1	-1.5
Services less rent of shelter ³	198.3	1.8	.1	181.8	2.3	.2	188.2	1.7	.2	193.4	2.3	.1
Services less medical care services	191.2	2.5	.2	171.2	2.6	.3	167.1	2.2	.4	177.6	3.0	.4
Energy	106.2	-8.2	-1.9	101.0	-9.3	-1.2	100.2	-10.6	-2.6	107.8	-5.3	-4.6
All items less energy	177.6	2.1	.3	166.2	2.3	.4	165.4	2.0	.3	169.4	2.4	.4
All items less food and energy	181.8	2.2	.5	168.7	2.4	.5	167.2	2.1	.4	171.2	2.4	.6
Commodities less food and energy												
commodities	143.2	.6	1.0	142.9	.6	.4	144.0	.0	.2	140.2	.2	.6
Energy commodities	93.0	-14.1	-3.4	94.0	-13.9	-.4	92.9	-14.5	-4.2	98.4	-8.8	-6.3
Services less energy services	202.5	2.9	.3	184.7	3.3	.4	181.3	3.0	.5	186.8	3.2	.5

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

² The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁵ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 12. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ⁴	146.4	1.6	0.3	101.7	1.2	0.1	157.8	1.0	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	146.4	-	-	-	-	-	254.6	-	-
Food and beverages	144.4	1.9	-.3	100.4	-	-.3	155.3	1.4	-.3
Food	143.9	1.9	-.3	100.4	-	-.3	154.8	1.4	-.3
Food at home	147.9	1.5	-.7	100.5	-	-.5	152.5	1.0	-.7
Food away from home	138.0	2.5	.2	100.4	-	.2	159.9	2.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages	148.9	2.2	.5	100.0	-	-.2	163.1	2.2	-.4
Housing	142.7	2.3	.4	100.6	-	.1	151.6	1.2	.1
Shelter	152.0	3.6	.7	101.0	-	.4	172.5	2.2	.2
Rent of primary residence	141.7	3.6	.3	100.3	-	.1	159.8	1.7	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	151.3	3.6	.3	100.3	-	.1	178.1	2.3	-.1
Fuels and utilities	127.2	-3.2	-1.5	98.5	-	-.9	128.1	-.7	.5
Fuels	124.6	-5.4	-2.0	97.9	-	-1.3	107.7	-4.4	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	123.5	-4.6	-2.1	97.9	-	-1.3	116.3	-3.6	.6
Electricity	124.9	-2.9	-1.7	98.3	-	-1.0	120.9	-1.9	-.2
Utility natural gas service	120.8	-7.8	-2.7	96.4	-	-2.4	112.2	-7.3	2.7
Household furnishings and operations	118.4	.4	.6	101.0	-	.3	124.6	-.4	-.5
Apparel	122.5	.2	2.3	99.3	-	1.0	132.6	2.2	-.5
Transportation	140.1	-1.7	-.4	99.3	-	-.5	139.4	-2.9	-.4
Private transportation	139.0	-2.3	-.6	98.9	-	-.6	135.4	-3.1	-.7
New and used motor vehicles ³	100.0	-	-.1	100.3	-	.1	100.8	-	.3
New vehicles	126.6	-.9	-.2	100.4	-	.1	145.9	.0	.3
New cars and trucks ^{3 6}	99.9	-	-.3	100.4	-	.1	101.0	-	.3
New cars ⁶	125.1	-.7	-.2	100.3	-	.1	141.5	-.6	.4
Used cars and trucks	140.7	-3.5	.2	100.3	-	.2	142.7	-4.9	.1
Motor fuel	137.3	-12.5	-4.0	93.0	-	-3.5	91.2	-14.8	-4.1
Gasoline (all types)	136.5	-12.4	-4.0	92.9	-	-3.6	90.5	-14.9	-4.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	135.6	-13.3	-4.4	92.6	-	-3.8	86.6	-15.8	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	95.7	-11.8	-3.9	93.1	-	-3.3	100.2	-14.9	-4.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	129.4	-11.5	-3.6	93.7	-	-3.1	95.3	-13.0	-3.6
Medical care	189.4	2.5	.5	100.9	-	.5	233.1	2.6	.8
Medical care commodities	176.2	2.0	.6	100.5	-	.2	214.9	1.0	.0
Medical care services	192.2	2.6	.5	101.0	-	.6	238.3	3.1	1.0
Professional services	173.7	2.7	.5	100.9	-	.4	228.2	3.1	.8
Recreation ³	100.7	-	.4	100.5	-	.2	101.8	-	1.5
Education and communication ³	99.8	-	-.2	99.8	-	-.1	99.5	-	-.1
Other goods and services	187.5	5.5	.6	101.5	-	1.0	227.1	5.8	1.4
Commodity and service group									
All items ⁴	146.4	1.6	.3	101.7	1.2	.1	157.8	1.0	.1
Commodities	135.6	-.1	.0	99.8	-	-.1	138.9	-.5	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages	129.8	-1.4	.2	99.4	-	-.1	129.9	-1.6	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	137.4	-1.6	.4	98.7	-	-.1	130.7	-1.7	-.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	147.8	-2.6	-.7	98.4	-	-.6	133.2	-3.3	-.8
Durables	119.4	-1.3	-.1	100.3	-	.0	128.8	-1.7	-.1
Services	154.9	2.8	.4	100.7	-	.2	178.5	2.4	.5
Rent of shelter ⁵	152.3	3.6	.7	101.0	-	.4	178.5	2.3	.2
Transportation services	154.3	2.1	.5	101.2	-	.2	NA	-	-
Other services	174.3	3.5	.3	100.7	-	.3	211.7	5.4	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
All items less medical care	144.0	1.6	0.2	100.2	-	0.0	152.5	0.9	0.1	
All items less food	146.8	1.5	.3	100.3	-	.2	158.3	1.0	.1	
All items less shelter	144.0	.7	.0	100.0	-	-.1	154.3	.7	.1	
Commodities less food	130.9	-1.3	.2	99.4	-	-.1	130.9	-1.5	-.5	
Nondurables	141.2	.3	.1	99.6	-	-.2	142.8	-.1	-.6	
Nondurables less food	138.5	-1.3	.4	98.7	-	-.2	132.1	-1.6	-.8	
Nondurables less food and apparel	147.8	-2.0	-.5	98.5	-	-.6	134.8	-2.9	-.8	
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	157.5	1.9	.1	100.5	-	.1	188.2	2.4	.8	
Services less medical care services	151.8	2.8	.4	100.7	-	.2	171.1	2.3	.4	
Energy	129.8	-8.6	-2.8	95.8	-	-2.2	99.1	-8.7	-1.3	
All items less energy	147.6	2.4	.5	100.7	-	.3	166.2	2.0	.2	
All items less food and energy	148.3	2.3	.5	100.7	-	.3	168.9	2.1	.3	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	130.0	.3	.7	100.3	-	.4	142.4	.6	.0	
Energy commodities	137.0	-12.6	-3.8	93.4	-	-3.3	90.9	-15.0	-3.9	
Services less energy services	157.1	3.2	.5	100.9	-	.3	185.8	2.8	.5	

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

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast					
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items ⁴	170.1	1.4	0.4	101.4	1.2	-0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	262.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	161.5	1.3	-.4	100.4	-	-.4
Food	160.7	1.2	-.6	100.4	-	-.5
Food at home	161.8	.4	-.9	100.4	-	-.8
Food away from home	161.4	2.6	.2	100.5	-	.3
Alcoholic beverages	170.1	2.0	.2	99.3	-	-.4
Housing	171.1	1.7	.4	100.8	-	.0
Shelter	199.7	3.1	.5	101.0	-	.1
Rent of primary residence	184.1	3.5	.3	100.0	-	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	204.5	3.4	.2	100.0	-	.0
Fuels and utilities	123.6	-3.1	-.6	99.7	-	-.3
Fuels	118.0	-4.8	-.8	99.4	-	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.6	-2.8	-.7	99.5	-	-.6
Electricity	133.7	-1.6	-.6	100.3	-	-.2
Utility natural gas service	126.6	-4.5	-.9	97.4	-	-1.7
Household furnishings and operations	126.8	-.8	1.0	101.3	-	-.2
Apparel	127.7	.2	3.7	97.8	-	1.0
Transportation	147.9	-1.3	-.1	98.1	-	-1.6
Private transportation	142.3	-2.1	-.6	97.6	-	-1.8
Motor fuel	93.7	-12.7	-3.4	90.9	-	-5.4
Gasoline (all types)	93.1	-12.7	-3.4	90.9	-	-5.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	91.5	-13.6	-3.8	90.1	-	-6.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	95.4	-12.6	-3.1	91.8	-	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	94.1	-10.9	-2.8	92.1	-	-4.7
Medical care	254.2	3.1	.6	100.7	-	.5
Recreation ²	101.6	-	.7	101.0	-	-.1
Education and communication ²	99.1	-	-.8	99.3	-	-.4
Other goods and services	240.1	5.6	.8	102.5	-	2.3
Commodity and service group						
All items ⁴	170.1	1.4	.4	101.4	1.2	-.2
Commodities	143.2	-.3	.2	99.5	-	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.2	-1.5	.7	98.9	-	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.5	-1.7	1.2	98.0	-	-.2
Durables	128.9	-1.2	-.2	100.1	-	-.4
Services	195.3	2.5	.4	100.6	-	-.1
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	166.0	1.3	.3	100.1	-	-.2
All items less shelter	160.0	.6	.3	99.8	-	-.3
Commodities less food	132.0	-1.3	.8	98.9	-	-.3
Nondurables	147.4	-.1	.3	99.2	-	-.3
Nondurables less food	133.9	-1.4	1.2	98.1	-	-.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	197.7	1.7	.3	100.3	-	-.2
Services less medical care services	190.1	2.5	.4	100.6	-	-.1
Energy	108.4	-7.5	-1.6	96.1	-	-2.4
All items less energy	177.7	2.1	.5	100.5	-	.0
All items less food and energy	182.0	2.2	.7	100.5	-	.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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Midwest ³								
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ⁴	158.9	1.5	0.3	101.6	1.4	0.4	152.7	0.4	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	262.4	-	-	-	-	-	244.9	-	-
Food and beverages	159.0	2.0	-2	100.6	-	-1	151.2	2.2	.1
Food	158.5	2.1	-3	100.6	-	-1	150.1	2.0	.1
Food at home	158.9	1.7	-5	100.7	-	-2	146.8	1.1	-1
Food away from home	158.3	2.7	.3	100.4	-	.0	156.9	3.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages	163.6	.8	.3	100.5	-	.8	167.1	4.3	.2
Housing	154.4	2.3	.3	100.7	-	.3	146.2	1.0	.4
Shelter	178.1	3.8	.5	100.8	-	.4	161.1	2.0	.1
Rent of primary residence	170.3	3.5	.2	100.2	-	.2	151.0	2.7	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	182.3	3.6	.2	100.4	-	.3	168.7	1.9	-1
Fuels and utilities	121.1	-4.7	-2.3	98.4	-	-7	133.1	-4	1.8
Fuels	107.6	-8.0	-2.7	97.9	-	-1.0	104.8	-3.6	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	110.7	-7.8	-2.9	98.0	-	-9	113.5	-2.8	2.0
Electricity	121.1	.5	-1.2	100.1	-	.1	111.8	4.0	.4
Utility natural gas service	100.5	-16.3	-5.0	94.9	-	-2.5	118.2	-9.7	3.8
Household furnishings and operations	120.5	2.8	1.3	102.4	-	.6	123.1	-8	.2
Apparel	125.8	-1.7	1.1	102.2	-	3.3	138.7	-3.1	-2.9
Transportation	141.6	-1.9	.3	99.9	-	.0	134.7	-3.2	-4
Private transportation	138.5	-2.4	.2	99.6	-	-1	128.3	-3.2	-5
Motor fuel	94.5	-14.4	-1	95.9	-	-1	89.3	-15.8	-3.0
Gasoline (all types)	93.9	-14.4	-1	95.9	-	.0	88.3	-16.1	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	92.5	-14.9	-6	95.7	-	-4	85.4	-16.8	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	102.6	-13.6	.8	96.1	-	.5	103.3	-15.5	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	96.5	-13.1	.5	96.7	-	.9	92.4	-14.0	-2.9
Medical care	228.5	2.3	.4	101.1	-	.7	223.0	2.6	.2
Recreation ²	100.8	-	.6	99.2	-	-7	100.3	-	.0
Education and communication ²	100.4	-	.0	99.3	-	-4	98.9	-	-5
Other goods and services	234.0	6.7	.9	101.9	-	1.5	213.0	3.9	.0
Commodity and service group									
All items ⁴	158.9	1.5	.3	101.6	1.4	.4	152.7	.4	-1
Commodities	141.4	-2	.2	100.2	-	.3	138.6	-9	-5
Commodities less food and beverages	130.7	-1.7	.5	100.0	-	.5	131.6	-2.6	-8
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.6	-2.1	.7	100.0	-	1.1	133.8	-3.6	-1.5
Durables	124.8	-1.3	.2	100.1	-	-2	128.5	-1.3	.2
Services	177.0	2.9	.3	100.8	-	.4	168.1	1.7	.2
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	155.3	1.5	.3	100.5	-	.3	147.6	.2	-1
All items less shelter	153.3	.7	.2	100.4	-	.3	150.7	-1	-2
Commodities less food	132.2	-1.5	.5	100.0	-	.5	132.7	-2.4	-7
Nondurables	146.6	.1	.3	100.3	-	.5	142.8	-9	-8
Nondurables less food	135.6	-1.7	.7	100.0	-	1.1	135.5	-3.3	-1.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	181.9	2.1	.1	100.8	-	.3	177.8	1.5	.4
Services less medical care services	172.1	3.0	.3	100.7	-	.3	160.7	1.6	.2
Energy	101.6	-11.0	-1.7	97.0	-	-5	96.8	-8.8	-2
All items less energy	166.8	2.6	.4	100.8	-	.4	160.7	1.3	-1
All items less food and energy	168.8	2.7	.5	100.9	-	.5	163.0	1.1	-2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	South								
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ⁴	156.7	1.0	0.1	101.6	1.0	0.1	157.9	1.5	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	253.0	-	-	-	-	-	256.5	-	-
Food and beverages	158.4	1.7	-4	100.3	-	-3	152.8	.4	-5
Food	158.4	1.7	-4	100.4	-	-2	153.1	.5	-4
Food at home	156.4	.9	-8	100.3	-	-5	150.1	.6	-6
Food away from home	163.0	3.0	.1	100.5	-	.2	161.0	.4	.0
Alcoholic beverages	158.1	2.1	.3	99.9	-	-5	146.2	-1.9	-1.1
Housing	147.8	1.7	.6	100.7	-	.3	150.9	1.9	-1
Shelter	162.7	3.3	.9	101.2	-	.6	173.7	3.5	.2
Rent of primary residence	158.4	2.8	.3	100.5	-	.2	160.4	2.2	-2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	164.0	3.2	.4	100.5	-	.2	173.4	3.1	-1
Fuels and utilities	118.7	-2.9	-7	98.3	-	-1.3	125.9	-1.3	-1
Fuels	104.8	-5.7	-9	97.6	-	-1.8	107.7	-5.7	-1
Gas (piped) and electricity	108.0	-5.5	-9	97.5	-	-1.8	112.0	-5.2	-2
Electricity	105.7	-3.2	-3	97.6	-	-1.6	113.7	-5.3	-6
Utility natural gas service	109.9	-12.5	-3.8	97.0	-	-3.3	116.0	-4.8	2.1
Household furnishings and operations	130.1	-.8	.6	100.4	-	.2	122.1	-.2	-1.3
Apparel	148.8	.1	-3	98.0	-	-1	134.0	7.2	2.4
Transportation	138.8	-2.9	-9	99.3	-	-4	138.7	-3.4	-6
Private transportation	138.5	-3.3	-1.1	99.0	-	-6	137.3	-3.4	-7
Motor fuel	94.5	-13.9	-4.1	92.1	-	-4.5	85.5	-15.5	-4.6
Gasoline (all types)	93.6	-13.9	-4.2	92.1	-	-4.5	84.4	-15.6	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	90.7	-15.1	-4.4	91.6	-	-4.9	79.9	-16.6	-4.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	96.3	-12.6	-4.0	92.5	-	-3.9	100.2	-15.4	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	96.4	-12.4	-4.2	93.2	-	-3.5	92.8	-12.9	-3.8
Medical care	237.3	2.3	.3	100.8	-	.3	239.2	2.8	1.1
Recreation ²	100.8	-	.5	101.1	-	.6	104.3	-	3.5
Education and communication ²	99.9	-	.1	100.0	-	-2	99.5	-	-1
Other goods and services	217.6	5.3	.3	101.2	-	.7	220.0	8.2	2.3
Commodity and service group									
All items ⁴	156.7	1.0	.1	101.6	1.0	.1	157.9	1.5	.3
Commodities	141.7	-.7	-4	99.6	-	-3	138.0	-.1	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.1	-2.3	-5	99.3	-	-2	129.9	-.5	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.1	-2.4	-7	98.2	-	-6	130.9	.3	.1
Durables	131.2	-2.3	-4	100.4	-	.1	128.5	-1.8	-2
Services	171.9	2.4	.5	100.7	-	.2	179.2	3.0	.7
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	152.3	.9	.1	100.2	-	.0	151.4	1.5	.2
All items less shelter	155.0	.2	-3	99.9	-	-1	154.0	1.0	.4
Commodities less food	133.2	-2.1	-5	99.3	-	-2	130.3	-.5	-1
Nondurables	145.7	-.2	-5	99.3	-	-4	141.6	.4	-2
Nondurables less food	134.6	-2.0	-6	98.3	-	-6	131.4	.2	.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	186.4	1.8	.1	100.3	-	.0	188.2	2.5	1.0
Services less medical care services	165.5	2.5	.5	100.7	-	.2	169.9	3.0	.6
Energy	98.6	-9.5	-2.4	95.2	-	-3.0	95.3	-9.8	-1.9
All items less energy	164.6	1.8	.2	100.7	-	.3	166.9	2.6	.5
All items less food and energy	166.1	1.8	.4	100.7	-	.4	170.1	3.1	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	West					
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items ⁴	163.6	2.2	0.2	102.3	1.5	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	266.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	163.8	2.7	-1	100.3	-	-7
Food	163.2	2.6	-2	100.3	-	-7
Food at home	168.4	3.0	-5	100.6	-	-1.0
Food away from home	155.9	2.1	.3	99.8	-	.0
Alcoholic beverages	170.2	3.5	.9	100.5	-	-1
Housing	164.8	3.3	.4	100.3	-	.0
Shelter	180.3	4.2	.8	100.7	-	.1
Rent of primary residence	174.6	4.2	.2	100.3	-	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	190.7	3.9	.4	100.2	-	.1
Fuels and utilities	137.9	-2.3	-2.8	97.5	-	-9
Fuels	126.3	-3.4	-4.1	96.8	-	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	128.5	-3.2	-4.1	96.7	-	-1.3
Electricity	141.3	-7.8	-5.2	96.5	-	-1.3
Utility natural gas service	117.8	8.3	-1.7	97.6	-	-9
Household furnishings and operations	127.4	1.0	-2	100.4	-	.2
Apparel	122.1	1.8	3.7	100.4	-	.2
Transportation	142.7	-8	-1.0	99.7	-	-3
Private transportation	138.5	-1.4	-1.2	99.0	-	-5
Motor fuel	95.5	-9.0	-7.4	93.3	-	-4.2
Gasoline (all types)	94.5	-8.7	-7.4	93.3	-	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	91.5	-9.2	-7.8	93.0	-	-4.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	90.7	-8.9	-7.4	93.2	-	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	97.8	-7.4	-6.7	94.3	-	-3.9
Medical care	234.6	2.3	.6	101.1	-	1.0
Recreation ²	99.6	-	-1	100.2	-	.6
Education and communication ²	100.0	-	.2	100.3	-	.4
Other goods and services	243.5	4.4	.4	101.0	-	-1
Commodity and service group						
All items ⁴	163.6	2.2	.2	102.3	1.5	.0
Commodities	142.1	.8	-1	99.7	-	-5
Commodities less food and beverages	128.5	-5	-1	99.4	-	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.0	-5	-1	98.7	-	-8
Durables	127.3	-7	-1	100.1	-	.1
Services	182.5	3.1	.4	100.6	-	.2
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	160.0	2.2	.3	100.2	-	-1
All items less shelter	158.1	1.2	-1	100.1	-	-1
Commodities less food	130.7	-3	-1	99.4	-	-3
Nondurables	147.0	1.2	-1	99.6	-	-7
Nondurables less food	132.3	-2	.0	98.8	-	-7
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	193.3	1.7	-2	100.6	-	.5
Services less medical care services	178.3	3.2	.5	100.6	-	.2
Energy	106.3	-6.4	-5.8	95.2	-	-2.6
All items less energy	169.6	2.7	.5	100.6	-	.1
All items less food and energy	171.3	2.7	.6	100.7	-	.3

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

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

⁴ The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	Food at home									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—			Percent change to Jan. 1998 from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	159.1	159.2	161.0	160.0	1.5	0.5	-0.6	2.0	1.2	1.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	161.8	161.1	163.3	161.8	.5	.4	-.9	1.5	.9	1.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.9	161.1	163.3	161.8	.4	.4	-.9	1.7	.9	1.4
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	101.2	100.4	-	.4	-.8	-	-	1.2
Midwest urban ⁴	M	154.0	154.7	156.1	155.5	1.2	.5	-.4	1.4	1.4	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.5	158.4	159.7	158.9	1.7	.3	-.5	1.6	1.4	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	100.9	100.7	-	.7	-.2	-	-	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	145.2	145.7	146.9	146.8	1.1	.8	-.1	.8	1.2	.8
South urban	M	156.4	156.5	157.7	156.7	1.3	.1	-.6	1.9	.8	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.7	156.4	157.7	156.4	.9	.0	-.8	1.0	.6	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	100.8	100.3	-	.3	-.5	-	-	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.3	150.3	151.0	150.1	.6	-.1	-.6	1.5	-.2	.5
West urban	M	164.9	165.3	167.9	166.8	3.0	.9	-.7	3.1	1.8	1.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.7	166.6	169.2	168.4	3.0	1.1	-.5	3.0	2.1	1.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	101.6	100.6	-	.6	-1.0	-	-	1.6
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	147.0	147.1	148.9	147.9	1.5	.5	-.7	1.9	1.3	1.2
B/C ³	M	-	100.0	101.0	100.5	-	.5	-.5	-	-	1.0
D	M	152.2	152.3	153.5	152.5	1.0	.1	-.7	1.7	.9	.8
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	168.3	170.4	169.9	169.8	2.4	-.4	-.1	1.5	1.0	-.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	170.4	171.1	173.9	171.9	1.8	.5	-1.2	1.5	2.1	1.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	164.7	163.5	164.9	164.2	.4	.4	-.4	1.4	.1	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	157.4	157.6	162.7	160.3	2.0	1.7	-1.5	3.6	3.4	3.2
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	155.7	154.6	158.7	160.6	4.1	3.9	1.2	2.7	1.9	2.7
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	149.3	150.0	148.2	147.6	.5	-1.6	-.4	-.7	-.7	-1.2
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ³	1	-	100.0	101.2	100.4	-	.4	-.8	-	-	1.2
Atlanta, GA	2	-	159.1	160.8	160.4	-	.8	-.2	-	-	1.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	150.9	150.9	152.3	151.4	.7	.3	-.6	.9	.9	.9
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	156.3	153.7	158.8	155.2	-.1	1.0	-2.3	.7	1.6	3.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	165.3	164.5	166.5	165.2	3.0	.4	-.8	3.0	.7	1.2
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	160.9	160.7	163.7	160.6	-.7	-.1	-1.9	.8	1.7	1.9
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	167.2	169.3	172.8	172.3	4.2	1.8	-.3	6.0	3.3	2.1
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	162.1	165.1	167.3	-	3.2	1.3	-	-	1.9

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 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	U.S. city average			Chicago- Gary- Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Los Angeles- Riverside- Orange County, CA			New York- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
All items	161.9	1.4	0.2	163.1	1.2	0.2	161.1	1.2	0.1	172.7	1.5	0.3
All items (1967=100)	484.9	-	-	487.3	-	-	476.1	-	-	499.3	-	-
Food and beverages	159.8	1.8	-3	163.0	2.2	-1	165.7	2.0	-5	164.6	1.4	-2
Food	159.4	1.9	-3	162.5	2.7	.0	163.8	1.9	-5	163.8	1.3	-2
Food at home	160.0	1.5	-6	169.8	2.4	-1	171.9	1.8	-12	164.2	.4	-4
Food away from home	159.6	2.6	.3	149.5	3.0	.0	152.1	1.8	.5	167.1	2.8	.3
Alcoholic beverages	165.0	2.0	.2	170.0	-1.1	-2	184.5	3.5	.8	174.0	2.8	.2
Housing	158.8	1.9	.3	162.5	2.1	.1	158.7	2.0	.2	174.5	2.1	.3
Shelter	180.1	3.2	.5	192.4	4.7	.4	170.3	2.3	.8	204.4	3.5	.3
Rent of primary residence	169.9	3.1	.2	187.4	4.1	.2	161.8	2.0	.1	188.6	3.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	185.5	3.1	.2	198.5	5.0	.3	178.8	2.3	.4	211.2	3.6	.2
Fuels and utilities	127.4	-2.7	-1.1	119.1	-10.0	-4.2	145.7	-2.3	-5.0	116.9	-3.7	-9
Fuels	112.8	-5.4	-1.5	107.0	-13.8	-5.0	139.5	-3.3	-6.9	114.7	-5.2	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.7	-4.5	-1.6	109.9	-13.9	-5.0	139.9	-3.2	-6.9	124.1	-3.1	-9
Electricity	124.6	-3.6	-1.3	119.2	-1.3	-4.2	153.3	-8.1	-8.9	124.9	-2.1	-6
Utility natural gas service	113.5	-6.2	-2.2	100.1	-25.4	-6.0	131.1	9.5	-2.4	122.7	-5.0	-1.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	.7	.4	115.1	1.6	2.7	122.2	1.4	.4	129.5	-1.2	1.6
Apparel	131.9	.0	1.6	119.2	-3.9	1.3	125.0	2.3	5.5	129.8	-1.0	4.3
Transportation	142.1	-1.9	-4	137.5	-3.2	-1	141.4	-1.7	-1.4	152.4	-1.4	.1
Private transportation	138.4	-2.5	-6	134.4	-3.9	-2	136.1	-2.6	-1.5	144.0	-2.4	-4
Motor fuel	94.1	-13.0	-3.8	92.5	-16.1	-2.3	88.7	-10.6	-9.0	92.7	-10.9	-3.1
Gasoline (all types)	93.5	-12.9	-3.8	91.7	-16.3	-2.3	86.7	-10.3	-9.0	92.4	-10.9	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	91.0	-13.7	-4.2	89.2	-17.3	-3.3	84.2	-10.8	-9.5	91.3	-11.5	-3.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	98.1	-12.4	-3.6	99.1	-14.6	-9	84.6	-10.7	-8.9	94.9	-11.1	-2.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	96.0	-11.6	-3.4	93.7	-15.1	-1.7	89.1	-8.9	-8.0	94.4	-9.5	-2.5
Medical care	239.3	2.8	.5	239.3	2.2	.3	234.9	1.3	.8	250.6	3.1	.6
Recreation ⁴	100.7	1.5	.4	100.7	-	.5	100.3	-	.9	101.8	-	1.0
Education and communication ⁴	99.8	2.4	-1	101.3	-	.2	99.6	-	.0	99.1	-	-1.0
Other goods and services	233.1	5.6	.8	242.5	5.9	.8	245.0	2.2	-2	239.7	6.2	.6
Commodity and service group												
All items	161.9	1.4	.2	163.1	1.2	.2	161.1	1.2	.1	172.7	1.5	.3
Commodities	141.5	-2	-1	142.1	-7	.4	141.6	.4	-1	146.1	-3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	130.5	-1.6	.0	128.5	-2.9	.6	126.3	-7	.2	131.7	-1.9	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.1	-1.9	.1	131.6	-3.4	.6	128.4	-8	.2	133.0	-2.0	1.4
Durables	128.2	-1.2	.0	122.1	-2.6	.5	123.0	-5	.3	129.3	-1.7	-1
Services	182.4	2.6	.3	183.5	2.6	.1	178.4	1.7	.2	196.1	2.7	.3
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	157.5	1.3	.1	159.3	1.2	.2	157.2	1.2	.1	169.0	1.4	.4
All items less shelter	156.4	.7	.0	153.9	-2	.1	158.3	.6	-3	160.8	.4	.4
Commodities less food	131.9	-1.4	.0	130.6	-2.7	.5	129.4	-4	.2	133.6	-1.5	.9
Nondurables	146.1	.1	-1	147.7	-3	.2	147.9	.7	-2	150.2	-1	.5
Nondurables less food	134.1	-1.5	.1	134.4	-3.1	.5	133.1	-4	.2	135.6	-1.5	1.3
Services less rent of shelter ¹	190.1	2.0	.1	182.8	.5	-4	196.3	.9	-5	194.8	1.6	.4
Services less medical care services	176.6	2.6	.3	178.8	2.6	.1	173.6	1.8	.2	191.5	2.7	.3
Energy	103.2	-8.8	-2.5	99.5	-14.9	-4.0	106.7	-7.0	-7.9	106.4	-7.1	-1.7
All items less energy	169.6	2.2	.4	171.3	2.5	.5	166.8	1.7	.5	180.1	2.1	.5
All items less food and energy	172.1	2.3	.5	173.5	2.4	.5	167.8	1.7	.8	184.3	2.3	.7

¹ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹								
	U.S. city average			Atlanta, GA			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	161.9	1.4	0.4	159.5	-	0.1	163.1	1.2	0.2
All items (1967=100) ²	484.9	-	-	480.9	-	-	487.3	-	-
Food and beverages	159.8	1.8	.4	161.7	-	.4	163.0	2.2	-.1
Food	159.4	1.9	.4	165.9	-	.5	162.5	2.7	.0
Food at home	160.0	1.5	.5	160.4	-	.8	169.8	2.4	-.4
Food away from home	159.6	2.6	.4	175.1	-	.1	149.5	3.0	.4
Alcoholic beverages	165.0	2.0	.6	126.5	-	-.2	170.0	-1.1	-.2
Housing	158.8	1.9	.7	157.9	-	1.4	162.5	2.1	.1
Shelter	180.1	3.2	1.1	175.9	-	2.0	192.4	4.7	.8
Rent of primary residence	169.9	3.1	.5	176.0	-	.9	187.4	4.1	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	185.5	3.1	.4	171.3	-	.8	198.5	5.0	.6
Fuels and utilities	127.4	-2.7	-2.0	133.7	-	-.9	119.1	-10.0	-6.8
Fuels	112.8	-5.4	-2.6	120.8	-	-1.1	107.0	-13.8	-8.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.7	-4.5	-2.7	121.7	-	-1.2	109.9	-13.9	-8.0
Electricity	124.6	-3.6	-1.9	127.1	-	-2.0	119.2	-1.3	-2.9
Utility natural gas service	113.5	-6.2	-4.5	115.3	-	.4	100.1	-25.4	-14.1
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	.7	.8	127.0	-	.2	115.1	1.6	2.6
Apparel	131.9	.0	.2	138.3	-	-3.0	119.2	-3.9	1.1
Transportation	142.1	-1.9	-.8	127.9	-	-2.0	137.5	-3.2	-.8
Private transportation	138.4	-2.5	-1.1	128.2	-	-2.2	134.4	-3.9	-1.0
Motor fuel	94.1	-13.0	-7.7	81.6	-	-7.2	92.5	-16.1	-7.9
Gasoline (all types)	93.5	-12.9	-7.7	81.1	-	-7.1	91.7	-16.3	-7.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁴	91.0	-13.7	-8.2	76.9	-	-7.7	89.2	-17.3	-8.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{4 5}	98.1	-12.4	-7.4	100.1	-	-7.0	99.1	-14.6	-6.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁴	96.0	-11.6	-6.8	89.4	-	-6.1	93.7	-15.1	-7.4
Medical care	239.3	2.8	.9	244.3	-	.1	239.3	2.2	1.0
Recreation ⁶	100.7	1.5	.7	100.5	-	.5	100.7	-	.7
Education and communication ⁶	99.8	2.4	-.2	100.4	-	.4	101.3	-	1.3
Other goods and services	233.1	5.6	1.3	217.8	-	-1.5	242.5	5.9	1.0
Commodity and service group									
All items	161.9	1.4	.4	159.5	-	.1	163.1	1.2	.2
Commodities	141.5	-.2	-.1	136.7	-	-1.4	142.1	-.7	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.5	-1.6	-.5	122.9	-	-2.4	128.5	-2.9	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.1	-1.9	-1.0	123.6	-	-2.7	131.6	-3.4	-.8
Durables	128.2	-1.2	.2	120.5	-	-2.0	122.1	-2.6	.7
Services	182.4	2.6	.8	182.7	-	1.1	183.5	2.6	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	157.5	1.3	.3	154.3	-	.1	159.3	1.2	.1
All items less shelter	156.4	.7	.0	154.6	-	-.7	153.9	-.2	-.1
Commodities less food	131.9	-1.4	-.5	122.9	-	-2.3	130.6	-2.7	-.1
Nondurables	146.1	.1	-.3	142.0	-	-1.0	147.7	-.3	-.5
Nondurables less food	134.1	-1.5	-.9	123.3	-	-2.5	134.4	-3.1	-.8
Services less rent of shelter ³	190.1	2.0	.3	195.2	-	.1	182.8	.5	-.2
Services less medical care services	176.6	2.6	.7	175.3	-	1.1	178.8	2.6	.3
Energy	103.2	-8.8	-4.8	94.0	-	-3.7	99.5	-14.9	-8.0
All items less energy	169.6	2.2	.8	168.0	-	.3	171.3	2.5	.8
All items less food and energy	172.1	2.3	.8	168.9	-	.3	173.5	2.4	.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹								
	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI			Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	158.5	2.0	0.9	146.1	1.1	0.3	161.1	1.2	-0.1
All items (1967=100) 2	471.3	-	-	468.5	-	-	476.1	-	-
Food and beverages	153.3	1.6	.7	150.0	2.2	.7	165.7	2.0	.5
Food	152.4	1.4	.7	149.3	1.7	.7	163.8	1.9	.5
Food at home	151.4	.7	.3	155.2	-.1	1.0	171.9	1.8	.5
Food away from home	154.9	2.5	1.2	139.8	5.0	.2	152.1	1.8	.5
Alcoholic beverages	163.8	3.4	1.0	154.3	6.5	.5	184.5	3.5	1.3
Housing	153.1	2.9	1.1	127.4	2.0	1.1	158.7	2.0	-.1
Shelter	175.6	3.7	1.3	144.5	3.0	1.3	170.3	2.3	1.0
Rent of primary residence	158.5	2.2	.4	137.6	2.9	.6	161.8	2.0	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 3	179.7	3.3	.5	132.9	2.5	.3	178.8	2.3	.6
Fuels and utilities	127.3	-.3	-.4	100.6	-.3	-2.0	145.7	-2.3	-7.8
Fuels	106.8	-3.6	-.7	91.6	1.6	-2.4	139.5	-3.3	-10.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	109.9	-3.4	-.6	91.3	1.8	-2.5	139.9	-3.2	-10.4
Electricity	129.6	-.7	-.7	89.8	-.8	-3.0	153.3	-8.1	-8.8
Utility natural gas service	95.7	-6.3	-.7	99.2	11.3	.0	131.1	9.5	-13.6
Household furnishings and operations	115.9	2.2	.9	110.6	.5	2.8	122.2	1.4	-1.4
Apparel	131.8	-4.4	.8	141.7	.9	-1.9	125.0	2.3	6.5
Transportation	149.3	.6	.7	137.1	-3.6	-1.4	141.4	-1.7	-2.4
Private transportation	147.1	.3	.4	136.1	-4.5	-2.1	136.1	-2.6	-2.6
Motor fuel	93.7	-12.1	-3.4	92.6	-12.5	-6.2	88.7	-10.6	-14.9
Gasoline (all types)	93.3	-12.0	-3.4	92.3	-12.4	-6.2	86.7	-10.3	-14.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular 4	92.7	-12.3	-3.6	90.5	-14.1	-7.1	84.2	-10.8	-15.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 4 5	107.1	-11.3	-2.8	97.3	-10.3	-4.7	84.6	-10.7	-14.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium 4	97.4	-10.8	-3.0	91.3	-10.7	-5.7	89.1	-8.9	-13.2
Medical care	217.4	1.6	.6	234.6	3.8	.8	234.9	1.3	.9
Recreation 6	100.9	-	.9	101.5	-	1.5	100.3	-	.3
Education and communication 6	99.8	-	-2	99.8	-	-2	99.6	-	-4
Other goods and services	240.2	8.1	2.2	204.9	4.9	2.1	245.0	2.2	.3
Commodity and service group									
All items	158.5	2.0	.9	146.1	1.1	.3	161.1	1.2	-.1
Commodities	139.0	-.4	.4	136.5	-.4	-.1	141.6	.4	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	-1.8	.2	128.3	-2.1	-.8	126.3	-.7	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.5	-2.6	.4	129.1	-1.8	-1.0	128.4	-.8	-.8
Durables	122.1	-.2	.2	126.8	-2.6	-.4	123.0	-.5	-.4
Services	179.4	3.9	1.2	156.6	2.6	.8	178.4	1.7	.1
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	155.6	2.0	.9	140.8	.9	.4	157.2	1.2	-.1
All items less shelter	154.0	1.4	.7	146.2	.6	.0	158.3	.6	-.6
Commodities less food	132.1	-1.5	.3	129.5	-1.6	-.6	129.4	-.4	-.5
Nondurables	144.1	-.4	.6	139.8	.3	-.1	147.9	.7	-.1
Nondurables less food	136.4	-2.1	.4	130.6	-1.1	-.9	133.1	-.4	-.7
Services less rent of shelter 3	188.1	4.0	1.1	167.9	2.4	.3	196.3	.9	-1.1
Services less medical care services	175.3	4.2	1.3	147.7	2.4	.8	173.6	1.8	.0
Energy	101.8	-7.6	-1.8	92.6	-6.3	-4.1	106.7	-7.0	-12.6
All items less energy	166.3	2.8	1.1	154.4	1.6	.7	166.8	1.7	.7
All items less food and energy	169.7	3.1	1.2	155.5	1.6	.7	167.8	1.7	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹								
	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997		Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997		Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997
Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	
Expenditure category									
All items	160.2	-	0.6	172.7	1.5	0.5	167.0	0.7	0.4
All items (1967=100) ²	258.3	-	-	499.3	-	-	482.5	-	-
Food and beverages	167.7	-	.5	164.6	1.4	.4	154.2	.3	.3
Food	168.1	-	.4	163.8	1.3	.4	153.0	.1	.1
Food at home	165.2	3.0	.4	164.2	.4	.4	160.6	-.7	-.1
Food away from home	174.1	-	.3	167.1	2.8	.4	140.1	1.9	.6
Alcoholic beverages	163.6	-	2.1	174.0	2.8	1.2	169.1	2.3	1.0
Housing	153.2	-	1.1	174.5	2.1	.6	168.5	1.1	1.1
Shelter	162.0	-	1.3	204.4	3.5	1.0	198.7	1.8	1.5
Rent of primary residence	150.3	1.7	.3	188.6	3.6	.6	178.9	2.6	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	161.9	2.9	.4	211.2	3.6	.5	203.5	3.5	.9
Fuels and utilities	117.7	-	-.1	116.9	-3.7	-1.8	130.0	-.6	.0
Fuels	107.6	-4.6	-.1	114.7	-5.2	-2.0	118.9	-2.3	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	106.5	-4.7	-.1	124.1	-3.1	-1.9	136.0	-.1	.1
Electricity	104.4	-5.0	.0	124.9	-2.1	-1.8	148.0	-.4	-.1
Utility natural gas service	162.2	1.6	-3.3	122.7	-5.0	-2.1	120.4	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations	156.2	-	.6	129.5	-1.2	.2	121.2	-1.5	.2
Apparel	158.5	-	3.7	129.8	-1.0	.7	104.2	3.0	1.5
Transportation	143.9	-	-1.6	152.4	-1.4	-.6	150.3	-2.1	-1.7
Private transportation	143.6	-	-1.8	144.0	-2.4	-1.0	147.5	-2.6	-2.0
Motor fuel	100.3	-15.6	-9.1	92.7	-10.9	-6.0	94.1	-15.6	-8.8
Gasoline (all types)	99.5	-15.7	-9.4	92.4	-10.9	-6.0	92.8	-15.3	-8.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁴	97.1	-16.6	-9.8	91.3	-11.5	-6.6	91.4	-16.7	-9.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{4 5}	95.3	-14.9	-9.2	94.9	-11.1	-5.9	91.6	-15.4	-8.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁴	101.2	-14.7	-8.7	94.4	-9.5	-4.8	88.6	-14.8	-8.5
Medical care	225.1	-	2.0	250.6	3.1	1.5	252.3	2.5	1.2
Recreation ⁶	100.5	-	.5	101.8	-	1.8	100.3	-	.3
Education and communication ⁶	100.3	-	.3	99.1	-	-.9	99.1	-	-.9
Other goods and services	187.0	-	.8	239.7	6.2	2.1	249.4	4.6	1.6
Commodity and service group									
All items	160.2	-	.6	172.7	1.5	.5	167.0	.7	.4
Commodities	152.8	-	-.1	146.1	-.3	.1	135.5	-.9	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	142.4	-	-.4	131.7	-1.9	-.2	123.8	-1.7	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.8	-	-.5	133.0	-2.0	-.1	123.3	-2.0	-.2
Durables	153.9	-	-.2	129.3	-1.7	-.5	125.9	-1.3	-.1
Services	167.0	-	1.0	196.1	2.7	.7	200.0	1.8	.7
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	156.5	-	.5	169.0	1.4	.5	162.9	.6	.4
All items less shelter	159.5	-	.3	160.8	.4	.2	157.8	.3	-.1
Commodities less food	143.7	-	-.2	133.6	-1.5	-.1	125.6	-1.6	-.2
Nondurables	152.6	-	.1	150.2	-.1	.2	139.1	-.8	.0
Nondurables less food	137.2	-	-.3	135.6	-1.5	.0	126.2	-1.7	-.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	179.4	-	.6	194.8	1.6	.4	206.7	1.7	-.1
Services less medical care services	161.1	-	.9	191.5	2.7	.7	195.3	1.8	.7
Energy	102.3	-10.3	-4.7	106.4	-7.1	-3.3	108.6	-7.4	-3.4
All items less energy	166.6	-	.9	180.1	2.1	.7	174.9	1.4	.7
All items less food and energy	166.2	-	1.0	184.3	2.3	.8	180.8	1.7	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹					
	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA			Seattle- Tacoma- Bremerton, WA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	163.2	3.4	0.4	166.5	-	0.9
All items (1967=100) ²	501.8	-	-	507.5	-	-
Food and beverages	165.0	3.4	1.2	165.6	-	2.5
Food	165.7	3.4	1.2	166.0	-	2.3
Food at home	172.3	4.2	1.8	167.3	-	3.2
Food away from home	157.8	2.3	.1	165.1	-	.8
Alcoholic beverages	159.1	3.1	1.0	162.5	-	4.3
Housing	169.5	4.8	-.1	168.0	-	.4
Shelter	189.2	6.8	1.0	182.8	-	.8
Rent of primary residence	193.7	7.9	.6	174.9	-	1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	204.5	7.1	.4	188.6	-	1.1
Fuels and utilities	133.4	-8.7	-11.8	124.4	-	1.0
Fuels	127.1	-11.7	-16.9	120.4	-	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	126.8	-11.9	-17.2	146.0	-	.8
Electricity	141.6	-19.1	-19.1	164.2	-	1.0
Utility natural gas service	113.7	5.5	-12.6	88.0	-	.0
Household furnishings and operations	119.6	.9	-.4	158.8	-	-2.6
Apparel	114.8	1.2	5.3	126.9	-	2.8
Transportation	133.3	.2	.5	145.0	-	-.5
Private transportation	126.9	-.5	.0	150.0	-	-.8
Motor fuel	104.1	-4.4	-5.0	111.0	-	-10.8
Gasoline (all types)	102.9	-3.9	-5.0	113.0	-	-10.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁴	100.2	-4.3	-5.2	113.6	-	-11.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{4 5}	98.4	-3.8	-4.8	99.1	-	-10.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁴	104.3	-3.0	-4.7	118.3	-	-10.0
Medical care	227.3	4.0	.6	230.4	-	1.5
Recreation ⁶	98.2	-	-1.8	99.7	-	-.3
Education and communication ⁶	99.9	-	-.1	102.9	-	2.9
Other goods and services	248.7	7.5	.4	236.1	-	3.0
Commodity and service group						
All items	163.2	3.4	.4	166.5	-	.9
Commodities	141.6	1.5	.6	148.9	-	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	125.7	-.1	.3	139.8	-	-1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	128.2	.9	.7	134.4	-	-.9
Durables	121.4	-1.5	-.3	147.5	-	-1.4
Services	181.2	4.4	.2	183.7	-	1.4
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	160.3	3.4	.4	163.4	-	.9
All items less shelter	154.3	1.5	.0	161.1	-	.9
Commodities less food	127.7	.2	.3	140.6	-	-.9
Nondurables	147.6	2.4	1.0	149.6	-	.9
Nondurables less food	130.9	1.2	.8	136.0	-	-.4
Services less rent of shelter ³	180.1	1.4	-1.0	189.7	-	2.0
Services less medical care services	178.4	4.6	.2	180.1	-	1.4
Energy	112.7	-7.4	-10.5	115.9	-	-5.5
All items less energy	168.7	4.0	1.0	172.3	-	1.3
All items less food and energy	169.6	4.1	1.0	173.8	-	1.1

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

² Index on a November 1977=100 base in Miami.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—			Percent change to Jan. 1998 from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.2	158.4	158.5	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.3	-0.1	0.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	165.7	165.5	165.7	165.9	1.0	.2	.1	1.3	.0	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.5	165.2	165.4	165.8	1.2	.4	.2	1.4	-.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.1	101.1	101.3	101.1	1.0	.0	-.2	1.3	.2	.2
Midwest urban ⁴	M	154.0	153.7	153.9	154.2	1.2	.3	.2	1.2	-.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	153.8	153.6	153.9	154.2	1.2	.4	.2	1.3	.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.2	101.0	101.1	101.4	1.3	.4	.3	1.1	-.1	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.6	151.0	150.9	150.8	.3	-.1	-.1	.3	-.5	-.1
South urban	M	156.2	155.6	155.8	155.7	.8	.1	-.1	1.0	-.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.5	154.2	154.4	154.3	.7	.1	-.1	.8	-.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.7	101.1	101.2	101.1	.6	.0	-.1	1.0	-.5	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.5	157.5	157.6	158.0	1.4	.3	.3	1.5	.1	.1
West urban	M	159.2	159.2	159.4	159.4	1.7	.1	.0	2.0	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.7	157.9	158.0	158.0	1.8	.1	.0	2.1	.2	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.3	101.9	102.2	102.2	1.3	.3	.0	1.7	-.1	.3
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	144.6	144.4	144.6	144.8	1.3	.3	.1	1.5	.0	.1
B/C ³	M	101.5	101.2	101.3	101.3	.9	.1	.0	1.2	-.2	.1
D	M	156.9	156.7	156.7	156.8	.9	.1	.1	.9	-.1	.0
Selected local areas⁶											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	157.2	157.3	157.3	157.4	1.0	.1	.1	1.3	.1	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	154.9	155.3	155.1	155.0	.9	-.2	-.1	1.0	.1	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	168.0	167.7	167.7	168.2	1.2	.3	.3	1.6	-.2	.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	167.8	-	169.3	-	-	-	-	1.6	.9	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	149.1	-	150.0	-	-	-	-	2.6	.6	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.7	152.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁷	1	100.4	-	100.8	-	-	-	-	.4	.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	156.8	-	156.6	-	-.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	151.7	-	152.9	1.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.5	-	144.7	.8	.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	157.0	156.8	-	157.3	-	.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	165.9	165.7	-	166.1	.7	.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.5	159.4	-	159.6	3.0	.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	160.6	-	162.2	-	1.0	-	-	-	-

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 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ 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; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS;

Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁷ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area 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.

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

Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	165.9	1.0	0.1	154.2	1.2	0.2	155.7	0.8	-0.1	159.4	1.7	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	259.1	-	-	249.4	-	-	252.2	-	-	256.4	-	-
Food and beverages	161.1	1.1	-5	156.6	1.9	.0	157.1	1.7	-3	162.5	2.7	-2
Food	160.7	1.2	-5	156.0	1.9	-.1	157.2	1.6	-4	161.8	2.7	-3
Food at home	161.0	.5	-9	155.3	1.4	-3	155.4	1.1	-7	165.7	2.9	-6
Food away from home	162.4	2.5	.2	157.6	2.9	.3	161.7	2.6	.2	156.0	2.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages	167.2	1.3	.1	163.5	1.2	.5	154.9	1.2	-3	170.1	3.6	.7
Housing	167.1	1.6	.2	149.3	2.0	.2	147.9	1.1	.2	158.5	2.7	.1
Shelter	195.9	3.0	.3	168.1	3.0	.4	162.2	3.0	.5	172.9	3.3	.5
Rent of primary residence	182.1	3.1	.3	166.9	3.1	.2	157.3	2.8	.2	170.8	3.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	183.8	3.0	.2	168.4	3.2	.2	154.1	3.1	.3	168.5	3.0	.2
Fuels and utilities	124.3	-3.0	-6	124.4	-3.0	-1.3	130.8	-3.3	-9	134.9	-1.0	-2.0
Fuels	114.8	-4.8	-7	108.1	-5.6	-1.6	111.1	-7.3	-1.3	123.4	-1.5	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.5	-2.5	-7	113.5	-5.0	-1.6	113.4	-7.1	-1.4	125.9	-1.3	-2.7
Electricity	135.9	-1.0	-4	122.8	.7	-6	112.5	-7.0	-1.1	137.9	-5.2	-3.2
Utility natural gas service	122.9	-5.1	-1.1	104.2	-12.1	-3.2	118.9	-7.6	-2.9	113.7	8.2	-1.4
Household furnishings and operations	123.4	-6	.9	124.9	3.4	1.0	124.8	-1.0	.2	125.9	1.3	.0
Apparel	127.2	-4	2.7	128.4	-1.1	1.4	140.4	-3	-2	123.5	-3	2.2
Transportation	144.3	-2.5	-8	139.5	-2.3	.1	139.0	-3.3	-7	141.9	-1.4	-8
Private transportation	140.0	-3.2	-1.1	137.0	-2.6	.1	137.9	-3.6	-9	139.2	-1.8	-9
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	99.7	-	-2	100.1	-	-1	100.3	-	.1	100.4	-	.3
New vehicles	144.4	-8	-4	144.2	-6	-1	147.1	-1.0	.0	146.1	-1.1	.1
Used cars and trucks	151.8	-3.7	.0	150.2	-4.1	.1	150.8	-3.4	.3	147.2	-3.7	.2
Motor fuel	93.6	-13.7	-4.2	94.3	-13.8	-3	91.9	-14.7	-4.4	97.2	-8.7	-6.4
Gasoline (all types)	93.1	-13.8	-4.2	93.9	-13.8	-3	91.4	-14.7	-4.4	96.3	-8.5	-6.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	91.4	-14.7	-4.6	92.0	-14.3	-8	88.0	-15.7	-4.8	93.3	-8.7	-6.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	96.8	-13.3	-3.8	104.5	-12.8	.5	98.0	-13.8	-4.0	93.5	-8.8	-6.7
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	94.4	-11.9	-3.5	97.8	-12.4	.5	95.6	-12.9	-3.8	98.9	-6.7	-5.7
Medical care	247.9	2.7	.6	232.0	2.7	.5	238.5	3.1	.4	237.7	2.8	.7
Medical care commodities	219.1	2.0	.5	212.0	1.3	-3	212.8	2.0	.1	222.3	2.3	1.2
Medical care services	254.1	2.7	.6	236.5	2.9	.7	244.6	3.3	.5	241.4	3.0	.6
Professional services	231.8	3.2	.7	216.3	3.4	.7	225.3	3.3	.4	209.5	2.7	.5
Recreation ⁴	101.6	-	.5	100.1	-	.0	101.3	-	.8	99.7	-	.2
Education and communication ⁴	99.0	-	-7	100.0	-	-1	100.0	-	.0	100.2	-	.2
Other goods and services	244.1	6.6	1.7	226.0	7.0	1.2	222.1	6.4	.9	232.1	4.1	.6
Commodity and service group												
All items	165.9	1.0	.1	154.2	1.2	.2	155.7	.8	-1	159.4	1.7	.0
Commodities	142.9	-6	.1	139.5	-2	.3	141.1	-8	-4	142.0	.4	-3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.2	-2.0	.4	129.8	-1.6	.4	132.0	-2.2	-5	129.6	-1.2	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.0	-2.3	.8	132.3	-2.4	.6	133.3	-2.3	-7	130.1	-1.3	-6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.9	-3.2	-2	137.6	-2.8	.2	134.7	-3.4	-1.0	137.9	-1.9	-1.9
Durables	127.8	-1.6	-2	125.1	-7	.2	129.1	-2.1	-1	128.8	-1.1	.0
Services	193.1	2.3	.2	172.5	2.5	.2	173.7	2.2	.3	178.2	2.7	.2
Rent of shelter ³	183.0	3.0	.3	167.0	3.0	.4	154.3	3.0	.5	166.6	3.3	.4
Transportation services	187.1	1.4	-1	182.2	3.8	.6	189.1	1.6	.2	184.9	2.2	.4
Other services	229.7	3.6	.1	197.9	4.2	.3	210.1	4.3	.5	205.8	2.8	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	162.6	1.0	0.1	150.7	1.1	0.2	151.1	0.6	-0.1	155.8	1.6	-0.1
All items less food	167.1	1.0	.2	153.8	1.1	.3	155.2	.5	.0	158.9	1.5	.1
All items less shelter	157.1	.3	.0	151.0	.6	.2	154.2	.1	-.2	155.2	1.0	-.2
Commodities less food	131.8	-1.9	.4	131.1	-1.5	.4	132.7	-2.1	-.5	131.6	-.9	-.2
Nondurables	146.2	-.4	.1	144.5	-.1	.3	145.2	-.3	-.5	147.0	1.0	-.4
Nondurables less food	132.3	-2.0	.8	134.2	-2.0	.6	134.3	-2.1	-.7	133.0	-1.0	-.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.9	-2.7	-.2	139.3	-2.5	.3	135.6	-2.9	-.9	140.0	-1.5	-1.8
Services less rent of shelter ³	174.6	1.7	.0	162.9	2.1	.1	169.7	1.6	.1	171.5	2.0	.1
Services less medical care services	188.6	2.3	.1	167.1	2.5	.2	166.3	2.1	.3	173.4	2.7	.2
Energy	105.1	-8.4	-2.1	100.7	-9.7	-1.0	99.6	-10.9	-2.7	107.6	-5.4	-4.6
All items less energy	174.4	1.8	.2	162.2	2.3	.4	163.7	1.9	.2	165.4	2.2	.3
All items less food and energy	178.4	2.0	.5	163.8	2.3	.5	165.3	1.8	.3	166.4	2.1	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.7	.3	1.0	140.9	.6	.5	143.3	.0	.1	140.5	.1	.5
Energy commodities	93.0	-14.1	-3.6	94.4	-13.8	-.3	92.7	-14.6	-4.2	98.2	-8.8	-6.3
Services less energy services	199.7	2.7	.2	180.4	3.3	.4	181.0	3.0	.4	182.3	2.9	.4

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

² The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁵ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 19. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index Feb. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Feb. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Feb. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ⁴	144.8	1.3	0.1	101.3	0.9	0.0	156.8	0.9	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	144.8	-	-	-	-	-	253.4	-	-
Food and beverages	144.1	1.8	-3	100.4	-	-3	154.4	1.4	-3
Food	143.7	1.8	-3	100.4	-	-3	153.9	1.5	-3
Food at home	147.2	1.4	-7	100.4	-	-6	151.3	1.1	-5
Food away from home	138.1	2.5	.2	100.4	-	.2	159.5	2.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages	147.9	2.0	.4	100.0	-	-1	163.0	2.4	-5
Housing	140.9	2.1	.3	100.4	-	.1	152.6	1.2	.1
Shelter	150.1	3.4	.5	100.7	-	.2	174.6	2.1	.1
Rent of primary residence	141.5	3.6	.3	100.3	-	.1	160.1	1.7	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	151.4	3.5	.3	100.3	-	.1	165.7	2.3	.0
Fuels and utilities	126.7	-3.2	-1.6	98.5	-	-9	129.4	-.4	.5
Fuels	123.8	-5.6	-2.0	97.9	-	-1.3	107.4	-4.3	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	122.9	-4.9	-2.0	97.9	-	-1.2	115.8	-3.3	.6
Electricity	124.5	-2.7	-1.6	98.3	-	-1.0	120.2	-1.7	-.2
Utility natural gas service	119.6	-8.7	-2.9	96.3	-	-2.3	112.0	-7.3	2.8
Household furnishings and operations	116.9	.4	.8	101.2	-	.4	124.5	-.1	-.4
Apparel	120.1	-.3	1.9	99.3	-	.8	134.1	2.4	-.1
Transportation	140.3	-2.2	-.5	99.0	-	-.6	139.2	-3.3	-.5
Private transportation	139.6	-2.6	-.6	98.8	-	-.7	136.8	-3.5	-.6
New and used motor vehicles ³	100.1	-	.0	100.3	-	.2	100.5	-	.2
New vehicles	127.6	-.9	-.2	100.3	-	.1	148.1	-.3	.2
Used cars and trucks	141.9	-3.4	.1	100.3	-	.2	143.0	-.4	.2
Motor fuel	137.0	-12.7	-3.9	93.2	-	-3.3	91.3	-14.9	-4.1
Gasoline (all types)	136.2	-12.6	-3.9	93.2	-	-3.3	90.7	-14.9	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	135.4	-13.5	-4.2	92.9	-	-3.5	86.7	-15.9	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	95.8	-11.7	-3.7	93.3	-	-3.0	100.2	-14.9	-4.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	129.1	-11.6	-3.4	93.9	-	-2.8	94.9	-12.9	-3.6
Medical care	188.7	2.5	.5	100.9	-	.5	231.6	2.7	.9
Medical care commodities	174.4	1.8	.4	100.4	-	.1	213.8	.9	.1
Medical care services	192.0	2.7	.5	101.0	-	.6	236.0	3.1	1.0
Professional services	174.9	2.7	.6	100.9	-	.5	227.6	3.1	.9
Recreation ³	100.7	-	.4	100.5	-	.2	101.7	-	1.4
Education and communication ³	99.8	-	-.2	99.8	-	-.2	99.6	-	-.1
Other goods and services	186.3	6.0	.8	101.9	-	1.4	227.8	5.9	1.6
Commodity and service group									
All items ⁴	144.8	1.3	.1	101.3	.9	.0	156.8	.9	.1
Commodities	136.0	-.2	-.1	99.7	-	-.2	140.1	-.6	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.5	-1.7	.1	99.3	-	-.1	131.8	-1.8	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	137.6	-2.0	.2	98.6	-	-.1	131.5	-2.0	-.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	148.7	-2.7	-.7	98.3	-	-.6	133.0	-3.6	-.9
Durables	121.1	-1.5	.0	100.2	-	.0	129.4	-1.8	.0
Services	153.0	2.6	.3	100.6	-	.2	178.6	2.2	.4
Rent of shelter ⁵	150.5	3.5	.5	100.8	-	.3	163.3	2.2	.1
Transportation services	154.5	1.9	.4	100.9	-	.0	NA	-	-
Other services	173.0	3.7	.3	100.8	-	.4	209.9	5.2	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 19. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	142.8	1.3	0.1	100.1	-	0.0	152.3	0.7	0.0
All items less food	145.0	1.1	.2	100.1	-	.1	157.2	.7	.1
All items less shelter	142.8	.4	.0	99.9	-	-.1	152.5	.5	.0
Commodities less food	131.5	-1.5	.2	99.4	-	-.1	132.8	-1.6	-.3
Nondurables	141.1	.1	-.1	99.5	-	-.2	143.1	-.3	-.4
Nondurables less food	138.5	-1.7	.2	98.7	-	-.1	133.0	-1.8	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	148.4	-2.2	-.6	98.4	-	-.6	134.7	-3.2	-.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	155.5	1.6	.0	100.4	-	.1	167.9	2.4	.7
Services less medical care services	150.1	2.6	.3	100.5	-	.1	172.1	2.2	.4
Energy	129.9	-9.0	-2.8	95.6	-	-2.2	98.9	-9.2	-1.5
All items less energy	146.0	2.1	.3	100.6	-	.2	165.1	1.9	.2
All items less food and energy	146.5	2.2	.5	100.6	-	.3	168.1	1.9	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	130.6	.2	.6	100.3	-	.4	143.4	.6	.1
Energy commodities	136.7	-12.8	-3.7	93.5	-	-3.1	90.8	-15.1	-3.9
Services less energy services	155.4	3.1	.5	100.8	-	.3	186.6	2.8	.4

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

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast					
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items ⁴	165.8	1.2	0.2	101.1	1.0	-0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	253.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	160.6	1.1	-5	100.4	-	-4
Food	160.1	1.1	-5	100.4	-	-5
Food at home	160.6	.3	-9	100.4	-	-7
Food away from home	161.1	2.5	.2	100.5	-	.3
Alcoholic beverages	168.5	1.8	.2	99.6	-	.0
Housing	165.0	1.5	.4	100.5	-	.0
Shelter	191.1	3.1	.4	100.5	-	.0
Rent of primary residence	184.1	3.4	.3	100.0	-	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	180.5	3.4	.3	100.0	-	.0
Fuels and utilities	122.5	-3.0	-7	99.7	-	-3
Fuels	117.2	-4.7	-8	99.4	-	-5
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.4	-2.8	-7	99.5	-	-6
Electricity	133.6	-1.7	-6	100.3	-	-2
Utility natural gas service	126.2	-4.5	-9	97.4	-	-1.7
Household furnishings and operations	123.5	-1.8	1.3	101.5	-	.0
Apparel	123.3	-8	3.3	98.1	-	1.2
Transportation	147.8	-2.1	-4	97.9	-	-1.7
Private transportation	143.1	-2.7	-7	97.5	-	-1.9
Motor fuel	93.6	-12.7	-3.4	90.9	-	-5.4
Gasoline (all types)	93.1	-12.6	-3.4	90.9	-	-5.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	91.4	-13.6	-3.8	90.1	-	-6.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	95.4	-12.6	-3.1	91.8	-	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	93.9	-11.0	-2.8	92.1	-	-4.7
Medical care	251.8	3.1	.6	100.7	-	.5
Recreation ²	101.9	-	.9	101.1	-	-1
Education and communication ²	98.9	-	-9	99.2	-	-5
Other goods and services	242.7	6.9	1.1	103.0	-	2.9
Commodity and service group						
All items ⁴	165.8	1.2	.2	101.1	1.0	-2
Commodities	142.8	-6	.2	99.5	-	-3
Commodities less food and beverages	129.7	-1.9	.7	98.9	-	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.3	-2.0	1.2	98.1	-	-1
Durables	128.1	-1.6	-1	99.9	-	-5
Services	191.1	2.4	.3	100.3	-	-2
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	162.3	1.1	.2	99.9	-	-3
All items less shelter	157.8	.3	.2	99.7	-	-3
Commodities less food	131.3	-1.8	.6	99.0	-	-2
Nondurables	146.0	-3	.3	99.3	-	-2
Nondurables less food	131.7	-1.8	1.1	98.2	-	-1
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	173.8	1.6	.2	100.1	-	-4
Services less medical care services	186.3	2.4	.3	100.3	-	-2
Energy	106.8	-7.8	-1.8	95.8	-	-2.5
All items less energy	173.6	1.9	.4	100.3	-	.0
All items less food and energy	177.5	2.1	.6	100.3	-	.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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Midwest ³								
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ⁴	154.2	1.2	0.2	101.4	1.3	0.3	150.8	0.3	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	252.1	-	-	-	-	-	244.4	-	-
Food and beverages	158.9	2.0	-1	100.6	-	.0	150.6	2.3	.3
Food	158.5	2.1	-1	100.6	-	-1	149.5	2.1	.2
Food at home	158.8	1.7	-5	100.8	-	-1	146.0	1.4	.2
Food away from home	158.2	2.7	.4	100.4	-	.0	156.8	3.8	.3
Alcoholic beverages	163.6	.5	.3	100.4	-	.8	166.4	4.3	.3
Housing	147.8	2.1	.1	100.6	-	.2	146.2	1.1	.4
Shelter	167.0	3.7	.4	100.6	-	.3	161.8	2.2	.1
Rent of primary residence	170.4	3.6	.2	100.2	-	.2	151.0	2.7	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	167.0	3.6	.2	100.4	-	.3	160.6	2.0	-1
Fuels and utilities	121.4	-4.8	-2.3	98.4	-	-7	134.6	-3	1.7
Fuels	107.4	-8.0	-2.7	97.9	-	-1.0	105.4	-3.5	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	110.6	-7.9	-2.9	98.0	-	-9	113.5	-2.8	1.9
Electricity	120.4	.4	-1.3	100.1	-	.1	111.8	4.0	.4
Utility natural gas service	100.5	-16.8	-5.2	94.9	-	-2.5	118.2	-9.6	3.9
Household furnishings and operations	118.2	2.5	1.4	102.5	-	.7	124.0	-6	.2
Apparel	124.5	-2.2	.6	102.3	-	3.4	135.5	-4.8	-2.7
Transportation	139.7	-2.3	.3	99.6	-	-1	135.5	-3.6	-3
Private transportation	137.5	-2.7	.2	99.4	-	-1	131.6	-3.6	-3
Motor fuel	94.6	-14.5	-1	95.9	-	-1	89.3	-15.8	-3.0
Gasoline (all types)	94.1	-14.4	.0	95.9	-	.0	88.3	-16.1	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	92.6	-14.9	-5	95.7	-	-4	85.4	-16.8	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	102.7	-13.5	1.0	96.1	-	.5	103.3	-15.5	-3.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	96.2	-13.1	.5	96.7	-	.9	92.4	-14.0	-2.9
Medical care	230.0	2.2	.4	101.1	-	.8	220.8	2.6	.3
Recreation ²	100.8	-	.5	99.1	-	-7	100.3	-	.0
Education and communication ²	100.5	-	.1	99.5	-	-3	99.5	-	-1
Other goods and services	231.5	7.3	1.0	102.4	-	1.8	212.1	4.1	.2
Commodity and service group									
All items ⁴	154.2	1.2	.2	101.4	1.3	.3	150.8	.3	-1
Commodities	139.4	-4	.2	100.2	-	.4	139.0	-1.1	-4
Commodities less food and beverages	128.2	-1.8	.5	100.0	-	.6	132.8	-2.9	-6
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.6	-2.4	.5	99.9	-	1.2	132.8	-4.5	-1.5
Durables	121.8	-1.4	.3	100.1	-	-2	127.7	-1.2	.3
Services	172.0	2.7	.2	100.7	-	.3	166.3	1.8	.2
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	150.9	1.3	.3	100.4	-	.3	147.0	.2	-1
All items less shelter	151.2	.5	.1	100.4	-	.4	148.6	-1	-1
Commodities less food	129.7	-1.7	.5	100.0	-	.6	133.8	-2.7	-6
Nondurables	146.1	.0	.2	100.2	-	.6	142.1	-1.1	-6
Nondurables less food	134.7	-2.0	.5	99.9	-	1.2	134.7	-4.1	-1.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	164.0	1.9	.0	100.7	-	.2	156.3	1.6	.4
Services less medical care services	166.8	2.8	.2	100.6	-	.2	160.2	1.6	.3
Energy	100.8	-11.3	-1.7	96.9	-	-4	97.6	-9.3	-3
All items less energy	161.9	2.4	.4	100.8	-	.4	158.3	1.3	-1
All items less food and energy	162.7	2.5	.4	100.8	-	.5	160.6	1.2	-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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	South								
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ⁴	154.3	0.7	-0.1	101.1	0.6	-0.1	158.0	1.4	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	249.9	-	-	-	-	-	255.7	-	-
Food and beverages	157.3	1.7	-.4	100.3	-	-.3	151.9	.3	-.5
Food	157.5	1.7	-.5	100.3	-	-.3	152.2	.4	-.5
Food at home	155.4	.6	-1.0	100.2	-	-.6	148.9	.3	-.7
Food away from home	162.3	3.2	.1	100.5	-	.2	160.8	.4	.0
Alcoholic beverages	155.2	2.3	.3	99.8	-	-.6	146.4	-1.6	-1.1
Housing	144.9	1.5	.4	100.4	-	.1	153.3	1.7	-.3
Shelter	159.3	3.2	.6	100.9	-	.4	180.1	3.2	.0
Rent of primary residence	157.5	2.8	.3	100.5	-	.2	160.4	2.2	-.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	152.9	3.2	.3	100.5	-	.2	163.9	3.1	-.1
Fuels and utilities	118.3	-2.9	-.7	98.4	-	-1.2	127.9	-.8	-.2
Fuels	104.8	-5.5	-.9	97.6	-	-1.8	107.4	-5.6	-.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	108.1	-5.3	-.8	97.5	-	-1.8	112.0	-5.2	-.3
Electricity	105.9	-3.1	-.2	97.6	-	-1.6	113.8	-5.2	-.6
Utility natural gas service	110.0	-12.1	-3.7	97.0	-	-3.3	116.0	-4.8	2.1
Household furnishings and operations	128.2	-.7	.7	100.5	-	.3	119.6	-.3	-1.4
Apparel	146.3	.3	-.3	97.5	-	-.7	133.1	7.5	2.2
Transportation	139.6	-3.3	-.9	99.0	-	-.5	138.5	-4.0	-.8
Private transportation	139.0	-3.6	-1.1	98.7	-	-.7	137.5	-4.0	-.9
Motor fuel	94.4	-13.9	-4.2	92.1	-	-4.5	85.5	-15.5	-4.6
Gasoline (all types)	93.6	-13.9	-4.2	92.1	-	-4.5	84.4	-15.6	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	90.9	-15.0	-4.3	91.6	-	-4.9	79.9	-16.6	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	96.3	-12.6	-4.0	92.5	-	-3.9	100.2	-15.4	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	96.2	-12.4	-4.2	93.2	-	-3.5	92.8	-12.9	-3.8
Medical care	238.1	2.4	.5	100.7	-	.2	237.9	2.8	1.2
Recreation ²	100.8	-	.4	101.0	-	.5	104.7	-	3.5
Education and communication ²	99.9	-	.1	100.1	-	-.1	99.5	-	-.1
Other goods and services	210.9	5.2	.4	101.4	-	.8	225.0	9.0	2.5
Commodity and service group									
All items ⁴	154.3	.7	-.1	101.1	.6	-.1	158.0	1.4	.3
Commodities	141.4	-.8	-.5	99.5	-	-.3	138.1	-.4	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.2	-2.4	-.6	99.1	-	-.3	130.1	-.8	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.7	-2.6	-.8	98.0	-	-.7	130.0	.1	.1
Durables	129.6	-2.4	-.4	100.4	-	.1	128.1	-2.1	-.2
Services	169.7	2.2	.4	100.6	-	.2	183.8	3.0	.7
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	150.1	.6	-.1	100.0	-	-.1	152.2	1.3	.1
All items less shelter	153.2	-.1	-.3	99.8	-	-.2	152.9	.9	.3
Commodities less food	133.1	-2.1	-.5	99.1	-	-.3	130.5	-.8	-.1
Nondurables	145.6	-.3	-.6	99.2	-	-.5	141.0	.3	-.1
Nondurables less food	134.9	-2.1	-.7	98.1	-	-.7	130.5	.0	.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	165.5	1.4	.1	100.2	-	-.1	172.9	2.9	1.1
Services less medical care services	163.2	2.1	.4	100.6	-	.2	175.3	3.0	.5
Energy	98.8	-9.8	-2.5	95.0	-	-3.0	94.3	-10.2	-2.1
All items less energy	162.3	1.6	.1	100.5	-	.2	167.4	2.6	.5
All items less food and energy	163.5	1.6	.2	100.6	-	.3	171.3	3.1	.6

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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	West					
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items ⁴	158.0	1.8	0.0	102.2	1.3	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	255.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	163.5	2.6	-1	100.4	-	-6
Food	162.8	2.6	-2	100.3	-	-7
Food at home	167.3	2.9	-5	100.6	-	-1.0
Food away from home	155.9	2.0	.3	99.8	-	.0
Alcoholic beverages	170.2	3.2	.9	100.8	-	.0
Housing	157.5	3.1	.2	100.3	-	.0
Shelter	169.3	3.9	.5	100.7	-	.1
Rent of primary residence	175.2	4.3	.3	100.3	-	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	166.5	3.7	.4	100.2	-	.1
Fuels and utilities	137.1	-2.3	-2.8	97.4	-	-1.0
Fuels	127.2	-3.3	-4.0	96.7	-	-1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	129.1	-3.2	-4.0	96.7	-	-1.3
Electricity	142.2	-7.5	-5.0	96.5	-	-1.3
Utility natural gas service	117.1	8.2	-1.8	97.6	-	-9
Household furnishings and operations	127.7	1.0	-2	100.6	-	.3
Apparel	122.6	1.1	3.3	100.8	-	-2
Transportation	140.5	-1.5	-1.1	99.4	-	-3
Private transportation	137.7	-1.9	-1.3	99.2	-	-3
Motor fuel	95.3	-9.1	-7.3	93.4	-	-4.2
Gasoline (all types)	94.3	-8.9	-7.4	93.4	-	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	91.2	-9.3	-7.7	93.1	-	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	90.6	-9.0	-7.5	93.3	-	-4.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	97.8	-7.5	-6.6	94.4	-	-3.8
Medical care	233.5	2.5	.6	101.1	-	1.0
Recreation ²	99.6	-	.0	100.3	-	.9
Education and communication ²	100.1	-	.2	100.5	-	.5
Other goods and services	233.9	4.2	.6	101.1	-	.1
Commodity and service group						
All items ⁴	158.0	1.8	.0	102.2	1.3	.0
Commodities	141.2	.6	-2	99.8	-	-4
Commodities less food and beverages	127.6	-9	-3	99.5	-	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	127.8	-1.1	-5	98.8	-	-8
Durables	127.7	-7	-1	100.3	-	.3
Services	175.5	2.8	.2	100.6	-	.3
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	154.9	1.8	.0	100.2	-	-1
All items less shelter	154.8	.9	-3	100.0	-	-1
Commodities less food	129.7	-7	-3	99.5	-	-3
Nondurables	146.5	1.0	-3	99.6	-	-7
Nondurables less food	131.1	-7	-4	98.9	-	-8
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	170.0	1.6	-2	100.4	-	.5
Services less medical care services	171.5	2.9	.2	100.5	-	.2
Energy	105.9	-6.6	-5.9	95.2	-	-2.6
All items less energy	163.9	2.4	.4	100.6	-	.2
All items less food and energy	164.3	2.3	.5	100.7	-	.4

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

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

⁴ The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	Food at home									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—			Percent change to Jan. 1998 from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.1	158.2	159.9	158.9	1.3	0.4	-0.6	1.8	1.1	1.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	161.1	160.3	162.4	161.0	.5	.4	-.9	1.4	.8	1.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	160.9	159.8	162.1	160.6	.3	.5	-.9	1.6	.7	1.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	101.1	100.4	-	.4	-.7	-	-	1.1
Midwest urban ⁴	M	153.8	154.4	155.8	155.3	1.4	.6	-.3	1.4	1.3	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.3	158.2	159.6	158.8	1.7	.4	-.5	1.6	1.5	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	100.9	100.8	-	.8	-.1	-	-	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	144.4	144.7	145.7	146.0	1.4	.9	.2	.9	.9	.7
South urban	M	155.3	155.3	156.5	155.4	1.1	.1	-.7	1.8	.8	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	155.8	155.5	156.9	155.4	.6	-.1	-1.0	.6	.7	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	100.8	100.2	-	.2	-.6	-	-	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.3	149.3	149.9	148.9	.3	-.3	-.7	1.3	-.3	.4
West urban	M	163.8	164.2	166.7	165.7	2.9	.9	-.6	2.9	1.8	1.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	164.7	165.6	168.1	167.3	2.9	1.0	-.5	2.9	2.1	1.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	-	100.0	101.6	100.6	-	.6	-1.0	-	-	1.6
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	146.4	146.5	148.3	147.2	1.4	.5	-.7	1.8	1.3	1.2
B/C ³	M	-	100.0	101.0	100.4	-	.4	-.6	-	-	1.0
D	M	151.0	151.1	152.1	151.3	1.1	.1	-.5	1.7	.7	.7
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	167.9	170.1	169.3	169.2	2.3	-.5	-.1	1.3	.8	-.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	169.5	170.2	172.8	170.8	1.7	.4	-1.2	1.4	1.9	1.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	163.7	162.3	163.8	163.1	.4	.5	-.4	1.3	.1	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	155.1	155.1	160.3	158.0	1.8	1.9	-1.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	154.8	153.6	157.3	159.3	3.9	3.7	1.3	2.3	1.6	2.4
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	148.9	149.7	148.0	147.2	.5	-1.7	-.5	-.9	-.6	-1.1
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ³	1	-	100.0	101.4	100.3	-	.3	-1.1	-	-	1.4
Atlanta, GA	2	-	155.2	157.0	156.3	-	.7	-.4	-	-	1.2
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	150.9	150.9	152.5	152.0	1.2	.7	-.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	156.6	154.3	159.3	155.6	-.1	.8	-2.3	.6	1.7	3.2
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	163.3	162.5	164.7	163.3	2.8	.5	-.9	2.8	.9	1.4
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	160.2	160.0	162.8	159.7	-.9	-.2	-1.9	.8	1.6	1.8
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	166.3	168.3	171.4	171.0	3.9	1.6	-.2	5.3	3.1	1.8
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	160.3	163.9	165.9	-	3.5	1.2	-	-	2.2

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 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	U.S. city average			Chicago- Gary- Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Los Angeles- Riverside- Orange County, CA			New York- Northern N.J.- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998		Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	158.5	1.1	0.1	157.4	1.0	0.1	155.0	0.9	-0.1	168.2	1.2	0.3
All items (1967=100)	472.2	-	-	462.3	-	-	458.0	-	-	478.8	-	-
Food and beverages	159.2	1.8	-3	163.2	2.2	.0	165.6	1.9	-5	163.6	1.3	-2
Food	158.8	1.8	-3	162.5	2.5	.0	163.4	1.7	-7	163.1	1.2	-2
Food at home	158.9	1.3	-6	169.2	2.3	-1	170.8	1.7	-1.2	163.1	.4	-4
Food away from home	159.6	2.5	.2	149.6	2.9	.0	152.3	1.9	.5	166.3	2.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages	163.9	1.7	.2	172.7	-1.3	-1	184.9	3.5	.7	170.1	2.7	.0
Housing	155.1	1.8	.2	152.6	1.9	.0	152.3	1.9	.0	168.2	1.8	.4
Shelter	174.6	3.1	.4	177.0	4.9	.4	160.4	2.2	.6	196.7	3.4	.3
Rent of primary residence	169.6	3.2	.2	187.4	4.1	.2	161.9	2.0	.1	188.3	3.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	169.1	3.1	.2	177.6	5.0	.2	159.1	2.2	.4	187.7	3.5	.2
Fuels and utilities	127.1	-2.8	-1.2	118.9	-10.0	-4.3	144.8	-2.6	-5.0	114.5	-3.9	-1.0
Fuels	112.2	-5.3	-1.5	106.6	-13.8	-4.9	140.0	-3.0	-6.8	113.6	-5.3	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.2	-4.5	-1.5	110.0	-13.9	-4.9	140.4	-3.0	-6.8	123.7	-3.3	-1.0
Electricity	124.1	-3.6	-1.2	119.2	-1.3	-4.2	153.4	-8.1	-8.9	124.4	-2.2	-6
Utility natural gas service	112.8	-6.8	-2.3	100.1	-25.4	-6.0	131.0	9.5	-2.4	122.5	-5.0	-1.5
Household furnishings and operations	124.7	.8	.5	111.5	1.3	2.9	124.0	1.4	.2	125.3	-2.1	2.0
Apparel	130.4	-5	1.3	116.5	-4.4	.6	123.1	.7	4.3	124.0	-2.7	3.2
Transportation	140.9	-2.4	-6	134.6	-3.5	-1	136.8	-2.4	-1.5	152.3	-2.1	-1
Private transportation	138.4	-2.8	-6	131.7	-4.1	-3	133.3	-2.9	-1.6	145.0	-2.7	-5
Motor fuel	94.1	-13.0	-3.6	92.5	-16.1	-2.3	88.7	-10.5	-8.9	92.7	-10.8	-3.1
Gasoline (all types)	93.6	-12.9	-3.6	91.7	-16.3	-2.3	86.6	-10.3	-9.0	92.4	-10.7	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	91.1	-13.7	-3.9	89.2	-17.3	-3.3	84.1	-10.8	-9.6	91.3	-11.4	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	98.2	-12.3	-3.4	99.1	-14.6	-9	84.6	-10.7	-8.9	94.9	-11.1	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	95.9	-11.7	-3.2	93.7	-15.1	-1.7	89.1	-8.8	-8.0	94.3	-9.4	-2.5
Medical care	238.7	2.8	.5	244.0	2.1	.2	232.4	1.3	.7	251.1	3.1	.6
Recreation ⁴	100.7	1.5	.4	100.7	-	.6	100.3	-	1.1	101.9	-	1.2
Education and communication ⁴	99.8	2.4	-2	101.5	-	.2	99.6	-	.0	99.1	-	-9
Other goods and services	230.6	6.1	1.1	243.4	6.8	1.0	231.3	1.9	-1	243.7	7.6	.8
Commodity and service group												
All items	158.5	1.1	.1	157.4	1.0	.1	155.0	.9	-1	168.2	1.2	.3
Commodities	141.3	-4	-1	139.9	-6	.3	139.8	.2	-3	144.9	-6	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.5	-1.8	.0	125.4	-2.7	.4	124.3	-1.1	-2	130.3	-2.4	.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.5	-2.2	.0	131.8	-3.3	.4	125.7	-1.9	-6	130.3	-2.4	1.0
Durables	127.7	-1.4	.0	117.4	-2.4	.5	123.6	-3	.2	127.2	-2.5	-1
Services	179.1	2.4	.2	177.1	2.4	.0	170.9	1.5	.1	192.8	2.5	.3
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	154.8	1.0	.1	153.2	.9	.1	151.8	.9	-1	164.8	1.0	.2
All items less shelter	154.1	.4	-1	151.8	-5	-1	153.9	.3	-4	158.4	.1	.3
Commodities less food	131.8	-1.6	.0	127.6	-2.6	.5	127.4	-9	-2	132.0	-2.1	.7
Nondurables	145.6	-1	-2	148.0	-3	.2	146.7	.3	-5	148.3	-3	.3
Nondurables less food	133.5	-1.8	.0	134.7	-3.1	.4	130.9	-1.4	-5	132.7	-2.0	1.0
Services less rent of shelter ¹	169.2	1.8	.1	165.6	.0	-5	171.1	.6	-5	171.4	1.4	.3
Services less medical care services	173.6	2.4	.2	171.0	2.5	-1	166.7	1.6	.1	188.3	2.5	.3
Energy	102.4	-9.1	-2.5	98.7	-14.9	-3.9	104.9	-7.3	-8.0	105.0	-7.3	-1.8
All items less energy	166.3	2.0	.3	165.5	2.4	.4	160.6	1.5	.4	175.9	1.8	.5
All items less food and energy	168.2	2.1	.4	166.2	2.3	.5	160.2	1.4	.7	179.6	2.0	.6

¹ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹								
	U.S. city average			Atlanta, GA			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	158.5	1.1	0.2	156.6	-	-0.1	157.4	1.0	0.1
All items (1967=100) 2	472.2	-	-	473.5	-	-	462.3	-	-
Food and beverages	159.2	1.8	.4	160.5	-	.4	163.2	2.2	-.1
Food	158.8	1.8	.4	163.9	-	.4	162.5	2.5	-.1
Food at home	158.9	1.3	.4	156.3	-	.7	169.2	2.3	-.5
Food away from home	159.6	2.5	.4	176.6	-	.1	149.6	2.9	.4
Alcoholic beverages	163.9	1.7	.5	124.5	-	-2	172.7	-1.3	-2
Housing	155.1	1.8	.5	154.8	-	1.0	152.6	1.9	.0
Shelter	174.6	3.1	.9	170.6	-	1.7	177.0	4.9	.9
Rent of primary residence	169.6	3.2	.5	176.0	-	.9	187.4	4.1	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 3	169.1	3.1	.5	159.4	-	.8	177.6	5.0	.6
Fuels and utilities	127.1	-2.8	-2.0	134.3	-	-1.0	118.9	-10.0	-6.8
Fuels	112.2	-5.3	-2.6	121.6	-	-1.2	106.6	-13.8	-7.9
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.2	-4.5	-2.6	122.0	-	-1.3	110.0	-13.9	-7.9
Electricity	124.1	-3.6	-1.8	127.1	-	-2.0	119.2	-1.3	-2.9
Utility natural gas service	112.8	-6.8	-4.6	115.3	-	.4	100.1	-25.4	-14.1
Household furnishings and operations	124.7	.8	.9	130.3	-	-2	111.5	1.3	2.7
Apparel	130.4	-.5	.1	134.0	-	-2.6	116.5	-4.4	1.1
Transportation	140.9	-2.4	-1.1	125.7	-	-2.0	134.6	-3.5	-.8
Private transportation	138.4	-2.8	-1.2	124.7	-	-2.0	131.7	-4.1	-1.0
Motor fuel	94.1	-13.0	-7.5	81.6	-	-7.2	92.5	-16.1	-7.9
Gasoline (all types)	93.6	-12.9	-7.5	81.1	-	-7.1	91.7	-16.3	-7.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular 4	91.1	-13.7	-7.9	76.9	-	-7.7	89.2	-17.3	-8.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 4 5	98.2	-12.3	-7.3	100.1	-	-7.0	99.1	-14.6	-6.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium 4	95.9	-11.7	-6.7	89.4	-	-6.1	93.7	-15.1	-7.4
Medical care	238.7	2.8	.9	241.9	-	.0	244.0	2.1	.9
Recreation 6	100.7	1.5	.7	100.6	-	.6	100.7	-	.7
Education and communication 6	99.8	2.4	-.2	100.7	-	.7	101.5	-	1.5
Other goods and services	230.6	6.1	1.6	220.6	-	-2.0	243.4	6.8	1.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	158.5	1.1	.2	156.6	-	-.1	157.4	1.0	.1
Commodities	141.3	-.4	-.2	135.2	-	-1.4	139.9	-.6	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.5	-1.8	-.6	121.5	-	-2.3	125.4	-2.7	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.5	-2.2	-1.2	123.2	-	-2.9	131.8	-3.3	-1.1
Durables	127.7	-1.4	.2	120.6	-	-1.8	117.4	-2.4	.7
Services	179.1	2.4	.5	181.3	-	.9	177.1	2.4	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	154.8	1.0	.2	151.9	-	-.1	153.2	.9	.0
All items less shelter	154.1	.4	-.1	153.0	-	-.8	151.8	-.5	-.3
Commodities less food	131.8	-1.6	-.5	121.6	-	-2.3	127.6	-2.6	-.2
Nondurables	145.6	-.1	-.4	141.6	-	-1.1	148.0	-.3	-.5
Nondurables less food	133.5	-1.8	-1.1	123.2	-	-2.7	134.7	-3.1	-1.0
Services less rent of shelter 3	169.2	1.8	.2	176.0	-	.1	165.6	.0	-.4
Services less medical care services	173.6	2.4	.5	174.2	-	1.0	171.0	2.5	.2
Energy	102.4	-9.1	-4.9	94.6	-	-4.0	98.7	-14.9	-7.8
All items less energy	166.3	2.0	.7	165.4	-	.2	165.5	2.4	.7
All items less food and energy	168.2	2.1	.7	166.2	-	.1	166.2	2.3	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹								
	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI			Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	152.9	1.7	0.8	144.7	0.8	0.1	155.0	0.9	-0.2
All items (1967=100) 2	450.3	-	-	462.0	-	-	458.0	-	-
Food and beverages	153.3	1.8	.9	150.3	2.2	.6	165.6	1.9	.4
Food	152.6	1.7	.9	149.8	1.7	.6	163.4	1.7	.4
Food at home	152.0	1.2	.7	155.6	-.1	.8	170.8	1.7	.4
Food away from home	154.6	2.5	1.2	140.7	5.1	.3	152.3	1.9	.5
Alcoholic beverages	161.4	3.0	.9	152.8	6.5	.4	184.9	3.5	1.3
Housing	145.0	2.7	.9	126.8	2.0	.9	152.3	1.9	-.3
Shelter	162.5	3.6	1.2	140.4	2.9	1.0	160.4	2.2	.8
Rent of primary residence	158.5	2.2	.4	137.6	2.9	.6	161.9	2.0	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 3	172.0	3.2	.5	139.2	2.5	.3	159.1	2.2	.6
Fuels and utilities	127.6	-.3	-.4	101.2	-.4	-2.1	144.8	-2.6	-7.9
Fuels	106.9	-3.4	-.6	91.3	1.4	-2.6	140.0	-3.0	-10.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	109.6	-3.5	-.6	91.0	1.6	-2.7	140.4	-3.0	-10.5
Electricity	129.6	-.7	-.7	89.8	-.8	-3.0	153.4	-8.1	-8.8
Utility natural gas service	95.7	-6.3	-.7	99.2	11.3	.0	131.0	9.5	-13.6
Household furnishings and operations	112.0	1.9	.8	116.7	.8	2.9	124.0	1.4	-1.6
Apparel	133.7	-4.7	.2	140.5	.9	-1.1	123.1	.7	5.2
Transportation	149.1	.4	.7	138.3	-4.0	-1.6	136.8	-2.4	-2.6
Private transportation	147.3	.2	.5	137.3	-4.5	-2.0	133.3	-2.9	-2.7
Motor fuel	93.7	-12.1	-3.4	92.6	-12.5	-6.2	88.7	-10.5	-14.8
Gasoline (all types)	93.3	-12.0	-3.4	92.3	-12.4	-6.2	86.6	-10.3	-14.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular 4	92.7	-12.3	-3.6	90.5	-14.1	-7.1	84.1	-10.8	-15.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 4 5	107.1	-11.3	-2.8	97.3	-10.3	-4.7	84.6	-10.7	-14.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium 4	97.4	-10.8	-3.0	91.3	-10.7	-5.7	89.1	-8.8	-13.2
Medical care	215.6	1.7	.6	236.6	3.8	.7	232.4	1.3	.9
Recreation 6	100.6	-	.6	101.3	-	1.3	100.3	-	.3
Education and communication 6	99.7	-	-.3	99.8	-	-.2	99.6	-	-.4
Other goods and services	230.1	8.1	2.2	194.3	5.3	3.1	231.3	1.9	.3
Commodity and service group									
All items	152.9	1.7	.8	144.7	.8	.1	155.0	.9	-.2
Commodities	136.5	-.4	.4	137.6	-.5	-.2	139.8	.2	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages	127.2	-2.2	.1	130.2	-2.2	-.6	124.3	-1.1	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.6	-2.8	.1	133.5	-2.1	-.9	125.7	-1.9	-1.8
Durables	115.4	-.6	.1	124.2	-2.5	-.5	123.6	-.3	-.3
Services	173.3	3.8	1.2	153.6	2.3	.5	170.9	1.5	-.1
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	150.4	1.8	.9	139.7	.6	.1	151.8	.9	-.3
All items less shelter	151.6	1.1	.7	146.4	.3	-.1	153.9	.3	-.7
Commodities less food	128.7	-1.8	.2	131.1	-1.7	-.7	127.4	-.9	-1.0
Nondurables	143.6	-.3	.6	142.3	.2	-.1	146.7	.3	-.5
Nondurables less food	135.5	-2.3	.2	134.6	-1.2	-.8	130.9	-1.4	-1.6
Services less rent of shelter 3	167.4	4.0	1.1	153.5	1.9	.0	171.1	.6	-1.2
Services less medical care services	169.3	3.9	1.1	144.1	2.0	.4	166.7	1.6	-.1
Energy	100.9	-7.9	-1.9	93.9	-7.0	-4.4	104.9	-7.3	-12.9
All items less energy	160.2	2.6	1.0	152.5	1.5	.5	160.6	1.5	.6
All items less food and energy	162.3	2.8	1.1	153.2	1.5	.5	160.2	1.4	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹								
	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category									
All items	157.3	-	0.3	168.2	1.2	0.3	166.1	0.7	0.2
All items (1967=100) 2	255.6	-	-	478.8	-	-	482.5	-	-
Food and beverages	166.5	-	.5	163.6	1.3	.6	154.9	.1	.1
Food	167.5	-	.4	163.1	1.2	.5	153.7	-.1	.1
Food at home	163.3	2.8	.5	163.1	.4	-.5	159.7	-.9	-.2
Food away from home	176.4	-	.3	166.3	2.5	.4	140.4	1.8	.6
Alcoholic beverages	151.4	-	2.2	170.1	2.7	1.0	172.6	2.1	1.0
Housing	152.0	-	.8	168.2	1.8	.4	170.3	1.3	1.0
Shelter	161.3	-	.9	196.7	3.4	.7	202.2	2.1	1.4
Rent of primary residence	150.3	1.7	.3	188.3	3.6	.5	178.9	2.6	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 3	155.7	3.0	.5	187.7	3.5	.5	180.9	3.4	.9
Fuels and utilities	117.8	-	-.2	114.5	-3.9	-2.1	130.4	-.5	.0
Fuels	107.8	-4.6	-.1	113.6	-5.3	-2.2	118.6	-2.2	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	106.6	-4.7	-.1	123.7	-3.3	-2.1	135.8	-.2	.0
Electricity	104.4	-5.0	.0	124.4	-2.2	-2.0	148.0	-.4	-.1
Utility natural gas service	162.2	1.6	-3.3	122.5	-5.0	-2.2	120.4	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations	158.0	-	.8	125.3	-2.1	.0	122.1	-.7	.3
Apparel	158.7	-	2.1	124.0	-2.7	-.4	101.8	3.8	1.8
Transportation	141.3	-	-1.8	152.3	-2.1	-.9	150.4	-2.5	-1.9
Private transportation	141.2	-	-1.9	145.0	-2.7	-1.2	148.3	-2.8	-2.2
Motor fuel	100.3	-15.6	-9.1	92.7	-10.8	-5.9	94.1	-15.6	-8.8
Gasoline (all types)	99.5	-15.7	-9.4	92.4	-10.7	-5.9	92.8	-15.3	-8.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular 4	97.1	-16.7	-9.8	91.3	-11.4	-6.6	91.5	-16.6	-9.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 4 5	95.3	-14.9	-9.2	94.9	-11.1	-5.9	91.6	-15.4	-8.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium 4	101.2	-14.7	-8.7	94.3	-9.4	-4.8	88.6	-14.8	-8.5
Medical care	223.1	-	2.2	251.1	3.1	1.5	247.9	2.5	1.2
Recreation 6	100.3	-	.3	101.9	-	1.9	100.2	-	.2
Education and communication 6	100.5	-	.5	99.1	-	-.9	98.0	-	-2.0
Other goods and services	179.6	-	.9	243.7	7.6	2.9	244.9	5.3	2.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	157.3	-	.3	168.2	1.2	.3	166.1	.7	.2
Commodities	150.9	-	-.3	144.9	-.6	.1	137.6	-1.0	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	141.1	-	-.8	130.3	-2.4	-.5	125.1	-1.8	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.0	-	-1.3	130.3	-2.4	-.4	121.4	-1.8	.0
Durables	151.4	-	-.2	127.2	-2.5	-.6	129.0	-1.8	-.2
Services	164.7	-	.7	192.8	2.5	.5	199.9	2.0	.6
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	154.0	-	.2	164.8	1.0	.2	162.7	.7	.2
All items less shelter	156.0	-	.1	158.4	.1	.1	156.5	.2	-.1
Commodities less food	141.5	-	-.7	132.0	-2.1	-.4	127.0	-1.6	-.1
Nondurables	150.9	-	-.3	148.3	-.3	.1	139.0	-.8	.1
Nondurables less food	133.9	-	-1.1	132.7	-2.0	-.3	124.4	-1.5	.0
Services less rent of shelter 3	158.3	-	.6	171.4	1.4	.2	179.6	1.7	-.3
Services less medical care services	159.4	-	.6	188.3	2.5	.4	195.8	2.0	.5
Energy	100.4	-10.8	-5.1	105.0	-7.3	-3.5	106.6	-7.9	-3.7
All items less energy	164.6	-	.7	175.9	1.8	.6	174.7	1.5	.6
All items less food and energy	164.1	-	.8	179.6	2.0	.6	181.2	1.9	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 2 ¹					
	San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA			Seattle- Tacoma- Bremerton, WA		
	Index	Percent change from—		index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997		Dec. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	159.6	3.0	0.1	162.2	-	1.0
All items (1967=100) ²	486.1	-	-	481.0	-	-
Food and beverages	165.0	3.3	1.1	164.3	-	2.8
Food	166.0	3.4	1.1	164.8	-	2.7
Food at home	171.0	3.9	1.6	165.9	-	3.5
Food away from home	157.6	2.3	.1	164.7	-	.9
Alcoholic beverages	157.0	2.4	1.0	160.9	-	4.4
Housing	165.4	4.7	-.4	159.5	-	.6
Shelter	182.7	7.0	.8	173.2	-	1.0
Rent of primary residence	193.7	7.9	.6	174.9	-	1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	171.8	7.1	.5	177.2	-	1.1
Fuels and utilities	130.8	-9.1	-12.1	124.9	-	1.1
Fuels	127.8	-12.3	-17.1	122.6	-	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	127.3	-12.4	-17.3	144.5	-	.8
Electricity	141.6	-19.1	-19.1	164.2	-	1.0
Utility natural gas service	113.7	5.5	-12.6	88.0	-	.0
Household furnishings and operations	121.1	1.6	.0	147.7	-	-2.5
Apparel	118.1	-2	5.3	126.5	-	3.1
Transportation	134.8	-.7	-.1	147.0	-	-.9
Private transportation	130.4	-1.1	-.5	151.3	-	-1.1
Motor fuel	104.1	-4.4	-5.0	111.0	-	-10.8
Gasoline (all types)	102.8	-4.0	-5.1	113.0	-	-10.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁴	100.2	-4.3	-5.2	113.6	-	-11.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{4 5}	98.4	-3.8	-4.8	99.1	-	-10.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁴	104.3	-3.0	-4.7	118.3	-	-10.0
Medical care	224.5	3.9	.6	230.6	-	1.5
Recreation ⁶	98.0	-	-2.0	100.0	-	.0
Education and communication ⁶	100.2	-	.2	102.5	-	2.5
Other goods and services	239.2	7.1	.3	237.7	-	3.6
Commodity and service group						
All items	159.6	3.0	.1	162.2	-	1.0
Commodities	142.6	1.4	.6	147.8	-	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	127.5	-.4	.2	139.1	-	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	126.6	.1	.5	137.8	-	-.9
Durables	126.8	-1.2	-.3	140.5	-	-1.0
Services	177.0	4.3	-.2	178.0	-	1.4
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	157.2	2.9	.1	159.0	-	1.0
All items less shelter	151.6	1.1	-.2	159.2	-	1.0
Commodities less food	128.9	-.2	.2	139.8	-	-.8
Nondurables	146.9	2.0	.8	150.7	-	1.1
Nondurables less food	128.5	.3	.5	138.8	-	-.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	157.4	.7	-1.6	169.2	-	2.1
Services less medical care services	174.3	4.4	-.2	173.8	-	1.5
Energy	112.9	-7.5	-10.2	116.4	-	-6.1
All items less energy	165.4	3.7	.9	167.6	-	1.4
All items less food and energy	165.3	3.8	.8	168.3	-	1.2

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

² Index on a November 1977=100 base in Miami.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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
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

See footnotes at end of table.

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.
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	161.2	160.5	1.7	2.3
1998	161.6	161.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.

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

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Feb. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	161.3	161.9
All items (1967=100)	360.9	377.6	400.9	413.0	425.2	436.8	448.4	459.9	475.0	483.2	484.9
Food and beverages	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1	159.8
Food	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	158.7	159.4
Food at home	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	159.2	160.0
Cereals and bakery products	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	178.4	179.7
Cereals and cereal products	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.6	169.6	170.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes	113.1	121.2	124.0	123.5	130.2	129.9	132.3	140.6	151.2	150.6	156.3
Breakfast cereal	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	189.0	188.4
Rice, pasta, commmeal	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	149.8	150.2
Rice ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.9
Bakery products	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	182.3	184.0
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
White bread ²	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	186.2	186.3
Bread other than white ²	123.5	132.2	137.5	143.8	151.6	157.0	162.4	171.6	180.7	186.9	187.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	178.8	180.1	181.9
Cookies ²	129.8	140.2	148.0	155.4	157.5	163.9	170.1	174.2	180.5	182.3	183.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ²	125.4	132.9	139.4	144.8	151.0	156.3	165.2	169.8	175.6	178.6	180.4
Other bakery products	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	178.8	180.7
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ²	122.8	132.2	137.1	142.0	146.8	155.1	159.5	168.9	173.8	177.2	178.6
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	130.8	147.5	159.3	168.1	181.4	176.9	178.7	183.8	206.9	206.4	207.4
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ²	126.5	137.0	139.8	145.2	150.4	157.4	161.7	170.8	174.9	181.7	182.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	116.1	123.8	133.6	131.6	132.1	137.1	136.4	142.0	150.0	148.4	147.5
Meats, poultry, and fish	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.1	147.9
Meats	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.4	142.4
Beef and veal	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	136.9	135.9
Uncooked ground beef	104.5	112.2	120.8	119.1	118.4	123.0	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.4	115.5
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Pork	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	153.0	151.5
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.9
Bacon and related products ²	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	160.3	155.0
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Ham	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	154.3	153.4
Ham, excluding canned ²	122.2	129.5	154.5	143.6	141.2	144.5	142.1	151.9	168.3	164.7	164.0
Pork chops	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	150.2	149.6
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Other meats	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.0	147.3
Frankfurters ²	113.2	119.3	132.9	134.7	133.9	138.2	134.3	139.3	143.8	144.9	147.4
Lunchmeats ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Lamb and organ meats ²	116.6	119.8	128.2	130.2	134.1	140.1	145.1	151.8	160.7	160.8	162.3
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Poultry	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	155.2	155.3
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Fresh whole chicken ²	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9	155.4
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ²	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	161.5	154.4	155.7
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Fish and seafood	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	177.2	180.9
Fresh fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Canned fish and seafood ²	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	129.4	130.3
Frozen fish and seafood ²	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	198.6	200.5	198.9
Eggs	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	151.1	137.3
Dairy and related products	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	147.8	147.7
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Fresh whole milk ²	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	145.8	146.3
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Cheese and related products	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.3	148.3
Ice cream and related products	114.8	123.1	128.5	130.1	130.6	131.5	136.1	139.7	150.5	151.8	150.8
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Feb. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Fruits and vegetables	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	191.3	193.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	222.3	225.5
Fresh fruits	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	239.4	240.3
Apples	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	193.9	200.2
Bananas	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	151.5	160.2
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Oranges, including tangerines ²	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	189.3	197.7
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.6
Fresh vegetables	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	205.2	210.5
Potatoes	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	175.0	179.3
Lettuce	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	218.5	198.8
Tomatoes	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	253.4	226.0
Other fresh vegetables	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	201.5	223.1
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Canned fruits ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Canned vegetables ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Frozen vegetables ²	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.8	149.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	107.8	111.0	113.1	112.5	112.3	114.8	131.7	129.5	126.9	133.1	134.8
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Carbonated drinks	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	116.1	120.1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Coffee	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	170.2	169.1
Roasted coffee ²	116.1	115.3	116.7	109.0	102.4	109.2	179.0	159.5	145.7	178.0	176.8
Instant and freeze dried coffee ²	116.9	115.5	118.1	115.6	111.7	115.8	157.9	148.9	145.3	155.2	154.1
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other food at home	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	147.7	149.1
Sugar and sweets	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.9	149.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	133.3	135.9
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Fats and oils	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	140.3	141.5
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Butter ²	104.8	103.0	94.9	94.4	88.0	82.0	81.6	93.4	113.9	128.2	126.2
Margarine ²	124.1	126.7	134.0	131.8	128.9	130.3	139.4	141.6	145.5	144.2	145.5
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other foods	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	162.8	164.2
Soups	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	189.1	190.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	146.2	144.9	145.2
Snacks	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.6	155.5
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	168.3	173.0
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.6
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Other condiments ²	114.7	120.6	127.8	133.7	140.1	140.1	143.1	148.2	154.5	162.1	170.3
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Prepared salads ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Food away from home	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	155.0	159.0	159.6
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes											Feb. 1998
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
Expenditure category												
Alcoholic beverages	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	164.0	165.0	
Alcoholic beverages at home	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.3	150.2	
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.3	147.5	148.2	
Distilled spirits at home	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	151.9	152.0	
Whiskey at home ²	114.8	121.2	127.5	137.8	139.0	141.3	142.4	145.2	147.9	151.5	150.8	
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ²	119.2	123.8	129.2	142.3	144.0	144.6	144.5	145.1	147.9	152.1	152.4	
Wine at home	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.1	146.9	
Alcoholic beverages away from home	133.3	140.3	146.9	158.9	165.0	169.3	173.3	178.8	185.6	192.5	193.6	
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2	
Wine away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6	
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5	
Housing	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	157.7	158.8	
Shelter	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	178.1	180.1	
Rent of primary residence	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	169.1	169.9	
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	109.3	
Housing at school, excluding board ³	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	229.7	230.0	
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	127.0	133.8	154.9	168.0	174.3	181.0	183.3	191.2	201.0	213.5	235.6	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	184.7	185.5	
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2	
Fuels and utilities	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	130.0	127.4	
Fuels	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.8	112.8	
Fuel oil and other fuels	76.8	88.7	114.1	94.7	91.8	88.3	88.4	89.6	110.3	97.2	95.2	
Fuel oil	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	94.0	91.4	
Other household fuels ⁴	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	128.8	128.6	
Gas (piped) and electricity	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	122.8	123.0	119.7	
Electricity	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	127.0	124.6	
Utility natural gas service	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	118.8	113.5	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7	
Water and sewerage maintenance	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	213.7	215.1	
Garbage and trash collection ⁵	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	252.8	254.7	
Household furnishings and operations	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.1	126.1	
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9	
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9	
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0	
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9	
Furniture and bedding	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.5	133.6	
Bedroom furniture	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	142.7	140.3	
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1	
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7	
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0	
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2	
Laundry equipment ²	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.4	114.2	
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8	
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4	
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	105.9	112.8	112.6	117.8	120.3	118.2	117.8	122.1	117.0	121.0	120.1	
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	107.1	114.5	
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4	
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3	
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1	
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9	
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8	
Housekeeping supplies	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.4	145.0	
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7	
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8	
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2	
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3	
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4	
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9	
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9	
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3	

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Apparel	118.0	119.2	125.3	129.6	131.4	132.6	130.5	130.6	130.3	131.6	131.9
Men's and boys' apparel	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.8	131.2	130.8
Men's apparel	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	133.7	134.1
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	122.0	124.7	128.2	131.3	132.8	137.4	136.0	133.7	133.3	135.8	138.2
Men's furnishings	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	134.1	134.3
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.3
Men's pants and shorts	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	129.2	129.0	132.9
Boys' apparel	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	120.7	118.0
Women's and girls' apparel	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.3	123.6	124.3
Women's apparel	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	123.7	124.2
Women's outerwear	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	126.7	116.2
Women's dresses	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	102.7	109.9
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.6
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Girls' apparel	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	123.6	125.2
Footwear	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	128.2	126.6
Men's footwear	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	131.4	130.2
Boys' and girls' footwear	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.5	127.9
Women's footwear	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	122.7	122.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	125.8	123.1
Jewelry and watches ⁴	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	138.9	146.2
Watches ⁴	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	122.2	122.3
Jewelry ⁴	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	143.6	152.8
Transportation	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	143.2	142.1
Private transportation	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	140.0	138.4
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	94.1	98.3	100.7	101.7	100.0	100.2
New vehicles	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	144.1	144.4
New cars and trucks ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
New cars ²	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	141.5	141.7
New trucks ^{2 5}	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	151.4	151.9
New motorcycles ^{2 4}	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	163.7	162.8
Used cars and trucks	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	147.9	148.4
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Motor fuel	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	101.9	94.1
Gasoline (all types)	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	101.3	93.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	99.1	91.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7}	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	98.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	103.0	96.0
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	101.4	101.4
Tires	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	99.0	99.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ²	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	108.2	108.4
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ²	110.1	109.8	117.5	118.4	118.1	118.8	126.0	130.0	132.0	131.8	131.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.6	164.7	165.5
Motor vehicle body work	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	176.2	178.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.2	152.1	153.2
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Motor vehicle insurance	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	255.3	255.3
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.7
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.9
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Public transportation	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	184.3	191.2
Airline fare	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	194.8	206.6
Other intercity transportation	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	156.3	159.2
Ship fare ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.5
Intracity transportation	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	176.6	175.3

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Feb. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Medical care	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	237.1	239.3
Medical care commodities	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	216.8	218.4
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	251.5	253.7
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁴	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	145.8	146.6
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	134.0	141.5	150.0	153.7	160.5	164.9	166.3	167.6	171.2	173.1	173.2
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	126.7	134.4	140.4	148.4	152.7	156.6	164.3	168.2	168.0	172.8	175.3
Medical care services	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8	244.2
Professional services	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	217.5	219.7
Physicians' services	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	224.5	226.9
Dental services	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	230.0	232.6
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁴	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	142.5	142.9
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	153.0	154.4
Hospital and related services	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	282.5	285.2
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2	104.1
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5	103.3
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 4}	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	228.3	230.4
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9	105.9
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	91.7	93.0	95.6	98.5	100.0	100.7
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.6	94.2	94.6	97.7	100.0	101.2
Televisions	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	60.2	60.3
Cable television ⁵	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	233.6	241.7
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.9
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.9
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.0
Audio equipment	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	88.4	86.9
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Pets and pet products	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.1	142.7
Pet food ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Pet services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Veterinarian services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Sporting goods	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.5	123.4
Sports vehicles including bicycles	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.3	125.0
Sports equipment	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.1	119.2
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Photographic equipment and supplies	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	132.9	134.0	132.7
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Photographic equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.0
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Photographer fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.8
Film processing ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.8
Toys	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	124.4	122.6
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Admissions	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	200.3	202.8
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	165.5	174.1	174.2
Recreational reading materials	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	180.2	181.9
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	87.4	90.3	93.9	97.1	100.0	99.8
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	81.2	85.9	90.7	95.1	100.0	100.4
Educational books and supplies	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	242.8	246.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	157.6	170.0	183.5	201.4	218.5	234.0	247.8	261.6	274.3	288.5	289.2
College tuition and fees	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	301.7	302.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	163.0	177.4	192.8	207.3	223.7	237.0	251.6	268.2	280.5	300.6	300.6
Child care and nursery school ⁶	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	137.6	138.2
Technical and business school tuition and fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	97.3	97.3	99.0	100.3	100.0	99.2
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Postage	125.1	125.1	125.1	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3
Delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	98.3	98.3	98.9	100.3	100.0	99.1
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Telephone services, local charges	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	163.8	164.4
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Interstate toll calls ²	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	75.2	75.3
Intrastate toll calls ²	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	92.1	94.7	93.7
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁹	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	47.4	44.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	91.3
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.2
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.3
Other goods and services	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	230.1	233.1
Tobacco and smoking products	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	251.2	261.2
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Personal care	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	154.0	155.0
Personal care products	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	142.8	145.3	146.7
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements	121.6	123.9	131.2	135.1	137.0	143.4	144.8	146.9	150.6	153.9	156.1
Personal care services	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	163.9	164.3
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Miscellaneous personal services	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	230.0	232.1
Legal services ⁴	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	167.5	169.9
Funeral expenses ⁴	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	172.3	173.9
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Financial services ⁴	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	194.7	196.3
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	113.2	116.6	121.7	127.5	131.3	136.1	138.2	147.2	151.8	158.1	157.7
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	141.7	141.5
Commodities less food and beverages	109.0	112.6	121.1	121.5	124.3	125.1	127.6	128.9	132.1	131.2	130.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	106.9	112.0	125.8	124.5	127.4	126.5	128.1	128.8	133.7	133.5	132.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	104.5	112.0	130.1	126.0	129.6	127.7	131.5	132.7	140.5	139.5	137.2
Durables	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	128.0	128.2
Services	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	181.0	182.4
Rent of shelter ³	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	185.3	187.5
Transportation services	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	186.0	187.9
Other services	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	213.1	214.4
All items less food	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	161.8	162.3
All items less shelter	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	156.4	156.4
All items less medical care	119.1	124.4	131.8	135.3	138.9	142.5	146.0	149.6	154.5	157.0	157.5
Commodities less food	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	132.6	131.9
Nondurables less food	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	135.3	134.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	105.3	112.5	129.0	126.9	130.5	129.1	132.6	134.0	141.5	141.0	138.9
Nondurables	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.5	146.1

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Feb 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
Apparel less footwear	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	127.6	128.3
Services less rent of shelter ³	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	185.2	189.5	190.1
Services less medical care services	126.6	132.6	139.7	145.5	150.3	155.6	159.7	165.0	170.6	175.4	176.6
Energy	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	108.4	103.2
All items less energy	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	168.3	169.6
All items less food and energy	126.0	131.5	138.3	144.4	149.2	153.9	157.9	162.7	167.0	170.7	172.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	118.0	121.2	125.3	130.3	133.6	135.7	137.6	140.0	141.5	142.1	142.7
Energy commodities	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	101.6	94.3
Services less energy services	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	186.9	188.8
Domestically produced farm food	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	161.1	161.5
Utilities and public transportation	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	145.0	144.7

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- 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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7	0.4
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6	.4
Food	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	.4
Food at home	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	2.0	4.9	1.0	.5
Cereals and bakery products	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	.7
Cereals and cereal products	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	-1.2	1.8	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	6.9	7.2	2.3	-4	5.4	-2	1.8	6.3	7.5	-4	3.8
Breakfast cereal	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.6	-3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	.8	4.0	.3
Rice ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.1
Bakery products	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	.9
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
White bread ²	11.0	6.1	3.8	1.5	4.1	6.9	2.7	5.5	8.3	1.5	.1
Bread other than white ²	9.6	7.0	4.0	4.6	5.4	3.6	3.4	5.7	5.3	3.4	.5
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	6.3	8.0	5.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.4	4.2	.7	1.0
Cookies ²	5.9	8.0	5.6	5.0	1.4	4.1	3.8	2.4	3.6	1.0	.7
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ²	5.8	6.0	4.9	3.9	4.3	3.5	5.7	2.8	3.4	1.7	1.0
Other bakery products	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.0	.4	1.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ²	5.7	7.7	3.7	3.6	3.4	5.7	2.8	5.9	2.9	2.0	.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	6.3	12.8	8.0	5.5	7.9	-2.5	1.0	2.9	12.6	-2	.5
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ²	5.2	8.3	2.0	3.9	3.6	4.7	2.7	5.6	2.4	3.9	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-5	4.1	5.6	-1.1	-.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-6	3.0	5.2	-6	-.1
Meats	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	5.2	-7	-.7
Beef and veal	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-1	2.4	-7	-.7
Uncooked ground beef	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	1.6	-1.0	-.8
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.7
Pork	-3.1	6.9	16.7	-6.1	-9	4.5	-2.3	7.3	11.3	-1.5	-1.0
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹ ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.1
Bacon and related products ²	-10.4	8.4	17.0	-11.6	-3.5	11.7	-2.0	13.4	24.0	-7	-3.3
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.4
Ham	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	9.2	-2.0	-.6
Ham, excluding canned ²	-1.9	6.0	19.3	-7.1	-1.7	2.3	-1.7	6.9	10.8	-2.1	-.4
Pork chops	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	-3.7	-.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.6
Other meats	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	.5	.2
Frankfurters ²	1.4	5.4	11.4	1.4	-6	3.2	-2.8	3.7	3.2	.8	1.7
Lunchmeats ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Lamb and organ meats ²	3.6	2.7	7.0	1.6	3.0	4.5	3.6	4.6	5.9	.1	.9
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-5	4.2	7.9	-1.6	.1
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Fresh whole chicken ²	21.6	-.5	.2	-.5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.4	-2.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ²	18.7	-1.0	2.3	1.2	1.6	7.2	-2.5	4.9	7.5	-4.4	.8
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Fish and seafood	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.7	1.2	2.1
Fresh fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Canned fish and seafood ²	13.5	-4.3	-.5	-.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	2.3	.7
Frozen fish and seafood ²	1.6	5.3	5.0	1.8	1.0	4.9	6.2	3.7	2.0	1.0	-.8
Eggs	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-7.2	-9.1
Dairy and related products	4.4	10.3	3.1	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-.5	-.1
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Fresh whole milk ²	5.1	11.7	2.4	-.4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-1.7	.3
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Cheese and related products	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-.6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-1.2	.0
Ice cream and related products	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.9	-.7
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.6
Fruits and vegetables	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	2.2	1.3

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December											Feb. 1998
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
Expenditure category												
Fresh fruits and vegetables	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	2.8	1.4	
Fresh fruits	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-4.7	.4	
Apples	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	-.1	3.2	
Bananas	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-3.8	5.7	
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	
Oranges, including tangerines ²	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-5.2	4.4	
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.4	
Fresh vegetables	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	13.2	2.6	
Potatoes	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	2.5	
Lettuce	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	18.4	-9.0	
Tomatoes	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	31.0	-10.8	
Other fresh vegetables	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	8.4	10.7	
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9	
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8	
Canned fruits ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	
Canned vegetables ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	
Frozen vegetables ²	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.9	1.4	
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1	
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	2.9	3.0	1.9	-.5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	4.9	1.3	
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	
Carbonated drinks	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-.3	2.9	-.4	-1.6	3.4	
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.4	
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	
Coffee	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	16.9	-.6	
Roasted coffee ²	9.0	-.7	1.2	-6.6	-6.1	6.6	63.9	-10.9	-8.7	22.2	-.7	
Instant and freeze dried coffee ²	-.8	-1.2	2.3	-2.1	-3.4	3.7	36.4	-5.7	-2.4	6.8	-.7	
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	
Other food at home	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.9	.9	
Sugar and sweets	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	4.5	2.2	1.1	
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	.8	2.0	
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9	
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	
Fats and oils	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-.7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	-.3	.9	
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.2	
Butter ²	.1	-1.7	-7.9	-.5	-6.8	-6.8	-.5	14.5	21.9	12.6	-1.6	
Margarine ²	16.7	2.1	5.8	-1.6	-2.2	1.1	7.0	1.6	2.8	-.9	.9	
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	
Peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	
Other foods	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.5	.9	
Soups	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.3	.6	
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-.1	.2	.6	4.6	-.9	.2	
Snacks	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-.2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	2.6	-.1	
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.7	2.8	
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6	
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	
Other condiments ²	2.8	5.1	6.0	4.6	4.8	.0	2.1	3.6	4.3	4.9	5.1	
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5	
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4	
Prepared salads ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Food away from home	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.6	.4	
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4	
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5	
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2	
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4	
Alcoholic beverages	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	2.2	.6	

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	0.5	-0.1	0.9	3.4	0.9	0.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-.1	.6	2.9	-.5	.5
Distilled spirits at home	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.3	.1
Whiskey at home ²	.7	5.6	5.2	8.1	.9	1.7	.8	2.0	1.9	2.4	-.5
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ²	2.7	3.9	4.4	10.1	1.2	.4	-.1	.4	1.9	2.8	.2
Wine at home	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	2.4	1.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home	6.0	5.3	4.7	8.2	3.8	2.6	2.4	3.2	3.8	3.7	.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Wine away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Housing	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	.7
Shelter	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4	1.1
Rent of primary residence	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	.5
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3
Housing at school, excluding board ³	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.9	.1
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	4.5	5.4	15.8	8.5	3.8	3.8	1.3	4.3	5.1	6.2	10.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.1	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Fuels and utilities	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.5	-2.0
Fuels	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-.5	.7	5.6	-1.1	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-11.9	-2.1
Fuel oil	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7	-2.8
Other household fuels ⁴	-.3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-12.3	-.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-.6	.8	3.8	.2	-2.7
Electricity	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	-1.3	-1.9
Utility natural gas service	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	3.3	-4.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Water and sewerage maintenance	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	4.0	.7
Garbage and trash collection ⁵	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	2.0	.8
Household furnishings and operations	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.1	.8
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Furniture and bedding	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-.7	.1
Bedroom furniture	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	.8	-1.7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Laundry equipment ²	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-.7	3.1	.2	.7
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	3.0	6.5	-.2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-.3	3.7	-4.2	3.4	-.7
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-8.0	6.9
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.6
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.7
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Housekeeping supplies	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.4	1.1
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Apparel	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-.2	1.0	.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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Men's and boys' apparel	6.0	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.0	0.3	-1.7	0.6	1.4	2.7	-0.3
Men's apparel	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	2.5	.3
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	9.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	1.1	3.5	-1.0	-1.7	-.3	1.9	1.8
Men's furnishings	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-.5	-.2	-2.2	3.8	7.6	.1
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7
Men's pants and shorts	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	-.2	3.0
Boys' apparel	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	3.3	-2.2
Women's and girls' apparel	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	.2	.6
Women's apparel	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	.6	.4
Women's outerwear	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	.5	-8.3
Women's dresses	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	-5.0	7.0
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Girls' apparel	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-2.9	-1.1	1.3
Footwear	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	1.8	-1.2
Men's footwear	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	.2	-.9
Boys' and girls' footwear	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	2.4	-4.2
Women's footwear	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	2.6	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	-.9	-2.1
Jewelry and watches ⁴	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	-1.0	5.3
Watches ⁴	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	-.3	.1
Jewelry ⁴	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2	6.4
Transportation	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4	-.8
Private transportation	2.9	3.9	9.8	-1.4	2.7	1.5	4.9	1.3	3.7	-1.2	-1.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	2.4	1.0	-1.7	.2
New vehicles	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	-.9	.2
New cars and trucks ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
New cars ²	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	1.6	-1.0	.1
New trucks ^{2 5}	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	-.1	.3
New motorcycles ^{2 4}	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	.8	-.5
Used cars and trucks	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-4.9	.3
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.5
Motor fuel	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-6.2	-7.7
Gasoline (all types)	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1	-7.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-6.6	-8.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7}	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-7.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-5.6	-6.8
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.9	.0
Tires	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	-2.8	.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ²	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	1.1	.2
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ²	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-.2	-.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.1	2.6	.5
Motor vehicle body work	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.5	1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing	3.3	3.1	3.7	5.4	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.6	.7
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Motor vehicle insurance	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.4	.0
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Public transportation	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-2.9	3.7
Airline fare	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8	6.1
Other intercity transportation	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	.7	1.9
Ship fare ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5
Intracity transportation	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	1.1	-.7
Medical care	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	.9

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Medical care commodities	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.3	0.7
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	7.8	9.5	9.9	9.4	5.7	3.3	3.3	2.0	3.2	2.5	.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁴	5.0	5.8	5.5	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.3	1.7	.5
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	5.3	5.6	6.0	2.5	4.4	2.7	.8	.8	2.1	1.1	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	-.1	2.9	1.4
Medical care services	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9	1.0
Professional services	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.1	1.0
Physicians' services	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	2.7	1.1
Dental services	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	4.0	1.1
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁴	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.6	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.4	1.2	1.9	.3
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.0	.8	3.0	3.1	.9
Hospital and related services	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.2	1.0
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	.9
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	.8
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 4}	9.2	11.7	11.2	9.8	9.8	7.9	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.2	.9
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.9
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	.7
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.5	.4	3.3	2.4	1.2
Televisions	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-4.3	.2
Cable television ⁵	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	6.9	3.5
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.1
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.1
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.1
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.0
Audio equipment	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-.6	-2.0	-1.7
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.5
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Pets and pet products	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	5.3	-.4	.4
Pet food ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Pet services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Veterinarian services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Sporting goods	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-.6	-.1	-.4	.7
Sports vehicles including bicycles	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-.1	3.9	.1	.1	-.5	.6
Sports equipment	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-.3	-.3	.9
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.4
Photographic equipment and supplies	5.8	3.4	1.4	.9	2.2	1.7	-3.2	1.9	-.4	.8	-1.0
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.7
Photographic equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.0
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Photographer fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2
Film processing ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2
Toys	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-.9	1.0	2.8	-1.6	-1.4
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.5
Musical instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Admissions	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.4	1.2
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	4.6	8.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.0	4.9	3.0	5.9	5.2	.1
Recreational reading materials	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	2.6	1.1	.9
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	-.2

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Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.2	0.4
Educational books and supplies	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	5.1	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.8	8.5	7.1	5.9	5.6	4.9	5.2	.2
College tuition and fees	7.7	8.1	8.2	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.6	.2
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	8.4	8.8	8.7	7.5	7.9	5.9	6.2	6.6	4.6	7.2	.0
Child care and nursery school ⁶	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.6	.4
Technical and business school tuition and fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.1
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	1.7	1.3	-3	-8
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Postage	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	.6	1.4	-3	-9
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Telephone services, local charges	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	1.0	.4
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Interstate toll calls ²	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	-4.3	.1
Intrastate toll calls ²	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	2.8	-1.1
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.9
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁹	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-12.1	-6.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.7
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.8
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7
Other goods and services	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	1.3
Tobacco and smoking products	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	7.2	4.0
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Personal care	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.3	.6
Personal care products	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	-9	1.8	1.0
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements	5.3	1.9	5.9	3.0	1.4	4.7	1.0	1.5	2.5	2.2	1.4
Personal care services	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	.2
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.0	5.4	.9
Legal services ⁴	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	5.1	1.4
Funeral expenses ⁴	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.1	.9
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Financial services ⁴	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.4	6.0	.8
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	3.8	3.0	4.4	4.8	3.0	3.7	1.5	6.5	3.1	4.2	-3
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.2	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	-7	-5
Nondurables less food and beverages	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-7	1.3	.5	3.8	-1	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	5.9	-7	-1.6
Durables	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1.5	.2
Services	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.8	.8
Rent of shelter ³	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.3	1.2
Transportation services	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	4.4	1.0	1.0
Other services	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.0	.6
All items less food	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.8	.3
All items less shelter	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	1.1	.0
All items less medical care	4.2	4.5	5.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	3.3	1.6	.3
Commodities less food	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	-5	-5
Nondurables less food	3.7	4.7	11.6	-2	2.4	-5	1.3	.7	3.8	.0	-9
Nondurables less food and apparel	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	5.6	-4	-1.5
Nondurables	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.8	-3
Apparel less footwear	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-2	-9	.8	.5
Services less rent of shelter ³	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.1	4.4	4.4	2.9	3.4	3.8	2.3	.3
Services less medical care services	4.6	4.7	5.4	4.2	3.3	3.5	2.6	3.3	3.4	2.8	.7
Energy	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-4.8

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Feb. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
All items less energy	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	0.8
All items less food and energy	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	4.0	2.7	3.4	4.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.1	.4	.4
Energy commodities	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-7.2
Services less energy services	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.0	1.0
Domestically produced farm food	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	.6	.2
Utilities and public transportation	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.0	.4	-2

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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
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

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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.
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	158.1	157.6	1.5	2.3
1998	158.4	158.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.

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

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	158.2	158.5
All items (1967=100)	355.0	371.1	393.8	404.7	416.3	426.8	438.6	449.5	464.3	471.3	472.2
Food and beverages	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5	159.2
Food	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	158.1	158.8
Food at home	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	158.2	158.9
Cereals and bakery products	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	178.1	179.4
Cereals and cereal products	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	168.8	169.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	112.6	120.8	123.5	123.3	129.5	129.3	131.5	140.0	150.6	150.0	155.9
Breakfast cereal	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	188.6	187.9
Rice, pasta, commmeal	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	150.1	150.3
Bakery products	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	182.2	184.0
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	177.8	179.1	180.9
Other bakery products	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.0	181.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	115.8	123.8	133.6	131.5	132.1	136.9	136.0	141.7	149.8	148.0	147.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	147.8	147.6
Meats	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	143.3	142.5
Beef and veal	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.6	135.8
Uncooked ground beef	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.3	115.6
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Pork	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.1	151.7
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.9
Ham	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	153.9	153.6
Pork chops	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	150.9	150.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Other meats	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	146.6	146.8
Poultry	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.0	155.2
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Fish and seafood	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.0	181.6
Fresh fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Eggs	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	150.1	136.5
Dairy and related products	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	147.5	147.4
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Cheese and related products	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.7	147.8
Ice cream and related products	114.9	123.1	128.5	129.9	130.5	131.2	136.0	139.7	150.4	151.9	150.9
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Fruits and vegetables	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	190.0	192.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	220.7	223.7
Fresh fruits	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	236.0	237.5
Apples	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	194.9	201.3
Bananas	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	151.3	159.8
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.8
Fresh vegetables	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	205.8	210.1
Potatoes	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	175.0	179.6
Lettuce	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	215.4	195.5
Tomatoes	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	249.5	223.2
Other fresh vegetables	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	203.6	225.7
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹ ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
											Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	126.5	131.7	133.6
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Carbonated drinks	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	116.3	120.4
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Coffee	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	169.3	168.3
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other food at home	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	147.1	148.5
Sugar and sweets	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.7	149.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	133.7	136.3
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Fats and oils	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	140.0	141.4
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Other foods	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	162.7	164.1
Soups	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	189.6	190.8
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	145.3	144.1	144.3
Snacks	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	155.1	155.2
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	163.9	168.4	173.2
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Food away from home	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	159.0	159.6
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Alcoholic beverages	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	163.1	163.9
Alcoholic beverages at home	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.4	149.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	148.1	147.2	148.0
Distilled spirits at home	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	151.2	151.5
Wine at home	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.0	144.6
Alcoholic beverages away from home	132.6	139.5	146.3	158.0	164.0	168.8	172.5	178.0	185.2	192.1	192.6
Housing	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	154.4	155.1
Shelter	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	173.1	174.6
Rent of primary residence	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	168.8	169.6
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	108.6
Housing at school, excluding board ²	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	231.2	231.5
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	126.2	134.4	155.2	168.6	174.5	181.2	184.4	191.1	201.1	213.2	233.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ²	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	168.3	169.1
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Fuels and utilities	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.7	127.1
Fuels	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	115.2	112.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	76.7	88.1	113.4	94.4	91.7	88.2	88.3	89.5	110.6	97.0	95.1
Fuel oil	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	94.2	91.6
Other household fuels ³	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	128.5	128.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	122.4	119.2
Electricity	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	126.4	124.1
Utility natural gas service	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	118.3	112.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Water and sewerage maintenance	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	210.6	212.0
Garbage and trash collection ⁴	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	252.8	254.9
Household furnishings and operations	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.6	124.7
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Furniture and bedding	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.6	130.6
Bedroom furniture	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	141.5	139.1
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6

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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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Feb. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	105.8	112.2	112.3	116.2	119.0	115.0	114.5	118.7	114.1	118.4	118.0
Indoor plants and flowers ⁵	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	107.3	115.3
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Housekeeping supplies	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	144.3	145.8
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Apparel	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	130.3	130.4
Men's and boys' apparel	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	130.7	130.1
Men's apparel	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.9	133.9
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	121.5	124.6	127.8	131.0	133.6	140.4	137.3	135.5	134.7	135.9	136.9
Men's furnishings	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	136.1	136.4
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.1
Men's pants and shorts	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	129.0	128.9	132.9
Boys' apparel	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	120.5	118.0
Women's and girls' apparel	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	121.7	121.5	122.3
Women's apparel	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	120.8	121.3
Women's outerwear	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	129.2	117.6
Women's dresses	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	100.5	108.0
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.3
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Girls' apparel	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	125.0	127.1
Footwear	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	129.2	127.4
Men's footwear	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	131.4	130.3
Boys' and girls' footwear	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	135.0	128.3
Women's footwear	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	123.1	123.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	126.5	123.1
Jewelry and watches ³	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	137.7	145.1
Watches ³	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	121.1	121.8
Jewelry ³	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	142.4	151.8
Transportation	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	142.4	140.9
Private transportation	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	140.1	138.4
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	93.7	98.5	101.3	102.1	100.0	100.2
New vehicles	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	145.3	145.5
Used cars and trucks	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	149.5	149.9
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Motor fuel	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	101.7	94.1
Gasoline (all types)	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	101.2	93.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	98.9	91.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	98.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	102.8	95.9
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.6	101.4	100.8	100.9
Tires	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	98.2	98.4
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	161.4	165.7	166.5
Motor vehicle body work	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	176.5	178.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing	118.3	122.0	126.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.6	152.7	153.7
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Motor vehicle insurance	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	249.0	255.3	255.4
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.5
Public transportation	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	182.5	187.9
Airline fare	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	193.9	205.2
Other intercity transportation	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	160.3	162.8
Intracity transportation	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	176.2	174.8
Medical care	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	236.5	238.7
Medical care commodities	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	214.1	215.4
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	244.9	251.0	253.3
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ³	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.5	144.8	145.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	133.2	140.3	148.9	152.7	159.2	163.3	164.7	165.9	169.0	171.6	171.5
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	126.6	135.7	142.4	150.5	156.1	160.4	167.0	171.2	171.6	175.0	176.4
Medical care services	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6	244.0
Professional services	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	218.9	221.0
Physicians' services	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	225.3	227.7
Dental services	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	229.6	232.2
Eyeglasses and eye care ³	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	142.8	143.0
Services by other medical professionals ³	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	156.8	158.4
Hospital and related services	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	278.7	281.4
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0	104.0
Inpatient hospital services ^{6 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3	103.2
Outpatient hospital services ^{6 3}	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	228.6	231.0
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0	105.3
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	93.2	95.6	98.5	100.0	100.7
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.5	93.9	94.3	97.5	100.0	101.2
Televisions	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	59.3	59.4
Cable television ⁴	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	234.6	242.5
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.7
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹ ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.7
Audio equipment	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	88.4	86.9
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Pets and pet products	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	141.9	142.6
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Sporting goods	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.5	125.7
Sports vehicles including bicycles	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.7	129.0
Sports equipment	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	117.3	118.5
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Photographic equipment and supplies	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	134.6	133.3
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.9
Toys	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	125.2	123.6
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Admissions	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	199.8	202.2
Fees for lessons or instructions ³	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	175.8	175.9
Recreational reading materials	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	181.3	182.8
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	87.8	90.4	94.0	97.1	100.0	99.8
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	81.1	85.6	90.4	94.8	100.0	100.4
Educational books and supplies	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	245.2	249.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	157.1	169.6	182.7	199.4	214.4	228.7	242.0	255.8	267.9	282.7	283.5
College tuition and fees	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	300.9	301.6
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	161.9	176.2	191.4	206.2	222.7	235.4	250.2	266.9	279.3	299.4	299.4
Child care and nursery school ⁵	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	138.7	139.2
Technical and business school tuition and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.8	96.9	98.7	100.1	100.0	99.3
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Postage	125.4	125.4	125.4	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8
Delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	97.6	97.9	98.5	100.1	100.0	99.3
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Telephone services, local charges	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	163.0	163.7
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.3
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁹	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	48.9	45.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	91.1
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.2
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.3
Other goods and services	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	226.9	230.6
Tobacco and smoking products	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	250.9	261.1
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Personal care	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	153.9	155.0
Personal care products	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	143.5	146.1	147.6
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements	122.2	124.8	132.0	136.0	138.5	144.7	146.8	148.9	153.1	156.7	159.0
Personal care services	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	164.1	164.5
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Miscellaneous personal services	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	228.9	231.1
Legal services ³	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	166.5	169.0
Funeral expenses ³	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	174.7	176.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Financial services ³	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	193.9	195.4
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	141.6	141.3
Commodities less food and beverages	108.6	112.1	121.0	120.9	124.1	124.7	127.6	129.0	132.4	131.3	130.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	106.3	111.6	126.2	124.2	127.3	125.7	127.7	128.3	133.6	133.1	131.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	104.1	111.7	131.0	126.2	129.9	127.2	131.3	132.1	140.4	139.3	136.7
Durables	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	127.5	127.7
Services	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	178.2	179.1
Rent of shelter ²	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	166.6	168.1
Transportation services	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	183.9	185.3
Other services	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	209.9	211.2
All items less food	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	158.1	158.4
All items less shelter	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	154.2	154.1
All items less medical care	117.9	123.1	130.4	133.6	137.2	140.4	144.0	147.5	152.4	154.5	154.8
Commodities less food	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	132.5	131.8
Nondurables less food	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	135.0	133.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	104.9	112.2	129.7	127.0	130.7	128.6	132.4	133.4	141.3	140.7	138.3
Nondurables	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.2	145.6
Apparel less footwear	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	126.1	126.7
Services less rent of shelter ²	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	168.8	169.2
Services less medical care services	125.6	131.4	138.1	143.9	148.4	153.4	157.6	162.8	168.1	172.7	173.6

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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Feb. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
Energy	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	107.7	102.4
All items less energy	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	165.2	166.3
All items less food and energy	124.4	129.7	136.0	142.0	146.6	150.9	155.1	159.7	163.7	167.1	168.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	117.0	120.2	124.0	128.9	132.7	134.7	137.1	139.6	141.0	141.5	142.1
Energy commodities	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	101.6	94.3
Services less energy services	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	184.3	185.8
Domestically produced farm food	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	160.2	160.5
Utilities and public transportation	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3	142.8

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1988=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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.5	0.2
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	1.5	.4
Food	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	1.5	.4
Food at home	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	4.9	.8	.4
Cereals and bakery products	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	.7
Cereals and cereal products	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.3	1.9	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	7.6	-4	3.9
Breakfast cereal	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.7	-4
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	4.1	.1
Bakery products	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	1.0
Bread	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	4.2	.7	1.0
Other bakery products	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	.3	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	5.7	-1.2	-5
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	5.3	-7	-1
Meats	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-8	-6
Beef and veal	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-2	2.5	-9	-6
Uncooked ground beef	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	1.6	-1.1	-6
Uncooked beef roasts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Uncooked beef steaks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8
Uncooked other beef and veal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Pork	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-1.5	-9
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.1
Ham	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.5	-1.9	-2
Pork chops	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	-3.8	-3
Other pork including roasts and picnics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Other meats	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	.4	.1
Poultry	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	7.9	-1.6	.1
Chicken	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Other poultry including turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Fish and seafood	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	.8	2.0
Fresh fish and seafood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Processed fish and seafood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Eggs	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-7.5	-9.1
Dairy and related products	4.5	10.4	3.0	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-7	-1
Milk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Cheese and related products	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.4	.1
Ice cream and related products	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	1.0	-7
Other dairy and related products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Fruits and vegetables	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	2.2	1.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	3.0	1.4
Fresh fruits	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.9	.6
Apples	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	-2	3.3
Bananas	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-3.8	5.6
Citrus fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Other fresh fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.2
Fresh vegetables	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	13.6	2.1
Potatoes	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	2.6
Lettuce	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	17.6	-9.2
Tomatoes	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	31.0	-10.5
Other fresh vegetables	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	8.6	10.9
Processed fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Canned fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Frozen fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	4.1	1.4

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Carbonated drinks	1.5	4.9	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	-0.3	2.9	-0.5	-1.9	3.5
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Beverage materials including coffee and tea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Coffee	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	16.8	-6
Other beverage materials including tea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Other food at home	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.7	1.0
Sugar and sweets	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.2	1.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	.8	1.9
Candy and chewing gum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Other sweets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Fats and oils	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	-3	1.0
Butter and margarine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Salad dressing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Other foods	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	2.5	.9
Soups	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	2.2	.6
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	5.0	-8	.1
Snacks	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.4	.1
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.7	2.9
Baby food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Other miscellaneous foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Food away from home	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.6	.4
Full service meals and snacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Limited service meals and snacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Food at employee sites and schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Other food away from home	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Alcoholic beverages	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	2.0	.5
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	.5	.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	-6	.5
Distilled spirits at home	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.2	.2
Wine at home	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	2.2	1.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home	5.7	5.2	4.9	8.0	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	4.0	3.7	.3
Housing	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.3	.5
Shelter	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.2	.9
Rent of primary residence	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	.5
Lodging away from home	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.6
Housing at school, excluding board	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.5	8.0	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.5	5.5	.1
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	3.6	6.5	15.5	8.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	6.0	9.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.0	.5
Tenants' and household insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Fuels and utilities	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5	-2.0
Fuels	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-6	.6	5.7	-1.1	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-12.3	-2.0
Fuel oil	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-11.9	-2.8
Other household fuels	-2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-13.1	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-8	.6	4.1	.1	-2.6
Electricity	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	-1.3	-1.8
Utility natural gas service	3.7	2.6	1.7	-1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	3.0	-4.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.9	.7
Garbage and trash collection	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	2.0	.8
Household furnishings and operations	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.1	.9
Window and floor coverings and other linens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Floor coverings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Window coverings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Other linens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Furniture and bedding	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-1.0	.0
Bedroom furniture	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	1.4	-1.7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Other furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
Appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December											Feb. 1998
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
Expenditure category												
Major appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	
Other appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9	
Other household equipment and furnishings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	3.2	6.0	0.1	3.5	2.4	-3.4	-0.4	3.7	-3.9	3.8	-3	
Indoor plants and flowers	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-8.3	7.5	
Dishes and flatware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3	
Nonelectric cookware and tableware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9	
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	
Tools, hardware and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	
Outdoor equipment and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4	
Housekeeping supplies	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.6	1.0	
Household cleaning products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	
Household paper products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8	
Miscellaneous household products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	
Household operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5	
Domestic services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5	
Gardening and lawn care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1	
Moving, storage, freight expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	
Repair of household items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4	
Apparel	4.4	.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	.7	-1.5	.2	-2	.8	.1	
Men's and boys' apparel	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	2.5	-5	
Men's apparel	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	2.3	.0	
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	9.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	5.1	-2.2	-1.3	-6	.9	.7	
Men's furnishings	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-1	.6	-2.7	4.3	8.3	.2	
Men's shirts and sweaters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.9	
Men's pants and shorts	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	-1	3.1	
Boys' apparel	4.9	-8	1.6	2.6	-9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	3.3	-2.1	
Women's and girls' apparel	3.2	-6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-6	-1.3	-2	.7	
Women's apparel	2.8	-6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-8	-1.1	.0	.4	
Women's outerwear	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	2.5	-9.0	
Women's dresses	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	-5.1	7.5	
Women's suits and separates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7	
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	
Girls' apparel	5.3	-.4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-1.9	-1.0	1.7	
Footwear	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	1.7	-1.4	
Men's footwear	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-.7	.0	-.8	
Boys' and girls' footwear	3.7	3.4	4.1	-.4	-.2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	2.9	-5.0	
Women's footwear	5.6	-.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	2.4	.2	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	3.4	-.8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	-1.2	-2.7	
Jewelry and watches	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-.5	-4.0	-.5	5.4	
Watches	4.1	-.3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	.2	.6	
Jewelry	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	-.7	6.6	
Transportation	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-1.7	-1.1	
Private transportation	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	-1.6	-1.2	
New and used motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	2.8	.8	-2.1	.2	
New vehicles	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	1.9	-.8	.1	
Used cars and trucks	3.4	-.5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-4.7	.3	
Car and truck rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.4	
Motor fuel	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-6.6	-7.5	
Gasoline (all types)	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-6.6	-7.5	
Gasoline, unleaded regular ¹	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-7.1	-7.9	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-7.3	
Gasoline, unleaded premium ¹	-.7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-5.9	-6.7	
Other motor fuels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.2	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-.8	-1.5	.3	.6	-.2	-.6	.1	
Tires	3.8	2.1	-.2	2.2	-.4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-3.0	.2	
Vehicle accessories other than tires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.7	.5	
Motor vehicle body work	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.7	.9	
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing	3.1	3.1	3.9	5.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.9	2.8	.7	
Motor vehicle repair	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	
Motor vehicle insurance	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	2.5	.0	

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Motor vehicle fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
State and local registration and license	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Parking and other fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5
Public transportation	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-2.4	3.0
Airline fare	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-5.2	5.8
Other intercity transportation	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.6
Intracity transportation	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	1.2	-8
Medical care	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.1	2.8	.9
Medical care commodities	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	.6
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	7.7	9.5	10.0	9.4	5.6	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.0	2.5	.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies	4.8	5.8	5.8	3.3	4.2	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.6	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	5.0	5.3	6.1	2.6	4.3	2.6	.9	.7	1.9	1.5	-1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.2	2.0	.8
Medical care services	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	2.9	1.0
Professional services	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.1	1.0
Physicians' services	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	2.8	1.1
Dental services	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	3.9	1.1
Eyeglasses and eye care	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	1.7	.1
Services by other medical professionals	5.5	5.8	4.8	5.2	3.6	3.1	4.5	1.7	3.2	3.5	1.0
Hospital and related services	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	3.1	1.0
Hospital services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.0
Inpatient hospital services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	.9
Outpatient hospital services ¹	9.2	12.0	11.3	9.9	9.7	7.6	5.8	4.6	4.8	4.1	1.0
Nursing homes and adult daycare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.3
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.5	.7
Video and audio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7	.4	3.4	2.6	1.2
Televisions	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-3.9	.2
Cable television	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	6.9	3.4
Other video equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.3
Audio equipment	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-7	-2.0	-1.7
Audio discs, tapes and other media	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Pets, pet products and services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Pets and pet products	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-8	.6	1.1	3.6	5.2	-4	.5
Pet services including veterinary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Sporting goods	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	-1	1.0
Sports vehicles including bicycles	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	.2	1.0
Sports equipment	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	-6	1.0
Photography	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
Photographic equipment and supplies	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	.1	.5	-1.0
Photographers and film processing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Other recreational goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.1
Toys	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-8	1.1	3.2	-1.7	-1.3
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Music instruments and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Recreation services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Admissions	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1	3.4	1.2
Fees for lessons or instructions	5.0	8.1	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.0	5.3	3.0	5.5	5.1	.1
Recreational reading materials	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	1.1	.8
Newspapers and magazines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Recreational books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	-2
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.5	.4
Educational books and supplies	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	5.3	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	7.4	8.0	7.7	9.1	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.7	5.5	.3
College tuition and fees	7.4	8.4	8.4	11.7	9.2	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.2	.2
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	8.4	8.8	8.6	7.7	8.0	5.7	6.3	6.7	4.6	7.2	.0
Child care and nursery school	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.6	5.0	.4
Technical and business school tuition and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	1.9	1.4	-1	-7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Postage and delivery services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
Postage	13.6	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.0	0.0	.0
Delivery services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Information and information processing	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.6	1.6	-1	-7
Telephone services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Telephone services, local charges	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-4	2.3	.9	1.1	.4
Telephone services, long distance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Cellular telephone services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7
Information and information processing other than telephone services	-	-7.3	-3.2	-3.1	-7.2	-7.9	-8.1	-10.0	-10.6	-10.9	-6.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.9
Computer software and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.8
Computer information processing services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Other information processing equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7
Other goods and services	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	5.4	1.6
Tobacco and smoking products	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	7.3	4.1
Cigarettes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Personal care	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.3	.7
Personal care products	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	-8	1.8	1.0
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements	5.3	2.1	5.8	3.0	1.8	4.5	1.5	1.4	2.8	2.4	1.5
Personal care services	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	2.9	.2
Haircuts and other personal care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	5.1	1.0
Legal services	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	1.5
Funeral expenses	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.3	.9
Laundry and dry cleaning services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Financial services	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	5.8	.8
Miscellaneous personal goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	.1	-2
Commodities less food and beverages	3.0	3.2	7.9	-1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.6	-8	-6
Nondurables less food and beverages	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	-4	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	2.9	7.3	17.3	-3.7	2.9	-2.1	3.2	.6	6.3	-8	-1.9
Durables	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.5	-1.6	.2
Services	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.8	.5
Rent of shelter	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.2	.9
Transportation services	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	1.3	.8
Other services	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1	.6
All items less food	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	1.5	.2
All items less shelter	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.9	-1
All items less medical care	4.2	4.4	5.9	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.4	3.3	1.4	.2
Commodities less food	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	-7	-5
Nondurables less food	3.5	5.0	12.3	-6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	-1	-1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	.8	5.9	-4	-1.7
Nondurables	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	.7	-4
Apparel less footwear	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-8	.5	.5
Services less rent of shelter	5.3	4.9	5.8	5.2	4.1	4.2	3.0	3.4	3.6	2.3	.2
Services less medical care services	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.2	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.3	2.7	.5
Energy	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	-3.8	-4.9

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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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Feb. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
All items less energy	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	1.9	0.7
All items less food and energy	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.1	.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	3.9	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.0	.4	.4
Energy commodities	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-7.1	-7.2
Services less energy services	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	.8
Domestically produced farm food	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	.6	.2
Utilities and public transportation	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-6	1.7	4.8	.6	-3

¹ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

- Data not available.

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

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

Area, region and population size class	Utility natural gas				Electricity		Fuel oil #2	
	per 40 therms		per 100 therms		per 500 KWH		per gallon (3.785 liters)	
	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
U.S. city average	\$31.438	\$30.739	\$68.204	\$66.562	\$46.401	\$45.728	\$0.966	\$0.948
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	40.989	40.659	86.491	85.691	63.029	62.764	.967	.953
Size A - More than 1,500,000	41.227	40.993	87.674	87.111	66.977	66.590	1.014	.995
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000	40.296	39.688	83.018	81.521	56.655	56.586	.878	.874
Midwest urban ²	28.184	27.503	57.959	56.342	44.481	44.302	.874	.847
Size A - More than 1,500,000	29.035	27.910	58.916	55.902	47.909	47.383	.908	.882
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	27.419	26.770	57.475	56.336	42.769	42.825	.862	.835
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	26.268	27.578	54.952	58.357	39.289	39.424	NA	NA
South urban	32.768	31.556	69.494	66.539	42.316	41.889	1.049	1.029
Size A - More than 1,500,000	32.926	31.397	66.885	63.485	43.779	43.695	1.125	1.116
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	32.501	31.393	71.006	68.071	42.409	41.744	.979	.950
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	34.914	36.018	79.603	82.390	38.906	38.950	NA	NA
West urban	27.171	26.573	67.254	66.072	43.900	42.047	.986	.919
Size A - More than 1,500,000	27.211	26.455	69.255	67.690	50.448	47.387	1.051	1.007
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	27.278	27.054	63.662	63.221	39.165	38.653	.906	.789
Size classes								
A	32.100	31.235	70.120	68.019	52.152	51.010	1.016	.997
B/C	30.995	30.275	66.723	65.060	43.797	43.364	.891	.876
D	27.198	28.312	58.142	61.074	35.946	36.001	1.057	1.014
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	30.047	28.872	57.885	55.184	59.604	57.425	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	29.507	28.352	75.132	73.207	63.954	57.880	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	42.071	41.519	88.672	87.253	72.108	71.667	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	44.331	43.994	96.844	96.007	63.423	62.491	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	28.110	27.658	62.660	60.496	59.969	59.969	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	25.813	23.053	56.763	49.750	44.075	44.330	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	39.627	37.928	79.631	76.581	43.229	43.082	-	-
Atlanta, GA	34.421	33.855	66.170	64.820	NA	NA	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	26.342	26.229	52.712	52.327	46.454	46.454	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	28.607	28.607	56.503	56.503	39.737	39.368	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	47.916	47.916	107.045	106.967	43.590	43.590	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	37.956	38.010	83.871	83.961	62.846	62.846	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	22.900	22.170	67.549	64.951	54.980	49.135	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	25.670	25.670	56.936	56.936	NA	NA	-	-

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

² The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

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

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility natural gas		Range of therm consumption for Feb. 1998		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Feb. 1998	
	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Low	High	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Low	High
U.S. city average	\$0.705	\$0.688	1	2,260	\$0.086	\$0.085	5	9,920
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	.882	.875	5	1,176	.120	.120	8	5,069
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.894	.889	5	862	.127	.126	110	3,750
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.848	.834	6	1,176	.109	.109	8	5,069
Midwest urban ²	.586	.566	1	1,124	.085	.084	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.563	.533	6	1,124	.092	.090	5	3,785
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.600	.585	5	498	.080	.080	35	4,517
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.666	.692	1	739	.078	.078	72	3,113
South urban	.807	.777	1	2,260	.075	.075	76	9,920
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.758	.723	7	394	.076	.076	242	6,301
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.837	.809	1	2,260	.076	.075	94	9,920
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.928	1.023	6	71	.068	.068	76	8,120
West urban	.655	.645	8	1,557	.085	.082	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.683	.670	12	1,557	.098	.093	103	5,033
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.632	.626	8	606	.076	.075	101	3,321
Size classes								
A	.705	.684	5	1,557	.097	.095	5	6,301
B/C	.713	.696	1	2,260	.081	.080	8	9,920
D	.664	.674	1	739	.067	.067	72	8,120
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	.507	.477	24	1,124	.119	.114	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	.734	.716	17	447	.127	.116	164	2,454
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	.923	.909	5	549	.139	.138	125	3,750
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1.024	1.011	16	232	.121	.119	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron, OH	.615	.599	41	561	.106	.106	298	2,259
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	.588	.518	20	394	.070	.071	242	6,250
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	.963	.927	20	125	.072	.072	415	4,252
Atlanta, GA	.747	.741	31	132	.073	.072	450	3,034
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	.534	.530	10	1,016	.095	.095	27	2,033
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	.678	.678	18	209	.072	.071	312	6,301
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.834	1.834	7	13	.085	.085	380	2,607
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	.847	.849	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	.650	.631	15	293	.115	.103	200	1,746
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	.567	.567	45	186	.056	.057	751	5,033

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Table P3. Average prices for gasoline, U.S. city average and selected areas

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline All types ¹		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium		Automotive Diesel fuel	
	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
U.S. city average	\$1.186	\$1.137	\$1.131	\$1.082	\$1.227	\$1.180	\$1.319	\$1.271	\$1.250	\$1.220
Region and area size ²										
Northeast urban	1.218	1.167	1.160	1.106	1.260	1.213	1.341	1.294	1.241	1.220
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.220	1.177	1.160	1.115	1.261	1.221	1.337	1.298	1.243	1.227
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.216	1.149	1.161	1.091	1.257	1.199	1.349	1.286	1.239	1.210
Midwest urban ³	1.096	1.092	1.059	1.050	1.132	1.136	1.206	1.210	1.206	1.167
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.105	1.104	1.062	1.055	1.147	1.157	1.212	1.218	1.197	1.149
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.077	1.077	1.044	1.039	1.116	1.121	1.196	1.207	1.224	1.208
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.116	1.080	NA	NA	1.121	1.085	NA	NA	NA	NA
South urban	1.127	1.078	1.066	1.016	1.173	1.127	1.261	1.214	1.190	1.164
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.139	1.093	1.067	1.021	1.192	1.147	1.273	1.223	1.273	1.255
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.117	1.067	1.063	1.011	1.158	1.112	1.244	1.200	1.147	1.114
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.139	1.087	1.077	1.026	1.187	1.130	1.303	1.254	NA	NA
West urban	1.330	1.243	1.273	1.188	1.370	1.280	1.471	1.381	1.413	1.380
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.332	1.232	1.271	1.173	1.372	1.269	1.472	1.372	1.483	1.436
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.346	1.286	1.296	1.238	1.386	1.321	1.485	1.423	1.336	1.321
Size classes										
A	1.209	1.157	1.150	1.097	1.254	1.203	1.338	1.286	1.284	1.250
B/C	1.160	1.116	1.111	1.065	1.198	1.159	1.292	1.250	1.215	1.190
D	1.161	1.111	1.118	1.067	1.191	1.141	1.297	1.250	1.185	1.158
Selected local areas										
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	1.192	1.163	1.133	1.096	1.243	1.232	1.317	1.296	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	1.306	1.189	1.248	1.131	1.327	1.208	1.431	1.316	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	1.261	1.220	1.195	1.151	1.302	1.264	1.376	1.339	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1.224	1.185	1.178	1.135	1.264	1.232	1.338	1.304	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1.067	1.086	1.025	1.038	1.096	1.126	1.187	1.214	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1.119	1.079	1.054	1.012	1.170	1.133	1.252	1.210	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	1.216	1.161	1.151	1.097	1.258	1.204	1.326	1.266	-	-
Atlanta, GA	.996	.955	.925	.884	1.046	1.003	1.152	1.110	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	1.066	1.096	1.023	1.047	1.107	1.152	1.201	1.241	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	1.102	1.077	1.040	1.007	1.162	1.147	1.212	1.195	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.234	1.151	1.157	1.079	1.290	1.205	1.353	1.262	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	1.156	1.103	1.089	1.037	1.204	1.147	1.261	1.210	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	1.416	1.362	1.351	1.297	1.472	1.417	1.577	1.523	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	1.304	1.211	1.245	1.152	1.358	1.268	1.459	1.361	-	-

¹ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

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

Food and unit	U.S. city average		Northeast		Midwest ¹		South		West	
	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.299	\$0.297	\$0.310	\$0.300	\$0.282	\$0.290	\$0.313	\$0.317	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.546	.547	NA	NA	NA	NA	.549	.548	\$0.563	\$0.563
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.874	.878	.780	.800	.865	.847	.820	.816	1.081	1.093
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.855	.860	.966	.967	.845	.872	.753	.763	.940	.920
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.592	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.465	1.483	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.309	1.275	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.502	2.607	NA	NA	2.366	2.453	2.306	2.448	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.668	1.602	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.497	1.549	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.818	1.798	1.807	1.801	1.713	1.682	1.854	1.849	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.457	1.398	NA	NA	1.422	1.347	1.490	1.449	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.058	2.040	2.237	2.229	1.772	1.775	2.077	2.081	2.105	2.027
All uncooked ground beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.846	1.823	2.022	1.996	1.687	1.667	1.821	1.809	1.901	1.858
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)	2.080	2.085	NA	NA	2.181	1.994	1.972	1.919	2.203	2.293
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.317	2.307	2.468	2.240	2.199	2.291	2.316	2.374	NA	NA
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.774	2.738	2.589	2.515	2.761	2.743	2.889	2.975	2.956	2.772
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.591	2.706	NA	NA	2.593	2.976	2.444	2.542	2.704	2.757
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Roasts, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.643	2.663	2.616	2.571	2.653	2.709	2.579	2.600	2.754	2.793
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.827	6.080	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.153	NA	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.963	5.768	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.100	3.099	3.131	3.118	3.041	3.055	3.101	3.079	3.142	3.205
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.880	2.852	NA	NA	2.598	2.794	2.799	2.743	3.029	2.974
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)	3.572	3.471	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.437	3.214	3.737	3.577
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.151	4.099	4.108	4.005	4.213	4.080	4.026	4.004	4.379	4.543
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)	2.589	2.548	NA	NA	2.730	2.612	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Steaks, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.642	3.620	3.642	3.603	3.685	3.731	3.530	3.450	3.763	3.784
All Uncooked Other Beef (Excluding Veal), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.228	2.209	2.450	2.417	2.158	2.165	2.101	2.073	2.340	2.326
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.644	2.623	2.784	2.734	2.674	2.758	2.517	2.454	2.732	2.724
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.342	3.300	2.993	3.121	3.151	3.252	3.398	3.219	3.848	3.745
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.798	3.687	3.840	3.760	3.747	3.812	3.997	3.907	3.593	3.262
All Pork Chops, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.171	3.134	2.938	3.031	3.121	3.188	3.158	3.051	3.486	3.356
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.121	2.191	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.786	2.796	NA	NA	2.687	2.639	2.909	2.875	2.557	2.667
All Ham (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.082	2.106	2.086	2.080	2.281	2.258	2.007	2.029	2.027	2.125
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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.255	NA	NA	NA
All Other Pork (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.770	1.764	1.697	1.705	1.787	1.904	1.633	1.582	2.054	2.002
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.381	2.311	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.267	2.251	NA	NA
Other meats:										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.426	2.445	NA	NA	2.416	2.466	2.356	2.381	NA	NA
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.022	1.007	1.100	1.045	.976	1.004	.915	.925	1.158	1.102
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.033	1.976	1.807	1.818	NA	NA	1.862	1.859	2.471	2.252
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.280	1.271	1.297	1.235	1.151	1.199	1.228	1.283	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.034	1.001	NA	NA	1.109	1.030	.951	.952	NA	NA
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.107	2.036	NA	NA	2.150	2.171	2.030	1.861	NA	NA
Eggs:										
Grade A, large, per doz.	1.120	1.073	1.205	1.172	1.040	.994	1.114	1.062	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.466	1.359

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Food and unit	U.S. city average		Northeast		Midwest ¹		South		West	
	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
Dairy products:										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit)	\$2.632	\$2.653	\$2.627	\$2.656	\$2.314	\$2.375	\$2.696	\$2.704	\$2.745	\$2.753
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)	2.577	2.589	NA	NA	2.313	2.370	2.624	2.613	2.744	2.769
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.353	2.321	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.539	3.475	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.482	3.605	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.518	3.507	3.887	3.832	NA	NA	3.642	3.526	3.241	3.336
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	3.041	2.996	3.460	3.346	2.673	2.637	2.984	2.835	3.221	3.321
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.922	.960	1.001	1.019	.923	.950	.900	.939	.890	.946
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.473	.489	.526	.522	.440	.463	.439	.458	.510	.531
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.525	.507	.544	.568	.534	.540	.550	.545	.475	.415
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)	.499	.481	.475	.471	.475	.433	.486	.467	.555	.557
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.815	1.722	1.618	1.829	1.951	1.798	1.333	1.310	2.373	2.066
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.026	.976	.959	.885	.959	1.039	1.031	.941	1.075	.997
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	1.894	NA	1.988	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.925
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.863	.931	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm)	2.135	2.080	1.519	1.673	2.277	1.999	2.002	1.850	NA	2.504
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.362	.362	.381	.367	.295	.301	.399	.392	.378	.389
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.072	.643	1.166	.694	.824	.569	1.156	.644	1.136	.685
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.452	1.356	1.543	1.507	1.516	1.417	1.477	1.289	1.289	1.298
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.379	1.066	NA	NA	1.252	.971	1.480	1.180	1.430	1.046
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.505	.464	NA	NA	NA	NA	.451	.411	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.512	.513	NA	NA	NA	NA	.507	.499	NA	NA
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.616	.578	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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.671	1.568	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	1.601	1.568	1.736	1.733	1.551	1.555	1.570	1.465	NA	NA
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.695	.692	.766	.768	.615	.623	.661	.668	.764	.740
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.981	.990	1.134	1.141	NA	NA	.875	.887	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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.430	.429	.458	.453	.429	.427	.413	.413	.439	.437
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg. per lb. (453.6 gm)	.415	.412	.431	.425	.414	.408	.395	.394	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	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)	.966	.992	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.801	1.808	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.669	1.720	NA	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz)	1.050	1.061	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.013	1.042	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.025	3.973	4.400	4.265	3.777	3.735	3.898	3.886	4.017	4.000
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)	10.607	10.516	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.386	9.318	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz.	\$3.149	\$3.136	2.905	2.912	3.327	3.380	3.175	3.087	3.133	3.153
Alcoholic beverages at home:										
Malt beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	.887	.839	.931	.834	.816	.820	.870	.862	.940	.834
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	9.077	8.893	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	5.302	4.790	6.113	5.575	4.842	5.105	5.409	4.535	4.985	4.532

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² Deposit may be included in price.

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Table 1(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-	
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	161.6	162.0	1.5	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	484.2	485.2	-	-
Food and beverages	17.465	160.3	159.8	1.8	-.3
Food	15.886	159.9	159.3	1.8	-.4
Food at home	9.964	161.1	159.9	1.4	-.7
Cereals and bakery products	1.476	179.0	179.5	1.6	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.921	148.1	147.2	-1.1	-.6
Dairy products	1.218	148.1	147.9	1.2	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.982	200.5	193.8	3.4	-3.3
Other food at home	2.366	148.9	149.5	2.8	.4
Sugar and sweets	.332	150.3	149.5	1.6	-.5
Fats and oils	.241	140.6	141.8	-.6	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages	.747	134.4	135.1	5.1	.5
Other prepared food	1.046	163.7	164.4	2.4	.4
Food away from home	5.923	159.2	159.6	2.6	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.578	164.5	164.9	1.9	.2
Housing	41.469	158.2	158.8	1.9	.4
Shelter	28.640	179.1	180.1	3.2	.6
Renters' costs ¹	8.169	188.9	191.5	3.3	1.4
Rent, residential	5.810	169.5	169.9	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs	2.359	225.9	235.2	3.9	4.1
Homeowners' costs ¹	20.269	184.7	185.1	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ¹	19.881	185.1	185.4	3.1	.2
Household insurance ¹	.388	167.7	167.3	2.1	-.2
Maintenance and repairs	.202	146.0	146.0	2.6	.0
Maintenance and repair services	.126	154.4	154.7	4.2	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities	.076	134.4	134.0	.1	-.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.015	129.3	128.5	-1.9	-.6
Fuels	3.769	114.4	112.7	-5.5	-1.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.368	96.4	95.3	-13.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.401	121.5	119.5	-4.6	-1.6
Other utilities and public services	3.246	163.4	164.1	2.4	.4
Household furnishings and operation	5.814	125.3	125.9	.6	.5
Housefurnishings	3.232	109.8	110.1	-1.0	.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.090	143.2	145.3	2.0	1.5
Housekeeping services	1.492	154.0	154.3	2.9	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.291	129.7	131.6	-.2	1.5
Apparel commodities	4.748	125.6	127.6	-.5	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel	1.292	129.4	130.7	2.7	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	2.072	119.6	123.0	-2.5	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.182	124.4	122.8	-3.5	-1.3
Footwear	.719	127.3	126.9	.5	-.3
Other apparel commodities	.484	144.3	146.4	-.3	1.5
Apparel services	.543	164.3	164.8	1.6	.3
Transportation	16.620	142.7	142.1	-1.9	-.4
Private transportation	15.054	139.3	138.3	-2.5	-.7
New vehicles	4.829	144.4	144.3	-.8	-.1
New cars	3.842	141.8	141.6	-.9	-.1
Used cars	1.195	148.1	148.3	-.4	.1
Motor fuel	2.925	97.8	94.1	-13.0	-3.8
Gasoline	-	97.2	93.5	-12.9	-3.8
Maintenance and repairs	1.546	164.9	165.5	2.7	.4
Other private transportation	4.560	180.0	179.6	1.4	-.2
Other private transportation commodities	.574	104.2	104.3	-1.0	.1
Other private transportation services	3.986	198.0	197.4	1.7	-.3
Public transportation	1.566	187.0	191.1	4.8	2.2
Medical care	7.426	238.0	239.4	2.9	.6
Medical care commodities	1.280	217.4	218.4	2.1	.5
Medical care services	6.145	242.8	244.3	3.0	.6
Professional medical services	3.518	218.4	219.7	3.0	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-	
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category					
Entertainment	4.339	163.4	164.0	1.4	0.4
Entertainment commodities	1.924	144.3	144.6	.2	.2
Entertainment services	2.415	185.4	186.4	2.4	.5
Other goods and services	7.390	231.2	233.2	5.7	.9
Tobacco and smoking products	1.688	253.8	261.3	10.1	3.0
Personal care	1.152	154.7	155.0	2.3	.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	.589	146.2	147.0	2.6	.5
Personal care services	.564	164.3	164.1	2.1	-.1
Personal and educational expenses	4.550	267.0	267.6	4.9	.2
School books and supplies	.273	244.9	247.1	5.0	.9
Personal and educational services	4.277	268.9	269.4	4.9	.2
Commodity and service group					
All items	100.000	161.6	162.0	1.5	.2
Commodities	42.255	141.7	141.6	-.1	-.1
Food and beverages	17.465	160.3	159.8	1.8	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	24.791	130.4	130.7	-1.4	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.865	132.0	132.4	-1.6	.3
Apparel commodities	4.748	125.6	127.6	-.5	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.117	138.2	138.0	-2.1	-.1
Durables	9.926	128.2	128.3	-1.2	.1
Services	57.745	181.8	182.4	2.6	.3
Rent of shelter ¹	28.016	186.4	187.4	3.2	.5
Household services less rent of shelter ¹	8.687	145.2	144.6	-.3	-.4
Transportation services	7.097	187.4	188.1	2.6	.4
Medical care services	6.145	242.8	244.3	3.0	.6
Other services	7.799	213.7	214.2	3.6	.2
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.114	161.9	162.4	1.4	.3
All items less shelter	71.360	156.5	156.6	.8	.1
All items less homeowners' costs ¹	79.731	162.1	162.4	1.0	.2
All items less medical care	92.574	157.3	157.6	1.4	.2
Commodities less food	26.369	131.8	132.1	-1.3	.2
Nondurables less food	16.443	134.0	134.5	-1.2	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.695	140.0	139.8	-1.6	-.1
Nondurables	32.329	146.3	146.3	.3	.0
Services less rent of shelter ¹	29.728	190.0	190.3	2.1	.2
Services less medical care services	51.599	176.1	176.7	2.6	.3
Energy	6.695	105.8	103.1	-8.8	-2.6
All items less energy	93.305	169.0	169.6	2.2	.4
All items less food and energy	77.419	171.2	172.2	2.3	.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.076	142.0	143.0	.6	.7
Energy commodities	3.293	97.8	94.5	-13.0	-3.4
Services less energy services	54.343	187.9	188.8	3.1	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.619	\$.617	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.207	\$.206	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 2(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-	
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	158.4	158.7	1.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	472.0	472.6	-	-
Food and beverages	19.434	159.6	159.1	1.7	-.3
Food	17.739	159.3	158.7	1.7	-.4
Food at home	11.309	159.9	158.7	1.2	-.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	178.7	179.2	1.6	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.441	147.8	146.9	-1.0	-.6
Dairy products	1.358	147.8	147.6	1.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	2.100	198.9	192.0	3.2	-3.5
Other food at home	2.722	148.3	148.8	2.6	.3
Sugar and sweets	.376	150.2	149.4	1.5	-.5
Fats and oils	.277	140.3	141.4	-.6	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	.863	133.1	133.9	4.6	.6
Other prepared food	1.206	163.5	164.2	2.4	.4
Food away from home	6.430	159.2	159.6	2.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.695	163.5	163.8	1.7	.2
Housing	39.037	154.8	155.2	1.8	.3
Shelter	26.305	173.9	174.7	3.1	.5
Renters' costs ¹	8.250	164.7	166.3	3.4	1.0
Rent, residential	6.686	169.2	169.6	3.2	.2
Other renters' costs	1.564	225.2	234.2	4.1	4.0
Homeowners' costs ¹	17.864	168.4	168.7	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ¹	17.538	168.7	169.0	3.0	.2
Household insurance ¹	.327	152.1	151.8	2.2	-.2
Maintenance and repairs	.191	143.7	143.8	2.2	.1
Maintenance and repair services	.107	155.3	155.8	3.7	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities	.084	129.0	128.7	.3	-.2
Fuel and other utilities	7.274	129.1	128.4	-1.8	-.5
Fuels	3.875	113.9	112.1	-5.4	-1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.338	96.3	95.2	-13.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.537	121.0	119.1	-4.6	-1.6
Other utilities and public services	3.399	164.3	165.1	2.6	.5
Household furnishings and operation	5.458	123.7	124.5	.6	.6
Housefurnishings	3.171	108.5	108.9	-.8	.4
Housekeeping supplies	1.130	144.0	146.1	2.1	1.5
Housekeeping services	1.157	157.1	157.3	2.9	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.311	128.5	130.1	-.8	1.2
Apparel commodities	4.801	124.6	126.4	-.9	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.298	129.1	130.4	2.5	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	2.019	117.8	121.1	-3.0	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.233	125.0	123.3	-3.7	-1.4
Footwear	.800	128.3	127.3	.1	-.8
Other apparel commodities	.450	141.1	143.4	-1.6	1.6
Apparel services	.510	163.5	163.9	1.6	.2
Transportation	18.597	141.7	140.9	-2.4	-.6
Private transportation	17.389	139.3	138.2	-2.9	-.8
New vehicles	4.781	145.6	145.5	-.8	-.1
New cars	3.439	141.3	141.2	-.9	-.1
Used cars	2.179	149.7	149.9	-3.7	.1
Motor fuel	3.608	97.6	94.0	-13.1	-3.7
Gasoline	-	97.0	93.5	-13.0	-3.6
Maintenance and repairs	1.634	166.0	166.5	2.7	.3
Other private transportation	5.188	175.2	174.7	1.2	-.3
Other private transportation commodities	.727	103.6	103.6	-.7	.0
Other private transportation services	4.460	193.5	192.9	1.5	-.3
Public transportation	1.208	184.6	188.2	4.4	2.0
Medical care	6.331	237.4	238.8	2.9	.6
Medical care commodities	1.054	214.7	215.6	2.0	.4
Medical care services	5.276	242.6	244.0	3.0	.6
Professional medical services	3.020	219.8	221.1	3.2	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-	
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category					
Entertainment	4.006	160.7	161.2	1.3	0.3
Entertainment commodities	2.005	143.0	143.1	.0	.1
Entertainment services	2.001	185.8	186.8	2.5	.5
Other goods and services	7.285	228.2	230.8	6.2	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	2.237	253.6	261.3	10.3	3.0
Personal care	1.116	154.5	155.0	2.4	.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	.612	146.9	147.8	2.5	.6
Personal care services	.504	164.5	164.4	2.2	-.1
Personal and educational expenses	3.932	262.4	263.1	4.9	.3
School books and supplies	.241	247.0	249.4	5.3	1.0
Personal and educational services	3.692	263.9	264.6	4.9	.3
Commodity and service group					
All items	100.000	158.4	158.7	1.2	.2
Commodities	46.401	141.4	141.4	-.3	.0
Food and beverages	19.434	159.6	159.1	1.7	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	26.967	130.4	130.6	-1.7	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.915	131.5	131.9	-1.9	.3
Apparel commodities	4.801	124.6	126.4	-.9	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.114	137.8	137.5	-2.3	-.2
Durables	11.052	127.7	127.8	-1.3	.1
Services	53.599	178.8	179.3	2.5	.3
Rent of shelter ¹	25.761	167.4	168.2	3.2	.5
Household services less rent of shelter ¹	8.554	133.3	132.8	-.4	-.4
Transportation services	7.302	185.0	185.4	2.3	.2
Medical care services	5.276	242.6	244.0	3.0	.6
Other services	6.706	210.4	211.1	3.7	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	82.261	158.2	158.5	1.1	.2
All items less shelter	73.695	154.3	154.3	.5	.0
All items less homeowners' costs ¹	82.136	148.3	148.4	.7	.1
All items less medical care	93.669	154.7	154.9	1.1	.1
Commodities less food	28.662	131.7	132.0	-1.5	.2
Nondurables less food	17.610	133.5	133.9	-1.5	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.809	139.4	139.2	-1.8	-.1
Nondurables	35.349	145.9	145.8	.1	-.1
Services less rent of shelter ¹	27.838	169.2	169.4	1.9	.1
Services less medical care services	48.322	173.3	173.7	2.4	.2
Energy	7.483	105.0	102.3	-9.2	-2.6
All items less energy	92.517	165.8	166.4	2.1	.4
All items less food and energy	74.778	167.6	168.4	2.2	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.717	141.4	142.4	.5	.7
Energy commodities	3.946	97.7	94.4	-13.1	-3.4
Services less energy services	50.062	185.1	185.9	3.0	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.631	\$.630	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.212	\$.212	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 3(OS) Old Series 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 Feb.1998 from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average	M	161.5	161.3	161.6	162.0	0.3	0.4	0.2
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	162.9	162.8	162.5	163.0	.1	.1	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	160.7	161.2	161.0	161.2	.3	.0	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	172.0	171.9	172.1	172.8	.5	.5	.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	169.4	-	171.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	157.1	-	158.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.5	152.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	157.1	-	158.7	-	1.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	145.6	-	146.5	-	.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	159.5	159.3	-	160.6	.7	.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.4	166.4	-	167.4	.6	.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	162.6	162.6	-	163.5	.6	.6	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban	M	168.5	168.4	168.8	169.2	.4	.5	.2
Midwest urban ²	M	157.7	157.3	157.6	158.1	.3	.5	.3
South urban	M	157.8	157.3	157.7	157.9	.1	.4	.1
West urban	M	162.8	162.8	163.0	163.3	.3	.3	.2
Population size classes								
A ³	M	145.8	145.7	146.0	146.4	.4	.5	.3
D	M	157.8	157.5	157.9	158.0	.1	.3	.1
Region/Population size class cross classifications								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.3	169.1	169.5	170.1	.5	.6	.4
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.4	158.1	158.3	158.8	.3	.4	.3
South Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.4	156.3	156.7	156.8	.3	.3	.1
West Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	162.8	163.1	163.2	163.6	.5	.3	.2
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.7	153.0	153.0	153.1	-.4	.1	.1
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.1	157.0	157.7	158.0	.6	.6	.2

¹ The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

² The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

³ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 4(OS) Old Series 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 Feb.1998 from—		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.2	158.4	158.7	0.1	0.3	0.2
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	157.2	157.3	156.8	157.2	.0	-.1	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	154.9	155.3	155.1	155.2	.2	-.1	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	168.0	167.7	167.7	168.3	.2	.4	.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	167.8	-	169.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	149.1	-	149.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.7	152.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	151.7	-	153.0	-	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.5	-	145.1	-	.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	157.0	156.8	-	157.8	.5	.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	165.9	165.7	-	166.3	.2	.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.5	159.4	-	160.1	.4	.4	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban	M	165.7	165.5	165.8	166.1	.2	.4	.2
Midwest urban ²	M	154.0	153.7	153.9	154.3	.2	.4	.3
South urban	M	156.2	155.6	155.8	155.8	-.3	.1	.0
West urban	M	159.2	159.2	159.3	159.4	.1	.1	.1
Population size classes								
A ³	M	144.6	144.4	144.6	144.8	.1	.3	.1
D	M	156.9	156.7	156.8	156.8	-.1	.1	.0
Region/Population size class cross classifications								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.5	165.2	165.4	165.9	.2	.4	.3
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	153.8	153.6	153.7	154.2	.3	.4	.3
South Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.5	154.2	154.4	154.3	-.1	.1	-.1
West Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.7	157.9	157.9	158.1	.3	.1	.1
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.6	151.0	151.0	151.0	-.4	.0	.0
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.5	157.5	157.7	158.0	.3	.3	.2

¹ The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

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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 87 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, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for physicians' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 87 urban areas across the country from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest metropolitan areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls by the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating this index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that 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 the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 26 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 index measures price change from a designed reference date—1982-84, which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. 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 \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details, see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Chapter 17, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2490, April 1997.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of 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 below 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	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5
<i>Percent change</i>	
Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

Energy Prices

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 13 large metropolitan areas, the 4 census regions, 3 size classifications, and 10 areas reflecting the 4 census regions cross-classified by the 3 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 bills priced for the CPI. 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 and for 500-kilowatt hours of electricity (shown in table P1) are calculated from a special price collection program. These

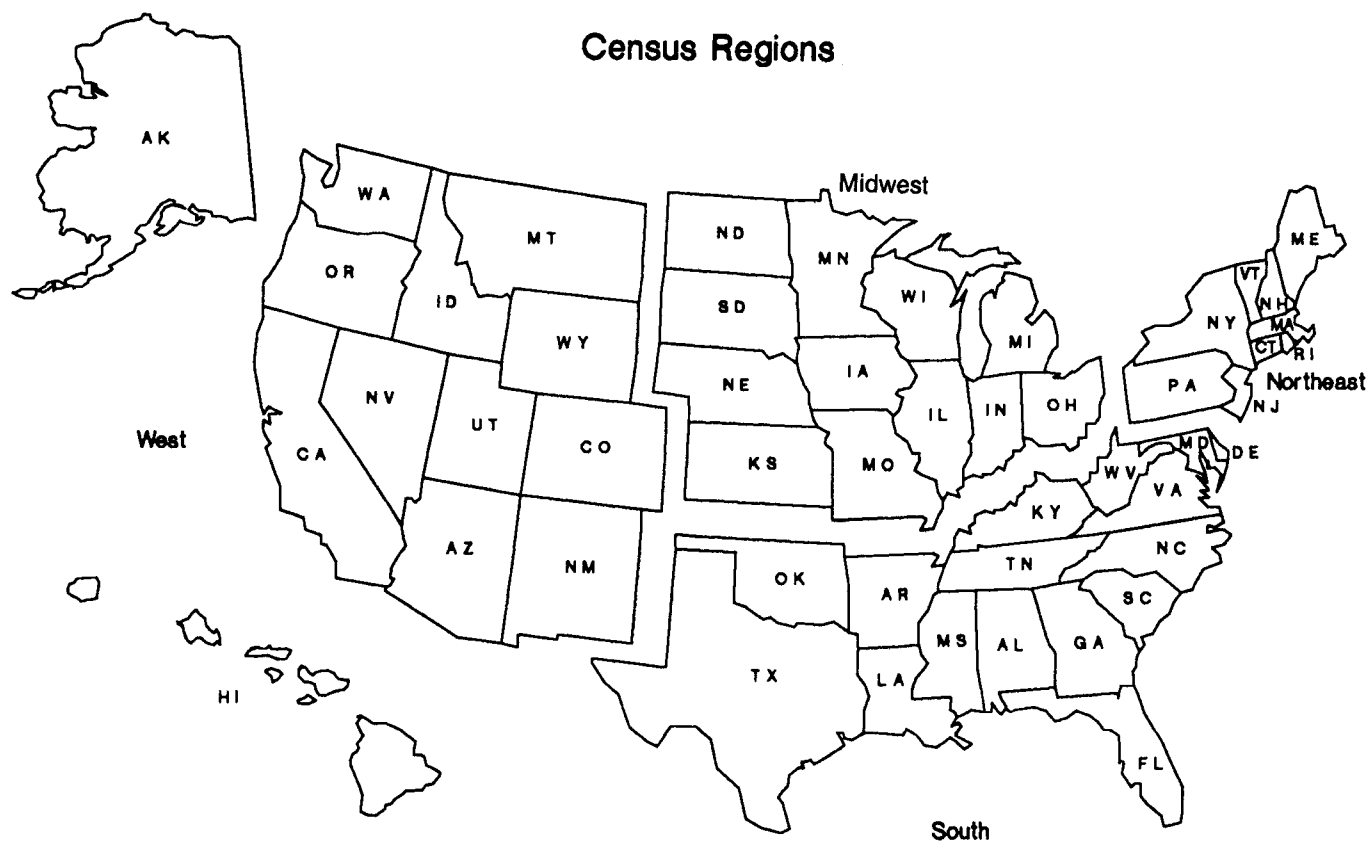
average prices are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air-conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely 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 CPI.

Fuel oil. Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. (See table P1.) 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 and automotive diesel fuel. Gasoline and diesel prices, shown in table P3, are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-service 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 and Beverage Prices

Actual weighted average prices for food and beverages are calculated each month at the national level and for the four census geographic regions, as shown in table P4. 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 average prices for food in this report reflect variations in brand, quality, and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

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

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

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.

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.

Seasonal factors used in computing seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-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, e.g., data from 1993 through 1997 were replaced at the end of 1997. The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year, the seasonal status of every series is

reevaluated, based on certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years; but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

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 seasonal adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention analysis seasonal adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements, which might distort the seasonal pattern, are estimated and removed from the data, prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for intervention analysis seasonal adjustment.

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. 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 analysis seasonal adjustment was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases. For the nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a large increase in coffee prices, due to adverse weather. For the water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly.

A description of intervention analysis seasonal adjustment, as well as a list of unusual events modeled and seasonal factors for these items, may be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw Gallagher at (202) 606-6968 or e-mailing her (gallagher_c@bls.gov).

Beginning with the release of seasonal adjustment factors for 1997, in February 1998, seasonal adjustment will be performed using X-12-ARIMA. X-12-ARIMA is a new seasonal adjustment software package developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment program is an enhanced version of the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program. The enhancements include a variety of new diagnostics and modeling tools to help the user detect and remedy any inadequacies in the seasonal adjustments obtained under the program options selected.

Metropolitan Areas

BLS publishes three major metropolitan areas monthly:

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

Data for additional 11 metropolitan areas are published every other month [on an odd (January, March, etc.) or even (February, April, etc.) month schedule] for the following areas:

Atlanta, GA	-even
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	-odd
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-odd
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-odd
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	-even
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-even
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	
PA-NJ-DE-MD	-even
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,	-even
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	-even
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	-even
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	-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 two to three weeks into the following month.)

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

How to Obtain Consumer Price Index Information

Consumer Price Index (CPI) information is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) electronically, through publication subscriptions, and via telephone and fax through automated recordings. Information specialists are also available in the national and regional offices, to provide help and to respond to questions.

Electronic access to CPI data

BLS on the Internet. Through the Internet, BLS provides free, continuous access to published CPI data and press re-

leases. The most recent month's CPI is made available immediately at the time of release. Additionally, 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 BLS site is accessible via the World Wide Web (WWW), Gopher, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP), as described below. Send e-mail to labstat.helpdesk@bls.gov for help using any of these systems.

World Wide Web. BLS maintains a Web site (<http://stats.bls.gov>). This BLS homepage provides access to LABSTAT, as well as links to program-specific homepages. The CPI homepage <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm> provides other CPI information, as well as indexes. This includes 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. In addition, CPI press releases and historical data for metropolitan areas can be accessed by linking to regional office homepages from the main BLS Web site listed above.

FTP and Gopher. These tools provide access to CPI LABSTAT data, as well as documentation and press release files organized in hierarchical directories. Connect to stats.bls.gov using FTP or Gopher. Log on as "anonymous," and use your complete Internet e-mail address as the password.

Subscriptions to CPI publications

Summary data. Free, monthly, 2-page publication containing 1- 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, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Room 2850, Washington, DC 20212-0001, or call (202) 606-7828 or any of the BLS regional offices listed below.

CPI Detailed Report. Most comprehensive report of the Consumer Price Index. 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. Subscriptions cost \$25 per year.

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 extensive for inclusion in the *CPI Detailed Report*. The MLR costs \$29 per year. 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 on 24-hour recorded messages. Detailed CPI information is available by calling (202) 606-STAT. A touch-tone telephone is recommended, as this system allows the user to select specific indexes from lists of available data.

Recorded summaries of CPI are also available by calling any one of the metropolitan area CPI hot lines listed below. These hotline summaries typically include data for the U.S. city average, as well as the specified area. These recordings are approximately 3 minutes in length, do not require a touch-tone telephone, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Area	Hotline Number
Anchorage	(907) 271-2770
Atlanta	(404) 347-3702
Baltimore	(410) 962-4898
Boston	(617) 565-2325/2327
Chicago	(312) 353-1883
Cincinnati	(513) 684-2349
Cleveland	(216) 522-3852
Dallas	(214) 767-6971
Denver	(303) 844-1735
Detroit	(313) 226-7558
Honolulu	(808) 541-2808
Houston	(713) 718-3753
Indianapolis	(317) 226-7885
Kansas City	(816) 426-2372
Los Angeles	(310) 235-6884
Milwaukee	(414) 276-2579
Minneapolis-St. Paul	(612) 290-3996
New York	(212) 337-2406/2408
Philadelphia	(215) 596-1156
Pittsburgh	(412) 644-2900
Portland	(503) 231-2045
Salt Lake City	(801) 485-6582
San Diego	(619) 557-6538
San Francisco	(415) 975-4406
Seattle	(206) 553-0645
St. Louis	(314) 539-3527
Washington, DC	(202) 606-6994/7828

Other sources of CPI data

Technical information is available during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 606-7000 or any of the regional offices listed below.

Fax-on-Demand. A wide variety of BLS information and data,

including CPI, are available from the BLS *Ready Facts* catalog, via fax-on-demand. CPI documents from *Ready Facts* that are available around the clock include the monthly CPI press release, selected national, regional and metropolitan area historical summaries, and some technical information. The latest CPI information is posted during the morning of release day. Call (202) 606-6325. Then, follow the instructions to have the latest *Ready Facts* catalog sent to you. Each regional office also has a fax system in place; their systems include all information available from the national catalog, in addition to region-specific information on the CPI. Phone and fax-on-demand numbers for the eight regional offices are:

Office	Fax-on-Demand	Telephone
Atlanta	(404) 562-2545	(404) 562-2463
Boston	(617) 515-9167	(617) 565-2327
Chicago	(312) 987-9288	(312) 353-1880
Dallas	(214) 767-9613	(214) 767-6970
Kansas City	(816) 426-3152	(816) 426-2481
New York	(212) 337-2412	(212) 337-2400
Philadelphia	(215) 596-4160	(215) 596-1154
San Francisco	(415) 975-4567	(415) 975-4350
Washington, DC	(202) 606-6325	(202) 606-7000

Historical tables. These include all published indexes for each of the detailed CPI components. These tables are available via the Internet, by calling (202) 606-7000 in the national office, or by contacting any of the regional offices listed above.

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

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

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