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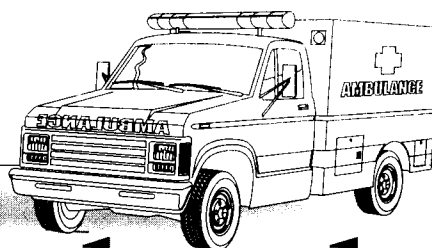
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<i>Index month</i>	<i>Release date</i>	<i>Index month</i>	<i>Release date</i>
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July	August 18	October	November 17
August	September 17	November	December 15

Price Movements

May 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in May, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 162.8 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in May, the CPI-U has increased 1.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in May, prior to seasonal adjustment. The May 1998 CPI-W level of 159.5 was 1.5 percent higher than the index in May 1997.

Beginning with release of the data for January 1999, the BLS will introduce a new formula for calculating the basic components of the CPI. (See page 3 for more details.)

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in May after increasing 0.2 percent in April. The food index increased 0.6 percent. Grocery store food prices advanced 0.8 percent in May, following declines of 0.1 percent in each of the 3 preceding months, largely as a result of sharp increases in prices for fruits and vegetables. The energy index registered its first increase since last September—up 0.3 percent in May. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 0.8 percent, while the index for energy services was unchanged. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U, which rose 0.3 percent in April, increased 0.2 percent in May. A small increase in cigarette prices and a large decline in airline fares, coupled with a

downturn in the index for household furnishings and operations, were responsible for the moderation.

During the first 5 months of 1998, the CPI-U rose at a 1.5-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.7 percent for all of 1997. Declines in energy costs have continued to act as a moderating influence on overall consumer price index movements thus far in 1998, decreasing at a 12.9-percent annual rate, after declining 3.4 percent in all of 1997. Food costs, which rose 1.5 percent in 1997, have risen at a 2.3-percent SAAR in the first 5 months of 1998. Excluding food and energy, The CPI-U has advanced at a 2.7-percent rate thus far in 1998, compared with a 2.2-percent rise for all of 1997. The larger rate of advance this year is primarily due to a sharp rise in the index for tobacco and smoking products—up at a SAAR of 16.2 percent.

The food and beverages index rose 0.5 percent in May. The index for grocery store food prices rose 0.8 percent, following declines of 0.1 percent in each of the preceding 3 months. About 95 percent of the May advance was the result of a 5.3-percent rise in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables increased 1.4 and 11.9 percent, respectively; processed fruits and vegetables rose 1.4 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs registered its first increase since November, advancing 0.3 percent in May. The indexes for beef, for pork, and for poultry increased 0.4, 0.5, and 0.8

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended May 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended May 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997		1998						
	November	December	January	February	March	April	May		
All items	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	2.2	1.7
Food and beverages	.2	.1	.3	0	0	.1	.5	2.3	2.3
Housing	.3	.1	.1	.1	.2	.4	.3	3.3	2.4
Apparel	.1	.2	-.5	.2	-.2	-.1	.4	.6	0
Transportation	-.6	-.3	-.3	-.4	-.5	-.1	.1	-2.0	-1.7
Medical care	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	.4	.3	4.3	3.1
Recreation	-	-	.3	.3	.4	0	0	1.6	1.6
Education and communication	-	-	0	-.1	.3	.3	.3	3.7	2.6
Other goods and services	.4	.4	.4	.8	-.3	1.0	.7	5.8	6.1
Special indexes									
Energy	0	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2	-1.2	-.1	.3	-4.2	-5.6
Food	.1	0	.3	0	0	.1	.6	2.5	2.4
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.3	.1	.3	.2	2.6	2.2

- Data not available.

percent, respectively. Despite the May increases, prices for each of these items were lower than a year earlier. The index for cereal and bakery products increased 0.4 percent. Each of the three other major grocery store food groups recorded declines in May. The index for nonalcoholic beverages registered its third consecutive decrease—down 0.5 percent in May—reflecting declines in prices for coffee and carbonated drinks. The index for dairy products fell 0.3 percent, and the index for other food at home declined 0.1 percent. The other two components of the food and beverage index—food away from home and alcoholic beverages—rose 0.2 percent and remained unchanged, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in May. Shelter costs rose 0.4 percent, the same as in April. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.4 percent; owners' equivalent rent, 0.3 percent; and the cost of lodging away from home, 1.0 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the latter index declined 1.4 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.1 percent in May. The index for household fuels was unchanged, the index for electricity rose 0.1 percent, the index for natural gas was unchanged; and the index for fuel oil declined 0.5 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which increased 0.4 percent in April, decreased 0.2 percent in May, reflecting price declines for most housefurnishings.

The transportation component, which declined in each of the preceding 6 months, rose 0.1 percent in May. The upturn was largely due to the turnaround in the index for gasoline, which registered its first increase since

September—up 0.8 in May. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 3.4 percent.) The index for new and used vehicle prices was unchanged in May; the index for new vehicles declined 0.3 percent, while the index for used car and truck prices advanced 1.2 percent. Public transportation costs declined 0.8 percent in May. The index for airline fares, which increased 8.2 percent during the first 3 months of 1998, declined for the second consecutive month—down 2.4 percent in May.

The index for apparel increased 0.4 percent in May, following declines in each of the preceding 2 months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 0.4 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in May to a level 3.1 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.7 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation costs was unchanged for the second consecutive month. Declines in the prices for sporting goods, video and audio equipment, and toys were largely offset by an increase in charges for cable television.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in May, the same as in April. In May, education costs rose 0.5 percent, reflecting an increase in charges for child care and nursery school. The index for communication costs rose 0.1 percent. Within the com-

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 May 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended May 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997		1998						
	November	December	January	February	March	April	May		
All items	0.1	0.1	0	0	-0.1	0.3	0.3	2.0	1.5
Food and beverages	.1	0	.3	0	0	0	.6	2.3	2.1
Housing	.3	0	0	.1	.3	.3	.3	3.4	2.3
Apparel	0	0	-.5	-.2	-.5	.2	.3	0	-.7
Transportation	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.4	-.6	0	.1	-2.0	-1.9
Medical care	.3	.4	.2	.2	.3	.4	.3	4.1	3.0
Recreation	-	-	.3	.3	.3	.1	-.2	.8	1.5
Education and communication	-	-	-.1	0	.4	.2	.4	4.1	2.6
Other goods and services	.4	.4	.5	1.1	-.6	1.4	.8	6.6	6.6
Special indexes									
Energy	-.2	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1	-1.3	-.2	.3	-4.9	-5.8
Food	.2	-.1	.4	-.1	0	.1	.6	2.5	2.2
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	.4	.2	2.6	2.0

- Data not available.

munication category, an increase in long distance telephone charges—up 1.2 percent—was partially offset by declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for cellular telephone services—down 4.5 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.7 percent in May. Over half of the increase was attributable to a 1.7-percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products. Prices for cigarettes rose 2.6 percent in May and have risen 7.7 percent through the first five months of 1998.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.3 percent in May.

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 April to May, the old series CPI-U and the old series CPI-W rose 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. These series are not seasonally adjusted.

Planned change in the Consumer Price Index formula

On April 16, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced its decision to use a new formula for calculating the basic components of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). This change will become effective with data for January 1999.

The new formula, the geometric mean estimator, will be used in index categories that comprise approximately 61 percent of total consumer spending represented by the CPI-U. The remaining index categories, which are shown in the accompanying list to be calculated as they are currently. Based upon BLS research, it is expected that planned use of the new formula will reduce the annual rate of increase in the CPI by approximately 0.2 percentage point per year.

The geometric mean estimator will be introduced in both the CPI-U and the CPI-W effective with data for January 1999, in accord with the past practice of introducing methodological changes at the beginning of a calendar year. BLS will continue to publish "overlap" CPI-U and CPI-W series using the current calculation method for the first 6 months of 1999. These indexes will not be published regularly for months subsequent to June 1999, but will be available upon request.

Additional information on this change has been published in the April 1998 *CPI Detailed Report* and is available on the Internet (<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>). This information may also be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Room 3615 Washington, DC 20212 or by calling (202) 606-7000.

Arithmetic Mean (Laspeyres) formula

1. Selected shelter services:

- A) Rent of primary residence
- B) Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence
- C) Housing at school, excluding board

2. Selected utilities and government charges:

- A) Electricity
- B) Utility natural gas service
- C) Residential water and sewerage maintenance
- D) State and local registration, license, and motor vehicle property tax
- E) Telephone services, local charges
- F) Cable television

3. Selected medical care services:

- A) Physicians' services
- B) Dental services
- C) Eyeglasses and eye care
- D) Services by other medical professionals
- E) Hospital services
- F) Nursing homes and adult daycare

Overview of publication changes

Beginning in 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics 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 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 the 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.

Formerly 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.

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

Changes to the geographic structure

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to be representative of the current demographics of the United States. The 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 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 definitions issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), two other areas, Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, which 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.
- Bimonthly indexes are published for the next 11 largest areas, including Atlanta and Seattle, which used to

have semiannual average indexes.

- Semiannual average indexes are now published for 12 additional areas, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis, which 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 because cities in size class A are those for which the Bureau publishes city level indexes. The B/C size class is a combination of the old size B and size C metropolitan areas. In addition to the two metropolitan area size indexes for each region, separate size D indexes for urban nonmetropolitan 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:

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 (In January and July)

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

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, would be discontinued in 1999 as well. This plan was initially described in the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*, a publication which contained several articles that dealt with the 1998 CPI Revision.

BLS has now decided not to implement this rebasing plan. Instead, BLS 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 substantially impact the index. Because the rebased index values are smaller, however, the loss of precision due to rounding is more serious. In addition, retaining the old index reference bases would spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

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

A Note on 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, sea-

sonally 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 the 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 upon 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.

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

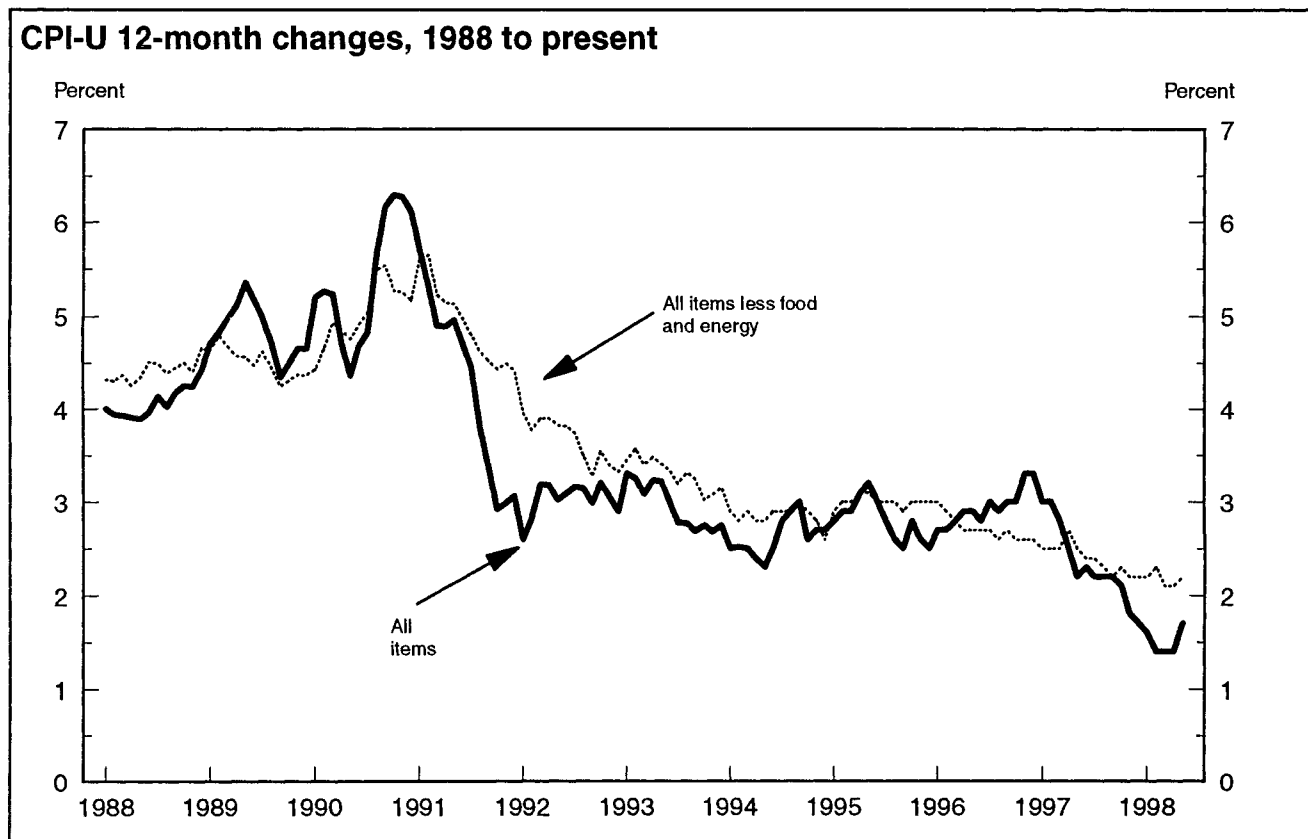
Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally 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 on (202) 606-6968 or by sending e-mail (gallagher_c@bls.gov).



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Consumer inflation in 1997 at 11-year low

*Factors underlying the slowdown in consumer prices
included falling prices for energy and moderating food costs;
if food and energy are excluded,
the index shows the smallest increase in 32 years*

Todd Wilson

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items for the U.S. city average increased 1.7 percent in 1997, down from a 3.3-percent advance during the prior year.¹ The 1997 rise was the smallest annual increase since the 1.1-percent advance in 1986, when oil prices collapsed. A combination of declining energy prices and moderating food inflation contributed to last year's relatively low consumer inflation. Lower prices for consumer energy followed falling world crude oil prices, as oil supplies outpaced usual demand, and as demand for oil turned out to be weaker than expected. Decelerating food inflation accompanied decreasing prices for animal feed and wheat.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy prices (often called the core CPI-U) increased 2.2 percent, the smallest calendar-year rise in 32 years. Decreasing commodities prices across a wide variety of items, including new and used cars and housefurnishings, contributed to the slowdown in inflation in 1997. Commodities prices, subject to greater global competition than those for services, rose just 0.2 percent. Within commodities, prices for durable goods decreased 1.5 percent; nondurable goods increased 0.8 percent. Services fees, which increased 2.8 percent in 1997, decelerated as well, although not nearly as much as did commodities prices. (See table 1.)

Other economic measures

After adjustment for inflation, the economy expanded 3.7 percent during 1997 on a fourth-quarter to fourth-quarter basis. Last year's increase in real gross domestic product was the largest calendar-year rise during the current economic expansion, which began in 1991. The unemployment rate decreased more than one-half percentage point this past year to 4.7 percent in December, the lowest yearend level since 1969.

The combination of last year's record-low consumer inflation and record-low unemployment rate is unusual. Generally, a sustained unemployment rate under 5 percent has been accompanied by accelerating, not decelerating, inflation. Although a slight acceleration in wages and salaries has accompanied the relatively low unemployment rate, the acceleration has been weaker than the past would indicate. The Employment Cost Index (ECI) for wages and salaries for private industry workers increased 3.9 percent last year (more than twice the rate of consumer inflation), after rising 3.4 percent during 1996.

On balance, the Producer Price Index (PPI) declined as well during 1997, adding further downward pressure to business' materials costs and consumer prices. Excluding energy from each of the following PPI's, finished consumer goods decreased

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Table 1. Annual percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), selected expenditure categories, 1988-97

Expenditure category	December 1996 relative importance	Percent change for 12 months ended December—									
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All items	100.000	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7
Energy	7.049	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4
Food	15.913	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5
All items less food and energy	77.038	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2
Commodities less food and energy	23.364	4.0	2.7	3.4	4.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.1	.4
Commodities less food	26.960	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	-.5
All items less energy	92.951	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1
Commodities	42.873	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.2
Durables	10.242	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1.5
Furniture and bedding	1.117	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-.7
Video and audio products	0.407	-1.4	-.5	-3.6	-.8	-1.8	-.8	-2.1	-3.9	-2.2	-3.8
Major household appliances	0.284	3.6	-1.4	-.3	-2.1	.5	1.5	3.6	-1.8	1.4	-1.9
Information-processing equipment	0.074	(¹)	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-12.1
New vehicles	4.955	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	-.9
Automobile parts and equipment	0.529	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.9
Sporting goods and equipment	0.399	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-.6	-.1	-.4
Nondurables	32.631	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.8
Energy commodities	3.596	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9
Gasoline	(²)	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1
Fuel oil	0.293	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7
Textile housefurnishings	0.329	5.8	-.3	2.5	1.9	-1.9	6.6	-3.6	.5	-.7	-3.3
Apparel commodities	4.786	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	-.5	.9
Medical care commodities	1.273	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment	0.372	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-.9	1.0	2.8	-1.6
Services	57.127	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.8
Shelter	28.194	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4
Airline fares	1.108	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8
Medical care services	6.073	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9
Medical care	7.346	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8

¹ Data are not available.

² No relative importance is published for gasoline. The relative importance

for motor fuel, which includes gasoline and diesel fuel, is 3.171.

NOTE: Data are not seasonally adjusted.

0.1 percent, intermediate materials rose 0.2 percent, and crude materials declined 2.7 percent. Much of the decline in crude materials reflects sharp decreases in prices for nonferrous metal ores, copper base scrap, cotton, cattle hides, and foodstuffs and feedstuffs. The PPI does not reflect changes in import prices.

Energy and food prices

Energy. The behavior of energy prices changed significantly in 1997, compared with 1996. The 1996 energy markets reflected tight supply and demand conditions. World crude oil prices reached \$23 per barrel in October, the highest level since the Persian Gulf War. Prices of all petroleum-based products followed oil prices and rose sharply as well in 1996; gasoline prices increased 12.4 percent and fuel oil costs rose more than 23 percent.²

The situation changed significantly in 1997. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) began to exceed production quotas, resulting in increased inventories and falling prices. Non-OPEC production rose as well, especially from Mexico, Brazil, and other Latin American nations. By yearend, crude oil prices were less than \$17 a barrel.

In the first quarter of 1997, milder-than-expected winter weather resulted in reduced demand for fuel oil. Meanwhile, oil production outpaced demand. As increased production flooded oil markets, world petroleum prices plummeted through April.³

Later in the year, beginning in October and lasting through December, petroleum and gasoline prices again moved sharply lower. Factors behind these decreases included a weakening in demand from the troubled economies of East Asia, a milder-than-usual autumn in much of the northern

hemisphere that accompanied the El Niño weather system, and an increase in OPEC oil production, particularly from Venezuela.

In 1997, the decrease in crude oil prices translated into sharply lower prices for gasoline and home heating oil. Gasoline charges declined 6.1 percent in 1997. Last year's sharp decrease largely reflects declining petroleum prices, lower gasoline demand due to cooler-than-normal driving weather during the spring and early summer, and rising crude oil and gasoline stocks, which reached levels not seen for several years. Because 1997's autumn and early winter weather was milder than usual, many oil refiners did not switch production from gasoline to heating oil, as they usually do at that time of year. Consequently, gasoline inventories climbed quite high.

At the same time, charges for household fuel oil decreased 11.7 percent in 1997. Energy services (electricity and natural gas) rose just 0.2 percent in 1997, after increasing 3.8 percent during the preceding year. Electricity prices decreased 1.3 percent. Natural gas costs increased just 3.3 percent, down sharply from an 11-percent rise in 1996.

Food. Food inflation decelerated sharply last year, with prices increasing just 1.5 percent, following a 4.3-percent advance in 1996. Grocery store food prices (food at home) rose 1.0 percent in 1997, after rising 4.9 percent during the previous year. Declining prices for beef and veal, dairy products, pork, poultry, eggs, and fresh fruits led the deceleration.

Beef and veal charges decreased 0.7 percent last year, after rising 2.4 percent in 1996. The number of cows slaughtered increased in 1997, mainly a result of disappointing forage conditions, a number of winter storms, and record-high hay prices. Furthermore, negative publicity on recalled E-coli-contaminated beef dampened domestic and international demand. Finally, declining pork prices acted to suppress beef and veal costs. Charges for dairy products declined 0.5 percent in 1997, after increasing more than 10 percent in the prior year. In contrast to 1996, in 1997, farmers spread out their available forage until new crop supplies became available, thereby avoiding a decrease in milk output per cow.

Pork prices decreased 1.5 percent in 1997, following an 11.3-percent rise during the prior year. Last year represented an expansionary phase of the pork production cycle, as both breeding stocks and the number of hogs slaughtered increased. A reduction in corn feed prices has encouraged the expansion to last longer than it otherwise would have. After peaking in July 1996, the PPI for corn decreased nearly 50 percent by December 1997. Other mitigating factors include lower-than-anticipated exports to Japan and increased imports.

Poultry costs were down 1.6 percent last year, following a nearly 8-percent rise in 1996. As with hogs, lower feed costs

resulted in increased flocks of chickens. Also, exports to Russia, China, and the European Union were lower than expected. After increasing 12 percent in 1996, the index for eggs decreased 7.2 percent last year. Following record wholesale egg prices in 1996, both the size of flocks and productivity per hen rose in 1997.

Fresh fruits prices decreased 4.7 percent in 1997, after increasing 12 percent during the previous year. Apple supplies were abundant, as the second-largest Washington crop on record went to market. Last year was also a record harvest year for grapefruit, for which demand has been decreasing since the 1992-93 season. Additionally, California had a record harvest of grapes; a large volume of imported Mexican grapes contributed to lower prices as well. Finally, there were bumper crops of California plums and strawberries, and California and Georgia peaches.

Lower charges for fresh fruits were offset by a 13.2-percent increase in fresh vegetable prices. Prices for tomatoes rose 31 percent, following freezing and cold weather in Florida, and cold weather and excessive rainfall in Mexico. Lettuce prices increased more than 18 percent.

Prices of cereals and bakery products increased just 1.5 percent last year, less than half as much as during 1996. Declining wheat prices were largely responsible for the moderation. After peaking in May 1996, the PPI for wheat decreased more than 40 percent by December of last year.

Items other than food and energy

Shelter, cable television, and housefurnishings. The shelter index rose 3.4 percent last year, higher than a 2.9-percent rise during the prior year. Except for the household maintenance and repairs category, higher increases than in 1996 were registered in all categories within the shelter component, including residential rent, lodging while out of town, lodging while at school, tenants' insurance, owners' equivalent rent, and household insurance.

Charges for cable television increased 6.9 percent. Factors behind the rise included higher rates for both basic service and extended basic service, and installation fees that were returning from sale price levels.

Higher shelter and cable television costs were partially offset by a 1.4-percent decrease in housefurnishings charges. The following decreases were reported within this category: textile housefurnishings, -3.3 percent; furniture and bedding, -0.7 percent; and appliances including electronic equipment, -3.9 percent.

New vehicles and used cars. New-vehicle prices decreased 0.9 percent last year, the first calendar-year decrease since 1971. Demand for new vehicles weakened in 1997 largely as

a result of sharply declining used-car prices, owners holding on to their cars and trucks longer, and increasing demand for new vehicle leasing. This resulted in intensified domestic and foreign competition. Domestic manufacturers responded with cost-cutting techniques (for example, increased use of outsourcing and reductions in the numbers of models offered) and offered incentives to dealers and customers. The cost-saving measures enabled manufacturers of domestic vehicles to remain competitive, despite flat domestic demand (sales were up just 0.1 percent from 1996) and rising imports.

Between January and November of 1997, Japan's carmakers, for example, increased exports to the United States by more than 11 percent. The strengthening of the U. S. dollar, which makes imported goods less expensive, accounts for some of that increase.

Used-car prices decreased 4.9 percent in 1997, the largest decrease in 11 years. Record numbers of leased vehicles (most of them 2 or 3 years old) coming off lease in 1997 resulted in a large increase in supplies of used cars and trucks. From 1993 to 1997, the number of vehicles leased in this country nearly doubled, from 1.6 million to 2.9 million. Cars coming off lease added downward price pressure to used cars, which in turn dampened prices of competing new automobiles. Moreover, the increased incidence of leasing, as an alternative to buying, may have directly held down prices of new and used vehicles.

Medical care. Medical care inflation continued to decelerate in 1997 for the seventh consecutive year. The medical care index increased just 2.8 percent, slightly lower than the 1996 advance. Annual percent increases in these charges have not been this low since 1965. Increases in the indexes for most components of medical care were lower last year, including prescription drugs, physicians' services, and hospital and related services. Prescription drug prices increased 2.5 percent in 1997, down from a 3.2-percent rise in 1996. In 1997, a number of mergers took place that created economies of scale leading to a moderation of upward price pressure. The government took action in some cases to preserve the competitive environment by requiring the sale of some individual stores to competitors. Expiring patents led to an

increase in the number of lower priced generic drugs. Many new drugs were approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1997, leading to a significant increase in the number of drug choices.

Fees for physicians' services rose 2.7 percent, the smallest increase since 1972. The practice by insurance companies of paying physicians a smaller percentage of their regular fees continued in 1997, as a result of the continued growth in managed care programs. Physicians' fees for noninsured patients also rose less than in recent years.

Charges for hospital and related services continued their 7-year trend of smaller increases. Charges for these services increased 3.2 percent, following a 4.1-percent rise in 1996.

Other goods and services. Prices for tobacco and smoking products rose 7.2 percent last year, the highest increase since 1992. Most of the rise in tobacco charges reflects increases in cigarette prices. Last year, leading tobacco companies raised these charges at the wholesale level, partially in an attempt to finance huge settlement costs stemming from lawsuits. Also, increases in State excise taxes on cigarettes raised such prices even further. Tuition and other school fees, and school books and supplies each increased more than 5 percent. Personal financial services rose 6.0 percent in 1997, reflecting higher costs for tax preparation services and electronic tax filing. Legal service fees increased 5.1 percent, in part because of higher fees associated with uncontested divorces, short will preparation, and legal briefs. Finally, the funeral expenses index rose 5.1 percent. Much of the increase can be attributed to higher costs for funeral services. Additionally, higher charges were reported for cremations, caskets, vaults, cemetery lots, and memorials. □

Footnotes

¹ Annual percent changes are December to December, unless otherwise noted.

² See Todd L. Wilson, "Winter and Spring Gasoline Prices Show Highest Rise Since Persian Gulf War," *CPI Detailed Report*, June 1996, pp. 4-6.

³ See "Motor Gasoline Assessment, Spring 1997" (Energy Information Administration, pp. 5-8), on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/ncic/press.html>

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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	162.5	162.8	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	486.8	487.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	160.2	160.7	2.3	.3	.0	.1	.5
Food	15.326	159.8	160.3	2.4	.3	.0	.1	.6
Food at home	9.646	160.2	160.7	2.0	.3	-.1	-.1	.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	180.2	180.5	2.0	.2	.4	-.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	146.3	146.2	-1.0	-.1	-.4	-.1	.3
Dairy and related products ¹	1.037	148.5	148.1	1.9	-.3	.5	.1	-.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	197.5	203.9	9.4	3.2	-1.0	.2	5.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	133.9	132.9	-.4	-.7	-.3	-.4	-.5
Other food at home	1.972	149.6	149.3	1.5	-.2	.3	.0	-.1
Sugar and sweets	.377	150.1	149.5	1.1	-.4	.9	-.7	-.4
Fats and oils	.291	140.7	141.2	-.6	.4	.6	-1.1	.6
Other foods	1.305	165.0	164.7	2.7	-.2	.1	.4	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	.309	101.7	101.4	-	-.3	1.1	.2	-.3
Food away from home ¹	5.680	160.2	160.6	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	.172	100.6	100.6	-	.0	-.1	.3	.0
Alcoholic beverages	.983	165.2	165.2	1.5	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Housing	39.560	159.5	159.7	2.4	.1	.2	.4	.3
Shelter	29.788	181.0	181.2	3.4	.1	.2	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence	6.885	170.7	171.1	3.1	.2	.4	.2	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.327	110.2	108.7	-	-1.4	-.4	1.2	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	20.199	186.4	186.8	3.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.377	100.4	99.6	-	-.8	.1	.1	-.8
Fuels and utilities	4.942	127.0	127.9	-.9	.7	.3	.3	.1
Fuels	4.018	112.3	113.2	-1.8	.8	.4	.4	.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	.261	92.8	91.8	-8.6	-1.1	.4	-.7	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	119.4	120.5	-1.1	.9	.2	.4	.0
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	127.0	126.6	.6	-.3	.1	.4	-.2
Apparel	4.944	135.8	135.3	.0	-.4	-.2	-.1	.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	133.4	133.5	1.1	.1	.6	-.6	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	130.9	129.7	-.2	-.9	.1	-.1	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.268	126.6	126.9	-5.2	.2	1.1	1.8	.2
Footwear	.895	127.9	128.3	-.6	.3	-.8	-.2	.6
Transportation	17.578	141.5	142.0	-1.7	.4	-.5	-.1	.1
Private transportation	16.240	137.7	138.4	-1.8	.5	-.6	-.1	.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.899	100.1	99.9	-1.2	-.2	.0	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.063	144.3	143.3	-.9	-.7	.1	.0	-.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.880	148.2	150.0	-2.5	1.2	-.7	.6	1.2
Motor fuel	2.995	91.7	94.7	-10.4	3.3	-3.5	-.9	.9
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	91.1	94.2	-10.5	3.4	-3.5	-1.0	.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.560	100.5	100.6	-1.1	.1	.0	-.5	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	165.7	165.9	2.3	.1	.1	.0	.1
Public transportation	1.338	193.4	190.4	1.2	-1.6	.4	-.2	-.8
Medical care	5.614	240.7	241.4	3.1	.3	.3	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.222	220.2	221.5	2.7	.6	.0	.7	.7
Medical care services	4.392	245.4	245.9	3.1	.2	.3	.4	.2
Professional services	2.808	221.1	221.7	3.0	.3	.4	.4	.2
Hospital and related services	1.334	285.6	285.6	3.0	.0	.2	.4	.1
Recreation ²	6.145	101.1	101.0	1.6	-.1	.4	.0	.0
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.763	101.4	101.2	2.3	-.2	.2	.0	-.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ²	5.528	99.9	100.1	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Education ²	2.615	100.7	100.9	5.3	.2	.5	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies	.194	248.8	248.9	5.5	.0	.6	.8	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	290.0	290.5	5.3	.2	.4	.6	.5
Communication ^{1 2}	2.913	99.3	99.4	-1.2	.1	.1	.0	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.706	99.2	99.3	-1.3	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.357	100.5	101.1	-	.6	.4	.1	.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	.350	42.8	41.5	-18.3	-3.0	-2.0	-1.4	-3.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.234	86.6	82.7	-	-4.5	-2.8	-2.4	-4.5
Other goods and services	4.321	234.7	236.7	6.1	.9	-.3	1.0	.7
Tobacco and smoking products	.894	263.5	270.0	10.7	2.5	-2.6	3.8	1.7
Personal care ¹	3.427	155.9	156.6	2.6	.4	.3	.3	.4
Personal care products ¹	.737	147.3	149.3	3.6	1.4	.4	.0	1.4
Personal care services ¹	.963	165.2	165.4	1.9	.1	.2	.3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	233.5	234.0	4.0	.2	.3	.2	.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.635	142.0	142.3	.1	.2	-.4	.1	.4
Food and beverages	16.310	160.2	160.7	2.3	.3	.0	.1	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	131.0	131.3	-1.2	.2	-.5	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	133.0	134.0	-1.0	.8	-1.0	.1	.7
Apparel	4.944	135.8	135.3	.0	-.4	-.2	-.1	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	136.6	138.4	-1.4	1.3	-1.0	.0	.9
Durables	11.596	128.1	127.6	-1.4	-.4	.0	-.1	-.2
Services	57.365	183.2	183.4	2.8	.1	.2	.4	.3
Rent of shelter ³	29.410	188.4	188.6	3.4	.1	.3	.3	.4
Transportation services	6.984	188.3	187.8	1.6	-.3	.2	-.1	-.2
Other services	10.625	215.6	216.1	3.9	.2	.4	.4	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.674	163.0	163.3	1.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less shelter	70.212	156.9	157.3	1.0	.3	-.1	.2	.2
All items less medical care	94.386	158.1	158.4	1.6	.2	.0	.2	.3
Commodities less food	27.309	132.4	132.7	-1.0	.2	-.5	.1	.2
Nondurables less food	15.712	135.0	135.9	-.8	.7	-.9	.0	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	138.4	140.1	-1.1	1.2	-1.0	.1	.7
Nondurables	31.039	146.7	147.5	.8	.5	-.4	.0	.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	27.955	190.8	191.1	2.2	.2	.4	.3	.3
Services less medical care services	52.973	177.4	177.6	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.2
Energy	7.013	101.9	103.8	-5.6	1.9	-1.2	-.1	.3
All items less energy	92.987	170.4	170.5	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.3
All items less food and energy	77.661	173.0	173.1	2.2	.1	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	143.8	143.6	.2	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
Energy commodities	3.256	91.8	94.6	-10.2	3.1	-3.1	-.9	.8
Services less energy services	53.608	189.7	189.8	3.1	.1	.2	.4	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.615	\$.614	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.205	\$.205	-	-	-	-	-

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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	162.0	162.0	162.4	162.9	2.0	2.3	0.5	2.2	2.1	1.4
Food and beverages	159.7	159.7	159.8	160.6	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.6	1.8
Food	159.4	159.4	159.5	160.4	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.5	2.6	1.9
Food at home	159.7	159.5	159.4	160.7	3.6	1.3	.5	2.5	2.4	1.5
Cereals and bakery products	179.4	180.1	179.7	180.5	2.3	1.8	1.3	2.5	2.0	1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.2	146.6	146.5	146.9	1.4	-1.6	-3.7	-.8	-.1	-2.3
Dairy and related products ¹	147.7	148.4	148.5	148.1	-5.4	10.4	1.9	1.1	2.2	1.5
Fruits and vegetables	194.9	193.0	193.3	203.5	12.2	2.5	6.8	18.9	7.3	12.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	134.1	133.7	133.1	132.5	12.3	-4.6	-3.5	-4.7	3.5	-4.1
Other food at home	148.8	149.3	149.3	149.2	5.3	-.3	.8	1.1	2.5	.9
Sugar and sweets	149.4	150.7	149.6	149.0	1.1	2.5	1.9	-1.1	1.8	.4
Fats and oils	141.0	141.8	140.3	141.1	-.8	-.8	-.8	.3	-.8	-.3
Other foods	163.8	164.0	164.7	164.5	2.8	2.8	3.2	1.7	2.8	2.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	100.4	101.5	101.7	101.4	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Food away from home ¹	159.6	159.9	160.2	160.6	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	100.4	100.3	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	164.8	164.7	164.7	164.7	2.5	1.7	1.7	-.2	2.1	.7
Housing	158.6	158.9	159.5	159.9	2.1	3.4	1.0	3.3	2.7	2.2
Shelter	179.5	179.9	180.6	181.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	4.1	3.1	3.7
Rent of primary residence	169.7	170.3	170.7	171.3	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2
Lodging away from home ²	100.3	99.9	101.1	102.1	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	185.5	185.9	186.6	187.2	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	100.2	100.3	100.4	99.6	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Fuels and utilities	127.9	128.3	128.7	128.8	1.2	6.3	-12.1	2.8	3.7	-4.9
Fuels	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.5	.0	9.7	-17.9	2.9	4.7	-8.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	91.9	92.3	91.7	91.7	-14.0	-.4	-17.7	-.9	-7.4	-9.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.3	120.6	121.1	121.1	1.6	10.8	-18.0	2.7	6.1	-8.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	126.2	126.7	126.4	-1.3	.6	2.3	1.0	-.3	1.6
Apparel	132.7	132.5	132.4	132.9	-2.1	1.2	-.9	.6	-.4	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	132.0	132.8	132.0	131.5	1.9	.9	3.4	-1.5	1.4	.9
Women's and girls' apparel	125.3	125.4	125.3	126.5	-5.6	3.2	-2.5	3.9	-1.3	.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	123.1	124.4	126.6	126.9	-18.1	-4.0	-8.9	12.9	-11.3	1.4
Footwear	127.1	126.1	125.8	126.5	2.2	1.6	-4.3	-1.9	1.9	-3.1
Transportation	142.4	141.7	141.5	141.7	1.1	-1.1	-4.1	-2.0	.0	-3.0
Private transportation	138.8	138.0	137.9	138.1	1.7	-1.4	-5.3	-2.0	.1	-3.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.4	-	-
New vehicles	143.5	143.7	143.7	143.2	-.6	-1.4	-.6	-.8	-1.0	-.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	148.4	147.3	148.2	150.0	-13.3	-2.4	2.2	4.4	-8.0	3.3
Motor fuel	96.4	93.0	92.2	93.0	10.8	-4.8	-29.2	-13.4	2.7	-21.7
Gasoline (all types)	95.9	92.5	91.6	92.3	11.7	-5.2	-29.6	-14.2	2.9	-22.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.1	101.1	100.6	100.7	.4	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-.6	-1.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	165.5	165.7	165.7	165.9	2.5	1.5	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.5
Public transportation	191.4	192.1	191.7	190.2	-5.4	1.7	11.9	-2.5	-1.9	4.5
Medical care	238.9	239.6	240.6	241.4	2.1	2.7	3.1	4.3	2.4	3.7
Medical care commodities	218.0	218.1	219.7	221.2	.4	1.5	3.0	6.0	.9	4.5
Medical care services	243.5	244.3	245.2	245.7	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.7	3.4
Professional services	219.2	220.0	220.8	221.3	2.6	2.2	3.2	3.9	2.4	3.5
Hospital and related services	284.0	284.6	285.6	285.9	2.0	3.6	3.6	2.7	2.8	3.2
Recreation ²	100.6	101.0	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.2	101.4	101.4	101.2	4.5	1.2	3.6	.0	2.9	1.8

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group -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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ²	99.9	100.2	100.5	100.8	-	-	-	3.7	-	-
Education ²	100.7	101.2	101.8	102.3	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Educational books and supplies	244.9	246.3	248.3	249.9	7.1	3.2	3.5	8.4	5.1	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	289.0	290.3	292.0	293.5	5.6	4.5	4.8	6.4	5.0	5.6
Communication ^{1 2}	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.4	-3.1	1.2	-3.5	.8	-1.0	-1.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	99.1	99.3	99.2	99.3	-3.1	1.2	-3.9	.8	-1.0	-1.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.0	100.4	100.5	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	44.3	43.4	42.8	41.5	-19.0	-4.9	-25.0	-23.0	-12.2	-24.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	91.3	88.7	86.6	82.7	-	-	-	-32.7	-	-
Other goods and services	233.7	233.0	235.4	237.0	4.3	5.6	6.8	5.8	5.0	6.3
Tobacco and smoking products	261.2	254.3	264.0	268.4	2.8	10.9	18.6	11.5	6.8	15.0
Personal care ¹	155.0	155.5	155.9	156.6	-3	4.8	1.8	4.2	2.2	3.0
Personal care products ¹	146.7	147.3	147.3	149.3	-1.7	7.4	1.7	7.3	2.8	4.4
Personal care services ¹	164.3	164.7	165.2	165.4	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.7	1.5	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services	231.6	232.4	232.8	233.3	7.5	2.8	2.6	3.0	5.1	2.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	141.8	141.3	141.4	141.9	.9	1.1	-1.4	.3	1.0	-6
Food and beverages	159.7	159.7	159.8	160.6	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.6	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	131.0	130.3	130.5	130.7	-3	.0	-3.0	-9	-2	-2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.0	131.7	131.8	132.7	1.5	.9	-5.2	-9	1.2	-3.1
Apparel	132.7	132.5	132.4	132.9	-2.1	1.2	-9	.6	-4	-2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.7	136.3	136.3	137.5	4.1	-3	-8.3	-6	1.9	-4.5
Durables	127.8	127.8	127.7	127.4	-2.8	-1.2	-3	-1.2	-2.0	-8
Services	182.3	182.7	183.4	183.9	2.7	3.1	2.0	3.6	2.9	2.8
Rent of shelter ³	187.1	187.6	188.2	189.0	3.1	3.3	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.7
Transportation services	187.8	188.2	188.1	187.8	.7	1.1	4.6	.0	.9	2.3
Other services	214.4	215.2	216.1	216.8	4.1	2.5	3.2	4.6	3.3	3.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	162.3	162.4	162.8	163.2	1.8	2.3	.2	2.2	2.0	1.2
All items less shelter	156.6	156.5	156.8	157.1	1.8	1.8	-8	1.3	1.8	.3
All items less medical care	157.5	157.5	157.8	158.3	2.1	2.3	.3	2.0	2.2	1.1
Commodities less food	132.6	131.9	132.0	132.2	-3	.3	-2.7	-1.2	.0	-1.9
Nondurables less food	135.0	133.8	133.8	134.7	1.5	.9	-4.3	-9	1.2	-2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.4	138.0	138.1	139.1	3.7	.0	-7.4	-9	1.9	-4.2
Nondurables	146.5	145.9	145.9	146.8	2.5	1.9	-1.9	.8	2.2	-5
Services less rent of shelter ³	189.9	190.6	191.2	191.7	1.9	3.7	-2	3.8	2.8	1.8
Services less medical care services	176.5	177.0	177.6	178.0	2.6	3.5	1.6	3.4	3.0	2.5
Energy	104.3	103.0	102.9	103.2	4.5	2.9	-22.9	-4.2	3.7	-14.0
All items less energy	169.6	169.8	170.2	170.7	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.0	2.5
All items less food and energy	172.2	172.4	172.9	173.3	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.6	1.9	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.9	142.8	143.0	143.2	-1.4	1.1	1.1	.8	-1	1.0
Energy commodities	95.9	92.9	92.1	92.8	7.5	-4.1	-28.5	-12.3	1.6	-20.8
Services less energy services	188.6	189.0	189.7	190.2	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.4	2.8	3.5

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 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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	162.5	162.8	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	486.8	487.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	160.2	160.7	2.3	.3	.0	.1	.5
Food	15.326	159.8	160.3	2.4	.3	.0	.1	.6
Food at home	9.646	160.2	160.7	2.0	.3	-.1	-.1	.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	180.2	180.5	2.0	.2	.4	-.2	.4
Cereals and cereal products	.547	170.6	171.4	1.0	.5	-.5	.2	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	.071	156.9	161.8	2.7	3.1	1.1	.8	1.3
Breakfast cereal	.317	189.0	189.3	.9	.2	-.8	-.1	.4
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	.160	150.2	150.1	1.4	-.1	-.5	.3	.1
Rice ^{1 2 3}	-	99.4	99.2	-	-.2	.6	-.1	-.2
Bakery products	.989	184.5	184.5	2.5	.0	.7	-.3	.5
Bread ^{1 3}	.290	100.0	100.7	-	.7	-.4	.2	.7
White bread ^{2 3}	-	185.5	186.4	2.0	.5	-.6	.2	.5
Bread other than white ^{2 3}	-	186.5	190.6	5.2	2.2	-.1	-.6	2.2
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 3}	.142	102.0	101.3	-	-.7	-.9	1.1	-.7
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ³	.270	180.3	179.9	.2	-.2	-.4	-.4	-.2
Cookies ^{2 3}	-	182.1	181.2	1.1	-.5	-1.0	.2	-.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{2 3}	-	179.7	178.1	-.7	-.9	-.1	-.3	-.9
Other bakery products	.286	184.2	183.9	2.8	-.2	2.3	-.8	.9
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{2 3}	-	174.2	170.1	-2.8	-2.4	-2.5	.1	-2.4
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	-	217.0	216.9	2.9	.0	5.6	-.9	2.2
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ^{2 3}	-	186.9	183.9	3.0	-1.6	2.3	.1	-1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	146.3	146.2	-1.0	-.1	-.4	-.1	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.499	146.5	146.9	-1.1	.3	-.4	-.3	.3
Meats	1.670	140.8	141.0	-2.0	.1	-.3	-.4	.2
Beef and veal	.742	136.5	136.3	-.4	-.1	.3	.2	.4
Uncooked ground beef	.282	115.9	115.8	-.8	-.1	1.5	-.4	.9
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 3}	.132	99.0	99.3	-	.3	.1	-1.0	.3
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 3}	.277	100.1	99.9	-	-.2	.4	.7	-.2
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 3}	.051	100.0	99.1	-	-.9	1.2	-.5	-.9
Pork	.587	145.9	147.6	-4.3	1.2	-1.2	-1.3	.5
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 3}	.192	94.9	95.1	-	.2	-.9	-2.2	.2
Bacon and related products ²	-	147.5	147.7	-8.0	.1	-1.7	-2.5	-.3
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2 3}	-	99.0	99.5	-	.5	.9	-1.5	.5
Ham	.136	143.7	148.3	-3.6	3.2	-.3	-2.5	.6
Ham, excluding canned ²	-	153.1	158.2	-3.4	3.3	-.7	-2.4	.6
Pork chops	.131	147.0	147.2	-4.2	.1	-3.2	1.7	.7
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 3}	.128	95.8	97.3	-	1.6	-1.6	-2.0	1.6
Other meats ³	.341	146.7	145.5	-1.6	-.8	.1	-.5	-.8
Frankfurters ^{2 3}	-	147.1	142.8	-1.2	-2.9	-1.7	1.5	-2.9
Lunchmeats ^{1 2 3}	-	99.7	99.5	-	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.2
Lamb and organ meats ^{2 3}	-	161.5	157.8	-2.4	-2.3	2.0	-2.4	-2.3
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry ³	.495	154.3	155.6	-.6	.8	-.1	-.5	.8
Chicken ^{1 3}	.382	99.5	100.6	-	1.1	-.1	-.1	1.1
Fresh whole chicken ^{2 3}	-	156.5	158.7	.1	1.4	1.5	-.8	1.4
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{2 3}	-	154.6	156.0	-.8	.9	-1.2	.5	.9
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 3}	.113	99.2	99.3	-	.1	-.2	-1.9	.1
Fish and seafood	.334	181.0	180.9	2.5	-.1	-1.1	.6	.4
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 3}	.187	102.9	102.1	-	-.8	-.8	-.1	-.8
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 3}	.147	101.1	102.1	-	1.0	.2	1.0	1.0
Canned fish and seafood ^{2 3}	-	131.4	132.5	3.8	.8	-.7	1.5	.8
Frozen fish and seafood ²	-	202.4	204.0	1.9	.8	.3	1.1	1.3
Eggs	.130	139.1	128.6	-3.6	-7.5	-1.4	5.4	-2.0
Dairy and related products ³	1.037	148.5	148.1	1.9	-.3	.5	.1	-.3
Milk ^{1 3}	.403	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.5	-.4	.0
Fresh whole milk ^{2 3}	-	146.3	145.6	2.2	-.5	.5	-.5	-.5
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2 3}	-	100.3	100.6	-	.3	.5	-.5	.3
Cheese and related products ³	.305	149.9	149.4	1.1	-.3	1.2	-.1	-.3
Ice cream and related products	.176	152.4	150.9	.1	-1.0	-.3	1.9	-1.0
Other dairy and related products ^{1 3}	.152	99.9	99.9	-	.0	.7	-.2	.0

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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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	197.5	203.9	9.4	3.2	-1.0	0.2	5.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1.068	231.0	239.8	12.4	3.8	-1.5	.4	6.5
Fresh fruits	.547	241.6	249.0	4.0	3.1	-2.6	.9	1.4
Apples	.097	199.5	203.4	2.5	2.0	.3	-1.4	1.3
Bananas	.101	167.0	164.9	3.9	-1.3	-7.2	14.6	.1
Citrus fruits ^{1 3}	.110	108.8	117.0	-	7.5	1.3	6.0	7.5
Oranges, including tangerines ²	-	213.7	235.4	4.8	10.2	1.0	2.5	.1
Other fresh fruits ^{1 3}	.240	92.6	95.7	-	3.3	-3.7	-.4	3.3
Fresh vegetables	.521	219.7	229.7	22.6	4.6	-.3	-.1	11.9
Potatoes	.093	179.9	187.7	12.2	4.3	-.1	-1.8	2.9
Lettuce ³	.066	245.4	310.2	77.5	26.4	6.0	16.5	26.4
Tomatoes ³	.101	229.7	237.3	18.5	3.3	8.4	-6.2	3.3
Other fresh vegetables	.261	229.0	227.7	16.9	-.6	3.0	1.1	4.6
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	.327	101.0	102.4	-	1.4	.8	-.7	1.4
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	.176	100.9	102.4	-	1.5	1.6	-1.5	1.5
Canned fruits ^{1 2 3}	-	99.9	101.9	-	2.0	.1	-.5	2.0
Canned vegetables ^{1 2 3}	-	102.5	103.3	-	.8	2.4	-1.9	.8
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	.103	101.8	103.2	-	1.4	-.2	.4	1.4
Frozen vegetables ²	-	150.4	152.8	4.2	1.6	-.1	1.2	1.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 3}	.048	99.9	100.5	-	.6	.1	-.1	.6
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2 3}	-	99.9	99.8	-	-.1	-.7	.1	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	133.9	132.9	-.4	-.7	-.3	-.4	-.5
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 3}	.781	100.7	99.8	-	-.9	-.6	-.4	-.9
Carbonated drinks	.411	118.7	116.9	-1.8	-1.5	-.1	-.2	-1.6
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	.054	100.2	100.3	-	.1	-.9	.4	.1
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	.316	98.8	98.6	-	-.2	-.6	-.2	-.2
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 3}	.297	100.5	99.9	-	-.6	.2	.2	-.6
Coffee ³	.166	168.8	167.1	-.1	-1.0	.4	-.6	-1.0
Roasted coffee ^{2 3}	-	176.4	173.3	-.9	-1.8	.7	-.9	-1.8
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{2 3}	-	154.2	154.7	.7	.3	-.1	.2	.3
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 3}	.131	102.1	102.0	-	-.1	.0	1.1	-.1
Other food at home	1.972	149.6	149.3	1.5	-.2	.3	.0	-.1
Sugar and sweets	.377	150.1	149.5	1.1	-.4	.9	-.7	-.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	.074	134.5	135.3	-.2	.6	.7	-.8	-.4
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 3}	.228	101.1	99.8	-	-1.3	.7	-.5	-1.3
Other sweets ^{1 3}	.076	103.2	104.4	-	1.2	1.6	.3	1.2
Fats and oils	.291	140.7	141.2	-.6	.4	.6	-1.1	.6
Butter and margarine ^{1 3}	.091	99.4	101.8	-	2.4	1.8	-2.2	2.4
Butter ^{2 3}	-	125.0	127.5	14.1	2.0	2.5	-3.4	2.0
Margarine ^{2 3}	-	147.9	150.6	4.1	1.8	2.1	-.4	1.8
Salad dressing ^{1 3}	.082	99.9	98.4	-	-1.5	-.6	-.8	-1.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 3}	.119	101.2	101.3	-	.1	.3	-.5	.1
Peanut butter ^{1 2 3}	-	101.5	100.2	-	-1.3	.5	.0	-1.3
Other foods	1.305	165.0	164.7	2.7	-.2	.1	.4	-.1
Soups	.109	191.2	193.6	1.8	1.3	.2	.2	-.1
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ³	.224	146.6	144.9	-.1	-1.2	-1.3	2.3	-1.2
Snacks ³	.271	155.8	155.7	1.4	-.1	-.3	.5	-.1
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	.293	172.5	172.1	3.1	-.2	.1	-.5	.1
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2 3}	-	100.2	100.5	-	.3	-1.2	.4	.3
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2 3}	-	102.9	103.9	-	1.0	.2	-1.8	1.0
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2 3}	-	103.2	100.9	-	-2.2	.1	.8	-2.2
Other condiments ²	-	169.0	170.4	7.3	.8	-.2	-1.2	1.0
Baby food ^{1 3}	.099	101.3	101.4	-	.1	1.0	-.2	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 3}	.309	101.7	101.4	-	-.3	1.1	.2	-.3
Prepared salads ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ³	5.680	160.2	160.6	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	2.969	101.0	101.3	-	.3	.3	.3	.3
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	1.655	100.7	101.0	-	.3	.1	.1	.3
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 3}	.662	100.2	100.3	-	.1	.0	.2	.1
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 3}	.222	100.4	100.6	-	.2	.1	.1	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 3}	.172	100.6	100.6	-	.0	-.1	.3	.0

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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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Alcoholic beverages	.983	165.2	165.2	1.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Alcoholic beverages at home	.628	150.5	150.5	.4	.0	-.1	.2	.1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	.333	148.5	148.4	-.5	-.1	-.3	.2	.1
Distilled spirits at home	.110	152.3	152.6	1.4	.2	-.1	.4	.1
Whiskey at home ^{2 3}	-	151.2	151.7	.5	.3	.0	.3	.3
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{2 3}	-	152.5	152.6	2.0	.1	-.3	.3	.1
Wine at home	.185	147.2	147.2	1.0	.0	-.1	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home	.355	193.6	193.4	2.5	-.1	.1	-.4	-.1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2 3} ..	-	100.3	100.9	-	.6	.0	.1	.6
Wine away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	101.1	101.2	-	.1	-.1	.6	.1
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	99.7	99.9	-	.2	-.2	-.6	.2
Housing	39.560	159.5	159.7	2.4	.1	.2	.4	.3
Shelter	29.788	181.0	181.2	3.4	.1	.2	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence	6.885	170.7	171.1	3.1	.2	.4	.2	.4
Lodging away from home ¹	2.327	110.2	108.7	-	-1.4	-.4	1.2	1.0
Housing at school, excluding board ⁴	.231	230.1	230.1	4.3	.0	.3	.4	.3
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels ..	2.096	237.6	234.1	5.5	-1.5	-.5	1.3	1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	20.199	186.4	186.8	3.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 3}	.377	100.4	99.6	-	-.8	.1	.1	-.8
Fuels and utilities	4.942	127.0	127.9	-.9	.7	.3	.3	.1
Fuels	4.018	112.3	113.2	-1.8	.8	.4	.4	.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	.261	92.8	91.8	-8.6	-1.1	.4	-.7	.0
Fuel oil	.185	88.2	87.1	-11.1	-1.2	.0	-.8	-.5
Other household fuels ^{3 5}	.075	128.2	127.5	-1.9	-.5	.6	-.9	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	119.4	120.5	-1.1	.9	.2	.4	.0
Electricity	2.649	124.4	125.9	-3.6	1.2	-.5	.6	.1
Utility natural gas service	1.108	113.0	113.2	3.9	.2	2.3	.0	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	.924	101.1	101.3	-	.2	.4	.3	.2
Water and sewerage maintenance	.677	216.0	216.7	4.2	.3	.5	.4	.2
Garbage and trash collection ^{3 6}	.247	255.4	255.6	2.4	.1	.2	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	127.0	126.6	.6	-.3	.1	.4	-.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 3}	.354	102.4	102.1	-	-.3	-.8	1.3	-.3
Floor coverings ^{1 3}	.087	100.8	100.9	-	.1	.2	.7	.1
Window coverings ^{1 3}	.112	101.2	100.5	-	-.7	-1.6	.8	-.7
Other linens ^{1 3}	.155	104.2	104.0	-	-.2	-.7	2.0	-.2
Furniture and bedding ³	1.141	135.9	135.1	-1.0	-.6	1.1	.6	-.6
Bedroom furniture ³	.329	142.4	142.6	-.5	.1	.5	1.0	.1
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 3}	.621	102.0	100.9	-	-1.1	.4	.5	-1.1
Other furniture ^{1 3}	.179	104.5	104.4	-	-.1	4.4	.4	-.1
Appliances ^{1 3}	.368	100.2	100.5	-	.3	-1.3	.5	.3
Major appliances ^{1 3}	.217	99.2	99.2	-	.0	-2.2	.2	.0
Laundry equipment ^{2 3}	-	112.8	112.3	.4	-.4	-1.1	-.2	-.4
Other appliances ^{1 3}	.144	101.7	102.6	-	.9	.1	.8	.9
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 3}	.546	103.3	102.2	-	-1.1	-.2	2.1	-1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ³	.229	123.2	122.1	1.2	-.9	.9	1.7	-.9
Indoor plants and flowers ⁷	.152	114.0	112.7	-1.5	-1.1	-4.4	1.9	-.1
Dishes and flatware ^{1 3}	.080	105.8	104.1	-	-1.6	2.6	3.7	-1.6
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 3}	.085	99.4	98.6	-	-.8	.2	-.1	-.8
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	.653	101.2	100.3	-	-.9	.6	-.5	-.9
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 3}	.169	99.3	98.9	-	-.4	.5	-1.1	-.4
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	.332	102.2	101.1	-	-1.1	.6	-.2	-1.1
Housekeeping supplies	.873	145.2	145.7	1.9	.3	.1	-.2	.5
Household cleaning products ^{1 3}	.404	100.1	100.3	-	.2	-.4	-.2	.2
Household paper products ^{1 3}	.209	103.1	103.1	-	.0	.3	1.0	.0
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 3}	.259	101.6	102.3	-	.7	1.2	-.8	.7
Household operations ^{1 3}	.896	100.7	101.0	-	.3	.0	.4	.3
Domestic services ^{1 3}	.316	100.7	100.9	-	.2	-.1	.4	.2
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 3}	.264	100.7	101.1	-	.4	.0	.8	.4
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 3}	.104	101.0	101.5	-	.5	.0	.1	.5
Repair of household items ^{1 3}	.100	100.9	101.0	-	.1	.0	.6	.1

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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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Apparel	4.944	135.8	135.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	133.4	133.5	1.1	.1	.6	-.6	-.4
Men's apparel	1.091	137.5	137.7	1.8	.1	.9	-.1	-.7
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	.253	139.9	139.7	1.7	-.1	-.7	-.9	-.6
Men's furnishings	.278	139.9	139.9	9.5	.0	2.0	-.1	-.8
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 3}	.317	100.4	100.9	-	.5	3.3	-.1	.5
Men's pants and shorts	.227	134.4	134.5	.2	.1	1.4	-.1	-.5
Boys' apparel	.298	117.5	117.5	-.9	.0	-.4	-2.0	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	130.9	129.7	-.2	-.9	.1	-.1	1.0
Women's apparel	1.687	131.2	130.2	.2	-.8	.2	.0	1.0
Women's outerwear	.128	120.5	115.9	-4.1	-3.8	-2.0	4.1	-2.1
Women's dresses	.214	123.2	126.1	8.3	2.4	14.1	-5.8	4.8
Women's suits and separates ^{1 3}	.886	103.9	102.7	-	-1.2	4.3	1.1	-1.2
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 3}	.435	106.9	106.1	-	-.7	1.1	2.2	-.7
Girls' apparel	.303	129.1	127.1	-2.2	-1.5	-.6	-.3	.3
Footwear	.895	127.9	128.3	-.6	.3	-.8	-.2	.6
Men's footwear	.279	131.5	132.4	-1.0	.7	.3	.0	.4
Boys' and girls' footwear	.219	130.7	129.3	-2.3	-1.1	-3.2	2.4	-.8
Women's footwear	.397	123.3	124.3	.6	.8	-.4	-1.4	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ³	.268	126.6	126.9	-5.2	.2	1.1	1.8	.2
Jewelry and watches ⁵	.401	145.3	143.4	-1.5	-1.3	-3.6	1.4	-.5
Watches ⁵	.072	125.2	124.7	-2.3	-.4	-1.2	3.1	-.4
Jewelry ⁵	.330	151.0	148.6	-1.4	-1.6	-4.3	1.1	-.3
Transportation	17.578	141.5	142.0	-1.7	.4	-.5	-.1	.1
Private transportation	16.240	137.7	138.4	-1.8	.5	-.6	-.1	.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.899	100.1	99.9	-1.2	-.2	.0	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.063	144.3	143.3	-.9	-.7	.1	.0	-.3
New cars and trucks ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	99.5	-	-.6	.0	-.1	-.6
New cars ²	-	141.5	140.6	-1.1	-.6	.0	.1	-.4
New trucks ^{2 6}	-	152.0	150.8	-.5	-.8	.1	.3	-.7
New motorcycles ^{2 5}	-	163.1	163.7	.5	.4	.2	.2	.6
Used cars and trucks ³	1.880	148.2	150.0	-2.5	1.2	-.7	.6	1.2
Car and truck rental ^{1 3}	.138	100.3	100.6	-	.3	1.9	-1.1	.3
Motor fuel	2.995	91.7	94.7	-10.4	3.3	-3.5	-.9	.9
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	91.1	94.2	-10.5	3.4	-3.5	-1.0	.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	-	88.7	92.0	-10.9	3.7	-3.8	-.9	1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3 8}	-	95.6	98.6	-9.9	3.1	-3.2	.6	3.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	-	93.5	96.1	-9.3	2.8	-3.2	-.7	.7
Other motor fuels ^{1 3}	.019	93.3	93.7	-	.4	-2.0	-.6	.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.560	100.5	100.6	-1.1	.1	.0	-.5	.1
Tires	.272	97.8	98.1	-2.1	.3	-.2	-.6	.7
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 3}	.287	99.3	99.1	-	-.2	-.1	-.5	-.2
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{2 3}	-	107.3	107.0	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.7	-.3
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{2 3}	-	131.3	131.1	-1.1	-.2	.0	.2	-.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	165.7	165.9	2.3	.1	.1	.0	.1
Motor vehicle body work ³	.118	179.7	180.2	4.6	.3	.3	.6	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ³	.507	153.8	154.3	4.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 3}	.958	100.2	100.2	-	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Motor vehicle insurance	2.551	255.0	255.1	1.6	.0	.3	.0	.0
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 3}	.633	102.3	102.7	-	.4	.0	.0	.4
State and local registration and license ^{1 3}	.425	101.2	101.5	-	.3	.0	-.1	.3
Parking and other fees ^{1 3}	.185	105.2	105.5	-	.3	.2	.3	.3
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2 3}	-	105.2	105.6	-	.4	.2	.1	.4
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2 3}	-	100.8	100.8	-	.0	.2	.0	.0
Public transportation	1.338	193.4	190.4	1.2	-1.6	.4	-.2	-.8
Airline fare ³	.814	210.1	205.0	1.7	-2.4	2.0	-.3	-2.4
Other intercity transportation ³	.183	160.4	160.3	3.4	-.1	.3	.5	-.1
Ship fare ^{1 2 3}	-	105.7	104.9	-	-.8	.6	.6	-.8
Intracity transportation ³	.337	175.4	175.1	-.1	-.2	.1	-.1	-.2

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Medical care	5.614	240.7	241.4	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Medical care commodities	1.222	220.2	221.5	2.7	.6	.0	.7	.7
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	.818	255.9	258.2	3.3	.9	.0	.8	1.0
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{3 5}	.404	147.5	147.5	1.5	.0	.0	.6	.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ³	.270	174.9	175.4	1.3	.3	.1	.9	.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ³	.134	175.2	174.2	1.8	-.6	-.1	.1	-.6
Medical care services	4.392	245.4	245.9	3.1	.2	.3	.4	.2
Professional services	2.808	221.1	221.7	3.0	.3	.4	.4	.2
Physicians' services	1.444	228.1	228.6	2.6	.2	.2	.4	.1
Dental services ³	.812	234.5	235.1	4.1	.3	.5	.3	.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{3 5}	.281	143.7	145.3	2.8	1.1	.1	.4	1.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	.270	155.5	155.8	2.4	.2	.3	.1	.2
Hospital and related services	1.334	285.6	285.6	3.0	.0	.2	.4	.1
Hospital services ^{3 9}	1.284	104.3	104.2	2.9	-.1	.0	.2	-.1
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 3 9}	-	103.3	103.2	2.2	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 5}	-	231.5	231.7	3.6	.1	.6	.5	.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{3 9}	.050	106.6	106.8	4.9	.2	.1	.6	.2
Recreation ¹	6.145	101.1	101.0	1.6	-.1	.4	.0	.0
Video and audio ^{1 3}	1.763	101.4	101.2	2.3	-.2	.2	.0	-.2
Televisions ³	.215	60.4	59.9	-3.7	-.8	.5	-.3	-.8
Cable television ⁵	.842	242.7	243.7	7.5	.4	.1	.2	.5
Other video equipment ^{1 3}	.087	95.6	93.7	-	-2.0	-1.1	-1.2	-2.0
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 3}	.189	98.1	96.8	-	-1.3	.1	.1	-1.3
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2 3}	-	101.5	100.4	-	-1.1	1.6	.0	-1.1
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2 3}	-	97.8	94.5	-	-3.4	.4	-.6	-3.4
Audio equipment ³	.167	86.9	86.0	-2.6	-1.0	.5	-.5	-1.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 3}	.148	100.3	100.1	-	-.2	1.0	-.2	-.2
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 3}	.664	100.9	101.6	-	.7	.1	.2	.7
Pets and pet products ³	.434	142.9	144.1	1.1	.8	-.1	.3	.8
Pet food ^{1 2 3}	-	100.6	101.6	-	1.0	-.4	.3	1.0
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	101.2	100.4	-	-.8	1.0	.5	-.8
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 3}	.231	101.5	102.1	-	.6	.6	.0	.6
Pet services ^{1 2 3}	-	102.3	102.7	-	.4	.2	-.1	.4
Veterinarian services ^{1 2 3}	-	101.6	102.2	-	.6	.6	.0	.6
Sporting goods ³	.493	121.9	121.4	-.4	-.4	-.5	-.7	-.4
Sports vehicles including bicycles ³	.213	124.9	124.2	.1	-.6	-.2	.1	-.6
Sports equipment ³	.269	116.7	116.3	-.8	-.3	-.8	-1.4	-.3
Photography ^{1 3}	.265	99.8	100.0	-	.2	.5	-.3	.2
Photographic equipment and supplies ³	.108	133.6	134.1	-.1	.4	1.1	-.4	.4
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	100.8	-	.7	1.2	-.4	.7
Photographic equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	98.2	98.1	-	-.1	.4	-.2	-.1
Photographers and film processing ^{1 3}	.155	99.9	99.9	-	.0	.2	-.2	.0
Photographer fees ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Film processing ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	100.0	-	-.1	.3	-.2	-.1
Other recreational goods ¹	.596	98.3	97.5	-	-.8	-.2	-.4	-1.0
Toys	.450	121.4	120.1	-4.9	-1.1	-.5	-.7	-1.4
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	98.3	97.1	-	-1.2	-.7	-.7	-1.2
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 3}	.072	100.5	100.3	-	-.2	.9	.1	-.2
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 3}	.057	101.2	101.6	-	.4	.4	.9	.4
Recreation services ¹	1.771	102.1	102.1	-	.0	.9	.4	.0
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 3}	.647	101.4	101.3	-	-.1	.9	-.1	-.1
Admissions ³	.738	206.4	206.8	4.8	.2	1.0	.7	.2
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2 3}	-	102.8	102.8	-	.0	1.2	.6	.0
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2 3}	-	103.6	104.2	-	.6	.6	1.0	.6
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	.219	174.6	174.6	4.6	.0	.5	.3	.2
Recreational reading materials ³	.593	183.9	184.0	3.1	.1	.6	.5	.1
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 3}	.391	101.9	101.9	-	.0	.4	.3	.0
Recreational books ^{1 3}	.201	102.4	102.6	-	.2	1.1	.9	.2

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		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ¹	5.528	99.9	100.1	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Education ¹	2.615	100.7	100.9	5.3	.2	.5	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies	.194	248.8	248.9	5.5	.0	.6	.8	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	290.0	290.5	5.3	.2	.4	.6	.5
College tuition and fees	1.112	302.4	302.4	4.5	.0	.4	.4	.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	.323	300.7	301.0	7.3	.1	.5	.4	.6
Child care and nursery school ⁷	.865	139.1	139.7	5.0	.4	.5	.6	.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 3}	.049	100.6	101.2	-	.6	.3	.4	.6
Communication ^{1 3}	2.913	99.3	99.4	-1.2	.1	.1	.0	.1
Postage and delivery services ^{1 3}	.207	100.1	100.1	-	.0	.1	.0	.0
Postage ³	.203	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 3}	.004	104.0	104.0	-	.0	2.4	.1	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 3}	2.706	99.2	99.3	-1.3	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 3}	2.357	100.5	101.1	-	.6	.4	.1	.6
Telephone services, local charges ³	1.083	165.6	165.7	1.7	.1	.7	.0	.1
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 3}	1.209	100.1	101.3	-	1.2	.2	.2	1.2
Interstate toll calls ^{2 3}	-	75.3	76.3	-3.2	1.3	.0	.0	1.3
Intrastate toll calls ^{2 3}	-	95.6	96.2	2.6	.6	.7	1.3	.6
Cellular telephone services ^{1 3}	.065	96.4	96.2	-	-.2	-.7	-1.0	-.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{3 10}	.350	42.8	41.5	-18.3	-3.0	-2.0	-1.4	-3.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 3}	.234	86.6	82.7	-	-4.5	-2.8	-2.4	-4.5
Computer software and accessories ^{1 3}	.037	97.9	97.1	-	-.8	1.1	-.4	-.8
Computer information processing services ^{1 3}	.020	101.3	103.4	-	2.1	.0	1.1	2.1
Other information processing equipment ^{1 3}	.057	97.4	95.8	-	-1.6	-.4	.5	-1.6
Other goods and services	4.321	234.7	236.7	6.1	.9	-.3	1.0	.7
Tobacco and smoking products	.894	263.5	270.0	10.7	2.5	-2.6	3.8	1.7
Cigarettes ^{1 3}	.830	105.0	107.7	-	2.6	-2.9	3.9	2.6
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 3}	.059	103.0	104.3	-	1.3	.0	1.4	1.3
Personal care ³	3.427	155.9	156.6	2.6	.4	.3	.3	.4
Personal care products ³	.737	147.3	149.3	3.6	1.4	.4	.0	1.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 3}	.372	100.9	100.8	-	-.1	.6	-.2	-.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ³	.361	156.8	161.2	6.9	2.8	.3	.2	2.8
Personal care services ³	.963	165.2	165.4	1.9	.1	.2	.3	.1
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 3}	.963	100.8	100.9	-	.1	.3	.3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	233.5	234.0	4.0	.2	.3	.2	.2
Legal services ^{3 5}	.329	170.5	171.1	5.9	.4	.2	.2	.4
Funeral expenses ⁵	.344	175.7	176.1	3.6	.2	.3	.6	.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 3}	.214	100.9	101.2	-	.3	.0	.2	.3
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 3}	.065	100.8	100.9	-	.1	.5	.1	.1
Financial services ^{3 5}	.307	197.9	197.7	3.2	-.1	.6	.3	-.1
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2 3}	-	100.4	100.2	-	-.2	.2	.0	-.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2 3}	-	104.2	104.4	-	.2	.8	.8	.2
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 3}	.262	101.0	101.0	-	.0	.4	.8	.0
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	-	159.6	159.7	2.2	.1	-.5	.8	.4
Special aggregate indexes								
Commodities	42.635	142.0	142.3	.1	.2	-.4	.1	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	131.0	131.3	-1.2	.2	-.5	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	133.0	134.0	-1.0	.8	-1.0	.1	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	136.6	138.4	-1.4	1.3	-1.0	.0	.9
Durables	11.596	128.1	127.6	-1.4	-.4	.0	-.1	-.2
Services	57.365	183.2	183.4	2.8	.1	.2	.4	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.410	188.4	188.6	3.4	.1	.3	.3	.4
Transportation services	6.984	188.3	187.8	1.6	-.3	.2	-.1	-.2
Other services	10.625	215.6	216.1	3.9	.2	.4	.4	.3
All items less food	84.674	163.0	163.3	1.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less shelter	70.212	156.9	157.3	1.0	.3	-.1	.2	.2
All items less medical care	94.386	158.1	158.4	1.6	.2	.0	.2	.3
Commodities less food	27.309	132.4	132.7	-1.0	.2	-.5	.1	.2
Nondurables less food	15.712	135.0	135.9	-.8	.7	-.9	.0	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	138.4	140.1	-1.1	1.2	-1.0	.1	.7
Nondurables	31.039	146.7	147.5	.8	.5	-.4	.0	.6

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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Special aggregate indexes								
Apparel less footwear	4.049	132.6	132.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.955	190.8	191.1	2.2	.2	.4	.3	.3
Services less medical care services	52.973	177.4	177.6	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.2
Energy	7.013	101.9	103.8	-5.6	1.9	-1.2	-.1	.3
All items less energy	92.987	170.4	170.5	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.3
All items less food and energy	77.661	173.0	173.1	2.2	.1	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	143.8	143.6	.2	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
Energy commodities	3.256	91.8	94.6	-10.2	3.1	-3.1	-.9	.8
Services less energy services	53.608	189.7	189.8	3.1	.1	.2	.4	.3
Domestically produced farm food	8.134	161.9	162.7	2.3	.5	.2	-.3	.9
Utilities and public transportation	9.217	145.2	145.7	.9	.3	.2	.4	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.615	\$.614	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.205	\$.205	-	-	-	-	-

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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	162.0	162.0	162.4	162.9	2.0	2.3	0.5	2.2	2.1	1.4
Food and beverages	159.7	159.7	159.8	160.6	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.6	1.8
Food	159.4	159.4	159.5	160.4	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.5	2.6	1.9
Food at home	159.7	159.5	159.4	160.7	3.6	1.3	.5	2.5	2.4	1.5
Cereals and bakery products	179.4	180.1	179.7	180.5	2.3	1.8	1.3	2.5	2.0	1.9
Cereals and cereal products	170.4	169.6	169.9	170.6	5.3	-.9	-.5	.5	2.1	.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes	156.1	157.8	159.1	161.1	-.3	-5.5	3.7	13.4	-2.9	8.4
Breakfast cereal	188.9	187.3	187.1	187.8	7.3	-1.7	.4	-2.3	2.7	-1.0
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	149.9	149.1	149.6	149.8	6.1	3.5	-3.1	-.3	4.8	-1.7
Rice ^{1 2 3}	98.9	99.5	99.4	99.2	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Bakery products	183.4	184.7	184.1	185.0	.9	3.4	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.9
Bread ^{1 3}	100.2	99.8	100.0	100.7	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
White bread ^{2 3}	186.3	185.1	185.5	186.4	.4	8.8	-1.3	.2	4.5	-.5
Bread other than white ^{2 3}	187.9	187.7	186.5	190.6	5.6	1.3	8.0	5.9	3.5	7.0
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 3}	101.8	100.9	102.0	101.3	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ³	181.9	181.1	180.3	179.9	1.6	.0	3.8	-4.3	.8	-.3
Cookies ^{2 3}	183.5	181.7	182.1	181.2	2.7	7.5	-.4	-4.9	5.1	-2.7
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{2 3}	180.4	180.2	179.7	178.1	-.9	-4.4	7.9	-5.0	-2.7	1.2
Other bakery products	180.0	184.2	182.8	184.4	.0	4.3	-2.8	10.1	2.1	3.4
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{2 3}	178.6	174.1	174.2	170.1	-1.6	-1.6	12.0	-17.7	-1.6	-4.0
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	204.3	215.8	213.8	218.6	-11.2	16.0	-16.9	31.1	1.5	4.3
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ^{2 3}	182.6	186.8	186.9	183.9	-3.1	.9	12.0	2.9	-1.1	7.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.2	146.6	146.5	146.9	1.4	-1.6	-3.7	-.8	-.1	-2.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.0	147.4	147.0	147.5	1.9	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	-.3	-2.0
Meats	142.5	142.1	141.5	141.8	2.0	-4.1	-3.6	-2.0	-1.1	-2.8
Beef and veal	135.2	135.6	135.9	136.4	2.7	-4.3	-3.5	3.6	-.9	.0
Uncooked ground beef	114.0	115.7	115.2	116.2	2.8	-7.3	-6.1	7.9	-2.4	.7
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 3}	99.9	100.0	99.0	99.3	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 3}	99.0	99.4	100.1	99.9	-	-	-	3.7	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 3}	99.3	100.5	100.0	99.1	-	-	-	-.8	-	-
Pork	152.8	151.0	149.1	149.9	-.5	-6.0	-3.3	-7.4	-3.3	-5.4
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 3}	97.9	97.0	94.9	95.1	-	-	-	-11.0	-	-
Bacon and related products ²	157.4	154.8	151.0	150.5	3.5	-6.6	-11.1	-16.4	-1.7	-13.8
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2 3}	99.6	100.5	99.0	99.5	-	-	-	-.4	-	-
Ham	154.9	154.5	150.7	151.6	-.8	-11.7	7.3	-8.3	-6.4	-.8
Ham, excluding canned ²	166.3	165.2	161.3	162.2	-.7	-11.6	9.7	-9.5	-6.3	-.4
Pork chops	150.5	145.7	148.2	149.3	-.8	-4.3	-8.5	-3.2	-2.5	-5.9
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 3}	99.4	97.8	95.8	97.3	-	-	-	-8.2	-	-
Other meats ³	147.3	147.4	146.7	145.5	4.4	-.3	-5.3	-4.8	2.0	-5.0
Frankfurters ^{2 3}	147.4	144.9	147.1	142.8	8.6	-5.8	5.6	-11.9	1.1	-3.5
Lunchmeats ^{1 2 3}	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.5	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Lamb and organ meats ^{2 3}	162.3	165.5	161.5	157.8	-2.5	9.8	-5.0	-10.6	3.5	-7.9
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2 3}	NA	101.3	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry ³	155.3	155.1	154.3	155.6	-2.5	4.7	-5.2	.8	1.0	-2.3
Chicken ^{1 3}	99.7	99.6	99.5	100.6	-	-	-	3.7	-	-
Fresh whole chicken ^{2 3}	155.4	157.8	156.5	158.7	-6.9	14.6	-13.6	8.8	3.3	-3.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{2 3}	155.7	153.9	154.6	156.0	-1.3	4.1	-6.4	.8	1.4	-2.9
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 3}	101.3	101.1	99.2	99.3	-	-	-	-7.7	-	-
Fish and seafood	180.7	178.8	179.9	180.7	7.2	-1.8	4.6	.0	2.6	2.3
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 3}	103.8	103.0	102.9	102.1	-	-	-	-6.4	-	-
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 3}	99.9	100.1	101.1	102.1	-	-	-	9.1	-	-
Canned fish and seafood ^{2 3}	130.3	129.4	131.4	132.5	3.2	5.1	.0	6.9	4.1	3.4
Frozen fish and seafood ²	198.5	199.1	201.2	203.8	8.2	-3.5	-7.1	11.1	2.2	1.6
Eggs	133.7	131.8	138.9	136.1	-7.4	9.3	-20.3	7.4	.6	-7.5
Dairy and related products ³	147.7	148.4	148.5	148.1	-5.4	10.4	1.9	1.1	2.2	1.5
Milk ^{1 3}	100.2	100.7	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Fresh whole milk ^{2 3}	146.3	147.0	146.3	145.6	-8.9	20.7	1.1	-1.9	4.8	-.4
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2 3}	100.3	100.8	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Cheese and related products ³	148.3	150.1	149.9	149.4	-2.7	1.4	2.7	3.0	-.7	2.9
Ice cream and related products	150.0	149.5	152.4	150.9	-1.6	1.1	-1.6	2.4	-.3	.4
Other dairy and related products ^{1 3}	99.4	100.1	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	2.0	-	-

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	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Fruits and vegetables	194.9	193.0	193.3	203.5	12.2	2.5	6.8	18.9	7.3	12.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables	225.2	221.9	222.8	237.2	18.6	2.8	6.9	23.1	10.4	14.7
Fresh fruits	247.0	240.7	242.8	246.1	3.8	-5.3	21.4	-1.4	-8	9.4
Apples	202.2	202.8	199.9	202.5	1.8	3.9	3.4	.6	2.9	2.0
Bananas	152.1	141.1	161.7	161.8	1.6	16.5	-23.1	28.1	8.8	-7
Citrus fruits ^{1 3}	101.3	102.6	108.8	117.0	-	-	-	78.0	-	-
Oranges, including tangerines ²	233.1	235.5	241.4	241.7	12.3	-36.5	46.4	15.6	-15.6	30.1
Other fresh fruits ^{1 3}	96.6	93.0	92.6	95.7	-	-	-	-3.7	-	-
Fresh vegetables	205.6	205.0	204.8	229.2	39.7	12.8	-7.1	54.4	25.5	19.8
Potatoes	186.4	186.3	183.0	188.3	22.4	19.4	4.2	4.1	20.9	4.2
Lettuce ³	198.8	210.7	245.4	310.2	71.7	175.9	-64.7	492.8	117.7	44.7
Tomatoes ³	226.0	244.9	229.7	237.3	-13.1	81.9	2.5	21.6	25.7	11.6
Other fresh vegetables	210.3	216.7	219.1	229.1	22.0	-2.9	11.8	40.8	8.9	25.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	100.9	101.7	101.0	102.4	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	100.8	102.4	100.9	102.4	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Canned fruits ^{1 2 3}	100.3	100.4	99.9	101.9	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Canned vegetables ^{1 2 3}	102.1	104.5	102.5	103.3	-	-	-	4.8	-	-
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	101.6	101.4	101.8	103.2	-	-	-	6.4	-	-
Frozen vegetables ²	149.5	149.4	151.2	152.8	7.0	-5	1.6	9.1	3.2	5.3
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 3}	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.5	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2 3}	100.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	-	-	-	-2.8	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	134.1	133.7	133.1	132.5	12.3	-4.6	-3.5	-4.7	3.5	-4.1
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 3}	101.7	101.1	100.7	99.8	-	-	-	-7.3	-	-
Carbonated drinks	118.4	118.3	118.1	116.2	-3	-7	1.0	-7.2	-5	-3.2
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	100.7	99.8	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	-1.6	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	99.6	99.0	98.8	98.6	-	-	-	-4.0	-	-
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 3}	100.1	100.3	100.5	99.9	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Coffee ³	169.1	169.8	168.8	167.1	40.7	-17.0	-10.4	-4.6	8.1	-7.6
Roasted coffee ^{2 3}	176.8	178.0	176.4	173.3	59.0	-24.6	-12.9	-7.7	9.5	-10.3
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{2 3}	154.1	153.9	154.2	154.7	10.3	-2.5	-5.8	1.6	3.7	-2.2
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 3}	101.0	101.0	102.1	102.0	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Other food at home	148.8	149.3	149.3	149.2	5.3	-3	.8	1.1	2.5	.9
Sugar and sweets	149.4	150.7	149.6	149.0	1.1	2.5	1.9	-1.1	1.8	.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	135.2	136.1	135.0	134.5	.0	-9	2.1	-2.1	-4	.0
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 3}	100.9	101.6	101.1	99.8	-	-	-	-4.3	-	-
Other sweets ^{1 3}	101.3	102.9	103.2	104.4	-	-	-	12.8	-	-
Fats and oils	141.0	141.8	140.3	141.1	-8	-8	-8	.3	-8	-3
Butter and margarine ^{1 3}	99.8	101.6	99.4	101.8	-	-	-	8.3	-	-
Butter ^{2 3}	126.2	129.4	125.0	127.5	12.4	32.6	9.4	4.2	22.0	6.8
Margarine ^{2 3}	145.5	148.5	147.9	150.6	-3	-2.2	4.8	14.8	-1.2	9.7
Salad dressing ^{1 3}	101.3	100.7	99.9	98.4	-	-	-	-11.0	-	-
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 3}	101.4	101.7	101.2	101.3	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Peanut butter ^{1 2 3}	101.0	101.5	101.5	100.2	-	-	-	-3.1	-	-
Other foods	163.8	164.0	164.7	164.5	2.8	2.8	3.2	1.7	2.8	2.5
Soups	191.9	192.3	192.7	192.5	-2	1.3	4.9	1.3	.5	3.1
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ³	145.2	143.3	146.6	144.9	2.8	-8	-1.6	-8	1.0	-1.2
Snacks ³	155.5	155.1	155.8	155.7	5.0	-2.3	2.3	.5	1.3	1.4
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	172.3	172.5	171.6	171.8	4.4	1.2	8.6	-1.2	2.8	3.6
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2 3}	101.0	99.8	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2 3}	104.6	104.8	102.9	103.9	-	-	-	-2.7	-	-
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2 3}	102.3	102.4	103.2	100.9	-	-	-	-5.4	-	-
Other condiments ²	170.5	170.2	168.2	169.9	4.4	7.7	19.7	-1.4	6.0	8.6
Baby food ^{1 3}	100.5	101.5	101.3	101.4	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 3}	100.4	101.5	101.7	101.4	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Prepared salads ^{1 2 3}	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ³	159.6	159.9	160.2	160.6	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	100.4	100.7	101.0	101.3	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	100.5	100.6	100.7	101.0	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 3}	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 3}	100.2	100.3	100.4	100.6	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Other food away from home ^{1 3}	100.4	100.3	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	.8	-	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Alcoholic beverages	164.8	164.7	164.7	164.7	2.5	1.7	1.7	-0.2	2.1	0.7
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.8	149.6	149.9	150.1	1.1	.0	.0	.8	.5	.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	147.7	147.3	147.6	147.7	-5	-1.1	.0	.0	-8	.0
Distilled spirits at home	152.0	151.8	152.4	152.6	2.4	1.9	-3	1.6	2.1	.7
Whiskey at home ^{2 3}	150.8	150.8	151.2	151.7	1.1	1.9	-3.4	2.4	1.5	-5
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{2 3}	152.4	152.0	152.5	152.6	4.3	2.7	.5	.5	3.5	.5
Wine at home	146.3	146.2	146.7	146.9	3.1	.0	-5	1.7	1.5	.5
Alcoholic beverages away from home	193.8	194.0	193.2	193.0	4.3	3.0	4.2	-1.6	3.6	1.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2 3} ..	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.9	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Wine away from home ^{1 2 3}	100.6	100.5	101.1	101.2	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2 3}	100.5	100.3	99.7	99.9	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Housing	158.6	158.9	159.5	159.9	2.1	3.4	1.0	3.3	2.7	2.2
Shelter	179.5	179.9	180.6	181.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	4.1	3.1	3.7
Rent of primary residence	169.7	170.3	170.7	171.3	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2
Lodging away from home ¹	100.3	99.9	101.1	102.1	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Housing at school, excluding board ⁴	229.8	230.5	231.5	232.2	4.2	5.1	3.6	4.2	4.6	3.9
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels ..	230.7	229.6	232.5	235.0	2.0	7.3	5.0	7.7	4.6	6.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	185.5	185.9	186.6	187.2	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 3}	100.2	100.3	100.4	99.6	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Fuels and utilities	127.9	128.3	128.7	128.8	1.2	6.3	-12.1	2.8	3.7	-4.9
Fuels	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.5	.0	9.7	-17.9	2.9	4.7	-8.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	91.9	92.3	91.7	91.7	-14.0	-4	-17.7	-9	-7.4	-9.7
Fuel oil	87.9	87.9	87.2	86.8	-15.8	-1.3	-21.2	-4.9	-8.8	-13.4
Other household fuels ^{3 5}	128.6	129.4	128.2	127.5	-17.0	13.2	1.9	-3.4	-3.1	-8
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.3	120.6	121.1	121.1	1.6	10.8	-18.0	2.7	6.1	-8.2
Electricity	127.8	127.2	127.9	128.0	-2.1	3.1	-14.7	.6	.5	-7.4
Utility natural gas service	111.2	113.8	113.8	113.8	10.2	29.1	-25.3	9.7	19.3	-9.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	100.6	101.0	101.3	101.5	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Water and sewerage maintenance	215.1	216.1	216.9	217.4	6.1	3.4	3.4	4.3	4.8	3.9
Garbage and trash collection ^{3 6}	254.7	255.1	255.4	255.6	3.4	1.9	3.0	1.4	2.7	2.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	126.2	126.7	126.4	-1.3	.6	2.3	1.0	-3	1.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 3}	101.9	101.1	102.4	102.1	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Floor coverings ^{1 3}	99.9	100.1	100.8	100.9	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Window coverings ^{1 3}	102.0	100.4	101.2	100.5	-	-	-	-5.8	-	-
Other linens ^{1 3}	102.9	102.2	104.2	104.0	-	-	-	4.3	-	-
Furniture and bedding ³	133.6	135.1	135.9	135.1	-6.0	-9	-1.2	4.6	-3.5	1.6
Bedroom furniture ³	140.3	141.0	142.4	142.6	-4.7	-1.1	-2.5	6.7	-2.9	2.0
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 3}	101.1	101.5	102.0	100.9	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Other furniture ^{1 3}	99.7	104.1	104.5	104.4	-	-	-	20.2	-	-
Appliances ^{1 3}	101.0	99.7	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Major appliances ^{1 3}	101.2	99.0	99.2	99.2	-	-	-	-7.7	-	-
Laundry equipment ^{2 3}	114.2	113.0	112.8	112.3	5.5	-1.8	5.1	-6.5	1.8	-9
Other appliances ^{1 3}	100.8	100.9	101.7	102.6	-	-	-	7.3	-	-
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 3}	101.4	101.2	103.3	102.2	-	-	-	3.2	-	-
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ³	120.1	121.2	123.2	122.1	-3.3	1.3	.3	6.8	-1.0	3.5
Indoor plants and flowers ⁷	114.2	109.2	111.3	111.2	-11.2	-9.2	29.8	-10.1	-10.2	8.0
Dishes and flatware ^{1 3}	99.4	102.0	105.8	104.1	-	-	-	20.3	-	-
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 3}	99.3	99.5	99.4	98.6	-	-	-	-2.8	-	-
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	101.1	101.7	101.2	100.3	-	-	-	-3.1	-	-
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 3}	99.9	100.4	99.3	98.9	-	-	-	-3.9	-	-
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	101.8	102.4	102.2	101.1	-	-	-	-2.7	-	-
Housekeeping supplies	145.0	145.1	144.8	145.5	.6	1.1	4.2	1.4	.8	2.8
Household cleaning products ^{1 3}	100.7	100.3	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	-1.6	-	-
Household paper products ^{1 3}	101.8	102.1	103.1	103.1	-	-	-	5.2	-	-
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 3}	101.2	102.4	101.6	102.3	-	-	-	4.4	-	-
Household operations ^{1 3}	100.3	100.3	100.7	101.0	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Domestic services ^{1 3}	100.4	100.3	100.7	100.9	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 3}	99.9	99.9	100.7	101.1	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 3}	100.9	100.9	101.0	101.5	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Repair of household items ^{1 3}	100.3	100.3	100.9	101.0	-	-	-	2.8	-	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Apparel	132.7	132.5	132.4	132.9	-2.1	1.2	-0.9	0.6	-0.4	-0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	132.0	132.8	132.0	131.5	1.9	.9	3.4	-1.5	1.4	.9
Men's apparel	135.4	136.6	136.4	135.4	.6	-3	7.1	.0	.2	3.5
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	140.7	139.7	138.5	137.7	-1.8	2.1	16.6	-8.3	.1	3.4
Men's furnishings	136.3	139.0	138.9	137.8	11.2	-3.4	27.8	4.5	3.7	15.5
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 3}	97.3	100.5	100.4	100.9	-	-	-	15.6	-	-
Men's pants and shorts	131.6	133.5	133.4	132.7	-2.4	-2.1	2.2	3.4	-2.3	2.8
Boys' apparel	119.3	118.8	116.4	116.6	4.1	2.4	-1.0	-8.8	3.3	-5.0
Women's and girls' apparel	125.3	125.4	125.3	126.5	-5.6	3.2	-2.5	3.9	-1.3	.6
Women's apparel	125.3	125.6	125.6	126.8	-5.3	4.6	-3.7	4.9	-5	.5
Women's outerwear	118.2	115.8	120.5	118.0	9.1	-1.0	-21.1	-7	3.9	-11.5
Women's dresses	108.7	124.0	116.8	122.4	-16.9	4.5	-1.5	60.8	-6.8	25.9
Women's suits and separates ^{1 3}	98.6	102.8	103.9	102.7	-	-	-	17.7	-	-
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 3}	103.5	104.6	106.9	106.1	-	-	-	10.4	-	-
Girls' apparel	125.6	124.9	124.5	124.9	-5.5	-5.9	5.3	-2.2	-5.7	1.5
Footwear	127.1	126.1	125.8	126.5	2.2	1.6	-4.3	-1.9	1.9	-3.1
Men's footwear	130.3	130.7	130.7	131.2	-2.1	.3	-5.1	2.8	-.9	-1.2
Boys' and girls' footwear	129.4	125.2	128.2	127.2	.6	7.2	-9.6	-6.6	3.9	-8.1
Women's footwear	122.9	122.4	120.7	122.3	6.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.9	2.6	-1.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ³	123.1	124.4	126.6	126.9	-18.1	-4.0	-8.9	12.9	-11.3	1.4
Jewelry and watches ⁵	146.9	141.6	143.6	142.9	-6	-2.7	8.6	-10.5	-1.6	-1.4
Watches ⁵	123.2	121.7	125.5	125.0	-5.5	-1.9	-7.1	6.0	-3.7	-8
Jewelry ⁵	153.6	147.0	148.6	148.2	.0	-2.6	12.3	-13.3	-1.3	-1.3
Transportation	142.4	141.7	141.5	141.7	1.1	-1.1	-4.1	-2.0	.0	-3.0
Private transportation	138.8	138.0	137.9	138.1	1.7	-1.4	-5.3	-2.0	.1	-3.7
New and used motor vehicles ¹	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.4	-	-
New vehicles	143.5	143.7	143.7	143.2	-6	-1.4	-6	-8	-1.0	-7
New cars and trucks ^{1 2 3}	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.5	-	-	-	-2.8	-	-
New cars ²	140.8	140.8	140.9	140.4	-3	-1.7	-8	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0
New trucks ^{2 6}	151.0	151.2	151.6	150.6	.0	-5	-5	-1.1	-3	-8
New motorcycles ^{2 5}	162.1	162.4	162.8	163.7	1.5	1.2	-4.6	4.0	1.4	-4
Used cars and trucks ³	148.4	147.3	148.2	150.0	-13.3	-2.4	2.2	4.4	-8.0	3.3
Car and truck rental ^{1 3}	99.5	101.4	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Motor fuel	96.4	93.0	92.2	93.0	10.8	-4.8	-29.2	-13.4	2.7	-21.7
Gasoline (all types)	95.9	92.5	91.6	92.3	11.7	-5.2	-29.6	-14.2	2.9	-22.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	93.6	90.0	89.2	90.1	12.8	-5.6	-31.0	-14.1	3.2	-23.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3 8}	98.1	95.0	95.6	98.6	9.1	-11.0	-33.4	2.1	-1.5	-17.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	98.0	94.9	94.2	94.9	8.3	-3.7	-26.4	-12.1	2.1	-19.5
Other motor fuels ^{1 3}	95.8	93.9	93.3	93.7	-	-	-	-8.5	-	-
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.1	101.1	100.6	100.7	.4	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-.6	-1.6
Tires	98.7	98.5	97.9	98.6	-2.4	-3.9	-1.6	-.4	-3.2	-1.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 3}	99.9	99.8	99.3	99.1	-	-	-	-3.2	-	-
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{2 3}	108.4	108.1	107.3	107.0	2.3	.7	.7	-5.1	1.5	-2.2
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{2 3}	131.0	131.0	131.3	131.1	-2.7	-3	-1.8	.3	-1.5	-.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	165.5	165.7	165.7	165.9	2.5	1.5	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.5
Motor vehicle body work ³	178.1	178.6	179.7	180.2	3.8	3.7	6.3	4.8	3.8	5.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ³	153.2	153.6	153.8	154.3	5.5	2.4	5.4	2.9	3.9	4.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 3}	100.3	100.3	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	-.4	-	-
Motor vehicle insurance	254.5	255.2	255.3	255.4	2.2	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.6
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 3}	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.7	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
State and local registration and license ^{1 3}	101.3	101.3	101.2	101.5	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Parking and other fees ^{1 3}	104.7	104.9	105.2	105.5	-	-	-	3.1	-	-
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2 3}	104.9	105.1	105.2	105.6	-	-	-	2.7	-	-
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2 3}	100.6	100.8	100.8	100.8	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Public transportation	191.4	192.1	191.7	190.2	-5.4	1.7	11.9	-2.5	-1.9	4.5
Airline fare ³	206.6	210.7	210.1	205.0	-14.1	7.4	19.7	-3.1	-3.9	7.7
Other intercity transportation ³	159.2	159.6	160.4	160.3	-.3	.5	11.0	2.8	.1	6.8
Ship fare ^{1 2 3}	104.5	105.1	105.7	104.9	-	-	-	1.5	-	-
Intracity transportation ³	175.3	175.5	175.4	175.1	1.4	1.8	-3.1	-.5	1.6	-1.8

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					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Medical care	238.9	239.6	240.6	241.4	2.1	2.7	3.1	4.3	2.4	3.7
Medical care commodities	218.0	218.1	219.7	221.2	.4	1.5	3.0	6.0	.9	4.5
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	253.2	253.1	255.2	257.7	.5	1.3	4.5	7.3	.9	5.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{3 5}	146.6	146.6	147.5	147.5	1.4	.5	1.7	2.5	1.0	2.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ³	173.2	173.3	174.9	175.4	.2	.2	-2	5.2	.2	2.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ³	175.3	175.1	175.2	174.2	3.3	1.6	4.9	-2.5	2.5	1.2
Medical care services	243.5	244.3	245.2	245.7	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.7	3.4
Professional services	219.2	220.0	220.8	221.3	2.6	2.2	3.2	3.9	2.4	3.5
Physicians' services	226.5	226.9	227.7	227.9	2.7	2.0	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.7
Dental services ³	232.6	233.7	234.5	235.1	3.6	3.6	5.0	4.4	3.6	4.7
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{3 5}	142.9	143.1	143.7	145.3	1.1	.0	3.4	6.9	.6	5.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	154.1	154.5	154.7	155.0	3.8	1.6	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.1
Hospital and related services	284.0	284.6	285.6	285.9	2.0	3.6	3.6	2.7	2.8	3.2
Hospital services ^{3 9}	104.1	104.1	104.3	104.2	2.4	3.2	5.6	.4	2.8	2.9
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 3 9}	103.3	103.2	103.3	103.2	2.0	2.4	4.8	-.4	2.2	2.2
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 5}	229.0	230.4	231.5	232.2	2.7	4.7	1.6	5.7	3.7	3.6
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{3 9}	105.9	106.0	106.6	106.8	4.8	1.6	10.0	3.4	3.2	6.7
Recreation ¹	100.6	101.0	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 3}	101.2	101.4	101.4	101.2	4.5	1.2	3.6	.0	2.9	1.8
Televisions ³	60.3	60.6	60.4	59.9	-6.9	-1.3	-3.9	-2.6	-4.1	-3.3
Cable television ⁶	241.2	241.5	242.0	243.2	9.3	5.7	12.1	3.4	7.5	7.6
Other video equipment ^{1 3}	97.9	96.8	95.6	93.7	-	-	-	-16.1	-	-
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 3}	97.9	98.0	98.1	96.8	-	-	-	-4.4	-	-
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2 3}	99.9	101.5	101.5	100.4	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2 3}	98.0	98.4	97.8	94.5	-	-	-	-13.5	-	-
Audio equipment ³	86.9	87.3	86.9	86.0	2.7	.0	-8.7	-4.1	1.4	-6.4
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 3}	99.5	100.5	100.3	100.1	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 3}	100.6	100.7	100.9	101.6	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Pets and pet products ³	142.7	142.5	142.9	144.1	-1.1	2.6	-1.1	4.0	.7	1.4
Pet food ^{1 2 3}	100.7	100.3	100.6	101.6	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2 3}	99.7	100.7	101.2	100.4	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 3}	100.9	101.5	101.5	102.1	-	-	-	4.8	-	-
Pet services ^{1 2 3}	102.2	102.4	102.3	102.7	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Veterinarian services ^{1 2 3}	101.0	101.6	101.6	102.2	-	-	-	4.8	-	-
Sporting goods ³	123.4	122.8	121.9	121.4	2.7	-3.5	6.1	-6.3	-.5	-.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ³	125.0	124.8	124.9	124.2	1.9	-5.0	6.3	-2.5	-1.6	1.8
Sports equipment ³	119.2	118.3	116.7	116.3	3.1	-2.0	5.9	-9.4	.5	-2.0
Photography ^{1 3}	99.6	100.1	99.8	100.0	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Photographic equipment and supplies ³	132.7	134.1	133.6	134.1	-2.1	4.3	-6.4	4.3	1.0	-1.2
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2 3}	99.3	100.5	100.1	100.8	-	-	-	6.2	-	-
Photographic equipment ^{1 2 3}	98.0	98.4	98.2	98.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Photographers and film processing ^{1 3}	99.9	100.1	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Photographer fees ^{1 2 3}	98.8	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Film processing ^{1 2 3}	100.0	100.3	100.1	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Other recreational goods ¹	98.4	98.2	97.8	96.8	-	-	-	-6.3	-	-
Toys	122.8	122.2	121.4	119.7	2.6	-3.1	-8.9	-9.7	-.3	-9.3
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2 3}	99.7	99.0	98.3	97.1	-	-	-	-10.0	-	-
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2 3}	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 3}	99.5	100.4	100.5	100.3	-	-	-	3.3	-	-
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 3}	99.9	100.3	101.2	101.6	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Recreation services ¹	100.8	101.7	102.1	102.1	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 3}	100.6	101.5	101.4	101.3	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Admissions ³	202.8	204.9	206.4	208.8	14.7	-7.8	5.5	8.1	2.9	6.8
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2 3}	101.0	102.2	102.8	102.8	-	-	-	7.3	-	-
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2 3}	102.0	102.6	103.6	104.2	-	-	-	8.9	-	-
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	173.5	174.3	174.8	175.1	7.4	.9	6.5	3.7	4.1	5.1
Recreational reading materials ³	181.9	183.0	183.9	184.0	2.9	.0	5.0	4.7	1.5	4.8
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 3}	101.2	101.6	101.9	101.9	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Recreational books ^{1 3}	100.4	101.5	102.4	102.6	-	-	-	9.1	-	-

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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ¹	99.9	100.2	100.5	100.8	-	-	-	3.7	-	-
Education ¹	100.7	101.2	101.8	102.3	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Educational books and supplies	244.9	246.3	248.3	249.9	7.1	3.2	3.5	8.4	5.1	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	289.0	290.3	292.0	293.5	5.6	4.5	4.8	6.4	5.0	5.6
College tuition and fees	302.1	303.3	304.6	305.8	5.4	2.6	4.8	5.0	4.0	4.9
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	300.6	302.1	303.4	305.2	8.7	8.4	5.6	6.3	8.5	6.0
Child care and nursery school ⁷	137.8	138.5	139.4	140.3	3.6	5.4	3.6	7.5	4.5	5.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 3}	99.9	100.2	100.6	101.2	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Communication ^{1 3}	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.4	-3.1	1.2	-3.5	.8	-1.0	-1.4
Postage and delivery services ^{1 3}	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Postage ³	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 3}	101.5	103.9	104.0	104.0	-	-	-	10.2	-	-
Information and information processing ^{1 3}	99.1	99.3	99.2	99.3	-3.1	1.2	-3.9	.8	-1.0	-1.6
Telephone services ^{1 3}	100.0	100.4	100.5	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Telephone services, local charges ³	164.4	165.6	165.6	165.7	1.2	1.0	1.5	3.2	1.1	2.3
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 3}	99.7	99.9	100.1	101.3	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Interstate toll calls ^{2 3}	75.3	75.3	75.3	76.3	-18.8	1.6	1.1	5.4	-9.2	3.2
Intrastate toll calls ^{2 3}	93.7	94.4	95.6	96.2	1.3	3.9	-5.4	11.1	2.6	2.5
Cellular telephone services ^{1 3}	98.1	97.4	96.4	96.2	-	-	-	-7.5	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{3 10}	44.3	43.4	42.8	41.5	-19.0	-4.9	-25.0	-23.0	-12.2	-24.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 3}	91.3	88.7	86.6	82.7	-	-	-	-32.7	-	-
Computer software and accessories ^{1 3}	97.2	98.3	97.9	97.1	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Computer information processing services ^{1 3}	100.2	100.2	101.3	103.4	-	-	-	13.4	-	-
Other information processing equipment ^{1 3}	98.3	96.9	97.4	95.8	-	-	-	-9.8	-	-
Other goods and services	233.7	233.0	235.4	237.0	4.3	5.6	6.8	5.8	5.0	6.3
Tobacco and smoking products	261.2	254.3	264.0	268.4	2.8	10.9	18.6	11.5	6.8	15.0
Cigarettes ^{1 3}	104.1	101.1	105.0	107.7	-	-	-	14.6	-	-
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 3}	101.6	101.6	103.0	104.3	-	-	-	11.1	-	-
Personal care ³	155.0	155.5	155.9	156.6	-3	4.8	1.8	4.2	2.2	3.0
Personal care products ³	146.7	147.3	147.3	149.3	-1.7	7.4	1.7	7.3	2.8	4.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 3}	100.5	101.1	100.9	100.8	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ³	156.1	156.5	156.8	161.2	-1.3	8.5	7.2	13.7	3.5	10.4
Personal care services ³	164.3	164.7	165.2	165.4	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.7	1.5	2.3
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 3}	100.2	100.5	100.8	100.9	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Miscellaneous personal services	231.6	232.4	232.8	233.3	7.5	2.8	2.6	3.0	5.1	2.8
Legal services ^{3 5}	169.9	170.2	170.5	171.1	13.0	2.2	6.1	2.9	7.4	4.5
Funeral expenses ⁵	173.3	173.9	175.0	175.8	4.3	1.6	2.6	5.9	3.0	4.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 3}	100.7	100.7	100.9	101.2	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 3}	100.2	100.7	100.8	100.9	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Financial services ^{3 5}	196.3	197.4	197.9	197.7	3.6	1.5	4.8	2.9	2.5	3.9
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2 3}	100.2	100.4	100.4	100.2	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2 3}	102.6	103.4	104.2	104.4	-	-	-	7.2	-	-
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 3}	99.8	100.2	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	157.7	156.9	158.2	158.8	.5	.8	5.0	2.8	.6	3.9
Special aggregate indexes										
Commodities	141.8	141.3	141.4	141.9	.9	1.1	-1.4	.3	1.0	-6
Commodities less food and beverages	131.0	130.3	130.5	130.7	-3	.0	-3.0	-9	-2	-2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.0	131.7	131.8	132.7	1.5	.9	-5.2	-9	1.2	-3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.7	136.3	136.3	137.5	4.1	-3	-8.3	-6	1.9	-4.5
Durables	127.8	127.8	127.7	127.4	-2.8	-1.2	-3	-1.2	-2.0	-8
Services	182.3	182.7	183.4	183.9	2.7	3.1	2.0	3.6	2.9	2.8
Rent of shelter ⁴	187.1	187.6	188.2	189.0	3.1	3.3	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.7
Transportation services	187.8	188.2	188.1	187.8	.7	1.1	4.6	.0	.9	2.3
Other services	214.4	215.2	216.1	216.8	4.1	2.5	3.2	4.6	3.3	3.9
All items less food	162.3	162.4	162.8	163.2	1.8	2.3	.2	2.2	2.0	1.2
All items less shelter	156.6	156.5	156.8	157.1	1.8	1.8	-8	1.3	1.8	.3
All items less medical care	157.5	157.5	157.8	158.3	2.1	2.3	.3	2.0	2.2	1.1
Commodities less food	132.6	131.9	132.0	132.2	-3	.3	-2.7	-1.2	.0	-1.9
Nondurables less food	135.0	133.8	133.8	134.7	1.5	.9	-4.3	-9	1.2	-2.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.4	138.0	138.1	139.1	3.7	0.0	-7.4	-0.9	1.9	-4.2
Nondurables	146.5	145.9	145.9	146.8	2.5	1.9	-1.9	.8	2.2	-.5
Apparel less footwear	129.1	129.5	129.1	129.5	-3.6	1.6	-.3	1.2	-1.1	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	189.9	190.6	191.2	191.7	1.9	3.7	-.2	3.8	2.8	1.8
Services less medical care services	176.5	177.0	177.6	178.0	2.6	3.5	1.6	3.4	3.0	2.5
Energy	104.3	103.0	102.9	103.2	4.5	2.9	-22.9	-4.2	3.7	-14.0
All items less energy	169.6	169.8	170.2	170.7	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.0	2.5
All items less food and energy	172.2	172.4	172.9	173.3	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.6	1.9	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.9	142.8	143.0	143.2	-1.4	1.1	1.1	.8	-.1	1.0
Energy commodities	95.9	92.9	92.1	92.8	7.5	-4.1	-28.5	-12.3	1.6	-20.8
Services less energy services	188.6	189.0	189.7	190.2	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.4	2.8	3.5
Domestically produced farm food	161.3	161.7	161.2	162.7	3.6	1.3	.7	3.5	2.4	2.1
Utilities and public transportation	145.5	145.8	146.4	146.6	-1.4	7.4	-5.1	3.1	2.9	-1.1

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 May 1998 from—
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997
Food and beverages									
Rice ²	98.9	99.5	99.4	99.2	-1.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-
White bread	186.3	185.1	185.5	186.4	1.0	-.6	.2	.5	2.0
Bread other than white	187.9	187.7	186.5	190.6	.9	-.1	-.6	2.2	5.2
Fresh cakes and cupcakes	180.4	180.2	179.7	178.1	1.2	-.1	-.3	-.9	-.7
Cookies	183.5	181.7	182.1	181.2	.4	-1.0	.2	-.5	1.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts	178.6	174.1	174.2	170.1	.4	-2.5	.1	-2.4	-2.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products	207.4	207.9	217.0	216.9	-.3	.2	4.4	.0	2.9
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers	182.6	186.8	186.9	183.9	-1.1	2.3	.1	-1.6	3.0
Bacon and related products	155.0	151.2	147.5	147.7	-1.1	-2.5	-2.4	.1	-8.0
Breakfast sausage and related products ²	99.6	100.5	99.0	99.5	-1.5	.9	-1.5	.5	-
Ham, excluding canned	164.0	165.7	153.1	158.2	1.2	1.0	-7.6	3.3	-3.4
Frankfurters	147.4	144.9	147.1	142.8	-.8	-1.7	1.5	-2.9	-1.2
Lunchmeats ²	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.5	-.3	-.2	-.1	-.2	-
Lamb and organ meats	162.3	165.5	161.5	157.8	-.7	2.0	-2.4	-2.3	-2.4
Lamb and mutton ²	NA	101.3	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh whole chicken	155.4	157.8	156.5	158.7	.3	1.5	-.8	1.4	.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts	155.7	153.9	154.6	156.0	.8	-1.2	.5	.9	-.8
Canned fish and seafood	130.3	129.4	131.4	132.5	.3	-.7	1.5	.8	3.8
Frozen fish and seafood	198.9	201.3	202.4	204.0	-1.1	1.2	.5	.8	1.9
Fresh whole milk	146.3	147.0	146.3	145.6	.5	.5	-.5	-.5	2.2
Fresh milk other than whole ²	100.3	100.8	100.3	100.6	.5	.5	-.5	.3	-
Oranges, including tangerines	197.7	197.6	213.7	235.4	-1.8	-.1	8.1	10.2	4.8
Canned fruits ²	100.3	100.4	99.9	101.9	-.3	.1	-.5	2.0	-
Canned vegetables ²	102.1	104.5	102.5	103.3	-1.4	2.4	-1.9	.8	-
Frozen vegetables	149.8	149.4	150.4	152.8	-.1	-.3	.7	1.6	4.2
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ²	100.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	.4	-.7	.1	-.1	-
Roasted coffee	176.8	178.0	176.4	173.3	-.1	.7	-.9	-1.8	-.9
Instant and freeze dried coffee	154.1	153.9	154.2	154.7	-.9	-.1	.2	.3	.7
Butter	126.2	129.4	125.0	127.5	1.2	2.5	-3.4	2.0	14.1
Margarine	145.5	148.5	147.9	150.6	-.4	2.1	-.4	1.8	4.1
Peanut butter ²	101.0	101.5	101.5	100.2	.7	.5	.0	-1.3	-
Salt and other seasonings and spices ²	101.0	99.8	100.2	100.5	1.1	-1.2	.4	.3	-
Olives, pickles, relishes ²	104.6	104.8	102.9	103.9	8.2	.2	-1.8	1.0	-
Sauces and gravies ²	102.3	102.4	103.2	100.9	.9	.1	.8	-2.2	-
Other condiments	170.3	170.6	169.0	170.4	1.6	.2	-.9	.8	7.3
Prepared salads ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Whiskey at home	150.8	150.8	151.2	151.7	-.5	.0	.3	.3	.5
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home	152.4	152.0	152.5	152.6	.4	-.3	.3	.1	2.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ²	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.9	-.1	.0	.1	.6	-
Wine away from home ²	100.6	100.5	101.1	101.2	.0	-.1	.6	.1	-
Distilled spirits away from home ²	100.5	100.3	99.7	99.9	.5	-.2	-.6	.2	-
Housing									
Laundry equipment	114.2	113.0	112.8	112.3	-.3	-1.1	-.2	-.4	.4
Transportation									
New cars and trucks ²	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.5	.0	.0	-.1	-.6	-
New cars	141.7	141.7	141.5	140.6	-.1	.0	-.1	-.6	-1.1
New trucks ³	151.9	151.9	152.0	150.8	.1	.0	.1	-.8	-.5
New motorcycles ⁴	162.8	163.1	163.1	163.7	-.4	.2	.0	.4	.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular	91.0	87.8	88.7	92.0	-4.2	-3.5	1.0	3.7	-10.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁵	98.1	95.0	95.6	98.6	-3.6	-3.2	.6	3.1	-9.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium	96.0	92.9	93.5	96.1	-3.4	-3.2	.6	2.8	-9.3
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires	108.4	108.1	107.3	107.0	.0	-.3	-.7	-.3	-.4
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids	131.0	131.0	131.3	131.1	-.3	.0	.2	-.2	-1.1
Parking fees and tolls ²	104.9	105.1	105.2	105.6	.4	.2	.1	.4	-
Automobile service clubs ²	100.6	100.8	100.8	100.8	.3	.2	.0	.0	-
Ship fare ²	104.5	105.1	105.7	104.9	2.7	.6	.6	-.8	-
Medical care									
Inpatient hospital services ⁶	103.3	103.2	103.3	103.2	.5	-.1	.1	-.1	2.2
Outpatient hospital services ⁴	230.4	230.9	231.5	231.7	.8	.2	.3	.1	3.6

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 May 1998 from—
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997
Recreation									
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ²	99.9	101.5	101.5	100.4	1.0	1.6	0.0	-1.1	
Rental of video tapes and discs ²	98.0	98.4	97.8	94.5	1.7	.4	-.6	-3.4	
Pet food ²	100.7	100.3	100.6	101.6	-.3	-.4	.3	1.0	
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ²	99.7	100.7	101.2	100.4	-.4	1.0	.5	-.8	
Pet services ²	102.2	102.4	102.3	102.7	1.9	.2	-.1	.4	
Veterinarian services ²	101.0	101.6	101.6	102.2	.9	.6	.0	.6	
Film and photographic supplies ²	99.3	100.5	100.1	100.8	-1.2	1.2	-.4	.7	
Photographic equipment ²	98.0	98.4	98.2	98.1	-1.0	.4	-.2	-.1	
Photographer fees ²	98.8	NA	NA	NA	-1.1	-	-	-	
Film processing ²	100.0	100.3	100.1	100.0	.0	.3	-.2	-.1	
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ²	99.7	99.0	98.3	97.1	.1	-.7	-.7	-1.2	
Video game hardware, software and accessories ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ²	101.0	102.2	102.8	102.8	1.0	1.2	.6	.0	
Admission to sporting events ²	102.0	102.6	103.6	104.2	1.2	.6	1.0	.6	
Education and communication									
Interstate toll calls	75.3	75.3	75.3	76.3	.1	.0	.0	1.3	-3.2
Intrastate toll calls	93.7	94.4	95.6	96.2	-.6	.7	1.3	.6	2.6
Other goods and services									
Checking account and other bank services ²	100.2	100.4	100.4	100.2	.1	.2	.0	-.2	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ²	102.6	103.4	104.2	104.4	1.6	.8	.8	.2	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap	157.7	158.3	159.6	159.7	-.6	.4	.8	.1	2.2

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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	159.1	159.5	1.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	473.9	475.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	159.5	159.9	2.1	.3	.0	.0	.6
Food	16.861	159.1	159.6	2.2	.3	.0	.1	.6
Food at home	10.785	159.1	159.6	1.9	.3	-.1	-.1	.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	179.9	180.3	2.0	.2	.4	-.2	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	146.0	145.8	-1.1	-.1	-.3	-.1	.3
Dairy and related products ¹	1.135	148.2	147.8	1.9	-.3	.5	.1	-.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	196.3	202.8	9.4	3.3	-.9	.2	5.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	132.7	131.6	-.6	-.8	-.3	-.4	-.5
Other food at home	2.185	148.9	148.7	1.4	-.1	.3	-.1	.0
Sugar and sweets	.420	150.0	149.4	1.0	-.4	1.0	-.7	-.5
Fats and oils	.332	140.4	141.1	-.4	.5	.4	-1.0	.8
Other foods	1.432	165.0	164.6	2.7	-.2	.1	.4	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	.344	101.7	101.5	-	-.2	1.3	-.1	-.2
Food away from home ¹	6.076	160.2	160.6	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	.212	100.6	100.6	-	.0	.0	.3	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	164.2	164.1	1.2	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Housing	36.450	155.8	156.1	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.3
Shelter	27.033	175.5	175.7	3.2	.1	.2	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence	8.347	170.3	170.8	3.1	.3	.4	.2	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.346	110.3	108.6	-	-1.5	.0	1.5	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	17.016	169.9	170.2	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.324	100.5	99.7	-	-.8	.3	.0	-.8
Fuels and utilities	5.053	126.9	127.9	-.6	.8	.3	.4	-.1
Fuels	4.143	111.8	112.9	-1.6	1.0	.4	.4	-.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	.229	93.1	92.0	-8.0	-1.2	.8	-.5	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	118.9	120.2	-1.1	1.1	.3	.5	-.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	125.6	125.2	.7	-.3	.1	.4	-.2
Apparel	5.300	134.0	133.7	-.7	-.2	-.5	.2	.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	132.9	133.1	1.1	.2	.6	-.2	-.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	128.3	127.4	-1.2	-.7	-.3	-.1	.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	.337	126.9	127.4	-5.6	.4	1.1	1.9	.4
Footwear	1.082	128.4	129.0	-.8	.5	-1.1	-.1	.5
Transportation	19.847	140.3	141.1	-1.9	.6	-.6	.0	.1
Private transportation	18.790	137.7	138.6	-2.0	.7	-.6	-.1	.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.285	100.1	100.1	-1.4	.0	-.1	.2	.1
New vehicles	5.304	145.5	144.5	-1.0	-.7	.2	.1	-.4
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.162	149.5	151.3	-2.6	1.2	-.7	.5	1.2
Motor fuel	3.682	91.9	95.0	-10.1	3.4	-3.2	-1.0	.9
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	91.3	94.5	-10.2	3.5	-3.4	-.9	.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.694	99.9	99.9	-.8	.0	-.1	-.5	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	166.8	167.0	2.3	.1	.1	.1	.1
Public transportation	1.057	190.1	187.4	1.2	-1.4	.3	-.2	-.7
Medical care	4.591	239.9	240.6	3.0	.3	.3	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	.906	217.0	218.3	2.5	.6	.1	.7	.7
Medical care services	3.684	245.1	245.6	3.1	.2	.3	.4	.2
Professional services	2.372	222.5	223.2	3.1	.3	.2	.3	.3
Hospital and related services	1.097	281.7	281.7	3.0	.0	.2	.2	.2
Recreation ²	5.969	101.0	100.9	1.5	-.1	.3	.1	-.2
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.968	101.4	101.1	2.2	-.3	.2	.0	-.3

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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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ²	5.396	100.1	100.3	2.6	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
Education ²	2.402	100.7	100.9	5.4	.2	.5	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies	.192	251.2	251.3	5.8	.0	.5	.8	.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	284.4	284.9	5.4	.2	.5	.6	.4
Communication ^{1 2}	2.994	99.5	99.7	-.8	.2	.2	.0	.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.841	99.5	99.7	-.8	.2	.2	.0	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.547	100.5	101.2	-	.7	.4	.1	.7
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	.294	44.1	42.6	-17.8	-3.4	-2.2	-1.6	-3.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.191	86.0	81.9	-	-4.8	-3.1	-2.6	-4.8
Other goods and services	4.544	232.3	234.8	6.6	1.1	-.6	1.4	.8
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	263.6	270.1	11.0	2.5	-2.8	4.1	1.5
Personal care ¹	3.244	155.9	156.7	2.7	.5	.3	.3	.5
Personal care products ¹	.832	148.4	150.5	3.8	1.4	.4	.1	1.4
Personal care services ¹	.964	165.5	165.7	2.0	.1	.2	.4	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	232.5	233.0	3.7	.2	.3	.2	.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	47.234	141.6	142.1	.0	.4	-.5	.2	.3
Food and beverages	17.903	159.5	159.9	2.1	.3	.0	.0	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	130.9	131.4	-1.4	.4	-.7	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	132.3	133.6	-1.3	1.0	-1.1	.2	.7
Apparel	5.300	134.0	133.7	-.7	-.2	-.5	.2	.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	136.0	138.2	-1.4	1.6	-1.2	.1	1.0
Durables	13.403	127.6	127.3	-1.5	-.2	-.1	.1	-.3
Services	52.766	179.9	180.3	2.7	.2	.3	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ³	26.708	169.0	169.2	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.2
Transportation services	6.824	185.7	185.4	1.6	-.2	.2	.1	-.1
Other services	10.006	212.4	213.0	3.9	.3	.4	.4	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.139	159.0	159.4	1.3	.3	-.1	.3	.3
All items less shelter	72.967	154.6	155.1	.8	.3	-.2	.2	.3
All items less medical care	95.409	155.3	155.7	1.4	.3	-.1	.3	.3
Commodities less food	30.373	132.2	132.7	-1.3	.4	-.7	.2	.2
Nondurables less food	16.970	134.2	135.5	-1.0	1.0	-.9	.2	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	137.8	139.7	-1.2	1.4	-1.4	.2	.7
Nondurables	33.831	146.2	147.1	.6	.6	-.3	.0	.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.057	169.8	170.2	2.2	.2	.4	.2	.4
Services less medical care services	49.082	174.4	174.7	2.7	.2	.4	.2	.3
Energy	7.825	101.1	103.2	-5.8	2.1	-1.3	-.2	.3
All items less energy	92.175	167.1	167.3	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.3
All items less food and energy	75.315	169.1	169.3	2.0	.1	.1	.4	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	143.1	143.1	.1	.0	-.3	.4	.1
Energy commodities	3.910	92.1	95.0	-10.0	3.1	-3.0	-1.0	.8
Services less energy services	48.852	186.7	186.9	3.0	.1	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.629	\$.627	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.211	\$.210	-	-	-	-	-

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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	158.7	158.6	159.0	159.5	2.1	1.8	0.3	2.0	1.9	1.1
Food and beverages	159.2	159.2	159.2	160.1	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.4	1.8
Food	158.7	158.7	158.8	159.7	3.1	2.0	1.0	2.5	2.6	1.8
Food at home	158.7	158.6	158.4	159.7	3.4	1.3	.3	2.5	2.3	1.4
Cereals and bakery products	179.1	179.8	179.4	180.3	1.8	2.0	1.4	2.7	1.9	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	146.8	146.3	146.1	146.5	1.4	-1.9	-3.7	-8	-3	-2.3
Dairy and related products ¹	147.4	148.1	148.2	147.8	-5.7	11.1	1.6	1.1	2.4	1.4
Fruits and vegetables	194.4	192.6	193.0	203.0	12.5	2.1	7.1	18.9	7.2	12.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	132.8	132.4	131.9	131.2	10.7	-4.1	-3.5	-4.7	3.1	-4.1
Other food at home	148.2	148.7	148.6	148.6	4.7	-3	1.1	1.1	2.2	1.1
Sugar and sweets	149.2	150.7	149.6	148.9	1.1	1.9	1.9	-8	1.5	.5
Fats and oils	140.8	141.4	140.0	141.1	-6	-8	-8	.9	-7	.0
Other foods	163.8	163.9	164.5	164.5	3.0	2.2	3.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	100.5	101.8	101.7	101.5	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Food away from home ¹	159.6	159.9	160.2	160.6	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.5	3.1	2.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	163.8	163.6	163.7	163.6	2.5	1.2	1.5	-5	1.9	.5
Housing	155.0	155.4	155.9	156.3	2.1	3.4	.5	3.4	2.8	1.9
Shelter	174.4	174.8	175.4	176.0	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.6
Rent of primary residence	169.4	170.0	170.3	171.0	3.2	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2
Lodging away from home ²	100.1	100.1	101.6	102.1	-	-	-	8.2	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	169.1	169.5	170.0	170.6	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	100.2	100.5	100.5	99.7	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Fuels and utilities	127.6	128.0	128.5	128.4	1.6	6.6	-12.2	2.5	4.1	-5.1
Fuels	112.1	112.5	112.9	112.8	.0	10.1	-18.0	2.5	4.9	-8.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	91.8	92.5	92.0	92.0	-13.3	-4	-17.4	.9	-7.1	-8.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.7	120.0	120.6	120.5	1.3	11.6	-18.3	2.7	6.3	-8.4
Household furnishings and operations	124.7	124.8	125.3	125.0	-1.3	.6	2.6	1.0	-3	1.8
Apparel	131.1	130.5	130.7	131.1	-2.1	.6	-2.7	.0	-8	-1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	131.1	131.9	131.7	131.1	1.9	.9	1.2	.0	1.4	.6
Women's and girls' apparel	123.4	123.0	122.9	124.0	-5.3	1.6	-4.4	2.0	-1.9	-1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	123.1	124.5	126.9	127.4	-17.9	-4.0	-12.0	14.7	-11.2	.5
Footwear	128.0	126.6	126.5	127.1	2.2	2.2	-4.8	-2.8	2.2	-3.8
Transportation	141.3	140.4	140.4	140.6	1.1	-1.7	-4.7	-2.0	-3	-3.3
Private transportation	138.7	137.9	137.8	138.1	1.4	-2.0	-5.6	-1.7	-3	-3.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	.8	-	-
New vehicles	144.6	144.9	145.0	144.4	-5	-1.6	-8	-6	-1.1	-7
Used cars and trucks ¹	149.9	148.8	149.5	151.3	-13.2	-1.9	1.9	3.8	-7.7	2.8
Motor fuel	96.4	93.3	92.4	93.2	11.2	-6.2	-28.4	-12.6	2.1	-20.9
Gasoline (all types)	96.0	92.7	91.9	92.5	13.0	-5.9	-29.0	-13.8	3.1	-21.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.6	100.5	100.0	100.0	1.2	-1.6	-4	-2.4	-2	-1.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	166.5	166.7	166.8	167.0	2.7	1.7	3.7	1.2	2.2	2.4
Public transportation	188.1	188.7	188.4	187.0	-3.2	1.8	9.0	-2.3	-8	3.2
Medical care	238.1	238.8	239.8	240.5	2.1	2.8	3.1	4.1	2.4	3.6
Medical care commodities	214.9	215.1	216.6	218.1	-4	2.3	2.3	6.1	.9	4.2
Medical care services	243.2	244.0	244.9	245.4	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.7	2.6	3.5
Professional services	220.8	221.3	222.0	222.7	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.4
Hospital and related services	280.3	280.8	281.4	282.0	2.2	3.5	3.8	2.4	2.9	3.1
Recreation ²	100.6	100.9	101.0	100.8	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.2	101.4	101.4	101.1	4.5	1.2	3.6	-4	2.9	1.6

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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

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Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
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	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ²	99.9	100.3	100.5	100.9	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Education ²	100.7	101.2	101.8	102.3	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Educational books and supplies	247.4	248.7	250.7	252.6	7.4	3.7	3.8	8.7	5.5	6.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	283.2	284.7	286.4	287.5	5.1	5.3	4.8	6.2	5.2	5.5
Communication ^{1 2}	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.7	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-8	-8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.7	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-8	-8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.0	100.4	100.5	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	45.8	44.8	44.1	42.6	-18.0	.0	-25.5	-25.2	-9.4	-25.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	91.1	88.3	86.0	81.9	-	-	-	-34.7	-	-
Other goods and services	230.9	229.6	232.8	234.6	3.7	6.6	8.2	6.6	5.1	7.4
Tobacco and smoking products	261.1	253.9	264.4	268.3	3.0	10.8	19.2	11.5	6.8	15.3
Personal care ¹	155.0	155.5	155.9	156.7	-5	5.1	1.8	4.5	2.2	3.1
Personal care products ¹	147.6	148.2	148.4	150.5	-1.6	7.7	1.4	8.1	2.9	4.7
Personal care services ¹	164.5	164.9	165.5	165.7	1.0	2.2	2.0	3.0	1.6	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services	230.6	231.3	231.8	232.3	5.7	3.0	3.2	3.0	4.3	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	141.6	140.9	141.2	141.6	.9	.6	-1.4	.0	.7	-.7
Food and beverages	159.2	159.2	159.2	160.1	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.4	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	130.9	130.0	130.3	130.6	-.3	-.3	-3.3	-.9	-.3	-2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.6	131.1	131.3	132.2	1.5	.6	-5.8	-1.2	1.0	-3.5
Apparel	131.1	130.5	130.7	131.1	-2.1	.6	-2.7	.0	-.8	-1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.5	135.8	135.9	137.2	4.4	-.3	-8.5	-.9	2.0	-4.8
Durables	127.4	127.3	127.4	127.0	-3.4	-1.9	.3	-1.2	-2.6	-.5
Services	179.1	179.6	180.2	180.6	2.8	3.2	1.6	3.4	3.0	2.5
Rent of shelter ³	167.9	168.3	169.0	169.3	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.3
Transportation services	185.2	185.5	185.6	185.5	1.5	.9	3.8	.6	1.2	2.2
Other services	211.2	212.0	212.9	213.6	3.7	2.9	3.3	4.6	3.3	4.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	158.3	158.2	158.7	159.1	1.8	2.0	-.3	2.0	1.9	.9
All items less shelter	154.4	154.1	154.4	154.9	1.6	1.8	-1.0	1.3	1.7	.1
All items less medical care	154.9	154.7	155.1	155.6	1.8	2.1	.0	1.8	2.0	.9
Commodities less food	132.4	131.5	131.8	132.1	-.3	.0	-3.3	-.9	-.1	-2.1
Nondurables less food	134.3	133.1	133.3	134.1	1.5	.6	-5.7	-.6	1.0	-3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.2	137.3	137.6	138.6	4.3	1.4	-8.4	-1.7	2.9	-5.1
Nondurables	145.9	145.5	145.5	146.4	2.8	.8	-2.4	1.4	1.8	-.5
Services less rent of shelter ³	169.0	169.7	170.1	170.7	2.4	3.4	-.7	4.1	2.9	1.7
Services less medical care services	173.4	174.1	174.5	175.0	2.6	3.3	.9	3.7	3.0	2.3
Energy	103.8	102.4	102.2	102.5	5.2	2.2	-23.0	-4.9	3.7	-14.4
All items less energy	166.3	166.4	166.9	167.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.7	1.8	2.4
All items less food and energy	168.4	168.5	169.1	169.5	1.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.4	142.0	142.5	142.7	-1.7	.8	1.1	.8	-.4	1.0
Energy commodities	96.2	93.3	92.4	93.1	8.8	-5.6	-27.6	-12.3	1.4	-20.3
Services less energy services	185.9	186.4	187.0	187.5	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.4

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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	159.1	159.5	1.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	473.9	475.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	159.5	159.9	2.1	.3	.0	.0	.6
Food	16.861	159.1	159.6	2.2	.3	.0	.1	.6
Food at home	10.785	159.1	159.6	1.9	.3	-.1	-.1	.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	179.9	180.3	2.0	.2	.4	-.2	.5
Cereals and cereal products	.614	169.8	170.8	1.1	.6	-.4	.1	.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes	.083	156.3	161.4	2.7	3.3	1.1	.6	1.4
Breakfast cereal	.343	188.7	189.1	1.0	.2	-.7	-.1	.4
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	.188	150.3	150.1	1.1	-.1	-.7	.5	.0
Bakery products	1.064	184.5	184.6	2.6	.1	.6	-.3	.6
Bread ^{1 2}	.326	99.9	100.6	-	.7	-.4	.1	.7
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 2}	.144	102.3	101.6	-	-.7	-.9	1.2	-.7
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ²	.293	179.5	179.1	.4	-.2	-.4	-.3	-.2
Other bakery products	.300	184.6	184.6	3.0	.0	2.4	-.9	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	146.0	145.8	-1.1	-.1	-.3	-.1	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.965	146.2	146.6	-1.1	.3	-.3	-.3	.3
Meats	2.042	140.8	141.0	-2.0	.1	-.3	-.6	.3
Beef and veal	.919	136.2	136.0	-.6	-.1	.1	.1	.4
Uncooked ground beef	.360	116.0	115.7	-.8	-.3	1.5	-.5	.9
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 2}	.158	98.9	99.3	-	.4	.0	-1.0	.4
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 2}	.342	100.1	99.8	-	-.3	.0	.9	-.3
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 2}	.059	99.8	99.0	-	-.8	1.1	-.7	-.8
Pork	.724	146.1	147.9	-4.1	1.2	-1.2	-1.4	.7
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 2}	.233	95.0	95.1	-	.1	-.8	-2.2	.1
Ham	.161	143.9	148.8	-2.9	3.4	.5	-3.2	1.1
Pork chops	.167	147.8	147.7	-4.3	-.1	-3.2	1.7	.6
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 2}	.163	95.2	97.2	-	2.1	-1.8	-2.5	2.1
Other meats ²	.399	146.5	145.2	-1.5	-.9	.3	-.5	-.9
Poultry ²	.568	154.5	155.8	-.4	.8	-.1	-.4	.8
Chicken ^{1 2}	.449	99.7	100.7	-	1.0	-.1	.0	1.0
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 2}	.119	99.5	99.6	-	.1	.1	-1.9	.1
Fish and seafood	.355	181.7	181.4	2.6	-.2	-.9	.8	.3
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 2}	.208	102.7	101.8	-	-.9	-.7	.0	-.9
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 2}	.147	101.2	102.1	-	.9	.0	1.2	.9
Eggs	.160	138.0	127.9	-3.3	-7.3	-1.8	5.6	-1.7
Dairy and related products ²	1.135	148.2	147.8	1.9	-.3	.5	.1	-.3
Milk ^{1 2}	.473	100.2	100.3	-	.1	.4	-.4	.1
Cheese and related products ²	.323	149.5	149.0	1.2	-.3	1.2	-.1	-.3
Ice cream and related products	.181	152.6	150.9	.1	-1.1	-.3	2.0	-1.0
Other dairy and related products ^{1 2}	.159	99.8	99.8	-	.0	.4	-.1	.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	196.3	202.8	9.4	3.3	-.9	.2	5.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1.104	229.5	238.5	12.4	3.9	-1.5	.4	6.5
Fresh fruits	.557	238.7	245.9	3.5	3.0	-2.6	.8	1.0
Apples	.107	200.5	204.0	2.2	1.7	.1	-1.2	1.0
Bananas	.105	166.5	164.6	3.8	-1.1	-6.7	14.1	.2
Citrus fruits ^{1 2}	.112	108.8	116.8	-	7.4	1.0	6.3	7.4
Other fresh fruits ^{1 2}	.232	92.7	95.9	-	3.5	-3.8	-.4	3.5
Fresh vegetables	.547	220.0	230.6	23.2	4.8	-.2	.1	12.1
Potatoes	.103	180.6	188.2	12.1	4.2	-.2	-1.4	2.8
Lettuce ²	.073	241.3	304.2	75.1	26.1	6.0	16.4	26.1
Tomatoes ²	.116	227.5	235.4	19.8	3.5	8.6	-6.1	3.5
Other fresh vegetables	.255	232.1	231.0	17.9	-.5	2.9	1.4	4.6
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	.342	101.0	102.3	-	1.3	.8	-.8	1.3
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	.188	100.8	102.2	-	1.4	1.6	-1.7	1.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	.105	101.8	103.1	-	1.3	-.2	.5	1.3
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 2}	.049	100.2	100.8	-	.6	.0	.0	.6

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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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	132.7	131.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 2}	.910	100.7	99.8	-	-9	-6	-5	-9
Carbonated drinks	.508	118.9	117.1	-1.9	-1.5	-1	-3	-1.5
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	.053	99.8	100.2	-	.4	-1.0	.1	.4
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	.349	98.7	98.6	-	-1	-7	-1	-1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 2}	.305	100.6	99.9	-	-7	.3	.2	-7
Coffee ²	.165	167.9	166.2	-3	-1.0	.4	-7	-1.0
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 2}	.140	102.2	102.0	-	-2	.1	1.1	-2
Other food at home	2.185	148.9	148.7	1.4	-1	.3	-1	.0
Sugar and sweets	.420	150.0	149.4	1.0	-4	1.0	-7	-5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	.093	135.0	135.8	-1	.6	.7	-7	-4
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 2}	.249	101.3	99.9	-	-1.4	1.0	-7	-1.4
Other sweets ^{1 2}	.078	103.3	104.4	-	1.1	1.6	.5	1.1
Fats and oils	.332	140.4	141.1	-4	.5	.4	-1.0	.8
Butter and margarine ^{1 2}	.101	99.2	101.7	-	2.5	1.7	-2.2	2.5
Salad dressing ^{1 2}	.090	100.1	98.8	-	-1.3	-7	-7	-1.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 2}	.141	101.2	101.3	-	.1	.2	-6	.1
Other foods	1.432	165.0	164.6	2.7	-2	.1	.4	.0
Soups	.107	191.9	194.0	1.7	1.1	.2	.3	-3
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ²	.251	145.8	144.3	.0	-1.0	-1.2	2.3	-1.0
Snacks ²	.301	155.4	155.4	1.2	.0	-4	.5	.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	.307	172.6	172.3	3.2	-2	.1	-5	-1
Baby food ^{1 2}	.123	101.3	101.4	-	.1	1.1	-2	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	.344	101.7	101.5	-	-2	1.3	-1	-2
Food away from home ²	6.076	160.2	160.6	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	3.162	100.9	101.2	-	.3	.2	.2	.3
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	1.761	100.7	100.9	-	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 2}	.705	100.2	100.3	-	.1	.0	.2	.1
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 2}	.237	100.4	100.6	-	.2	.2	.1	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	.212	100.6	100.6	-	.0	.0	.3	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	164.2	164.1	1.2	-1	-1	.1	-1
Alcoholic beverages at home	.698	149.6	149.6	.1	.0	-2	.2	.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	.477	148.3	148.3	-5	.0	-4	.4	.0
Distilled spirits at home	.095	151.8	152.0	1.4	.1	-2	.3	.1
Wine at home	.125	144.9	144.8	.8	-1	-1	.5	.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home	.344	192.7	192.3	2.1	-2	.2	-4	-2
Housing	36.450	155.8	156.1	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.3
Shelter	27.033	175.5	175.7	3.2	.1	.2	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence	8.347	170.3	170.8	3.1	.3	.4	.2	.4
Lodging away from home ¹	1.346	110.3	108.6	-	-1.5	.0	1.5	.5
Housing at school, excluding board ³	.137	231.6	231.6	4.2	.0	.2	.4	.4
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	1.209	237.6	233.5	5.1	-1.7	.0	1.7	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	17.016	169.9	170.2	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.324	100.5	99.7	-	-8	.3	.0	-8
Fuels and utilities	5.053	126.9	127.9	-6	.8	.3	.4	-1
Fuels	4.143	111.8	112.9	-1.6	1.0	.4	.4	-1
Fuel oil and other fuels	.229	93.1	92.0	-8.0	-1.2	.8	-5	.0
Fuel oil	.148	88.5	87.3	-11.3	-1.4	.0	-9	-6
Other household fuels ^{2 4}	.081	128.0	127.3	-1.8	-5	.8	-9	-5
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	118.9	120.2	-1.1	1.1	.3	.5	-1
Electricity	2.802	123.9	125.5	-3.7	1.3	-4	.5	.1
Utility natural gas service	1.112	112.3	112.7	3.8	.4	2.2	.3	-4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	.910	101.1	101.4	-	.3	.4	.3	.2
Water and sewerage maintenance	.676	212.9	213.6	4.2	.3	.5	.4	.2
Garbage and trash collection ^{2 5}	.235	255.7	256.0	2.6	.1	.2	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	125.6	125.2	.7	-3	.1	.4	-2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 2}	.316	102.0	101.8	-	-2	-9	1.5	-2
Floor coverings ^{1 2}	.075	101.2	101.6	-	.4	.1	1.2	.4
Window coverings ^{1 2}	.086	99.9	99.0	-	-9	-1.8	.8	-9
Other linens ^{1 2}	.155	103.6	103.5	-	-1	-1.0	2.1	-1
Furniture and bedding ²	1.169	133.0	132.1	-1.5	-7	1.1	.7	-7
Bedroom furniture ²	.355	141.9	141.7	-2	-1	.7	1.3	-1
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 2}	.616	101.9	100.6	-	-1.3	.2	.6	-1.3
Other furniture ^{1 2}	.180	104.9	104.9	-	.0	5.0	.3	.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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Appliances ^{1 2}	.421	100.1	100.4	-	0.3	-1.3	0.4	0.3
Major appliances ^{1 2}	.251	99.1	99.1	-	.0	-2.3	.2	.0
Other appliances ^{1 2}	.159	101.6	102.5	-	.9	.0	.7	.9
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 2}	.480	103.4	102.3	-	-1.1	-2	2.0	-1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ²	.200	121.3	119.9	1.7	-1.2	1.1	1.7	-1.2
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	.127	114.5	113.4	-1.5	-1.0	-4.7	2.0	.3
Dishes and flatware ^{1 2}	.067	105.8	104.0	-	-1.7	2.4	3.6	-1.7
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 2}	.086	99.2	98.4	-	-8	.3	-2	-8
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	.640	101.2	100.3	-	-9	.6	-8	-9
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 2}	.186	99.9	99.0	-	-9	.8	-9	-9
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	.302	102.1	101.2	-	-9	.4	-7	-9
Housekeeping supplies	.944	146.1	146.6	2.0	.3	-1	-1	.6
Household cleaning products ^{1 2}	.451	100.1	100.4	-	.3	-4	-2	.3
Household paper products ^{1 2}	.218	103.1	103.3	-	.2	.3	1.0	.2
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 2}	.275	101.6	102.3	-	.7	1.2	-6	.7
Household operations ^{1 2}	.394	101.0	101.3	-	.3	.0	.5	.3
Domestic services ^{1 2}	.089	100.7	100.9	-	.2	-1	.3	.2
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 2}	.106	101.1	101.3	-	.2	.0	1.2	.2
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 2}	.074	101.5	102.0	-	.5	.0	.0	.5
Repair of household items ^{1 2}	.069	100.9	101.1	-	.2	.0	.5	.2
Apparel	5.300	134.0	133.7	-7	-2	-5	.2	.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	132.9	133.1	1.1	.2	.6	-2	-5
Men's apparel	1.145	137.9	138.1	1.6	.1	1.2	.3	-8
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	.218	138.8	138.8	.0	.0	-5	-4	-6
Men's furnishings	.311	143.2	143.4	10.9	.1	2.2	1.2	-1.2
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 2}	.343	100.6	101.0	-	.4	3.3	.3	.4
Men's pants and shorts	.252	134.2	134.3	.1	.1	1.2	-1	-7
Boys' apparel	.358	117.5	117.5	-8	.0	-8	-1.9	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	128.3	127.4	-1.2	-7	-3	-1	.9
Women's apparel	1.634	127.7	126.9	-1.1	-6	-2	-2	1.1
Women's outerwear	.118	123.7	118.7	-2.5	-4.0	-9	5.5	-1.9
Women's dresses	.221	116.5	119.0	2.9	2.1	9.0	-6.2	4.9
Women's suits and separates ^{1 2}	.833	103.9	102.9	-	-1.0	4.4	1.3	-1.0
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 2}	.438	106.9	106.2	-	-7	1.1	2.1	-7
Girls' apparel	.351	131.2	129.7	-1.9	-1.1	-7	-2	.6
Footwear	1.082	128.4	129.0	-8	.5	-1.1	-1	.5
Men's footwear	.374	131.7	132.9	-1.6	.9	.4	.1	.4
Boys' and girls' footwear	.265	130.8	129.8	-2.1	-8	-3.2	2.1	-8
Women's footwear	.443	123.2	124.3	.4	.9	-9	-1.6	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	.337	126.9	127.4	-5.6	.4	1.1	1.9	.4
Jewelry and watches ⁴	.393	143.9	142.4	-3.0	-1.0	-4.6	1.1	.1
Watches ⁴	.076	124.5	125.0	-1.0	.4	-1.1	3.2	.2
Jewelry ⁴	.317	149.4	147.3	-3.5	-1.4	-5.6	.8	.1
Transportation	19.847	140.3	141.1	-1.9	.6	-6	.0	.1
Private transportation	18.790	137.7	138.6	-2.0	.7	-6	-1	.2
New and used motor vehicles ¹	9.285	100.1	100.1	-1.4	.0	-1	.2	.1
New vehicles	5.304	145.5	144.5	-1.0	-7	.2	.1	-4
Used cars and trucks ²	3.162	149.5	151.3	-2.6	1.2	-7	.5	1.2
Car and truck rental ^{1 2}	.108	100.5	100.9	-	.4	1.9	-1.0	.4
Motor fuel	3.682	91.9	95.0	-10.1	3.4	-3.2	-1.0	.9
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	91.3	94.5	-10.2	3.5	-3.4	-9	.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁷	-	89.0	92.3	-10.6	3.7	-3.6	-9	.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7 8}	-	95.9	99.0	-9.5	3.2	-3.0	.6	3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁷	-	93.6	96.3	-9.1	2.9	-3.1	-8	.8
Other motor fuels ^{1 2}	.023	93.3	93.7	-	.4	-1.9	-7	.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.694	99.9	99.9	-8	.0	-1	-5	.0
Tires	.315	97.0	97.3	-2.1	.3	-2	-7	.7
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 2}	.378	99.4	99.2	-	-2	-1	-6	-2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	166.8	167.0	2.3	.1	.1	.1	.1
Motor vehicle body work ²	.119	179.6	180.1	4.3	.3	.2	.6	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ²	.483	154.4	154.8	4.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 2}	1.039	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.1	-1	.0

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Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Motor vehicle insurance	2.881	255.2	255.4	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 2}	.584	102.2	102.5	-	.3	.1	.0	.3
State and local registration and license ^{1 2}	.419	101.3	101.6	-	.3	.0	-.1	.3
Parking and other fees ^{1 2}	.143	104.9	105.3	-	.4	.2	.2	.4
Public transportation	1.057	190.1	187.4	1.2	-1.4	.3	-.2	-.7
Airline fare ²	.555	209.2	203.9	1.5	-2.5	2.0	-.1	-2.5
Other intercity transportation ²	.119	164.3	164.1	4.5	-.1	.4	.6	-.1
Intracity transportation ²	.376	174.9	174.8	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Medical care	4.591	239.9	240.6	3.0	.3	.3	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	.906	217.0	218.3	2.5	.6	.1	.7	.7
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	.570	255.5	257.8	3.3	.9	.0	.9	.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{2 4}	.336	145.7	145.9	1.2	.1	.0	.5	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ²	.245	172.8	173.3	1.3	.3	-.1	.8	.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ²	.091	175.9	175.3	.8	-.3	.1	-.4	-.3
Medical care services	3.684	245.1	245.6	3.1	.2	.3	.4	.2
Professional services	2.372	222.5	223.2	3.1	.3	.2	.3	.3
Physicians' services	1.269	229.0	229.5	2.6	.2	.3	.2	.2
Dental services ²	.665	234.0	234.6	4.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{2 4}	.261	143.8	145.6	3.0	1.3	.1	.4	1.3
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	.177	159.6	159.8	2.4	.1	.1	.2	.1
Hospital and related services	1.097	281.7	281.7	3.0	.0	.2	.2	.2
Hospital services ^{2 9}	1.084	104.1	104.1	3.0	.0	.0	.1	.0
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 7 9}	-	103.1	103.1	2.2	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Outpatient hospital services ^{4 7}	-	232.1	232.3	3.8	.1	.6	.5	.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{2 9}	.013	105.9	106.3	4.3	.4	.0	.6	.4
Recreation ¹	5.969	101.0	100.9	1.5	-.1	.3	.1	-.2
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.968	101.4	101.1	2.2	-.3	.2	.0	-.3
Televisions ²	.256	59.4	58.9	-3.9	-.8	.3	-.3	-.8
Cable television ⁵	.927	243.5	244.5	7.3	.4	.0	.3	.4
Other video equipment ^{1 2}	.101	95.7	93.7	-	-2.1	-1.0	-1.0	-2.1
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 2}	.217	98.7	97.4	-	-1.3	.1	-.1	-1.3
Audio equipment ²	.194	86.5	85.6	-2.9	-1.0	.1	-.6	-1.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 2}	.158	100.4	100.2	-	-2	1.1	-.1	-.2
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 2}	.678	100.9	101.6	-	.7	.1	.2	.7
Pets and pet products ²	.474	142.7	143.8	1.0	.8	-.2	.3	.8
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 2}	.204	101.6	102.1	-	.5	.6	.0	.5
Sporting goods ²	.525	124.5	123.5	-.4	-.8	-.4	-.6	-.8
Sports vehicles including bicycles ²	.249	129.2	127.4	.2	-1.4	-.1	.2	-1.4
Sports equipment ²	.269	116.1	115.8	-.9	-.3	-.8	-1.3	-.3
Photography ^{1 2}	.282	99.7	99.9	-	.2	.3	-.2	.2
Photographic equipment and supplies ²	.105	133.8	134.4	-.8	.4	.8	-.4	.4
Photographers and film processing ^{1 2}	.174	99.9	99.9	-	.0	.1	-.1	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	.668	98.4	97.6	-	-.8	-.2	-.4	-1.1
Toys	.536	122.5	121.3	-4.6	-1.0	-.4	-.6	-1.3
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 2}	.064	100.7	100.1	-	-.6	.6	.1	-.6
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 2}	.048	101.8	102.6	-	.8	.7	1.1	.8
Recreation services ¹	1.362	102.2	102.3	-	.1	.9	.5	.1
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 2}	.421	101.5	101.5	-	.0	1.1	-.2	.0
Admissions ²	.659	205.9	206.4	4.9	.2	.9	.9	.2
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	.145	176.4	176.4	4.7	.0	.5	.4	.1
Recreational reading materials ²	.486	184.8	184.9	3.0	.1	.6	.5	.1
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 2}	.337	102.0	101.9	-	-.1	.4	.4	-.1
Recreational books ^{1 2}	.149	101.9	102.0	-	.1	1.1	.8	.1
Education and communication ¹	5.396	100.1	100.3	2.6	.2	.4	.2	.4
Education ¹	2.402	100.7	100.9	5.4	.2	.5	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies	.192	251.2	251.3	5.8	.0	.5	.8	.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	284.4	284.9	5.4	.2	.5	.6	.4
College tuition and fees	.818	301.6	301.6	4.5	.0	.4	.5	.3
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	.252	299.5	299.8	7.3	.1	.5	.5	.5
Child care and nursery school ⁶	1.029	140.0	140.5	5.1	.4	.6	.5	.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 2}	.049	100.7	101.2	-	.5	.2	.5	.5

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Communication ^{1 2}	2.994	99.5	99.7	-0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Postage and delivery services ^{1 2}	.152	100.1	100.1	-	.0	.1	.0	.0
Postage ²	.150	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 2}	.002	103.9	103.9	-	.0	2.4	.1	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.841	99.5	99.7	-8	.2	.2	.0	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.547	100.5	101.2	-	.7	.4	.1	.7
Telephone services, local charges ²	1.172	164.9	165.0	1.8	.1	.7	.0	.1
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 2}	1.314	100.2	101.4	-	1.2	.2	.3	1.2
Cellular telephone services ^{1 2}	.062	96.5	96.3	-	-2	-8	-1.0	-2
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{2 10}	.294	44.1	42.6	-17.8	-3.4	-2.2	-1.6	-3.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.191	86.0	81.9	-	-4.8	-3.1	-2.6	-4.8
Computer software and accessories ^{1 2}	.028	97.8	97.0	-	-8	1.3	-7	-8
Computer information processing services ^{1 2}	.016	101.3	103.4	-	2.1	.0	1.1	2.1
Other information processing equipment ^{1 2}	.058	97.3	95.6	-	-1.7	-1.5	.5	-1.7
Other goods and services	4.544	232.3	234.8	6.6	1.1	-6	1.4	.8
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	263.6	270.1	11.0	2.5	-2.8	4.1	1.5
Cigarettes ^{1 2}	1.225	105.2	107.9	-	2.6	-3.0	4.1	2.6
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 2}	.067	103.1	104.2	-	1.1	.4	1.3	1.1
Personal care ²	3.244	155.9	156.7	2.7	.5	.3	.3	.5
Personal care products ²	.832	148.4	150.5	3.8	1.4	.4	.1	1.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 2}	.417	101.0	101.0	-	.0	.6	-.1	.0
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ²	.411	159.8	164.6	7.3	3.0	.3	.2	3.0
Personal care services ²	.964	165.5	165.7	2.0	.1	.2	.4	.1
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 2}	.964	100.9	101.0	-	.1	.2	.4	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	232.5	233.0	3.7	.2	.3	.2	.2
Legal services ^{2 4}	.302	169.7	170.2	4.7	.3	.2	.2	.3
Funeral expenses ⁴	.262	177.9	178.4	3.9	.3	.1	.7	.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 2}	.216	100.9	101.3	-	.4	.0	.2	.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 2}	.051	100.7	100.9	-	.2	.2	.1	.2
Financial services ^{2 4}	.265	197.2	197.0	3.4	-1	.6	.4	-.1
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 2}	.223	100.9	100.8	-	-1	.5	.7	-.1
Special aggregate indexes								
Commodities	47.234	141.6	142.1	.0	.4	-.5	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	130.9	131.4	-1.4	.4	-.7	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	132.3	133.6	-1.3	1.0	-1.1	.2	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	136.0	138.2	-1.4	1.6	-1.2	.1	1.0
Durables	13.403	127.6	127.3	-1.5	-2	-.1	.1	-.3
Services	52.766	179.9	180.3	2.7	.2	.3	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ³	26.708	169.0	169.2	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.2
Transportation services	6.824	185.7	185.4	1.6	-2	.2	.1	-.1
Other services	10.006	212.4	213.0	3.9	.3	.4	.4	.3
All items less food	83.139	159.0	159.4	1.3	.3	-.1	.3	.3
All items less shelter	72.967	154.6	155.1	.8	.3	-.2	.2	.3
All items less medical care	95.409	155.3	155.7	1.4	.3	-.1	.3	.3
Commodities less food	30.373	132.2	132.7	-1.3	.4	-.7	.2	.2
Nondurables less food	16.970	134.2	135.5	-1.0	1.0	-.9	.2	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	137.8	139.7	-1.2	1.4	-1.4	.2	.7
Nondurables	33.831	146.2	147.1	.6	.6	-.3	.0	.6
Apparel less footwear	4.218	130.8	130.3	-1.1	-4	.1	-.2	.3
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.057	169.8	170.2	2.2	.2	.4	.2	.4
Services less medical care services	49.082	174.4	174.7	2.7	.2	.4	.2	.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 May 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Special aggregate indexes								
Energy	7.825	101.1	103.2	-5.8	2.1	-1.3	-0.2	0.3
All items less energy	92.175	167.1	167.3	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.3
All items less food and energy	75.315	169.1	169.3	2.0	.1	.1	.4	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	143.1	143.1	.1	.0	-.3	.4	.1
Energy commodities	3.910	92.1	95.0	-10.0	3.1	-3.0	-1.0	.8
Services less energy services	48.852	186.7	186.9	3.0	.1	.3	.3	.3
Domestically produced farm food	9.110	160.8	161.6	2.1	.5	.2	-.3	.9
Utilities and public transportation	9.355	143.2	143.9	1.0	.5	.2	.4	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.629	\$.627	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.211	\$.210	-	-	-	-	-

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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	158.7	158.6	159.0	159.5	2.1	1.8	0.3	2.0	1.9	1.1
Food and beverages	159.2	159.2	159.2	160.1	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.4	1.8
Food	158.7	158.7	158.8	159.7	3.1	2.0	1.0	2.5	2.6	1.8
Food at home	158.7	158.6	158.4	159.7	3.4	1.3	.3	2.5	2.3	1.4
Cereals and bakery products	179.1	179.8	179.4	180.3	1.8	2.0	1.4	2.7	1.9	2.0
Cereals and cereal products	169.6	169.0	169.2	169.9	5.3	-1.2	-.5	.7	2.0	.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes	155.9	157.6	158.5	160.7	-1.0	-4.5	4.5	12.9	-2.8	8.6
Breakfast cereal	188.3	187.0	186.8	187.6	7.5	-1.5	-.2	-1.5	2.9	-.8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	150.1	149.0	149.7	149.7	6.1	3.5	-3.4	-1.1	4.8	-2.2
Bakery products	183.6	184.7	184.1	185.2	.7	3.1	3.1	3.5	1.9	3.3
Bread ^{1 2}	100.2	99.8	99.9	100.6	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 2}	102.0	101.1	102.3	101.6	-	-	-	-1.6	-	-
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ²	180.9	180.1	179.5	179.1	1.6	.2	3.8	-3.9	.9	-.1
Other bakery products	180.4	184.8	183.1	185.0	-.2	4.3	-2.4	10.6	2.0	3.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	146.8	146.3	146.1	146.5	1.4	-1.9	-3.7	-.8	-.3	-2.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	147.6	147.1	146.6	147.1	1.9	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	-.3	-2.0
Meats	142.5	142.1	141.3	141.7	2.2	-4.3	-3.6	-2.2	-1.1	-2.9
Beef and veal	135.1	135.3	135.5	136.1	2.7	-4.8	-2.9	3.0	-1.2	.0
Uncooked ground beef	114.2	115.9	115.3	116.3	3.1	-7.9	-5.1	7.6	-2.5	1.0
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 2}	99.9	99.9	98.9	99.3	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 2}	99.2	99.2	100.1	99.8	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 2}	99.4	100.5	99.8	99.0	-	-	-	-1.6	-	-
Pork	153.1	151.2	149.1	150.1	-.3	-5.7	-3.1	-7.6	-3.0	-5.4
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 2}	97.9	97.1	95.0	95.1	-	-	-	-11.0	-	-
Ham	154.7	155.5	150.5	152.1	.5	-11.7	7.3	-6.6	-5.8	.1
Pork chops	151.4	146.5	149.0	149.9	.0	-4.5	-8.5	-3.9	-2.3	-6.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 2}	99.4	97.6	95.2	97.2	-	-	-	-8.6	-	-
Other meats ²	146.8	147.2	146.5	145.2	4.7	-.5	-5.5	-4.3	2.0	-4.9
Poultry ²	155.2	155.1	154.5	155.8	-2.8	5.0	-5.0	1.6	1.0	-1.8
Chicken ^{1 2}	99.8	99.7	99.7	100.7	-	-	-	3.7	-	-
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 2}	101.3	101.4	99.5	99.6	-	-	-	-6.5	-	-
Fish and seafood	181.0	179.4	180.8	181.3	6.7	-.4	3.6	.7	3.1	2.1
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 2}	103.4	102.7	102.7	101.8	-	-	-	-6.0	-	-
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 2}	100.0	100.0	101.2	102.1	-	-	-	8.7	-	-
Eggs	133.1	130.7	138.0	135.6	-8.3	9.7	-19.2	7.7	.3	-6.7
Dairy and related products ²	147.4	148.1	148.2	147.8	-5.7	11.1	1.6	1.1	2.4	1.4
Milk ^{1 2}	100.2	100.6	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Cheese and related products ²	147.8	149.6	149.5	149.0	-2.2	1.1	2.8	3.3	-.5	3.0
Ice cream and related products	150.0	149.6	152.6	151.1	-1.8	1.3	-1.8	3.0	-.3	.5
Other dairy and related products ^{1 2}	99.5	99.9	99.8	99.8	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Fruits and vegetables	194.4	192.6	193.0	203.0	12.5	2.1	7.1	18.9	7.2	12.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	226.4	223.1	224.1	238.6	19.2	2.0	7.2	23.4	10.3	15.0
Fresh fruits	244.9	238.6	240.4	242.8	3.8	-6.4	23.5	-3.4	-1.4	9.2
Apples	203.2	203.5	201.1	203.2	1.8	3.7	3.2	.0	2.7	1.6
Bananas	151.6	141.5	161.4	161.7	2.1	15.7	-23.7	29.4	8.7	-.6
Citrus fruits ^{1 2}	101.4	102.4	108.8	116.8	-	-	-	76.0	-	-
Other fresh fruits ^{1 2}	96.8	93.1	92.7	95.9	-	-	-	-3.7	-	-
Fresh vegetables	205.4	205.0	205.2	230.1	40.6	12.8	-7.8	57.5	25.9	20.5
Potatoes	186.7	186.3	183.7	188.8	22.3	18.8	4.2	4.6	20.6	4.4
Lettuce ²	195.5	207.3	241.3	304.2	71.9	174.4	-66.0	486.2	117.2	41.2
Tomatoes ²	223.2	242.4	227.5	235.4	-12.0	83.2	3.3	23.7	26.9	13.0
Other fresh vegetables	212.9	219.1	222.1	232.4	22.6	-2.7	13.6	42.0	9.2	27.0
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	101.0	101.8	101.0	102.3	-	-	-	5.2	-	-
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	100.9	102.5	100.8	102.2	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	101.5	101.3	101.8	103.1	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 2}	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.8	-	-	-	2.4	-	-

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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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	132.8	132.4	131.9	131.2	10.7	-4.1	-3.5	-4.7	3.1	-4.1
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 2}	101.8	101.2	100.7	99.8	-	-	-	-7.6	-	-
Carbonated drinks	118.8	118.7	118.4	116.6	-1.3	-1.3	2.4	-7.2	-1.3	-2.5
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	100.7	99.7	99.8	100.2	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	99.5	98.8	98.7	98.6	-	-	-	-3.6	-	-
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 2}	100.1	100.4	100.6	99.9	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Coffee ²	168.3	169.0	167.9	166.2	39.9	-17.1	-10.4	-4.9	7.7	-7.7
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 2}	101.0	101.1	102.2	102.0	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Other food at home	148.2	148.7	148.6	148.6	4.7	-3	1.1	1.1	2.2	1.1
Sugar and sweets	149.2	150.7	149.6	148.9	1.1	1.9	1.9	-8	1.5	.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	135.6	136.5	135.5	135.0	.3	-9	2.1	-1.8	-3	.1
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 2}	101.0	102.0	101.3	99.9	-	-	-	-4.3	-	-
Other sweets ^{1 2}	101.2	102.8	103.3	104.4	-	-	-	13.3	-	-
Fats and oils	140.8	141.4	140.0	141.1	-6	-8	-8	.9	-7	.0
Butter and margarine ^{1 2}	99.7	101.4	99.2	101.7	-	-	-	8.3	-	-
Salad dressing ^{1 2}	101.5	100.8	100.1	98.8	-	-	-	-10.2	-	-
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 2}	101.6	101.8	101.2	101.3	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Other foods	163.8	163.9	164.5	164.5	3.0	2.2	3.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
Soups	192.5	192.8	193.4	192.9	-4	.8	5.6	.8	.2	3.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ²	144.3	142.5	145.8	144.3	2.5	-5	-1.9	.0	1.0	-1.0
Snacks ²	155.2	154.6	155.4	155.4	4.2	-1.5	1.6	.5	1.3	1.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	172.5	172.7	171.8	171.7	4.4	.7	9.3	-1.8	2.5	3.6
Baby food ^{1 2}	100.4	101.5	101.3	101.4	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	100.5	101.8	101.7	101.5	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Food away from home ²	159.6	159.9	160.2	160.6	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.5	3.1	2.5
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	100.5	100.7	100.9	101.2	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	100.5	100.6	100.7	100.9	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 2}	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 2}	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.6	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	163.8	163.6	163.7	163.6	2.5	1.2	1.5	-5	1.9	.5
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.0	148.7	149.0	149.0	.5	-5	.3	.0	.0	.1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	147.5	146.9	147.5	147.5	-8	-1.1	-3	.0	-9	-1
Distilled spirits at home	151.7	151.4	151.9	152.0	2.2	1.6	1.1	.8	1.9	.9
Wine at home	144.0	143.9	144.6	144.7	3.4	-8	-8	2.0	1.3	.6
Alcoholic beverages away from home	192.8	193.1	192.3	192.0	4.1	3.2	3.0	-1.6	3.6	.6
Housing	155.0	155.4	155.9	156.3	2.1	3.4	.5	3.4	2.8	1.9
Shelter	174.4	174.8	175.4	176.0	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.6
Rent of primary residence	169.4	170.0	170.3	171.0	3.2	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2
Lodging away from home ¹	100.1	100.1	101.6	102.1	-	-	-	8.2	-	-
Housing at school, excluding board ³	231.5	232.0	233.0	233.9	3.6	6.0	3.4	4.2	4.8	3.8
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	229.4	229.3	233.1	234.2	1.6	5.8	4.7	8.6	3.7	6.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	169.1	169.5	170.0	170.6	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	100.2	100.5	100.5	99.7	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Fuels and utilities	127.6	128.0	128.5	128.4	1.6	6.6	-12.2	2.5	4.1	-5.1
Fuels	112.1	112.5	112.9	112.8	.0	10.1	-18.0	2.5	4.9	-8.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	91.8	92.5	92.0	92.0	-13.3	-4	-17.4	.9	-7.1	-8.7
Fuel oil	88.2	88.2	87.4	86.9	-15.7	-1.7	-20.8	-5.8	-9.0	-13.6
Other household fuels ^{2 4}	128.2	129.2	128.0	127.3	-17.5	14.7	1.3	-2.8	-2.8	-8
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.7	120.0	120.6	120.5	1.3	11.6	-18.3	2.7	6.3	-8.4
Electricity	127.4	126.9	127.5	127.6	-2.7	3.7	-15.0	.6	.5	-7.5
Utility natural gas service	110.6	113.0	113.3	112.9	10.7	29.7	-25.6	8.6	19.8	-10.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	100.5	100.9	101.2	101.4	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Water and sewerage maintenance	211.8	212.8	213.6	214.0	6.2	3.3	3.1	4.2	4.7	3.6
Garbage and trash collection ^{2 5}	254.9	255.4	255.7	256.0	3.2	1.9	3.5	1.7	2.6	2.6
Household furnishings and operations	124.7	124.8	125.3	125.0	-1.3	.6	2.6	1.0	-3	1.8
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 2}	101.4	100.5	102.0	101.8	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Floor coverings ^{1 2}	99.9	100.0	101.2	101.6	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Window coverings ^{1 2}	100.9	99.1	99.9	99.0	-	-	-	-7.3	-	-
Other linens ^{1 2}	102.5	101.5	103.6	103.5	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Furniture and bedding ²	130.6	132.1	133.0	132.1	-6.7	-2.1	-1.5	4.7	-4.4	1.5
Bedroom furniture ²	139.1	140.1	141.9	141.7	-5.2	.0	-2.8	7.7	-2.7	2.3
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 2}	101.1	101.3	101.9	100.6	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Other furniture ^{1 2}	99.6	104.6	104.9	104.9	-	-	-	23.0	-	-

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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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Appliances ^{1 2}	101.0	99.7	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Major appliances ^{1 2}	101.2	98.9	99.1	99.1	-	-	-	-8.0	-	-
Other appliances ^{1 2}	100.9	100.9	101.6	102.5	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 2}	101.6	101.4	103.4	102.3	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ²	118.0	119.3	121.3	119.9	-3.3	1.0	2.8	6.6	-1.2	4.7
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	114.9	109.5	111.7	112.0	-11.4	-9.8	31.0	-9.7	-10.6	8.7
Dishes and flatware ^{1 2}	99.7	102.1	105.8	104.0	-	-	-	18.4	-	-
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 2}	99.1	99.4	99.2	98.4	-	-	-	-2.8	-	-
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	101.4	102.0	101.2	100.3	-	-	-	-4.3	-	-
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 2}	100.0	100.8	99.9	99.0	-	-	-	-3.9	-	-
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	102.4	102.8	102.1	101.2	-	-	-	-4.6	-	-
Housekeeping supplies	145.8	145.7	145.6	146.5	.0	1.7	4.5	1.9	.8	3.2
Household cleaning products ^{1 2}	100.7	100.3	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Household paper products ^{1 2}	101.8	102.1	103.1	103.3	-	-	-	6.0	-	-
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 2}	101.0	102.2	101.6	102.3	-	-	-	5.2	-	-
Household operations ^{1 2}	100.5	100.5	101.0	101.3	-	-	-	3.2	-	-
Domestic services ^{1 2}	100.5	100.4	100.7	100.9	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 2}	99.9	99.9	101.1	101.3	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 2}	101.5	101.5	101.5	102.0	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Repair of household items ^{1 2}	100.4	100.4	100.9	101.1	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Apparel	131.1	130.5	130.7	131.1	-2.1	.6	-2.7	.0	-.8	-1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	131.1	131.9	131.7	131.1	1.9	.9	1.2	.0	1.4	.6
Men's apparel	135.0	136.6	137.0	135.9	.6	-.3	3.3	2.7	.1	3.0
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	139.0	138.3	137.7	136.9	-.3	-1.2	8.2	-5.9	-.7	.9
Men's furnishings	138.2	141.2	142.9	141.2	10.1	-1.8	28.5	9.0	4.0	18.3
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 2}	97.1	100.3	100.6	101.0	-	-	-	17.1	-	-
Men's pants and shorts	131.8	133.4	133.3	132.4	-3.3	-1.8	3.4	1.8	-2.6	2.6
Boys' apparel	119.4	118.5	116.3	116.5	3.8	2.4	.7	-9.4	3.1	-4.5
Women's and girls' apparel	123.4	123.0	122.9	124.0	-5.3	1.6	-4.4	2.0	-1.9	-1.3
Women's apparel	122.5	122.3	122.1	123.4	-5.6	3.3	-6.0	3.0	-1.3	-1.6
Women's outerwear	118.4	117.3	123.7	121.4	8.3	4.5	-27.7	10.5	6.4	-10.6
Women's dresses	107.7	117.4	110.1	115.5	-17.3	.4	1.9	32.3	-8.9	16.1
Women's suits and separates ^{1 2}	98.3	102.6	103.9	102.9	-	-	-	20.1	-	-
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 2}	103.6	104.7	106.9	106.2	-	-	-	10.4	-	-
Girls' apparel	127.4	126.5	126.3	127.1	-4.0	-6.1	3.5	-.9	-5.0	1.3
Footwear	128.0	126.6	126.5	127.1	2.2	2.2	-4.8	-2.8	2.2	-3.8
Men's footwear	130.3	130.8	130.9	131.4	-3.0	.6	-7.3	3.4	-1.2	-2.1
Boys' and girls' footwear	129.9	125.8	128.5	127.5	2.2	9.2	-11.4	-7.2	5.6	-9.3
Women's footwear	123.7	122.6	120.6	122.3	6.7	-.6	.3	-4.5	3.0	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	123.1	124.5	126.9	127.4	-17.9	-4.0	-12.0	14.7	-11.2	.5
Jewelry and watches ⁴	146.3	139.5	141.1	141.2	-3.3	-.6	6.0	-13.2	-1.9	-4.1
Watches ⁴	122.4	121.1	125.0	125.3	-4.4	-1.6	-6.9	9.8	-3.0	1.1
Jewelry ⁴	153.1	144.6	145.8	145.9	-2.9	-.8	9.4	-17.5	-1.8	-5.0
Transportation	141.3	140.4	140.4	140.6	1.1	-1.7	-4.7	-2.0	-.3	-3.3
Private transportation	138.7	137.9	137.8	138.1	1.4	-2.0	-5.6	-1.7	-.3	-3.7
New and used motor vehicles ¹	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	.8	-	-
New vehicles	144.6	144.9	145.0	144.4	-.5	-1.6	-.8	-.6	-1.1	-.7
Used cars and trucks ²	149.9	148.8	149.5	151.3	-13.2	-1.9	1.9	3.8	-7.7	2.8
Car and truck rental ^{1 2}	99.6	101.5	100.5	100.9	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Motor fuel	96.4	93.3	92.4	93.2	11.2	-6.2	-28.4	-12.6	2.1	-20.9
Gasoline (all types)	96.0	92.7	91.9	92.5	13.0	-5.9	-29.0	-13.8	3.1	-21.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁷	93.7	90.3	89.5	90.3	14.2	-7.8	-29.6	-13.7	2.6	-22.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7 8}	98.2	95.3	95.9	99.0	9.1	-11.0	-33.1	3.3	-1.5	-16.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁷	98.1	95.1	94.3	95.1	9.5	-4.8	-25.5	-11.7	2.1	-18.9
Other motor fuels ^{1 2}	95.8	94.0	93.3	93.7	-	-	-	-8.5	-	-
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.6	100.5	100.0	100.0	1.2	-1.6	-.4	-2.4	-.2	-1.4
Tires	98.0	97.8	97.1	97.8	-2.4	-3.6	-1.6	-.8	-3.0	-1.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 2}	100.1	100.0	99.4	99.2	-	-	-	-3.5	-	-
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	166.5	166.7	166.8	167.0	2.7	1.7	3.7	1.2	2.2	2.4
Motor vehicle body work ²	178.1	178.5	179.6	180.1	3.8	4.0	5.1	4.6	3.9	4.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ²	153.7	154.2	154.4	154.8	5.5	2.4	5.4	2.9	3.9	4.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 2}	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	.0	-	-

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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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Motor vehicle insurance	254.6	255.1	255.5	255.6	2.3	1.8	2.1	1.6	2.0	1.8
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 2}	102.1	102.2	102.2	102.5	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
State and local registration and license ^{1 2}	101.4	101.4	101.3	101.6	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Parking and other fees ^{1 2}	104.5	104.7	104.9	105.3	-	-	-	3.1	-	-
Public transportation	188.1	188.7	188.4	187.0	-3.2	1.8	9.0	-2.3	-8	3.2
Airline fare ²	205.2	209.4	209.2	203.9	-14.3	7.9	18.0	-2.5	-3.8	7.2
Other intercity transportation ²	162.8	163.4	164.3	164.1	2.8	1.5	10.7	3.2	2.2	6.9
Intracity transportation ²	174.8	175.0	174.9	174.8	1.1	2.1	-3.4	.0	1.6	-1.7
Medical care	238.1	238.8	239.8	240.5	2.1	2.8	3.1	4.1	2.4	3.6
Medical care commodities	214.9	215.1	216.6	218.1	-4	2.3	2.3	6.1	.9	4.2
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	252.8	252.8	255.0	257.3	.0	1.6	4.6	7.3	.8	5.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{2 4}	145.0	145.0	145.7	145.9	.6	1.7	.0	2.5	1.1	1.2
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ²	171.5	171.4	172.8	173.3	.2	1.2	-2	4.3	.7	2.0
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ²	176.4	176.6	175.9	175.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	-2.5	2.3	-7
Medical care services	243.2	244.0	244.9	245.4	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.7	2.6	3.5
Professional services	220.8	221.3	222.0	222.7	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.4
Physicians' services	227.3	228.0	228.4	228.8	2.7	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.8
Dental services ²	232.2	233.2	234.0	234.6	3.6	3.4	5.0	4.2	3.5	4.6
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{2 4}	143.0	143.2	143.8	145.6	2.0	-3	2.8	7.5	.9	5.1
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	158.3	158.5	158.8	159.0	2.9	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.0
Hospital and related services	280.3	280.8	281.4	282.0	2.2	3.5	3.8	2.4	2.9	3.1
Hospital services ^{2 9}	104.0	104.0	104.1	104.1	2.4	3.2	6.0	.4	2.8	3.1
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 7 9}	103.2	103.1	103.1	103.1	1.6	2.4	5.2	-4	2.0	2.4
Outpatient hospital services ^{4 7}	229.7	231.0	232.1	232.7	3.1	4.7	2.3	5.3	3.9	3.8
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{2 9}	105.3	105.3	105.9	106.3	4.8	1.6	7.1	3.9	3.2	5.5
Recreation ¹	100.6	100.9	101.0	100.8	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.2	101.4	101.4	101.1	4.5	1.2	3.6	-4	2.9	1.6
Televisions ²	59.4	59.6	59.4	58.9	-5.7	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-4.5	-3.3
Cable television ⁵	242.0	242.1	242.8	243.8	9.1	5.6	11.7	3.0	7.3	7.3
Other video equipment ^{1 2}	97.7	96.7	95.7	93.7	-	-	-	-15.4	-	-
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 2} ..	98.7	98.8	98.7	97.4	-	-	-	-5.2	-	-
Audio equipment ²	86.9	87.0	86.5	85.6	3.2	.5	-9.1	-5.9	1.8	-7.5
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 2}	99.4	100.5	100.4	100.2	-	-	-	3.3	-	-
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 2}	100.6	100.7	100.9	101.6	-	-	-	4.0	-	-
Pets and pet products ²	142.6	142.3	142.7	143.8	-8	2.6	-1.1	3.4	.8	1.1
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 2}	101.0	101.6	101.6	102.1	-	-	-	4.4	-	-
Sporting goods ²	125.7	125.2	124.5	123.5	3.3	-5.9	8.7	-6.8	-1.4	.7
Sports vehicles including bicycles ²	129.0	128.9	129.2	127.4	3.5	-8.4	11.6	-4.9	-2.7	3.1
Sports equipment ²	118.5	117.6	116.1	115.8	3.1	-2.7	5.2	-8.8	.2	-2.0
Photography ^{1 2}	99.6	99.9	99.7	99.9	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Photographic equipment and supplies ²	133.3	134.3	133.8	134.4	-2.3	3.0	-6.9	3.3	.3	-1.9
Photographers and film processing ^{1 2}	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Other recreational goods ¹	98.5	98.3	97.9	96.8	-	-	-	-6.7	-	-
Toys	123.8	123.3	122.5	120.9	2.2	-2.5	-8.6	-9.0	-2	-8.8
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 2}	100.0	100.6	100.7	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 2}	100.0	100.7	101.8	102.6	-	-	-	10.8	-	-
Recreation services ¹	100.9	101.8	102.3	102.4	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 2} ..	100.6	101.7	101.5	101.5	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Admissions ²	202.2	204.1	205.9	206.4	16.6	-8.7	4.9	8.6	3.2	6.7
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	175.2	176.1	176.8	177.0	6.5	2.4	5.9	4.2	4.4	5.0
Recreational reading materials ²	182.8	183.9	184.8	184.9	2.9	.0	4.3	4.7	1.5	4.5
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 2}	101.2	101.6	102.0	101.9	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Recreational books ^{1 2}	100.0	101.1	101.9	102.0	-	-	-	8.2	-	-
Education and communication ¹	99.9	100.3	100.5	100.9	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Education ¹	100.7	101.2	101.8	102.3	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
Educational books and supplies	247.4	248.7	250.7	252.6	7.4	3.7	3.8	8.7	5.5	6.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	283.2	284.7	286.4	287.5	5.1	5.3	4.8	6.2	5.2	5.5
College tuition and fees	301.3	302.5	304.1	304.9	4.6	3.6	4.8	4.9	4.1	4.8
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	299.4	300.9	302.5	304.1	9.0	8.1	5.5	6.4	8.6	6.0
Child care and nursery school ⁶	138.8	139.6	140.3	141.1	3.6	5.4	4.7	6.8	4.5	5.8
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 2}	100.0	100.2	100.7	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Expenditure category										
Communication ^{1 2}	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.7	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-0.8	-0.8
Postage and delivery services ^{1 2}	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Postage ²	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 2}	101.4	103.8	103.9	103.9	-	-	-	10.2	-	-
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.7	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-8	-8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.0	100.4	100.5	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Telephone services, local charges ²	163.7	164.9	164.9	165.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	3.2	1.2	2.3
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 2}	99.7	99.9	100.2	101.4	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Cellular telephone services ^{1 2}	98.3	97.5	96.5	96.3	-	-	-	-7.9	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{2 10}	45.8	44.8	44.1	42.6	-18.0	.0	-25.5	-25.2	-9.4	-25.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	91.1	88.3	86.0	81.9	-	-	-	-34.7	-	-
Computer software and accessories ^{1 2}	97.2	98.5	97.8	97.0	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Computer information processing services ^{1 2}	100.2	100.2	101.3	103.4	-	-	-	13.4	-	-
Other information processing equipment ^{1 2}	98.3	96.8	97.3	95.6	-	-	-	-10.5	-	-
Other goods and services	230.9	229.6	232.8	234.6	3.7	6.6	8.2	6.6	5.1	7.4
Tobacco and smoking products	261.1	253.9	264.4	268.3	3.0	10.8	19.2	11.5	6.8	15.3
Cigarettes ^{1 2}	104.2	101.1	105.2	107.9	-	-	-	15.0	-	-
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 2}	101.4	101.8	103.1	104.2	-	-	-	11.5	-	-
Personal care ²	155.0	155.5	155.9	156.7	-5	5.1	1.8	4.5	2.2	3.1
Personal care products ²	147.6	148.2	148.4	150.5	-1.6	7.7	1.4	8.1	2.9	4.7
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 2}	100.5	101.1	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ²	159.0	159.5	159.8	164.6	-1.0	8.4	7.6	14.8	3.6	11.2
Personal care services ²	164.5	164.9	165.5	165.7	1.0	2.2	2.0	3.0	1.6	2.5
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 2}	100.3	100.5	100.9	101.0	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Miscellaneous personal services	230.6	231.3	231.8	232.3	5.7	3.0	3.2	3.0	4.3	3.1
Legal services ^{2 4}	169.0	169.3	169.7	170.2	7.9	1.9	6.4	2.9	4.9	4.6
Funeral expenses ⁴	175.8	176.0	177.2	178.1	3.5	3.3	3.5	5.3	3.4	4.4
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 2}	100.7	100.7	100.9	101.3	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 2}	100.4	100.6	100.7	100.9	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Financial services ^{2 4}	195.4	196.5	197.2	197.0	3.8	1.5	4.9	3.3	2.6	4.1
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 2}	99.7	100.2	100.9	100.8	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Special aggregate indexes										
Commodities	141.6	140.9	141.2	141.6	.9	.6	-1.4	.0	.7	-7
Commodities less food and beverages	130.9	130.0	130.3	130.6	-3	-3	-3.3	-9	-3	-2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.6	131.1	131.3	132.2	1.5	.6	-5.8	-1.2	1.0	-3.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.5	135.8	135.9	137.2	4.4	-3	-8.5	-9	2.0	-4.8
Durables	127.4	127.3	127.4	127.0	-3.4	-1.9	.3	-1.2	-2.6	-5
Services	179.1	179.6	180.2	180.6	2.8	3.2	1.6	3.4	3.0	2.5
Rent of shelter ³	167.9	168.3	169.0	169.3	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.3
Transportation services	185.2	185.5	185.6	185.5	1.5	.9	3.8	.6	1.2	2.2
Other services	211.2	212.0	212.9	213.6	3.7	2.9	3.3	4.6	3.3	4.0
All items less food	158.3	158.2	158.7	159.1	1.8	2.0	-3	2.0	1.9	.9
All items less shelter	154.4	154.1	154.4	154.9	1.6	1.8	-1.0	1.3	1.7	.1
All items less medical care	154.9	154.7	155.1	155.6	1.8	2.1	.0	1.8	2.0	.9
Commodities less food	132.4	131.5	131.8	132.1	-3	.0	-3.3	-9	-1	-2.1
Nondurables less food	134.3	133.1	133.3	134.1	1.5	.6	-5.7	-6	1.0	-3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.2	137.3	137.6	138.6	4.3	1.4	-8.4	-1.7	2.9	-5.1
Nondurables	145.9	145.5	145.5	146.4	2.8	.8	-2.4	1.4	1.8	-5
Apparel less footwear	127.6	127.7	127.4	127.8	-3.7	.9	-2.2	.6	-1.4	-8
Services less rent of shelter ³	169.0	169.7	170.1	170.7	2.4	3.4	-7	4.1	2.9	1.7
Services less medical care services	173.4	174.1	174.5	175.0	2.6	3.3	.9	3.7	3.0	2.3

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—	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1997	May 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
Energy	103.8	102.4	102.2	102.5	5.2	2.2	-23.0	-4.9	3.7	-14.4
All items less energy	166.3	166.4	166.9	167.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.7	1.8	2.4
All items less food and energy	168.4	168.5	169.1	169.5	1.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.4	142.0	142.5	142.7	-1.7	.8	1.1	.8	-.4	1.0
Energy commodities	96.2	93.3	92.4	93.1	8.8	-5.6	-27.6	-12.3	1.4	-20.3
Services less energy services	185.9	186.4	187.0	187.5	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.4
Domestically produced farm food	160.3	160.7	160.2	161.6	3.1	1.0	.8	3.3	2.0	2.0
Utilities and public transportation	143.5	143.8	144.4	144.9	-1.4	8.7	-6.9	4.0	3.5	-1.6

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 May 1998 from—			Percent change to Apr. 1998 from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average	M	161.9	162.2	162.5	162.8	1.7	0.4	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	169.1	169.3	169.5	169.4	1.6	.1	-.1	1.4	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	170.1	170.2	170.2	170.2	1.6	.0	.0	1.5	.1	.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.4	101.7	102.1	101.8	1.5	.1	-.3	1.4	.7	.4
Midwest urban ⁴	M	158.0	158.4	159.0	159.4	2.0	.6	.3	1.9	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.9	159.5	160.1	160.5	2.2	.6	.2	2.0	.8	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.6	101.6	101.9	102.3	1.8	.7	.4	1.6	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.7	152.9	153.2	153.4	.8	.3	.1	.7	.3	.2
South urban	M	157.8	158.2	158.5	158.8	1.4	.4	.2	1.1	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.7	157.2	157.6	157.7	1.4	.3	.1	1.2	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.6	101.8	102.0	102.2	1.2	.4	.2	.9	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.9	158.4	159.1	159.3	2.1	.6	.1	1.9	.8	.4
West urban	M	163.2	163.3	163.6	164.3	2.0	.6	.4	1.6	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	163.6	163.8	164.2	165.0	2.4	.7	.5	1.9	.4	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.3	102.3	102.2	102.4	.9	.1	.2	.8	-.1	-.1
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	146.4	146.6	147.0	147.3	1.9	.5	.2	1.7	.4	.3
B/C ³	M	101.7	101.8	102.0	102.2	1.3	.4	.2	1.1	.3	.2
D	M	157.8	158.1	158.5	158.8	1.5	.4	.2	1.3	.4	.3
Selected local areas⁶											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	163.1	164.1	164.8	165.6	2.8	.9	.5	2.4	1.0	.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	161.1	161.4	161.8	162.3	1.8	.6	.3	1.2	.4	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	172.7	173.0	173.0	173.0	1.8	.0	.0	1.6	.2	.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	171.3	-	170.9	2.5	-.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	158.6	-	159.2	2.3	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	153.0	-	153.0	-	.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁷	1	-	101.6	-	101.5	1.0	-.1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	159.5	-	160.8	-	-	-	-	-	.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	158.5	-	159.1	-	-	-	-	2.0	.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	146.1	-	146.3	-	-	-	-	.8	.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	160.2	-	160.2	-	-	-	-	-	.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	167.0	-	167.1	-	-	-	-	.7	.1	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	163.2	-	164.6	-	-	-	-	3.1	.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	166.5	-	166.4	-	-	-	-	-	-.1	-

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—	
		May 1998	May 1997		Apr. 1998	May 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1998	May 1997
Expenditure category												
All items	169.4	1.6	-0.1	159.4	2.0	0.3	158.8	1.4	0.2	164.3	2.0	0.4
All items (December 1977=100)	266.8	-	-	259.4	-	-	257.5	-	-	265.6	-	-
Food and beverages	162.8	1.6	.4	157.5	2.1	.2	158.7	2.1	.1	164.0	3.5	.5
Food	162.1	1.6	.4	156.9	2.2	.2	158.7	2.1	.1	163.5	3.7	.6
Food at home	162.8	.9	.4	156.6	1.8	.3	157.2	1.7	.1	167.7	4.1	.7
Food away from home	163.3	2.8	.4	157.9	2.8	.1	162.9	2.6	.2	157.4	3.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages	170.1	1.7	.4	164.2	1.0	.1	157.3	1.4	-.6	170.1	1.8	.2
Housing	170.7	2.2	-.2	155.2	3.0	.1	150.3	1.8	.2	163.7	3.0	.4
Shelter	201.0	3.1	.0	177.8	3.4	.2	165.1	3.5	.1	180.1	3.5	.2
Rent of primary residence	183.6	2.7	.3	167.8	3.1	.3	158.9	3.0	.3	171.9	3.6	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	209.4	3.0	.3	182.1	3.3	.3	166.3	3.5	.2	190.0	3.3	.1
Fuels and utilities	121.3	-2.6	-1.6	124.9	1.5	1.0	131.8	-2.2	1.5	139.2	.7	2.1
Fuels	111.4	-3.1	-2.0	108.8	2.4	1.1	112.9	-5.4	1.9	127.6	.3	2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	127.1	-1.4	-2.1	114.5	2.9	1.1	115.3	-5.6	1.9	130.6	.5	2.8
Electricity	132.4	-2.4	-1.1	125.1	.6	1.7	114.9	-7.8	1.8	142.7	-1.9	2.4
Utility natural gas service	119.2	.3	-3.9	104.4	5.7	.4	119.2	4.3	3.2	118.0	5.6	3.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.3	1.8	.1	125.7	1.8	-1.3	126.4	-1.3	-2	126.8	1.1	.4
Apparel	132.7	1.4	-.2	133.2	-1.8	.6	147.4	.7	-5	124.2	-1.0	-1.5
Transportation	143.7	-1.8	.0	141.2	-1.1	.4	139.5	-2.2	.0	144.3	-1.4	1.1
Private transportation	138.5	-2.1	.2	137.4	-1.1	.7	137.9	-2.5	.1	139.9	-1.7	1.3
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	99.1	-	-.4	99.8	-	-.3	100.4	-	-.1	100.1	-	-.1
New vehicles	141.5	-1.4	-.8	140.3	-.8	-.8	147.1	-.6	-.5	143.1	-1.1	-.6
New cars and trucks ^{4 5}	98.4	-	-.9	99.3	-	-.9	100.0	-	-.5	99.6	-	-.6
New cars ⁵	139.8	-1.3	-.8	135.7	-1.4	-.7	146.0	-.9	-.5	139.4	-.9	-.5
Used cars and trucks	153.4	-2.6	1.4	149.5	-2.9	1.3	151.5	-1.7	1.3	147.0	-3.0	1.0
Motor fuel	91.0	-11.5	1.2	98.8	-7.1	4.6	90.9	-12.0	1.0	99.2	-10.3	7.6
Gasoline (all types)	90.5	-11.5	1.2	98.4	-7.3	4.6	90.4	-12.1	1.0	98.3	-10.3	7.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	88.6	-12.3	1.1	96.6	-7.7	4.5	87.2	-13.0	1.3	95.3	-10.9	7.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	94.5	-10.8	1.4	110.0	-5.4	4.9	96.7	-11.4	.9	96.3	-9.5	8.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	92.4	-9.8	1.3	102.4	-6.5	4.7	94.7	-10.7	.6	100.4	-9.2	6.7
Medical care	252.9	3.6	.2	234.3	3.6	.5	239.6	2.9	.2	239.7	2.1	.3
Medical care commodities	226.0	3.3	-.7	217.5	2.6	.7	216.2	3.0	1.1	230.7	2.0	1.0
Medical care services	258.7	3.7	.4	238.4	3.7	.4	245.5	2.9	.0	241.7	2.1	.1
Professional services	234.2	4.2	.6	219.1	4.2	.5	226.1	2.4	.1	206.5	1.7	.0
Recreation ⁴	101.6	-	-.9	100.8	-	-.1	101.3	-	.1	100.3	-	.5
Education and communication ⁴	99.5	-	.3	100.7	-	.2	99.8	-	-.1	100.4	-	.1
Other goods and services	244.9	5.3	.5	233.2	7.4	1.1	229.2	7.0	1.1	239.6	4.4	.6
Commodity and service group												
All items	169.4	1.6	-.1	159.4	2.0	.3	158.8	1.4	.2	164.3	2.0	.4
Commodities	142.6	.2	.1	141.7	.2	.3	142.3	-.1	.1	142.7	.5	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	129.4	-.8	-.1	132.6	-1.0	.3	133.0	-1.4	.2	129.8	-1.6	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.1	-.7	.1	136.4	-.6	1.3	136.1	-1.2	.4	132.1	-1.7	1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.2	-1.8	.3	141.6	.1	1.7	136.1	-1.9	1.0	140.8	-2.0	2.6
Durables	126.9	-.9	-.4	127.0	-1.4	-.9	129.2	-1.7	-.2	126.9	-1.5	-.1
Services	196.2	2.5	-.2	178.2	3.4	.3	175.9	2.5	.2	183.9	3.0	.3
Rent of shelter ³	209.7	3.0	.0	182.7	3.3	.2	169.7	3.5	.1	191.1	3.5	.2
Transportation services	188.4	1.2	-.1	185.9	2.3	-.6	189.2	.7	-.4	189.4	2.3	-.1
Other services	228.5	3.4	-.2	207.9	4.6	.5	213.1	4.3	.2	214.0	3.2	.5

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—		
		May 1998	May 1997		Apr. 1998	May 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Special aggregate indexes													
All items less medical care	165.3	1.5	-0.1	155.3	1.8	0.3	153.6	1.3	0.2	160.2	2.0	0.4	
All items less food	170.9	1.6	-.1	159.8	1.9	.3	158.7	1.2	.2	164.5	1.7	.4	
All items less shelter	159.3	1.0	.0	154.2	1.4	.3	157.1	.6	.2	159.2	1.2	.6	
Commodities less food	131.1	-.6	-.1	133.9	-.9	.4	133.9	-1.3	.1	131.7	-1.4	.6	
Nondurables	147.3	.5	.3	147.0	.8	.8	147.4	.5	.3	148.5	1.2	.9	
Nondurables less food	133.5	-.4	.2	138.1	-.4	1.3	137.1	-1.0	.4	134.9	-1.4	1.1	
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.5	-1.4	.4	143.0	.3	1.6	137.1	-1.5	.8	143.1	-1.6	2.4	
Services less rent of shelter ³	198.3	2.0	-.3	183.2	3.4	.3	189.2	1.6	.3	195.0	2.3	.4	
Services less medical care services	191.2	2.5	-.2	172.6	3.4	.2	168.3	2.4	.2	178.9	3.1	.3	
Energy	103.0	-6.1	-1.0	103.6	-2.1	2.6	100.4	-8.3	1.5	110.8	-5.2	4.9	
All items less energy	178.3	2.2	.1	167.4	2.3	.1	166.5	2.1	.1	170.3	2.4	.1	
All items less food and energy	182.5	2.3	-.1	170.0	2.3	.1	168.4	2.1	.1	172.0	2.1	.1	
Commodities less food and energy													
commodities	144.2	1.1	-.1	143.9	.1	-.1	145.3	.1	.0	140.5	-.3	-.2	
Energy commodities	90.0	-11.2	.6	98.4	-7.2	4.3	91.8	-11.6	1.0	100.2	-10.2	7.4	
Services less energy services	203.0	2.8	.0	186.2	3.4	.2	182.5	3.1	.1	187.9	3.1	.2	

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—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	147.3	1.9	0.2	102.2	1.3	0.2	158.8	1.5	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	147.3	-	-	-	-	-	256.2	-	-
Food and beverages	145.2	2.3	.3	100.8	-	.2	156.3	1.8	.5
Food	144.8	2.4	.3	100.8	-	.1	155.9	1.8	.5
Food at home	148.7	2.2	.4	100.8	-	.2	153.7	1.5	.5
Food away from home	139.0	2.9	.2	100.9	-	.2	160.7	2.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages	149.0	1.4	-1	100.2	-	-1	162.4	1.5	1.2
Housing	143.6	2.9	.2	101.1	-	.1	152.4	2.3	-.1
Shelter	152.9	3.8	.2	101.6	-	.0	173.3	2.5	.1
Rent of primary residence	143.0	3.7	.4	100.6	-	.1	161.0	1.9	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	152.6	3.7	.3	100.7	-	.0	179.4	2.6	.3
Fuels and utilities	128.3	.1	1.0	98.2	-	.5	130.5	4.3	-.6
Fuels	125.7	.2	1.2	97.4	-	.5	109.5	3.8	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	125.1	1.1	1.4	97.6	-	.7	118.4	4.5	-.7
Electricity	126.5	-1.8	1.6	98.7	-	1.0	125.2	3.5	.2
Utility natural gas service	122.2	6.1	.7	94.3	-	-1	109.2	7.3	-2.9
Household furnishings and operations	119.1	.5	-.7	101.4	-	.1	124.0	-1.0	.2
Apparel	125.4	.5	-.6	102.2	-	.0	135.5	-.7	.1
Transportation	140.1	-1.5	.4	99.3	-	.3	138.6	-3.0	.2
Private transportation	139.0	-1.8	.5	98.9	-	.5	134.8	-2.7	.4
New and used motor vehicles ³	99.8	-	-.1	100.0	-	-.3	100.5	-	-.5
New vehicles	125.7	-1.0	-.6	99.7	-	-.6	144.7	-.3	-1.1
New cars and trucks ^{3 5}	99.2	-	-.6	99.7	-	-.6	100.2	-	-1.0
New cars ⁵	124.2	-.9	-.6	99.5	-	-.6	140.8	-.5	-.9
Used cars and trucks	142.5	-2.1	1.3	101.2	-	1.2	143.6	-3.6	1.1
Motor fuel	138.7	-10.2	3.7	93.5	-	3.1	90.6	-12.7	3.4
Gasoline (all types)	137.9	-10.2	3.8	93.5	-	3.1	89.9	-13.0	3.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	137.5	-10.7	3.9	93.3	-	3.2	86.4	-13.3	3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	96.5	-9.6	3.5	93.5	-	2.9	98.7	-13.4	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	129.9	-9.2	3.1	93.8	-	2.5	93.6	-11.4	2.3
Medical care	191.2	3.2	.3	101.6	-	.4	235.0	3.0	.2
Medical care commodities	179.0	2.9	.8	101.6	-	.4	218.4	1.7	.2
Medical care services	193.8	3.2	.2	101.5	-	.3	239.7	3.4	.2
Professional services	175.7	3.2	.2	101.7	-	.5	229.5	3.0	.1
Recreation ³	101.0	-	.0	100.7	-	-.4	102.7	-	.5
Education and communication ³	100.4	-	.3	99.6	-	-.1	100.3	-	.3
Other goods and services	189.5	5.4	.5	103.5	-	1.3	235.0	7.9	1.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	147.3	1.9	.2	102.2	1.3	.2	158.8	1.5	.2
Commodities	136.5	.3	.2	100.3	-	.3	139.6	-.4	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	-1.2	.1	100.0	-	.4	130.5	-1.6	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	139.4	-1.0	.6	100.1	-	.9	132.7	-1.5	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	149.2	-1.6	1.3	99.2	-	1.4	134.8	-1.8	1.6
Durables	118.9	-1.4	-.5	99.9	-	-.2	127.8	-1.7	-.3
Services	155.8	3.1	.2	101.2	-	.0	179.8	3.2	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	153.2	3.8	.2	101.6	-	-.1	179.3	2.5	.1
Transportation services	154.0	1.2	-.3	101.5	-	-.2	185.7	.1	-.3
Other services	175.8	3.6	.3	101.3	-	.1	215.1	6.2	.6

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—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	144.8	1.8	0.2	100.8	-	0.2	153.4	1.4	0.2
All items less food	147.7	1.9	.1	100.8	-	.2	159.3	1.5	.2
All items less shelter	144.9	1.1	.2	100.5	-	.2	155.4	1.2	.3
Commodities less food	131.7	-1.1	.2	100.0	-	.4	131.5	-1.5	.5
Nondurables	142.6	.8	.5	100.5	-	.6	144.4	.1	.8
Nondurables less food	140.4	-.7	.6	100.2	-	.9	134.0	-1.4	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	149.1	-1.2	1.2	99.3	-	1.3	136.3	-1.6	1.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	158.5	2.5	.3	100.8	-	.1	190.1	3.7	.1
Services less medical care services	152.7	3.2	.3	101.2	-	.0	172.4	3.1	.0
Energy	131.1	-4.5	2.2	95.7	-	1.6	99.8	-3.3	.8
All items less energy	148.4	2.3	.1	101.2	-	.0	167.2	2.0	.1
All items less food and energy	149.2	2.4	.1	101.3	-	.0	170.0	2.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	130.8	.2	-.3	101.0	-	.2	143.2	.0	.1
Energy commodities	137.8	-10.2	3.2	93.6	-	2.6	90.2	-12.3	3.1
Services less energy services	158.0	3.3	.1	101.5	-	.0	187.0	3.1	.1

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

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=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 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—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	
Expenditure category						
All items	170.2	1.6	0.0	101.8	1.5	-0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	263.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	162.4	1.5	.3	101.2	-	.6
Food	161.7	1.4	.3	101.2	-	.6
Food at home	162.7	.7	.3	101.0	-	.6
Food away from home	162.4	2.6	.3	101.5	-	.6
Alcoholic beverages	170.8	2.0	.4	100.5	-	.4
Housing	171.0	2.3	.0	100.8	-	-.7
Shelter	199.9	3.2	.2	101.2	-	-.7
Rent of primary residence	185.1	3.2	.4	100.1	-	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	205.6	3.3	.4	100.4	-	.1
Fuels and utilities	120.4	-2.5	-1.6	97.5	-	-1.5
Fuels	114.4	-2.6	-1.9	96.5	-	-2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	126.8	-.9	-2.1	96.8	-	-2.0
Electricity	130.2	-2.3	-.9	97.7	-	-1.5
Utility natural gas service	122.2	1.4	-4.2	94.4	-	-3.7
Household furnishings and operations	128.7	1.4	-.1	102.6	-	.5
Apparel	127.8	-.1	-.5	104.7	-	.3
Transportation	146.4	-1.5	.0	97.7	-	.1
Private transportation	141.0	-1.9	.1	97.4	-	.3
Motor fuel	89.9	-11.6	.6	90.1	-	2.3
Gasoline (all types)	89.4	-11.5	.7	90.1	-	2.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	87.4	-12.2	.5	89.1	-	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	91.9	-10.9	.7	91.6	-	2.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	90.9	-9.7	.8	91.3	-	2.4
Medical care	258.3	4.5	.3	100.8	-	-.1
Recreation ²	102.0	-	-.5	100.8	-	-1.6
Education and communication ²	99.4	-	.3	99.6	-	.3
Other goods and services	241.6	5.1	.4	103.3	-	.8
Commodity and service group						
All items	170.2	1.6	.0	101.8	1.5	-.3
Commodities	143.4	.1	.0	100.4	-	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	130.0	-.9	-.2	99.9	-	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.2	-1.2	-.1	99.9	-	.6
Durables	128.7	-.5	-.5	99.9	-	-.3
Services	195.4	2.7	.1	100.7	-	-.7
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	166.0	1.5	.1	100.5	-	-.3
All items less shelter	160.1	.9	-.1	100.3	-	.0
Commodities less food	131.7	-.8	-.2	99.9	-	.2
Nondurables	147.7	.3	.1	100.6	-	.6
Nondurables less food	133.7	-.9	.0	99.9	-	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	197.7	2.0	-.2	100.1	-	-.6
Services less medical care services	190.0	2.5	.0	100.6	-	-.8
Energy	104.7	-5.8	-1.1	94.0	-	-.5
All items less energy	178.3	2.2	.1	101.1	-	-.2
All items less food and energy	182.5	2.3	.1	101.1	-	-.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size 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—	
		May 1998	May 1997		Apr. 1998	May 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	160.5	2.2	0.2	102.3	1.8	0.4	153.4	0.8	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	265.0	-	-	-	-	-	245.9	-	-
Food and beverages	160.1	2.3	.3	100.8	-	.0	151.8	2.1	.5
Food	159.6	2.4	.3	100.8	-	.0	150.8	2.2	.5
Food at home	160.3	2.0	.3	101.0	-	.0	148.0	1.8	.7
Food away from home	158.9	3.0	.3	100.5	-	-.1	156.7	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	165.1	1.3	.2	100.4	-	-.3	166.5	.8	.7
Housing	155.5	3.4	.0	101.5	-	.4	146.1	1.7	-.2
Shelter	179.3	3.8	.1	102.3	-	.6	162.0	2.1	.1
Rent of primary residence	171.7	3.5	.2	100.8	-	.3	151.7	2.6	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	183.9	3.6	.3	100.9	-	.2	169.5	2.4	.2
Fuels and utilities	123.2	2.6	1.9	98.4	-	.2	130.7	1.7	-1.3
Fuels	109.7	4.2	2.1	98.0	-	.3	102.3	3.1	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	113.1	4.6	2.3	98.2	-	.3	110.7	4.1	-1.6
Electricity	123.2	-.4	2.2	102.5	-	1.5	110.2	.8	.7
Utility natural gas service	103.2	9.9	2.5	91.9	-	-1.5	113.9	8.1	-4.3
Household furnishings and operations	120.7	1.4	-2.5	101.3	-	.0	122.4	-.7	.0
Apparel	132.1	-1.6	1.0	101.9	-	.0	140.7	-4.4	.8
Transportation	142.2	-1.3	.4	101.1	-	.8	133.3	-4.2	-.6
Private transportation	139.3	-1.2	.7	100.8	-	1.0	127.0	-3.3	-.4
Motor fuel	99.8	-7.2	4.4	101.0	-	5.1	89.9	-12.5	3.0
Gasoline (all types)	99.2	-7.5	4.3	101.1	-	5.2	89.0	-12.8	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	98.0	-7.6	4.5	100.9	-	5.0	86.2	-13.4	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	108.3	-6.2	4.5	101.3	-	5.3	104.1	-11.8	3.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	101.5	-6.5	4.2	101.5	-	5.6	91.9	-13.1	2.6
Medical care	231.8	3.5	.3	101.7	-	.6	227.5	4.0	.6
Recreation ²	101.1	-	.0	100.3	-	-.3	101.4	-	.2
Education and communication ²	101.9	-	.4	99.3	-	.1	99.4	-	.5
Other goods and services	238.4	7.0	.8	104.6	-	1.4	221.5	6.6	1.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	160.5	2.2	.2	102.3	1.8	.4	153.4	.8	.1
Commodities	143.2	.3	.3	100.7	-	.4	139.2	-.7	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	132.8	-1.1	.3	100.6	-	.6	132.2	-2.3	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.2	-.3	1.5	101.6	-	1.4	136.4	-2.5	1.2
Durables	124.3	-1.8	-1.0	99.3	-	-.4	126.5	-2.0	-1.2
Services	178.4	3.8	.2	101.8	-	.4	168.8	2.2	.0
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	156.8	2.1	.2	101.2	-	.3	148.0	.5	.1
All items less shelter	155.1	1.6	.3	100.9	-	.3	151.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food	134.3	-1.0	.3	100.6	-	.6	133.2	-2.2	.2
Nondurables	149.5	1.1	.8	101.2	-	.7	144.6	-.3	.9
Nondurables less food	140.0	-.1	1.4	101.5	-	1.2	138.1	-2.3	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	183.6	3.7	.3	101.5	-	.3	178.3	2.2	-.1
Services less medical care services	173.4	3.8	.2	101.8	-	.4	161.0	2.0	-.1
Energy	105.1	-1.5	3.1	99.4	-	2.5	95.6	-3.9	.2
All items less energy	168.1	2.5	.0	101.4	-	.2	161.6	1.3	.1
All items less food and energy	170.2	2.5	-.1	101.6	-	.3	164.0	1.0	.0

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 May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	157.7	1.4	0.1	102.2	1.2	0.2	159.3	2.1	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	254.6	-	-	-	-	-	258.7	-	-
Food and beverages	159.1	1.9	.3	100.5	-	.0	154.3	1.5	.3
Food	159.3	2.0	.3	100.6	-	.1	154.6	1.4	.3
Food at home	157.2	1.5	.4	100.4	-	-.1	151.5	1.3	.1
Food away from home	163.8	2.8	.2	100.9	-	.2	162.7	1.9	.6
Alcoholic beverages	156.2	.6	-1.0	99.9	-	-.3	146.8	.5	.3
Housing	148.9	2.4	.2	101.3	-	.2	152.4	3.1	-.1
Shelter	163.7	3.7	-.2	102.1	-	.2	174.4	3.2	-.1
Rent of primary residence	160.2	3.3	.4	101.1	-	.2	162.0	2.7	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	166.0	3.7	.4	101.2	-	.2	175.1	3.4	.3
Fuels and utilities	122.3	1.5	3.4	97.7	-	.8	131.7	6.5	-.2
Fuels	108.8	1.1	4.2	96.7	-	1.0	113.1	5.6	-.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	112.4	1.4	4.5	96.7	-	1.0	117.9	5.8	-.3
Electricity	109.9	-2.0	3.8	96.9	-	1.0	121.4	5.5	.0
Utility natural gas service	114.9	11.1	7.7	95.6	-	1.4	113.5	12.5	-1.9
Household furnishings and operations	129.2	-2.3	-.5	101.2	-	-.2	121.4	-1.3	.6
Apparel	155.4	2.2	-1.4	102.2	-	.3	137.0	.8	-1.4
Transportation	138.7	-2.7	-.1	99.2	-	.1	138.2	-2.6	.4
Private transportation	138.1	-3.0	-.1	98.7	-	.2	136.9	-2.6	.4
Motor fuel	93.0	-11.5	.8	91.5	-	1.1	83.5	-13.6	1.7
Gasoline (all types)	92.2	-11.5	.8	91.5	-	1.1	82.5	-13.9	1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	89.5	-12.3	.9	91.0	-	1.2	78.1	-14.9	2.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	94.5	-10.6	.6	91.9	-	1.3	98.0	-13.5	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	95.0	-10.5	.5	92.6	-	.8	90.6	-11.5	1.3
Medical care	237.7	2.1	.0	101.8	-	.4	240.7	3.0	.0
Recreation ²	100.8	-	.0	100.9	-	.0	105.6	-	.8
Education and communication ²	100.4	-	.5	99.4	-	-.4	100.0	-	.3
Other goods and services	219.2	5.5	.4	103.6	-	1.6	227.5	8.7	1.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	157.7	1.4	.1	102.2	1.2	.2	159.3	2.1	.1
Commodities	142.3	-.4	-.1	100.3	-	.2	138.9	-.1	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	132.7	-1.8	-.3	100.1	-	.3	130.6	-1.0	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.8	-1.5	-.1	100.0	-	.8	132.5	-.7	.4
Durables	130.6	-2.4	-.5	100.2	-	-.3	128.2	-1.2	.4
Services	173.3	2.9	.2	101.3	-	.2	181.0	3.9	.0
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	153.3	1.4	.1	100.8	-	.2	152.7	2.0	.2
All items less shelter	155.9	.5	.1	100.4	-	.2	155.5	1.8	.2
Commodities less food	133.8	-1.7	-.3	100.1	-	.3	131.0	-.9	.4
Nondurables	146.8	.3	.0	100.3	-	.4	143.1	.4	.4
Nondurables less food	136.1	-1.2	-.2	100.0	-	.8	132.9	-.7	.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	188.0	2.2	.5	100.5	-	.1	191.0	4.4	.1
Services less medical care services	166.8	2.9	.2	101.3	-	.2	171.8	4.1	.1
Energy	100.1	-4.8	2.8	94.4	-	1.1	97.4	-2.4	.3
All items less energy	165.5	1.8	-.1	101.4	-	.2	168.1	2.6	.1
All items less food and energy	167.1	1.9	-.2	101.5	-	.1	171.3	2.8	.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	West					
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	
Expenditure category						
All items	165.0	2.4	0.5	102.4	0.9	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	269.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	165.0	3.8	.5	101.1	-	.3
Food	164.4	4.1	.6	101.1	-	.2
Food at home	169.1	4.6	.8	101.4	-	.3
Food away from home	157.9	3.1	.3	100.6	-	.2
Alcoholic beverages	170.5	1.5	.0	100.8	-	.5
Housing	166.7	3.6	.5	100.2	-	-.1
Shelter	182.2	4.4	.4	100.0	-	-.8
Rent of primary residence	176.8	4.5	.4	99.5	-	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	192.8	4.2	.3	99.7	-	-.4
Fuels and utilities	141.8	-.4	1.6	100.7	-	3.3
Fuels	131.2	-1.0	2.4	100.7	-	3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity	133.6	-.8	2.5	100.8	-	3.9
Electricity	146.1	-3.4	2.2	101.8	-	3.5
Utility natural gas service	124.2	5.5	2.9	97.4	-	6.3
Household furnishings and operations	128.6	1.1	.2	101.1	-	1.1
Apparel	123.6	1.1	-1.7	99.6	-	-1.2
Transportation	143.4	-1.0	1.1	99.2	-	.9
Private transportation	139.1	-1.4	1.3	98.5	-	1.1
Motor fuel	99.0	-10.1	8.1	91.3	-	6.3
Gasoline (all types)	97.9	-10.1	7.9	91.3	-	6.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	94.9	-10.7	8.1	91.0	-	6.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	95.0	-9.1	8.9	91.3	-	6.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	100.9	-9.1	7.3	92.3	-	5.2
Medical care	235.6	2.1	.4	101.5	-	.2
Recreation ²	100.3	-	.7	100.6	-	.0
Education and communication ²	100.0	-	.0	100.9	-	.4
Other goods and services	245.8	4.1	.5	101.9	-	.8
Commodity and service group						
All items	165.0	2.4	.5	102.4	.9	.2
Commodities	143.1	1.0	.6	99.8	-	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	129.4	-1.1	.6	99.0	-	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.2	-.8	1.2	98.5	-	1.1
Durables	126.5	-1.3	-.2	99.6	-	.1
Services	184.2	3.3	.4	100.8	-	.0
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	161.3	2.4	.4	100.3	-	.2
All items less shelter	159.3	1.4	.5	100.5	-	.6
Commodities less food	131.5	-1.0	.5	99.1	-	.7
Nondurables	148.8	1.8	.9	99.9	-	.7
Nondurables less food	134.4	-.6	1.1	98.6	-	1.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	194.9	1.9	.4	101.5	-	.7
Services less medical care services	180.0	3.4	.4	100.8	-	.0
Energy	110.3	-5.9	5.1	96.5	-	4.9
All items less energy	170.8	2.9	.2	100.7	-	-.1
All items less food and energy	172.5	2.7	.2	100.6	-	-.2

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 Indexes on a December 1982=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 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 May 1998 from—			Percent change to Apr. 1998 from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average	M	160.0	160.2	160.2	160.7	2.0	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.0
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	161.8	161.8	162.2	162.8	.9	.6	.4	.7	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.8	161.8	162.2	162.7	.7	.6	.3	.8	.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.4	100.4	100.4	101.0	-	.6	.6	-	.0	.0
Midwest urban ⁴	M	155.5	156.2	156.2	156.6	1.8	.3	.3	2.0	.5	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.9	159.4	159.8	160.3	2.0	.6	.3	2.3	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.7	101.2	101.0	101.0	-	-2	.0	-	.3	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	146.8	147.7	147.0	148.0	1.8	.2	.7	1.2	.1	-5
South urban	M	156.7	157.1	157.0	157.2	1.7	.1	.1	1.7	.2	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.4	156.4	156.6	157.2	1.5	.5	.4	1.2	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.3	100.6	100.5	100.4	-	-2	-1	-	.2	-1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.1	151.0	151.3	151.5	1.3	.3	.1	1.4	.8	.2
West urban	M	166.8	167.0	166.5	167.7	4.1	.4	.7	2.8	-2	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	168.4	168.4	167.8	169.1	4.6	.4	.8	2.8	-4	-4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.6	100.8	101.1	101.4	-	.6	.3	-	.5	.3
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	147.9	148.0	148.1	148.7	2.2	.5	.4	1.8	.1	.1
B/C ³	M	100.5	100.7	100.6	100.8	-	.1	.2	-	.1	-1
D	M	152.5	153.6	152.9	153.7	1.5	.1	.5	1.3	.3	-5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	169.8	171.5	171.7	173.3	4.4	1.0	.9	4.1	1.1	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	171.9	172.6	172.4	174.2	4.8	.9	1.0	2.1	.3	-1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	164.2	164.1	164.7	165.1	1.1	.6	.2	1.1	.3	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	160.3	160.5	160.1	161.3	2.2	.5	.7	1.9	-1	-2
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	160.6	157.0	157.5	160.1	3.6	2.0	1.7	2.5	-1.9	.3
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	147.6	147.3	146.9	148.5	.3	.8	1.1	.4	-5	-3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ³	1	100.4	99.9	100.0	100.9	-	1.0	.9	-	-4	.1
Atlanta, GA	2	160.4	159.8	162.5	162.1	-	1.4	-2	-	1.3	1.7
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	151.4	152.4	152.8	152.5	1.7	.1	-2	1.5	.9	.3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	155.2	157.8	156.6	155.9	.8	-1.2	-4	1.7	.9	-8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	165.2	164.2	165.1	165.3	.4	.7	.1	.9	-1	.5
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	160.6	161.1	161.2	161.1	-1.9	.0	-1	-2	.4	.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	172.3	170.8	170.8	171.8	5.2	.6	.6	3.2	-9	.0
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	167.3	167.5	162.9	165.5	-	-1.2	1.6	-	-2.6	-2.7

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—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	162.8	1.7	0.2	165.6	2.8	0.5	162.3	1.8	0.3	173.0	1.8	0.0
All items (1967=100)	487.7	-	-	494.7	-	-	479.6	-	-	500.1	-	-
Food and beverages	160.7	2.3	.3	165.0	3.4	.5	167.4	3.6	.6	165.7	1.8	.2
Food	160.3	2.4	.3	164.5	3.7	.6	165.7	3.8	.7	164.9	1.7	.2
Food at home	160.7	2.0	.3	173.3	4.4	.9	174.2	4.8	1.0	165.1	1.1	.2
Food away from home	160.6	2.8	.2	149.4	2.3	.1	153.6	2.3	.2	168.4	2.7	.2
Alcoholic beverages	165.2	1.5	.0	171.7	1.0	.5	182.2	.6	-.8	175.7	3.2	.5
Housing	159.7	2.4	.1	164.3	3.9	-.1	159.6	2.2	.1	174.8	2.7	.1
Shelter	181.2	3.4	.1	194.5	4.7	.4	171.3	3.2	.2	205.2	3.8	.3
Rent of primary residence	171.1	3.1	.2	188.9	4.1	.3	163.0	2.5	.1	189.6	3.3	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	186.8	3.3	.2	199.8	4.7	.3	179.9	2.9	.2	212.6	3.6	.4
Fuels and utilities	127.9	-.9	.7	125.1	3.8	3.0	146.5	-4.0	-.9	115.4	-2.0	-.7
Fuels	113.2	-1.8	.8	113.3	8.4	3.5	140.2	-6.2	-1.2	112.8	-1.8	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.5	-1.1	.9	116.4	8.6	3.5	140.6	-6.1	-1.3	122.7	.5	-1.0
Electricity	125.9	-3.6	1.2	124.1	-3.3	1.4	153.4	-8.9	-.1	122.0	-1.1	-1.8
Utility natural gas service	113.2	3.9	.2	108.4	24.3	6.2	133.0	.4	-3.5	124.0	3.3	.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.6	.6	-.3	112.3	-1.7	-6.2	122.4	.2	.0	130.2	-.1	-.6
Apparel	135.3	.0	-.4	126.7	-.6	2.5	126.2	2.1	-3.1	128.2	-2.1	-1.1
Transportation	142.0	-1.7	.4	138.6	-1.8	.9	142.8	-1.5	1.3	151.1	-1.6	.0
Private transportation	138.4	-1.8	.5	135.8	-1.8	1.1	137.5	-2.1	1.6	143.2	-1.8	.2
Motor fuel	94.7	-10.4	3.3	98.6	-7.7	5.8	96.4	-9.6	10.8	88.3	-10.1	.0
Gasoline (all types)	94.2	-10.5	3.4	97.8	-7.8	5.8	94.2	-9.6	10.8	88.0	-10.0	.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	92.0	-10.9	3.7	95.3	-8.7	6.1	92.1	-9.9	11.2	86.4	-10.7	-.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	98.6	-9.9	3.1	105.4	-6.5	5.6	91.7	-9.7	11.4	90.9	-9.6	.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	96.1	-9.3	2.8	99.8	-6.7	5.4	95.6	-8.9	9.8	90.7	-8.8	.3
Medical care	241.4	3.1	.3	244.8	4.0	.2	234.8	1.6	.2	255.0	4.7	.0
Recreation ⁴	101.0	1.6	-.1	99.7	-	-1.0	101.5	-	.8	102.2	-	-.8
Education and communication ⁴	100.1	2.6	.2	105.8	-	1.1	99.7	-	-1	99.4	-	.4
Other goods and services	236.7	6.1	.9	246.7	6.2	1.1	247.8	3.4	1.0	240.4	5.3	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	162.8	1.7	.2	165.6	2.8	.5	162.3	1.8	.3	173.0	1.8	.0
Commodities	142.3	.1	.2	144.3	.6	.3	143.1	.9	.6	145.9	-.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages	131.3	-1.2	.2	130.7	-1.7	.3	127.6	-1.1	.5	130.7	-1.8	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.0	-1.0	.8	137.1	-.4	2.4	131.7	-.5	1.2	131.8	-2.0	-.5
Durables	127.6	-1.4	-.4	121.0	-3.0	-2.0	121.8	-1.6	-.4	128.6	-1.4	-.5
Services	183.4	2.8	.1	186.3	4.5	.5	179.4	2.3	.2	196.8	3.0	.1
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	158.4	1.6	.2	161.6	2.7	.4	158.4	1.8	.3	169.1	1.6	.0
All items less shelter	157.3	1.0	.3	156.6	2.1	.5	159.6	1.1	.3	160.9	.8	-.1
Commodities less food	132.7	-1.0	.2	132.8	-1.5	.3	130.6	-.9	.5	132.6	-1.6	-.5
Nondurables	147.5	.8	.5	151.6	1.7	1.4	150.5	1.8	.9	150.1	.1	-.1
Nondurables less food	135.9	-.8	.7	139.7	-.1	2.3	136.1	-.4	1.0	134.5	-1.6	-.5
Services less rent of shelter ¹	191.1	2.2	.2	186.5	4.4	.6	197.2	1.1	-.1	195.4	2.0	-.1
Services less medical care services	177.6	2.8	.1	181.4	4.6	.5	174.6	2.4	.1	192.0	2.9	.1
Energy	103.8	-5.6	1.9	105.6	.6	4.3	111.5	-8.0	4.6	103.6	-4.5	-.6
All items less energy	170.5	2.2	.1	173.4	3.0	.2	167.7	2.4	.1	180.8	2.3	.1
All items less food and energy	173.1	2.2	.1	175.6	2.8	.1	168.5	2.1	-.1	184.8	2.3	.0

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 1 ¹								
	U.S. city average			Boston- Brockton- Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT			Chicago- Gary- Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Mar. 1998		May 1997	Mar. 1998		May 1997	Mar. 1998
May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	
Expenditure category									
All items	162.8	1.7	0.4	170.9	2.5	-0.2	165.6	2.8	0.9
All items (1967=100) ²	487.7	-	-	496.8	-	-	494.7	-	-
Food and beverages	160.7	2.3	.4	164.8	3.3	.7	165.0	3.4	.7
Food	160.3	2.4	.4	165.4	3.6	.7	164.5	3.7	.7
Food at home	160.7	2.0	.3	161.3	2.2	.5	173.3	4.4	1.0
Food away from home	160.6	2.8	.4	173.4	5.7	1.1	149.4	2.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages	165.2	1.5	.1	160.0	-2	.3	171.7	1.0	1.0
Housing	159.7	2.4	.3	164.2	2.4	-1.0	164.3	3.9	.5
Shelter	181.2	3.4	.2	192.8	3.3	-.4	194.5	4.7	.6
Rent of primary residence	171.1	3.1	.5	182.7	4.0	.5	188.9	4.1	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	186.8	3.3	.5	197.0	3.2	.4	199.8	4.7	.3
Fuels and utilities	127.9	-.9	.6	114.1	-5.9	-8.4	125.1	3.8	2.0
Fuels	113.2	-1.8	.6	97.6	-3.9	-9.7	113.3	8.4	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.5	-1.1	.9	118.0	.1	-10.9	116.4	8.6	2.4
Electricity	125.9	-3.6	1.3	128.4	-8.9	-2.1	124.1	-3.3	-.2
Utility natural gas service	113.2	3.9	.0	101.2	15.1	-23.3	108.4	24.3	6.0
Household furnishings and operations	126.6	.6	.2	122.3	1.7	1.1	112.3	-1.7	-1.9
Apparel	135.3	.0	.3	151.8	3.4	1.3	126.7	-.6	3.7
Transportation ⁴	142.0	-1.7	.4	138.9	-.9	-.6	138.6	-1.8	.9
Private transportation ⁵	138.4	-1.8	.7	138.3	-1.9	-.9	135.8	-1.8	1.1
Motor fuel	94.7	-10.4	4.2	92.3	-13.2	-1.9	98.6	-7.7	8.1
Gasoline (all types)	94.2	-10.5	4.3	91.1	-13.1	-1.9	97.8	-7.8	8.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	92.0	-10.9	4.8	88.0	-13.8	-1.9	95.3	-8.7	8.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	98.6	-9.9	3.8	95.0	-12.1	-2.0	105.4	-6.5	8.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	96.1	-9.3	3.4	94.7	-11.4	-1.8	99.8	-6.7	7.3
Medical care	241.4	3.1	.7	313.6	7.4	1.5	244.8	4.0	1.5
Recreation ⁸	101.0	1.6	.0	104.1	-	-.4	99.7	-	-1.0
Education and communication ⁸	100.1	2.6	.2	100.3	-	1.3	105.8	-	2.0
Other goods and services	236.7	6.1	1.9	237.3	4.3	.7	246.7	6.2	2.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	162.8	1.7	.4	170.9	2.5	-.2	165.6	2.8	.9
Commodities ⁹	142.3	.1	.6	143.3	1.6	.2	144.3	.6	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages ¹⁰	131.3	-1.2	.7	130.3	.6	-.1	130.7	-1.7	1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.0	-1.0	1.4	135.0	.1	.1	137.1	-.4	3.7
Durables ¹¹	127.6	-1.4	-.3	127.8	1.4	-.5	121.0	-3.0	-.8
Services	183.4	2.8	.3	197.2	3.0	-.5	186.3	4.5	.7
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	158.4	1.6	.4	164.4	2.2	-.3	161.6	2.7	.9
All items less shelter	157.3	1.0	.5	164.5	2.2	-.1	156.6	2.1	1.1
Commodities less food ¹²	132.7	-1.0	.7	131.6	.5	-.1	132.8	-1.5	1.5
Nondurables	147.5	.8	.9	149.5	1.6	.4	151.6	1.7	2.2
Nondurables less food	135.9	-.8	1.3	136.2	.1	.1	139.7	-.1	3.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	191.1	2.2	.3	210.3	2.6	-.6	186.5	4.4	.8
Services less medical care services	177.6	2.8	.2	187.5	2.7	-.6	181.4	4.6	.7
Energy	103.8	-5.6	2.2	95.2	-7.3	-7.0	105.6	.6	4.6
All items less energy	170.5	2.2	.2	181.7	3.2	.2	173.4	3.0	.7
All items less food and energy	173.1	2.2	.3	185.6	3.2	.2	175.6	2.8	.7

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 1 ¹								
	Cleveland-Akron, OH			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1998	May 1997 Mar. 1998		May 1998	May 1997 Mar. 1998		May 1998	May 1997 Mar. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	159.2	2.3	0.4	153.0	-	0.0	162.3	1.8	0.6
All items (1967=100) ²	510.1	-	-	480.1	-	-	479.6	-	-
Food and beverages	163.1	3.6	1.4	159.4	-	.3	167.4	3.6	.7
Food	164.8	4.0	1.5	157.6	-	.7	165.7	3.8	.7
Food at home	160.1	3.6	2.0	148.5	0.3	.8	174.2	4.8	.9
Food away from home	174.9	4.6	.8	172.3	-	.4	153.6	2.3	.5
Alcoholic beverages	145.8	-1.7	-7	178.7	-	-5.1	182.2	.6	.4
Housing	156.7	3.2	-6	141.9	-	.5	159.6	2.2	.3
Shelter	178.2	5.0	-6	151.9	-	.9	171.3	3.2	.4
Rent of primary residence	170.3	5.6	.6	149.3	6.0	.9	163.0	2.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	177.7	5.3	.5	160.8	6.1	1.3	179.9	2.9	.3
Fuels and utilities	124.7	-2.6	.1	124.2	-	1.0	146.5	-4.0	.5
Fuels	119.8	-4.2	.0	114.9	6.2	1.2	140.2	-6.2	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	121.8	-4.2	.0	114.5	6.4	1.4	140.6	-6.1	.4
Electricity	133.0	-.3	.0	111.8	-2.7	-.1	153.4	-8.9	-.1
Utility natural gas service	111.8	-8.6	-2	116.8	24.9	8.2	133.0	.4	1.4
Household furnishings and operations	129.0	.0	-2.2	131.0	-	-1.9	122.4	.2	-.8
Apparel	132.5	3.0	4.2	144.7	-	-1.5	126.2	2.1	-2.4
Transportation ⁴	141.8	-.5	.1	137.9	-	-.9	142.8	-1.5	1.9
Private transportation ⁵	142.5	.0	.7	138.4	-	-1.0	137.5	-2.1	2.3
Motor fuel	106.7	-7.1	9.9	91.8	-12.5	.2	96.4	-9.6	16.7
Gasoline (all types)	105.8	-7.4	10.0	91.3	-12.5	.2	94.2	-9.6	16.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	104.2	-8.3	10.0	87.8	-13.5	.5	92.1	-9.9	18.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	109.1	-6.5	10.1	93.3	-12.1	-.5	91.7	-9.7	16.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	109.2	-5.5	9.4	94.5	-10.3	.2	95.6	-8.9	14.5
Medical care	214.5	1.9	1.4	228.2	-	.3	234.8	1.6	.2
Recreation ⁸	99.4	-	.1	99.6	-	-.1	101.5	-	1.2
Education and communication ⁸	99.3	-	.4	99.0	-	-.1	99.7	-	-.2
Other goods and services	219.5	7.1	2.9	218.9	-	1.2	247.8	3.4	1.7
Commodity and service group									
All items	159.2	2.3	.4	153.0	-	.0	162.3	1.8	.6
Commodities ⁹	146.3	2.0	1.9	139.7	-	-.1	143.1	.9	1.0
Commodities less food and beverages ¹⁰	135.4	.7	2.0	129.5	-	-.4	127.6	-1.1	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	140.6	1.8	4.0	129.1	-	.0	131.7	-.5	2.6
Durables ¹¹	123.7	-.2	.0	131.3	-	-1.2	121.8	-1.6	-.9
Services	173.7	2.8	-.6	165.8	-	.2	179.4	2.3	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	156.4	2.4	.3	148.9	-	.1	158.4	1.8	.6
All items less shelter	153.1	1.3	.8	154.1	-	-.3	159.6	1.1	.7
Commodities less food ¹²	135.9	.7	2.0	131.1	-	-.7	130.6	-.9	1.1
Nondurables	152.3	2.8	2.6	143.7	-	.1	150.5	1.8	1.6
Nondurables less food	140.4	1.5	3.6	131.8	-	-.5	136.1	-.4	2.4
Services less rent of shelter ³	172.6	.6	-.7	188.0	-	-.2	197.2	1.1	.2
Services less medical care services	170.7	3.1	-.7	159.7	-	.3	174.6	2.4	.3
Energy	113.9	-6.4	3.3	102.6	-3.1	.8	111.5	-8.0	8.1
All items less energy	165.7	3.2	.2	161.2	-	.0	167.7	2.4	.2
All items less food and energy	165.7	3.0	-.1	162.2	-	-.2	168.5	2.1	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule ¹¹					
	New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Mar. 1998		May 1997	Mar. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	173.0	1.8	0.0	101.5	1.0	-0.1
All items (1967=100) ²	500.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	165.7	1.8	.5	101.8	2.1	.5
Food	164.9	1.7	.5	101.7	2.2	.6
Food at home	165.1	1.1	.6	100.9	-	1.0
Food away from home	168.4	2.7	.4	100.9	-	.0
Alcoholic beverages	175.7	3.2	1.0	100.6	-	-1.1
Housing	174.8	2.7	-1	101.5	1.1	-3.3
Shelter	205.2	3.8	.0	102.5	-	.0
Rent of primary residence	189.6	3.3	.4	102.5	2.0	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	212.6	3.6	.5	102.3	-	.9
Fuels and utilities	115.4	-2.0	-5	98.7	-	-5.5
Fuels	112.8	-1.8	-8	98.5	-	-6.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	122.7	.5	-3	98.8	-	-4.4
Electricity	122.0	-1.1	-1.5	100.6	-	.3
Utility natural gas service	124.0	3.3	2.0	92.3	-	-3.1
Household furnishings and operations	130.2	-1	.0	101.2	-	-1.5
Apparel	128.2	-2.1	-2.1	100.9	-5	-4.1
Transportation ⁴	151.1	-1.6	-3	98.1	-2.0	-2.2
Private transportation ⁵	143.2	-1.8	.2	97.8	-	-2.2
Motor fuel	88.3	-10.1	.0	90.0	-	1.4
Gasoline (all types)	88.0	-10.0	.0	89.9	-	1.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	86.4	-10.7	-2	88.9	-	1.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	90.9	-9.6	-3	90.9	-	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	90.7	-8.8	.8	91.1	-	1.1
Medical care	255.0	4.7	1.6	103.9	2.2	-2.2
Recreation ⁸	102.2	-	-4	101.6	-	.3
Education and communication ⁸	99.4	-	.2	101.2	-	1.4
Other goods and services	240.4	5.3	.3	105.9	4.0	.6
Commodity and service group						
All items	173.0	1.8	.0	101.5	1.0	-1.1
Commodities ⁹	145.9	-1	.0	100.5	-	-4.4
Commodities less food and beverages ¹⁰	130.7	-1.8	-5	100.3	-	-9.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.8	-2.0	-3	101.1	-	-9.9
Durables ¹¹	128.6	-1.4	-1.1	99.2	-	-9.9
Services	196.8	3.0	.1	101.7	-	.1
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	169.1	1.6	-1	101.3	.9	-2.2
All items less shelter	160.9	.8	.0	100.7	-	-1.1
Commodities less food ¹²	132.6	-1.6	-5	100.3	-	-9.9
Nondurables	150.1	.1	.1	101.0	-	-1.1
Nondurables less food	134.5	-1.6	-2	101.0	-	-9.9
Services less rent of shelter ³	195.4	2.0	.2	100.9	-	.2
Services less medical care services	192.0	2.9	.0	101.7	-	.0
Energy	103.6	-4.5	-5	92.2	-6.1	.2
All items less energy	180.8	2.3	.1	101.6	-	-2.2
All items less food and energy	184.8	2.3	-1	102.3	1.4	-3.3

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (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 Revised index for New York-Northern NJ-Long Island: Mar. 1998= 151.6.

Revised index for Boston-Brockton-Nashua: Mar. 1998= 139.7.

Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 137.4.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 141.7.

Revised index for Washington-Baltimore: Mar. 1998= 98.3.

Revised index for Dallas-Fort Worth: Mar. 1998= 139.2.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 140.1.

Revised index for U.S. city average: Mar. 1998= 141.4.

5 Revised index for New York-Northern NJ-Long Island: Mar. 1998= 142.9.

Revised index for Boston-Brockton-Nashua: Mar. 1998= 139.5.

Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 134.3.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 141.5.

Revised index for Washington-Baltimore: Mar. 1998= 98.0.

Revised index for Dallas-Fort Worth: Mar. 1998= 139.8.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 134.4.

Revised index for U.S. city average: Mar. 1998= 137.5.

6 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

9 Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 142.6.

10 Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 128.7.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 132.7.

11 Revised index for New York-Northern NJ-Long Island: Mar. 1998= 130.0.

Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 122.0.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 123.7.

Revised index for Dallas-Fort Worth: Mar. 1998= 132.9.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 122.9.

Revised index for U.S. city average: Mar. 1998= 128.0.

12 Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 130.8.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 129.2.

- 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 May 1998 from—			Percent change to Apr. 1998 from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.7	159.1	159.5	1.5	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.4	0.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	165.9	166.0	166.3	166.4	1.4	.2	.1	1.2	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.8	165.8	166.0	166.1	1.4	.2	.1	1.3	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.1	101.3	101.5	101.5	1.2	.2	.0	.9	.4	.2
Midwest urban ⁴	M	154.2	154.4	155.0	155.6	1.8	.8	.4	1.6	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.2	154.7	155.4	155.9	2.1	.8	.3	1.8	.8	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.4	101.3	101.7	102.1	1.7	.8	.4	1.6	.3	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.8	150.7	150.9	151.3	.7	.4	.3	.6	.1	.1
South urban	M	155.7	156.0	156.4	156.7	1.0	.4	.2	.8	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.3	154.7	155.1	155.3	1.1	.4	.1	1.0	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.1	101.3	101.5	101.8	.9	.5	.3	.6	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	158.0	158.2	159.1	159.6	2.1	.9	.3	1.8	.7	.6
West urban	M	159.4	159.4	159.6	160.3	1.6	.6	.4	1.1	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.0	158.1	158.5	159.4	2.1	.8	.6	1.5	.3	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.2	102.1	102.0	102.2	.7	.1	.2	.6	-.2	-.1
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	144.8	145.0	145.4	145.8	1.7	.6	.3	1.4	.4	.3
B/C ³	M	101.3	101.4	101.6	101.9	1.2	.5	.3	.9	.3	.2
D	M	156.8	156.8	157.3	157.8	1.4	.6	.3	1.1	.3	.3
Selected local areas⁶											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	157.4	158.3	159.0	159.9	2.8	1.0	.6	2.4	1.0	.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	155.0	155.1	155.6	156.2	1.4	.7	.4	.8	.4	.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	168.2	168.2	168.5	168.6	1.6	.2	.1	1.4	.2	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	169.3	-	168.9	2.0	-.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	150.1	-	151.2	2.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.8	-	152.8	-	.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁷	1	-	101.3	-	101.3	.8	.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	156.6	-	157.7	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	152.9	-	153.5	-	-	-	-	1.7	.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	144.7	-	144.8	-	-	-	-	.5	.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	157.3	-	157.4	-	-	-	-	-	.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.1	-	166.5	-	-	-	-	.8	.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.6	-	160.8	-	-	-	-	2.6	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	162.2	-	161.9	-	-	-	-	-	-.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 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—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	166.4	1.4	0.1	155.6	1.8	0.4	156.7	1.0	0.2	160.3	1.6	0.4
All items (December 1977=100)	259.9	-	-	251.6	-	-	253.9	-	-	258.0	-	-
Food and beverages	162.1	1.5	.4	157.2	2.1	.2	157.6	2.0	.1	163.5	3.4	.6
Food	161.6	1.4	.4	156.6	2.2	.2	157.8	2.0	.1	162.9	3.6	.6
Food at home	161.9	.8	.4	156.1	1.8	.2	155.9	1.6	.1	166.4	3.9	.7
Food away from home	163.4	2.6	.4	158.0	2.9	.2	162.6	2.7	.2	157.7	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages	168.2	1.4	.2	164.1	.7	.0	154.5	1.4	-.6	169.9	1.7	.5
Housing	167.3	2.0	-.1	150.3	2.9	.1	149.0	1.6	.3	159.8	2.8	.3
Shelter	196.4	2.8	.1	169.5	3.3	.2	163.5	3.4	.1	173.9	3.3	.1
Rent of primary residence	182.9	2.7	.3	168.1	3.1	.2	158.7	3.1	.3	172.2	3.6	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	184.7	2.9	.3	169.6	3.3	.2	155.4	3.4	.2	169.6	3.1	.1
Fuels and utilities	121.5	-2.5	-1.5	125.4	1.6	1.0	132.4	-2.1	1.5	138.9	.9	2.1
Fuels	111.6	-3.0	-1.8	109.0	2.3	1.1	112.7	-5.5	2.0	128.0	.7	2.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	127.1	-1.5	-1.9	114.6	3.0	1.1	115.1	-5.7	1.9	130.7	.8	2.7
Electricity	132.5	-2.4	-1.0	124.9	.6	1.8	114.3	-8.1	1.8	143.3	-1.4	2.4
Utility natural gas service	119.2	.0	-3.6	104.3	5.4	.5	119.8	4.4	3.5	117.6	5.7	3.5
Household furnishings and operations	125.6	1.6	.3	124.3	2.0	-1.3	124.8	-1.3	-3	126.9	1.1	.4
Apparel	129.9	.6	-2	131.4	-2.4	.7	146.0	.0	-4	124.7	-1.4	-1.2
Transportation	143.4	-2.1	.1	140.6	-1.1	.7	138.9	-2.6	.1	142.1	-1.8	1.1
Private transportation	139.3	-2.4	.3	138.2	-1.1	.9	137.8	-2.8	.2	139.3	-2.1	1.2
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	99.4	-	-.1	99.9	-	-.1	100.7	-	.2	99.9	-	-.1
New vehicles	142.8	-1.4	-.8	143.1	-.8	-.8	146.7	-.7	-.5	145.1	-1.2	-.5
Used cars and trucks	153.7	-2.5	1.5	151.5	-3.0	1.3	152.9	-1.8	1.3	147.3	-3.3	.8
Motor fuel	91.0	-11.4	1.3	99.1	-6.9	4.5	90.9	-12.0	1.1	99.0	-10.3	7.5
Gasoline (all types)	90.5	-11.4	1.3	98.7	-7.1	4.7	90.4	-12.1	1.1	98.1	-10.4	7.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	88.5	-12.2	1.3	96.8	-7.6	4.5	87.2	-13.0	1.3	95.1	-10.9	7.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	94.6	-10.7	1.6	110.1	-5.3	5.0	96.7	-11.4	1.0	96.3	-9.5	8.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	92.1	-9.7	1.3	102.4	-6.4	4.7	94.6	-10.6	.7	100.4	-9.2	6.6
Medical care	250.8	3.6	.3	234.8	3.4	.4	240.0	2.9	.2	238.2	2.1	.3
Medical care commodities	222.3	3.0	-.5	215.6	2.2	.7	215.2	2.8	1.0	225.1	2.3	1.1
Medical care services	256.9	3.7	.5	239.2	3.7	.4	245.9	2.9	.0	241.3	2.1	.1
Professional services	235.3	4.3	.7	220.0	4.2	.5	226.9	2.3	.1	209.2	1.7	.1
Recreation ⁴	101.5	-	-1.0	100.7	-	-.1	101.3	-	.1	100.0	-	.3
Education and communication ⁴	99.4	-	.3	101.0	-	.3	100.0	-	.0	100.6	-	.2
Other goods and services	246.3	6.4	.7	232.0	8.0	1.3	226.6	7.2	1.3	234.9	4.2	.8
Commodity and service group												
All items	166.4	1.4	.1	155.6	1.8	.4	156.7	1.0	.2	160.3	1.6	.4
Commodities	143.5	.1	.2	140.7	.2	.4	142.0	-.2	.2	142.6	.2	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	-1.0	.1	131.3	-1.1	.5	133.1	-1.6	.2	130.0	-2.0	.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.7	-.8	.3	135.9	-.7	1.6	135.4	-1.5	.6	131.7	-2.1	1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.5	-1.6	.6	141.6	.2	2.1	135.3	-2.0	1.0	139.8	-2.4	2.9
Durables	127.7	-1.3	-.3	124.4	-1.2	-.6	129.1	-1.7	.0	127.9	-1.7	-.2
Services	193.4	2.4	-.1	174.0	3.3	.3	174.8	2.3	.2	179.6	2.9	.3
Rent of shelter ³	183.5	2.9	.1	168.5	3.3	.2	155.6	3.4	.1	167.6	3.3	.1
Transportation services	187.2	1.2	.1	182.0	2.7	-.3	189.1	.7	-.3	185.3	2.2	.0
Other services	230.9	3.7	-.1	200.7	4.4	.5	211.3	4.2	.2	207.8	3.0	.5

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—	
	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	163.0	1.3	0.1	152.0	1.7	0.3	152.1	1.0	0.3	156.8	1.6	0.4
All items less food	167.4	1.3	.0	155.2	1.7	.4	156.4	.9	.3	159.8	1.2	.4
All items less shelter	157.5	.8	.0	152.3	1.3	.4	155.1	.4	.2	156.2	1.0	.6
Commodities less food	132.2	-.9	.1	132.6	-.9	.5	133.8	-1.4	.2	131.9	-1.8	.7
Nondurables	147.1	.5	.3	146.7	.8	.8	146.5	.3	.3	148.3	1.0	1.0
Nondurables less food	133.0	-.7	.3	137.6	-.5	1.5	136.2	-1.3	.4	134.6	-1.7	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.6	-1.3	.6	143.0	.3	1.9	136.1	-1.7	.9	141.8	-2.0	2.8
Services less rent of shelter ³	174.7	1.9	-.2	164.3	3.4	.4	170.6	1.4	.3	173.1	2.3	.5
Services less medical care services	188.8	2.3	-.1	168.6	3.4	.3	167.4	2.3	.2	174.8	2.9	.3
Energy	102.2	-6.2	-.7	103.6	-2.4	2.8	99.8	-8.6	1.5	110.5	-5.5	5.0
All items less energy	175.3	2.0	.1	163.3	2.2	.1	164.8	2.0	.1	166.2	2.2	.2
All items less food and energy	179.3	2.1	.0	165.0	2.2	.1	166.6	2.0	.1	167.1	1.8	.1
Commodities less food and energy												
commodities	144.9	.8	.0	141.8	.1	.0	144.8	.1	.1	140.7	-.5	-.1
Energy commodities	90.3	-11.0	.9	98.8	-7.1	4.3	91.7	-11.7	1.0	100.0	-10.3	7.3
Services less energy services	200.5	2.7	.1	181.9	3.4	.2	182.1	3.0	.1	183.4	3.0	.1

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	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	145.8	1.7	0.3	101.9	1.2	0.3	157.8	1.4	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	145.8	-	-	-	-	-	255.0	-	-
Food and beverages	144.9	2.3	.3	100.7	-	.1	155.4	1.8	.6
Food	144.6	2.4	.3	100.7	-	.1	154.9	1.8	.5
Food at home	148.0	2.1	.4	100.7	-	.2	152.4	1.5	.6
Food away from home	139.1	2.9	.3	100.8	-	.1	160.4	2.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages	148.1	1.3	-.2	100.1	-	-.1	162.2	1.6	1.4
Housing	141.9	2.8	.2	100.8	-	.1	153.5	2.3	.0
Shelter	151.2	3.6	.2	101.3	-	.0	175.6	2.5	.1
Rent of primary residence	142.9	3.8	.4	100.6	-	.1	161.3	2.0	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	152.8	3.7	.3	100.7	-	.0	166.8	2.6	.3
Fuels and utilities	128.0	.2	1.2	98.3	-	.6	131.9	4.5	-.5
Fuels	125.3	.5	1.4	97.5	-	.6	109.3	3.9	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	124.7	1.3	1.5	97.7	-	.8	117.9	4.6	-.6
Electricity	126.3	-1.8	1.7	98.8	-	1.0	124.4	3.4	.2
Utility natural gas service	121.5	6.1	1.1	94.1	-	-.2	109.0	7.2	-3.0
Household furnishings and operations	117.6	.4	-.8	101.4	-	.1	123.6	-1.0	.1
Apparel	122.9	-.6	-.6	102.2	-	.2	136.4	-.7	.0
Transportation	140.5	-1.8	.5	99.2	-	.5	138.6	-3.1	.5
Private transportation	139.8	-2.0	.6	99.0	-	.7	136.3	-2.9	.6
New and used motor vehicles ³	100.1	-	.1	100.1	-	-.1	100.3	-	.0
New vehicles	126.8	-1.0	-.6	99.5	-	-.7	147.2	-.3	-.7
Used cars and trucks	143.5	-2.1	1.3	101.2	-	1.2	143.3	-3.9	1.0
Motor fuel	138.8	-10.0	3.7	94.0	-	3.2	90.6	-12.9	3.1
Gasoline (all types)	138.0	-10.1	3.8	94.0	-	3.2	90.0	-13.1	3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	137.8	-10.5	4.1	93.9	-	3.3	86.5	-13.4	3.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	96.8	-9.3	3.5	94.0	-	3.0	98.7	-13.4	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	129.9	-9.0	3.2	94.2	-	2.6	93.1	-11.4	2.2
Medical care	190.6	3.2	.3	101.6	-	.4	233.3	2.9	.2
Medical care commodities	177.1	2.7	.9	101.6	-	.5	217.2	1.5	.1
Medical care services	193.6	3.3	.2	101.6	-	.4	237.3	3.3	.2
Professional services	176.9	3.3	.2	101.8	-	.6	228.9	3.0	.1
Recreation ³	100.9	-	-.1	100.6	-	-.3	102.4	-	.3
Education and communication ³	100.6	-	.4	99.8	-	.0	100.5	-	.4
Other goods and services	188.5	5.8	.6	104.2	-	1.6	236.8	8.2	1.5
Commodity and service group									
All items	145.8	1.7	.3	101.9	1.2	.3	157.8	1.4	.3
Commodities	136.9	.1	.3	100.3	-	.4	140.7	-.4	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	131.4	-1.5	.3	100.1	-	.5	132.3	-1.7	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	139.7	-1.3	.8	100.3	-	1.2	133.4	-1.6	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	150.2	-1.7	1.5	99.4	-	1.7	134.8	-2.0	1.7
Durables	120.7	-1.6	-.4	99.9	-	-.2	128.5	-1.8	-.1
Services	154.1	3.1	.3	101.0	-	.1	180.1	3.2	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	151.6	3.7	.2	101.3	-	.0	164.2	2.5	.1
Transportation services	154.4	1.2	-.3	101.2	-	-.1	180.4	.5	-.2
Other services	174.7	3.9	.4	101.3	-	.1	213.2	5.8	.6

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—	
	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	143.7	1.6	0.3	100.6	-	0.2	153.3	1.3	0.3
All items less food	146.0	1.5	.2	100.7	-	.3	158.2	1.3	.3
All items less shelter	143.7	.9	.3	100.5	-	.4	153.6	1.1	.4
Commodities less food	132.3	-1.3	.2	100.1	-	.5	133.3	-1.6	.5
Nondurables	142.6	.7	.6	100.5	-	.6	144.6	.1	.9
Nondurables less food	140.5	-1.1	.7	100.3	-	1.1	134.8	-1.5	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	149.8	-1.3	1.4	99.4	-	1.5	136.3	-1.7	1.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	156.6	2.4	.3	100.7	-	.2	169.6	3.7	.1
Services less medical care services	151.1	3.1	.3	100.9	-	.0	173.5	3.2	.1
Energy	131.5	-4.7	2.4	95.9	-	1.8	99.6	-4.0	.9
All items less energy	146.9	2.2	.1	101.1	-	.1	166.2	2.0	.3
All items less food and energy	147.5	2.1	.1	101.2	-	.1	169.2	2.0	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	131.4	-.1	-.2	101.1	-	.3	144.2	.1	.3
Energy commodities	138.1	-10.0	3.4	94.1	-	2.8	90.1	-12.5	3.1
Services less energy services	156.4	3.2	.2	101.3	-	.0	187.9	3.0	.2

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

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=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 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—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	
Expenditure category						
All items	166.1	1.4	0.1	101.5	1.2	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	253.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	161.4	1.3	.2	101.1	-	.6
Food	160.9	1.3	.2	101.1	-	.6
Food at home	161.4	.6	.2	100.9	-	.5
Food away from home	161.9	2.5	.2	101.5	-	.6
Alcoholic beverages	169.0	1.7	.1	100.9	-	.4
Housing	165.2	2.1	.0	100.5	-	-.5
Shelter	191.7	3.1	.3	100.8	-	-.4
Rent of primary residence	185.1	3.2	.4	100.1	-	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	181.4	3.2	.3	100.4	-	.1
Fuels and utilities	119.6	-2.4	-1.5	97.6	-	-1.5
Fuels	114.0	-2.5	-1.7	96.6	-	-2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	127.0	-.9	-1.9	96.8	-	-2.1
Electricity	130.5	-2.3	-.8	97.7	-	-1.5
Utility natural gas service	122.3	1.1	-3.7	94.4	-	-3.7
Household furnishings and operations	126.0	1.1	.2	102.7	-	.6
Apparel	123.6	-1.0	-.4	105.0	-	.6
Transportation	146.8	-1.8	.2	97.5	-	.1
Private transportation	142.2	-2.0	.4	97.3	-	.2
Motor fuel	89.9	-11.4	.7	90.1	-	2.3
Gasoline (all types)	89.4	-11.4	.8	90.1	-	2.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	87.5	-12.0	.7	89.1	-	2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	92.0	-10.9	.9	91.6	-	2.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	90.8	-9.7	.9	91.3	-	2.4
Medical care	255.7	4.4	.3	101.0	-	.1
Recreation ²	102.0	-	-.7	100.7	-	-1.4
Education and communication ²	99.4	-	.3	99.4	-	.2
Other goods and services	244.6	6.3	.5	104.2	-	1.2
Commodity and service group						
All items	166.1	1.4	.1	101.5	1.2	.0
Commodities	143.0	-.1	.1	100.3	-	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	129.6	-1.2	-.1	99.9	-	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.1	-1.5	.0	100.2	-	.9
Durables	128.2	-.9	-.3	99.5	-	-.4
Services	191.5	2.6	.1	100.4	-	-.5
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	162.5	1.2	.1	100.3	-	-.1
All items less shelter	158.0	.7	.0	100.2	-	.1
Commodities less food	131.3	-1.1	-.1	99.9	-	.3
Nondurables	146.3	.1	.2	100.7	-	.8
Nondurables less food	131.6	-1.2	.1	100.2	-	.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	173.9	2.0	-.1	100.0	-	-.5
Services less medical care services	186.6	2.5	.1	100.3	-	-.6
Energy	103.4	-6.0	-.9	93.9	-	-.3
All items less energy	174.4	2.0	.1	101.0	-	.0
All items less food and energy	178.3	2.2	.1	101.0	-	-.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—	
	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	155.9	2.1	0.3	102.1	1.7	0.4	151.3	0.7	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	254.8	-	-	-	-	-	245.1	-	-
Food and beverages	159.9	2.3	.3	100.7	-	-1	150.8	2.0	.5
Food	159.5	2.4	.3	100.8	-	.0	149.8	2.0	.5
Food at home	160.1	2.0	.3	101.0	-	.1	146.4	1.5	.6
Food away from home	158.8	3.0	.3	100.5	-	-1	156.6	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	164.8	.9	.1	100.3	-	-3	165.6	.7	.9
Housing	149.0	3.3	.0	101.2	-	.4	146.1	2.0	-2
Shelter	168.2	3.7	.1	101.8	-	.4	162.7	2.4	.1
Rent of primary residence	171.8	3.5	.2	100.8	-	.3	151.7	2.6	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	168.4	3.6	.2	100.9	-	.2	161.4	2.4	.2
Fuels and utilities	123.7	2.7	2.0	98.4	-	.2	132.2	1.8	-1.3
Fuels	109.6	4.2	2.2	97.9	-	.2	102.8	3.0	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	113.2	4.7	2.4	98.2	-	.3	110.7	4.0	-1.6
Electricity	122.5	-4	2.2	102.5	-	1.5	110.2	.8	.7
Utility natural gas service	103.7	9.6	2.9	91.9	-	-1.5	113.8	8.1	-4.3
Household furnishings and operations	118.4	1.5	-2.7	101.2	-	.0	123.4	-2	.1
Apparel	130.5	-2.2	1.1	101.8	-	.1	137.1	-5.3	1.0
Transportation	140.7	-1.3	.6	100.9	-	1.0	134.0	-4.1	.0
Private transportation	138.7	-1.2	.9	100.8	-	1.2	130.1	-3.6	.1
Motor fuel	99.9	-7.2	4.4	101.0	-	5.1	89.9	-12.5	3.0
Gasoline (all types)	99.4	-7.4	4.4	101.1	-	5.2	89.0	-12.8	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	98.1	-7.7	4.5	100.9	-	5.0	86.3	-13.3	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	108.4	-6.1	4.6	101.3	-	5.3	104.1	-11.8	3.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	101.3	-6.5	4.2	101.5	-	5.6	91.9	-13.1	2.6
Medical care	233.4	3.4	.3	101.8	-	.7	225.0	3.8	.5
Recreation ²	101.1	-	.0	100.0	-	-3	101.5	-	.2
Education and communication ²	102.2	-	.4	99.4	-	.0	100.4	-	.7
Other goods and services	236.3	7.4	1.1	105.6	-	1.6	221.7	7.2	1.5
Commodity and service group									
All items	155.9	2.1	.3	102.1	1.7	.4	151.3	.7	.3
Commodities	141.2	.3	.4	100.7	-	.5	139.4	-.8	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	130.3	-1.1	.5	100.7	-	.7	133.2	-2.4	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	137.2	-.5	1.6	101.8	-	1.7	135.6	-2.8	1.3
Durables	121.5	-1.5	-.8	99.5	-	-3	125.7	-1.8	-.6
Services	173.5	3.7	.3	101.6	-	.4	166.9	2.4	.0
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	152.4	1.9	.3	101.1	-	.4	147.3	.5	.2
All items less shelter	153.0	1.5	.4	100.9	-	.4	148.9	.3	.3
Commodities less food	131.8	-.9	.5	100.7	-	.7	134.2	-2.3	.4
Nondurables	148.9	.9	.9	101.3	-	.9	143.7	-.4	.9
Nondurables less food	139.1	-.4	1.5	101.7	-	1.5	137.4	-2.6	1.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	165.8	3.8	.5	101.4	-	.3	156.6	2.4	-.1
Services less medical care services	168.3	3.8	.3	101.5	-	.3	160.6	2.3	-.1
Energy	104.5	-2.0	3.2	99.6	-	2.8	96.5	-4.7	.4
All items less energy	163.3	2.4	.1	101.3	-	.2	159.0	1.3	.2
All items less food and energy	164.2	2.4	.1	101.4	-	.2	161.4	1.1	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size 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 May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	155.3	1.1	0.1	101.8	0.9	0.3	159.6	2.1	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	251.6	-	-	-	-	-	258.3	-	-
Food and beverages	158.0	2.0	.2	100.4	-	-.1	153.6	1.6	.5
Food	158.4	2.1	.3	100.5	-	.0	153.9	1.6	.4
Food at home	156.2	1.3	.3	100.2	-	-.1	150.6	1.4	.3
Food away from home	163.2	3.1	.1	100.9	-	.2	162.5	1.9	.6
Alcoholic beverages	154.2	1.6	-1.0	99.7	-	-.4	146.7	.8	.1
Housing	146.3	2.3	.4	101.0	-	.2	155.2	3.1	.1
Shelter	160.7	3.7	.1	101.7	-	.2	181.3	3.2	.1
Rent of primary residence	159.3	3.3	.4	101.1	-	.2	162.0	2.7	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	154.7	3.6	.3	101.2	-	.2	165.5	3.4	.3
Fuels and utilities	122.2	1.6	3.6	97.7	-	.8	134.1	7.0	-.2
Fuels	109.1	1.3	4.5	96.7	-	.9	113.1	5.8	-.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	112.7	1.4	4.6	96.7	-	1.0	118.2	5.9	-.3
Electricity	110.2	-2.5	4.0	96.9	-	1.0	121.5	5.5	.0
Utility natural gas service	115.9	12.4	8.8	95.6	-	1.4	113.6	12.6	-1.8
Household furnishings and operations	126.6	-2.5	-.9	101.3	-	-.1	118.5	-2.0	.5
Apparel	151.5	.3	-1.5	102.1	-	.4	135.5	.3	-1.5
Transportation	139.6	-2.8	-.1	98.9	-	.3	138.6	-2.8	.7
Private transportation	138.8	-3.1	-.1	98.6	-	.4	137.7	-2.8	.7
Motor fuel	93.0	-11.5	.6	91.5	-	1.1	83.5	-13.6	1.7
Gasoline (all types)	92.2	-11.5	.7	91.5	-	1.1	82.5	-13.9	1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	89.7	-12.2	.9	91.0	-	1.2	78.1	-14.8	2.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	94.5	-10.6	.5	91.9	-	1.3	98.0	-13.5	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	94.8	-10.4	.5	92.6	-	.8	90.6	-11.5	1.3
Medical care	238.3	2.2	.0	101.7	-	.3	239.2	3.0	.0
Recreation ²	100.7	-	.1	100.8	-	-.1	105.9	-	.8
Education and communication ²	100.6	-	.6	99.6	-	-.4	100.0	-	.3
Other goods and services	212.0	5.0	.3	104.1	-	1.9	233.6	9.7	1.5
Commodity and service group									
All items	155.3	1.1	.1	101.8	.9	.3	159.6	2.1	.3
Commodities	141.9	-.6	-.1	100.3	-	.3	139.2	.0	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	132.7	-2.2	-.2	100.2	-	.5	131.0	-1.1	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.9	-2.2	-.1	100.0	-	.9	131.4	-.9	.5
Durables	129.4	-2.3	-.2	100.4	-	-.1	128.4	-1.2	.5
Services	171.2	2.6	.3	101.0	-	.2	186.0	4.1	.1
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	151.1	1.0	.1	100.6	-	.2	153.8	2.1	.3
All items less shelter	154.0	.3	.1	100.3	-	.3	154.6	1.8	.3
Commodities less food	133.5	-2.0	-.2	100.2	-	.5	131.4	-.9	.5
Nondurables	146.5	.0	.0	100.2	-	.4	142.5	.4	.5
Nondurables less food	135.8	-1.9	-.3	100.0	-	.9	131.9	-.8	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	167.0	2.0	.6	100.3	-	.1	175.6	4.7	.1
Services less medical care services	164.7	2.7	.4	101.0	-	.2	177.7	4.3	.2
Energy	100.2	-5.2	2.7	94.2	-	1.1	96.2	-3.2	.5
All items less energy	163.2	1.6	-.1	101.2	-	.1	168.9	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy	164.5	1.5	-.1	101.4	-	.2	172.9	2.9	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size 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—	
		May 1998	May 1997		Apr. 1998	May 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	159.4	2.1	0.6	102.2	0.7	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	258.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	164.6	3.7	.6	101.0	-	.3
Food	164.0	4.0	.7	101.0	-	.3
Food at home	168.0	4.5	.8	101.3	-	.5
Food away from home	157.9	3.0	.3	100.5	-	.1
Alcoholic beverages	170.4	1.3	.2	100.4	-	.7
Housing	159.4	3.4	.4	100.3	-	-.1
Shelter	171.1	4.2	.4	100.0	-	-.9
Rent of primary residence	177.4	4.5	.4	99.5	-	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	168.3	4.1	.3	99.7	-	-.4
Fuels and utilities	141.1	-.3	1.7	100.8	-	3.3
Fuels	132.1	-.7	2.3	100.8	-	3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity	134.2	-.5	2.4	100.9	-	4.0
Electricity	146.9	-3.1	2.1	101.8	-	3.4
Utility natural gas service	123.4	5.5	2.8	97.4	-	6.3
Household furnishings and operations	128.9	.9	.2	101.3	-	1.1
Apparel	124.7	1.0	-1.3	99.8	-	-1.2
Transportation	141.1	-1.7	1.1	99.0	-	1.0
Private transportation	138.2	-2.1	1.3	98.6	-	1.0
Motor fuel	98.7	-10.2	7.9	91.4	-	6.2
Gasoline (all types)	97.8	-10.0	7.9	91.4	-	6.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	94.6	-10.8	8.0	91.1	-	6.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	95.0	-9.1	8.8	91.5	-	6.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	100.8	-9.2	7.1	92.4	-	5.1
Medical care	234.3	2.2	.4	101.3	-	.1
Recreation ²	100.0	-	.6	100.6	-	.0
Education and communication ²	100.2	-	.1	101.2	-	.4
Other goods and services	236.5	4.1	.7	102.1	-	.9
Commodity and service group						
All items	159.4	2.1	.6	102.2	.7	.2
Commodities	142.2	.7	.7	99.7	-	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	128.5	-1.5	.8	99.0	-	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.3	-1.2	1.6	98.4	-	1.2
Durables	126.8	-1.7	-.1	99.7	-	-.1
Services	177.3	3.2	.4	100.8	-	.0
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	156.2	2.0	.5	100.2	-	.2
All items less shelter	156.0	1.2	.6	100.4	-	.6
Commodities less food	130.6	-1.3	.8	99.1	-	.7
Nondurables	148.2	1.5	1.0	99.7	-	.7
Nondurables less food	133.5	-.9	1.4	98.5	-	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	171.5	2.0	.5	101.4	-	.7
Services less medical care services	173.3	3.3	.4	100.7	-	-.1
Energy	109.8	-6.2	5.4	96.4	-	5.0
All items less energy	165.0	2.6	.2	100.6	-	-.2
All items less food and energy	165.4	2.3	.1	100.5	-	-.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 Indexes on a December 1984=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 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 May 1998 from—			Percent change to Apr. 1998 from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average	M	158.9	159.2	159.1	159.6	1.9	0.3	0.3	1.6	0.1	-0.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	161.0	160.9	161.3	161.9	.8	.6	.4	.6	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	160.6	160.5	161.0	161.4	.6	.6	.2	.8	.2	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.4	100.3	100.4	100.9	-	.6	.5	-	.0	.1
Midwest urban ⁴	M	155.3	155.9	155.8	156.1	1.8	.1	.2	1.9	.3	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.8	159.4	159.7	160.1	2.0	.4	.3	2.3	.6	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.8	101.2	100.9	101.0	-	-.2	.1	-	.1	-.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	146.0	146.6	145.5	146.4	1.5	-.1	.6	1.0	-.3	-.8
South urban	M	155.4	155.8	155.8	155.9	1.6	.1	.1	1.7	.3	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	155.4	155.4	155.7	156.2	1.3	.5	.3	1.2	.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.2	100.6	100.3	100.2	-	-.4	-.1	-	.1	-.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	148.9	149.9	150.2	150.6	1.4	.5	.3	1.3	.9	.2
West urban	M	165.7	165.9	165.2	166.4	3.9	.3	.7	2.6	-.3	-.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	167.3	167.4	166.6	168.0	4.5	.4	.8	2.5	-.4	-.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.6	100.8	100.8	101.3	-	.5	.5	-	.2	.0
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	147.2	147.3	147.4	148.0	2.1	.5	.4	1.7	.1	.1
B/C ³	M	100.4	100.7	100.5	100.7	-	.0	.2	-	.1	-.2
D	M	151.3	152.3	151.5	152.4	1.5	.1	.6	1.2	.1	-.5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	169.2	171.0	171.2	172.6	4.3	.9	.8	4.1	1.2	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	170.8	171.7	171.2	173.3	4.8	.9	1.2	2.0	.2	-.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	163.1	162.9	163.6	163.9	.9	.6	.2	1.0	.3	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	158.0	158.3	158.0	158.9	2.2	.4	.6	2.1	.0	-.2
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	159.3	155.5	156.4	158.6	3.3	2.0	1.4	2.3	-1.8	.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	147.2	147.1	146.7	148.3	.4	.8	1.1	.4	-.3	-.3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ³	1	100.3	99.8	100.2	101.0	-	1.2	.8	-	-.1	.4
Atlanta, GA	2	156.3	155.7	158.5	158.3	-	1.7	-.1	-	1.4	1.8
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	152.0	152.8	153.1	152.6	1.9	-.1	-.3	1.9	.7	.2
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	155.6	157.9	156.8	156.3	.6	-1.0	-.3	1.4	.8	-.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	163.3	162.1	163.0	163.2	.5	.7	.1	1.0	-.2	.6
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	159.7	159.9	160.2	160.3	-1.8	.3	.1	-.3	.3	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	171.0	169.3	169.5	170.4	4.7	.6	.5	2.7	-.9	.1
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	165.9	165.7	161.7	163.7	-	-1.2	1.2	-	-2.5	-2.4

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 May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—		Index May 1998	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998		May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	159.5	1.5	0.3	159.9	2.8	0.6	156.2	1.4	0.4	168.6	1.6	0.1
All items (1967=100)	475.2	-	-	469.7	-	-	461.6	-	-	480.1	-	-
Food and beverages	159.9	2.1	.3	165.1	3.3	.5	167.6	3.6	.8	164.5	1.6	.2
Food	159.6	2.2	.3	164.5	3.6	.6	165.6	4.0	.9	164.0	1.5	.2
Food at home	159.6	1.9	.3	172.6	4.3	.8	173.3	4.8	1.2	163.9	.9	.2
Food away from home	160.6	2.8	.2	149.5	2.3	.1	153.8	2.3	.2	167.6	2.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages	164.1	1.2	-.1	173.5	.4	.2	183.4	.9	-.2	171.2	2.8	.1
Housing	156.1	2.3	.2	154.4	4.1	.0	153.2	2.0	.1	168.8	2.4	.2
Shelter	175.7	3.2	.1	178.8	4.9	.3	161.3	2.9	.1	197.7	3.5	.3
Rent of primary residence	170.8	3.1	.3	188.9	4.1	.3	163.1	2.5	.1	189.3	3.3	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	170.2	3.2	.2	178.8	4.7	.3	160.1	2.9	.1	188.9	3.6	.4
Fuels and utilities	127.9	-.6	.8	125.0	4.1	3.1	145.6	-4.1	-1.0	113.2	-2.1	-.6
Fuels	112.9	-1.6	1.0	112.8	8.9	3.4	140.7	-6.0	-1.3	112.1	-1.8	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.2	-1.1	1.1	116.5	9.1	3.5	141.2	-5.9	-1.3	122.6	.4	-.7
Electricity	125.5	-3.7	1.3	124.1	-3.3	1.4	153.6	-8.8	.0	122.0	-1.1	-1.5
Utility natural gas service	112.7	3.8	.4	108.4	24.3	6.2	132.9	.4	-3.5	123.7	2.9	.5
Household furnishings and operations	125.2	.7	-.3	108.6	-1.6	-6.5	124.2	-.4	.1	126.8	-.3	-.2
Apparel	133.7	-.7	-.2	123.8	.1	3.1	125.5	1.3	-2.3	122.3	-3.6	-1.0
Transportation	141.1	-1.9	.6	135.9	-1.8	1.0	138.1	-2.1	1.4	151.7	-1.6	.3
Private transportation	138.6	-2.0	.7	133.3	-1.9	1.2	134.6	-2.3	1.7	144.8	-1.6	.6
Motor fuel	95.0	-10.1	3.4	98.6	-7.7	5.8	96.4	-9.6	10.9	88.3	-10.0	.1
Gasoline (all types)	94.5	-10.2	3.5	97.8	-7.8	5.8	94.1	-9.6	10.8	88.0	-9.9	.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	92.3	-10.6	3.7	95.3	-8.7	6.1	92.1	-9.8	11.2	86.5	-10.5	-.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	99.0	-9.5	3.2	105.4	-6.5	5.6	91.8	-9.6	11.5	91.0	-9.5	.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	96.3	-9.1	2.9	99.8	-6.7	5.4	95.6	-8.9	9.8	90.7	-8.6	.4
Medical care	240.6	3.0	.3	249.7	4.0	.1	232.0	1.4	.3	255.2	4.7	.1
Recreation ⁴	100.9	1.5	-.1	99.8	-	-1.0	101.0	-	.4	102.3	-	-.7
Education and communication ⁴	100.3	2.6	.2	106.4	-	1.2	99.8	-	.0	99.6	-	.4
Other goods and services	234.8	6.6	1.1	248.0	6.8	1.3	233.9	3.1	1.3	244.3	6.5	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	159.5	1.5	.3	159.9	2.8	.6	156.2	1.4	.4	168.6	1.6	.1
Commodities	142.1	.0	.4	142.0	.8	.6	141.3	.6	.8	144.8	-.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	131.4	-1.4	.4	127.6	-1.1	.6	125.6	-1.6	.7	129.5	-2.0	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.6	-1.3	1.0	137.4	.2	2.8	129.5	-1.4	1.8	129.0	-2.3	-.5
Durables	127.3	-1.5	-.2	116.7	-2.3	-1.4	122.5	-1.8	-.3	127.6	-1.5	.1
Services	180.3	2.7	.2	180.0	4.7	.6	171.8	2.1	.1	193.7	2.9	.2
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	155.7	1.4	.3	155.6	2.8	.6	153.1	1.5	.4	165.2	1.4	.1
All items less shelter	155.1	.8	.3	154.6	2.1	.7	155.3	.8	.5	158.7	.6	.0
Commodities less food	132.7	-1.3	.4	129.7	-1.0	.6	128.7	-1.5	.7	131.3	-1.8	-.2
Nondurables	147.1	.6	.6	151.9	2.0	1.6	149.6	1.6	1.2	148.1	-.1	-.1
Nondurables less food	135.5	-1.0	1.0	140.1	.4	2.6	134.5	-1.0	1.7	131.5	-1.9	-.4
Services less rent of shelter ¹	170.2	2.2	.2	169.5	4.6	.8	171.8	1.1	-.1	172.3	2.1	.1
Services less medical care services	174.7	2.7	.2	173.8	4.8	.6	167.6	2.2	.1	189.1	2.8	.2
Energy	103.2	-5.8	2.1	104.7	.1	4.4	110.1	-8.1	5.3	102.4	-4.7	-.5
All items less energy	167.3	2.1	.1	167.6	3.1	.2	161.5	2.1	.1	176.7	2.0	.1
All items less food and energy	169.3	2.0	.1	168.3	2.9	.2	160.8	1.6	-.1	180.4	2.1	.1

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 1 ¹								
	U.S. city average			Boston- Brockton- Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT			Chicago- Gary- Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1998	May 1997		Mar. 1998	May 1998		May 1997	Mar. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	159.5	1.5	0.5	168.9	2.0	-0.2	159.9	2.8	1.0
All items (1967=100) ²	475.2	-	-	488.2	-	-	469.7	-	-
Food and beverages	159.9	2.1	.3	163.0	3.2	.7	165.1	3.3	.6
Food	159.6	2.2	.3	163.7	3.5	.7	164.5	3.6	.6
Food at home	159.6	1.9	.3	158.9	2.2	.4	172.6	4.3	.9
Food away from home	160.6	2.8	.4	173.8	5.6	1.1	149.5	2.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages	164.1	1.2	.1	158.4	.0	.1	173.5	.4	.9
Housing	156.1	2.3	.4	161.9	2.1	-.9	154.4	4.1	.5
Shelter	175.7	3.2	.3	190.9	3.4	.1	178.8	4.9	.6
Rent of primary residence	170.8	3.1	.5	182.7	4.0	.5	188.9	4.1	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	170.2	3.2	.4	173.1	3.2	.3	178.8	4.7	.3
Fuels and utilities	127.9	-.6	.8	115.3	-5.5	-8.5	125.0	4.1	2.0
Fuels	112.9	-1.6	.9	97.3	-2.9	-9.7	112.8	8.9	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.2	-1.1	1.1	118.0	-.1	-10.7	116.5	9.1	2.4
Electricity	125.5	-3.7	1.4	128.4	-8.9	-2.1	124.1	-3.3	-.2
Utility natural gas service	112.7	3.8	.2	101.2	15.1	-23.3	108.4	24.3	6.0
Household furnishings and operations	125.2	.7	.2	116.5	-1.4	1.2	108.6	-1.6	-2.0
Apparel	133.7	-.7	.5	154.7	-1.5	.9	123.8	.1	3.8
Transportation ⁴	141.1	-1.9	.7	141.0	-1.8	-.6	135.9	-1.8	1.1
Private transportation ⁵	138.6	-2.0	.9	139.9	-2.8	-.9	133.3	-1.9	1.3
Motor fuel	95.0	-10.1	4.4	92.3	-13.2	-1.9	98.6	-7.7	8.1
Gasoline (all types)	94.5	-10.2	4.4	91.1	-13.1	-1.9	97.8	-7.8	8.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	92.3	-10.6	4.9	88.0	-13.8	-1.9	95.3	-8.7	8.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	99.0	-9.5	3.9	95.0	-12.1	-2.0	105.4	-6.5	8.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	96.3	-9.1	3.5	94.7	-11.4	-1.8	99.8	-6.7	7.3
Medical care	240.6	3.0	.6	303.9	6.9	1.6	249.7	4.0	1.3
Recreation ⁸	100.9	1.5	-.1	103.5	-	-1.9	99.8	-	-.9
Education and communication ⁸	100.3	2.6	.3	100.3	-	1.4	106.4	-	2.2
Other goods and services	234.8	6.6	2.4	240.6	5.2	.7	248.0	6.8	2.5
Commodity and service group									
All items	159.5	1.5	.5	168.9	2.0	-.2	159.9	2.8	1.0
Commodities ⁹	142.1	.0	.7	144.6	.4	-.1	142.0	.8	1.3
Commodities less food and beverages ¹⁰	131.4	-1.4	1.0	133.7	-1.3	-.4	127.6	-1.1	1.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.6	-1.3	1.8	136.7	-2.4	.0	137.4	.2	4.0
Durables ¹¹	127.3	-1.5	-.2	128.5	.2	-1.2	116.7	-2.3	-.4
Services	180.3	2.7	.4	196.0	3.0	-.4	180.0	4.7	.7
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	155.7	1.4	.5	163.0	1.7	-.4	155.6	2.8	1.0
All items less shelter	155.1	.8	.6	163.1	1.4	-.4	154.6	2.1	1.2
Commodities less food ¹²	132.7	-1.3	.9	134.5	-1.2	-.4	129.7	-1.0	1.6
Nondurables	147.1	.6	1.0	149.0	.5	.3	151.9	2.0	2.2
Nondurables less food	135.5	-1.0	1.7	137.1	-2.2	.0	140.1	.4	3.9
Services less rent of shelter ³	170.2	2.2	.4	188.8	2.6	-.8	169.5	4.6	1.0
Services less medical care services	174.7	2.7	.3	186.8	2.8	-.5	173.8	4.8	.8
Energy	103.2	-5.8	2.4	95.0	-7.1	-6.8	104.7	.1	4.6
All items less energy	167.3	2.1	.4	180.1	2.7	.3	167.6	3.1	.7
All items less food and energy	169.3	2.0	.4	184.6	2.6	.2	168.3	2.9	.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 ¹								
	Cleveland-Akron, OH			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1998	May 1997 Mar. 1998		May 1998	May 1997 Mar. 1998		May 1998	May 1997 Mar. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	151.2	2.3	0.7	152.8	-	0.0	156.2	1.4	0.7
All items (1967=100) ²	472.5	-	-	471.3	-	-	461.6	-	-
Food and beverages	162.2	3.4	1.4	158.4	-	.3	167.6	3.6	.8
Food	163.6	3.7	1.5	156.9	-	.7	165.6	4.0	.8
Food at home	158.6	3.3	2.0	148.3	0.4	.8	173.3	4.8	.9
Food away from home	174.2	4.7	.8	172.2	-	.5	153.8	2.3	.5
Alcoholic beverages	146.3	-2.3	-9	176.6	-	-3.4	183.4	.9	.9
Housing	144.7	3.1	-5	140.8	-	.4	153.2	2.0	.3
Shelter	158.6	5.2	-4	151.7	-	.9	161.3	2.9	.3
Rent of primary residence	170.3	5.6	.6	149.3	6.0	.9	163.1	2.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	165.2	5.4	.5	146.0	6.1	1.3	160.1	2.9	.3
Fuels and utilities	125.8	-2.6	.0	123.0	-	.9	145.6	-4.1	.5
Fuels	119.8	-4.2	.0	114.9	6.4	1.1	140.7	-6.0	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	121.7	-4.2	.0	114.1	6.6	1.2	141.2	-5.9	.5
Electricity	133.0	-3	.0	111.8	-2.7	-1	153.6	-8.8	.0
Utility natural gas service	111.8	-8.6	-2	116.8	24.9	8.2	132.9	.4	1.5
Household furnishings and operations	124.6	-6	-2.4	123.7	-	-3.7	124.2	-4	-7
Apparel	128.9	2.5	4.0	138.0	-	-9	125.5	1.3	-1.4
Transportation ⁴	138.6	.4	1.0	142.8	-	-8	138.1	-2.1	2.1
Private transportation ⁵	138.7	.7	1.5	143.1	-	-8	134.6	-2.3	2.4
Motor fuel	106.7	-7.1	9.9	91.8	-12.5	.2	96.4	-9.6	16.8
Gasoline (all types)	105.8	-7.4	10.0	91.3	-12.5	.2	94.1	-9.6	16.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	104.2	-8.3	10.0	87.8	-13.5	.5	92.1	-9.8	18.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	109.1	-6.5	10.1	93.3	-12.1	-5	91.8	-9.6	16.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	109.2	-5.5	9.3	94.5	-10.3	.2	95.6	-8.9	14.5
Medical care	210.7	1.2	1.1	232.8	-	.3	232.0	1.4	.2
Recreation ⁸	99.4	-	-1	99.6	-	-1	101.0	-	.9
Education and communication ⁸	98.9	-	.1	98.8	-	.0	99.8	-	-1
Other goods and services	222.5	7.4	4.6	215.0	-	1.4	233.9	3.1	1.8
Commodity and service group									
All items	151.2	2.3	.7	152.8	-	.0	156.2	1.4	.7
Commodities ⁹	140.5	1.7	2.0	141.7	-	-1	141.3	.6	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages ¹⁰	128.3	.5	2.2	131.8	-	-3	125.6	-1.6	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.5	.9	4.5	129.1	-	.2	129.5	-1.4	3.4
Durables ¹¹	117.0	.5	.2	135.8	-	-9	122.5	-1.8	-6
Services	164.2	2.9	-5	165.6	-	.2	171.8	2.1	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	148.6	2.3	.7	148.7	-	.1	153.1	1.5	.7
All items less shelter	150.9	1.4	1.2	153.8	-	-2	155.3	.8	.9
Commodities less food ¹²	129.0	.4	2.2	133.4	-	-5	128.7	-1.5	1.3
Nondurables	150.9	2.2	2.8	143.8	-	.2	149.6	1.6	1.8
Nondurables less food	138.8	.7	4.2	131.8	-	-2	134.5	-1.0	3.1
Services less rent of shelter ³	158.9	.8	-5	168.5	-	-4	171.8	1.1	.2
Services less medical care services	160.7	3.2	-5	159.0	-	.2	167.6	2.2	.2
Energy	114.1	-6.3	4.1	102.0	-3.9	.7	110.1	-8.1	9.1
All items less energy	156.7	3.2	.4	161.3	-	.0	161.5	2.1	.2
All items less food and energy	155.4	3.1	.3	162.5	-	-1	160.8	1.6	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹					
	New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		May 1997	Mar. 1998		May 1997	Mar. 1998
	May 1998			May 1998		
Expenditure category						
All items	168.6	1.6	0.2	101.3	0.8	0.0
All items (1967=100) ²	480.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	164.5	1.6	.6	101.6	1.9	.5
Food	164.0	1.5	.6	101.6	2.2	.6
Food at home	163.9	.9	.6	101.0	-	1.2
Food away from home	167.6	2.6	.4	100.9	-	-1.1
Alcoholic beverages	171.2	2.8	.7	100.3	-	-2.2
Housing	168.8	2.4	.2	101.6	1.2	.0
Shelter	197.7	3.5	.3	102.3	-	.3
Rent of primary residence	189.3	3.3	.4	102.6	2.1	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	188.9	3.6	.5	102.2	-	.9
Fuels and utilities	113.2	-2.1	-3	99.0	-	-5.5
Fuels	112.1	-1.8	-4	98.9	-	-6.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	122.6	.4	.0	99.2	-	-4.4
Electricity	122.0	-1.1	-1.1	100.5	-	.3
Utility natural gas service	123.7	2.9	2.0	92.7	-	-3.8
Household furnishings and operations	126.8	-3	.4	102.0	-	-1.9
Apparel	122.3	-3.6	-1.8	100.8	-1.6	-5.0
Transportation ⁴	151.7	-1.6	.2	98.0	-2.2	-1.1
Private transportation ⁵	144.8	-1.6	.7	98.1	-	-1.1
Motor fuel	88.3	-10.0	.0	90.0	-	1.2
Gasoline (all types)	88.0	-9.9	.0	90.0	-	1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	86.5	-10.5	-2	88.9	-	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	91.0	-9.5	-1	90.9	-	1.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	90.7	-8.6	.7	91.2	-	1.1
Medical care	255.2	4.7	1.5	103.2	2.2	-3
Recreation ⁸	102.3	-	-4	101.6	-	.4
Education and communication ⁸	99.6	-	.4	101.8	-	1.9
Other goods and services	244.3	6.5	.4	106.1	3.7	1.0
Commodity and service group						
All items	168.6	1.6	.2	101.3	.8	.0
Commodities ⁹	144.8	-3	.1	100.5	-	-3
Commodities less food and beverages ¹⁰	129.5	-2.0	-2	100.2	-	-9
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.0	-2.3	-2	100.6	-	-1.1
Durables ¹¹	127.6	-1.5	-4	99.7	-	-6
Services	193.7	2.9	.3	101.6	-	.2
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	165.2	1.4	.2	101.2	.7	.0
All items less shelter	158.7	.6	.3	100.6	-	-2
Commodities less food ¹²	131.3	-1.8	-2	100.2	-	-8
Nondurables	148.1	-1	.2	100.8	-	-1
Nondurables less food	131.5	-1.9	-2	100.6	-	-1.0
Services less rent of shelter ³	172.3	2.1	.3	100.9	-	.1
Services less medical care services	189.1	2.8	.3	101.7	-	.3
Energy	102.4	-4.7	-3	92.1	-6.1	.3
All items less energy	176.7	2.0	.2	101.6	-	.0
All items less food and energy	180.4	2.1	.2	102.1	1.1	-2

¹ Areas on pricing schedule 2 (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 Revised index for New York-Northern NJ-Long Island: Mar. 1998= 151.4.

Revised index for Boston-Brockton-Nashua: Mar. 1998= 141.8.

Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 134.4.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 137.2.

Revised index for Washington-Baltimore: Mar. 1998= 98.1.

Revised index for Dallas-Fort Worth: Mar. 1998= 143.9.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 135.3.

Revised index for U.S. city average: Mar. 1998= 140.1.

⁵ Revised index for New York-Northern NJ-Long Island: Mar. 1998= 143.8.

Revised index for Boston-Brockton-Nashua: Mar. 1998= 141.1.

Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 131.6.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 136.7.

Revised index for Washington-Baltimore: Mar. 1998= 98.2.

Revised index for Dallas-Fort Worth: Mar. 1998= 144.3.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 131.5.

Revised index for U.S. city average: Mar. 1998= 137.4.

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁹ Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 140.2.

¹⁰ Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 125.5.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 125.5.

¹¹ Revised index for New York-Northern NJ-Long Island: Mar. 1998= 128.1.

Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 117.2.

Revised index for Cleveland-Akron: Mar. 1998= 116.8.

Revised index for Dallas-Fort Worth: Mar. 1998= 137.1.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 123.2.

Revised index for U.S. city average: Mar. 1998= 127.5.

¹² Revised index for Chicago-Gary-Kenosha: Mar. 1998= 127.6.

Revised index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County: Mar. 1998= 127.0.

- 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	28.9	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	-	-	28.9	1.8	2.8
1959	29.0	28.9	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.4	-	-	29.1	1.7	.7
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	162.2	162.5	162.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										May 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	162.8
All items (1967=100)	360.9	377.6	400.9	413.0	425.2	436.8	448.4	459.9	475.0	483.2	487.7
Food and beverages	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1	160.7
Food	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	158.7	160.3
Food at home	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	159.2	160.7
Cereals and bakery products	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	178.4	180.5
Cereals and cereal products	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	175.7	178.4	180.5
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	161.8
Breakfast cereal	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	189.0	189.3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	149.8	150.1
Rice ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
Bakery products	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	182.3	184.5
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
White bread ²	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	186.2	186.4
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	190.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	178.8	180.1	179.9
Cookies ²	129.8	140.2	148.0	155.4	157.5	163.9	170.1	174.2	180.5	182.3	181.2
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	178.1
Other bakery products	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	178.8	183.9
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	170.1
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	216.9
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	183.9
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	146.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.1	146.9
Meats	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.4	141.0
Beef and veal	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	136.9	136.3
Uncooked ground beef	104.5	112.2	120.8	119.1	118.4	123.0	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.4	115.8
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Pork	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	153.0	147.6
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.1
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	147.7
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Ham	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	154.3	148.3
Ham, excluding canned ²	122.2	129.5	154.5	143.6	141.2	144.5	142.1	151.9	168.3	164.7	158.2
Pork chops	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	150.2	147.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.3
Other meats	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.0	145.5
Frankfurters ²	113.2	119.3	132.9	134.7	133.9	138.2	134.3	139.3	143.8	144.9	142.8
Lunchmeats ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
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	157.8
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	155.6
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Fresh whole chicken ²	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9	158.7
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	156.0
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
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	102.1
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
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	132.5
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	204.0
Eggs	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	151.1	128.6
Dairy and related products	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	147.8	148.1
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Fresh whole milk ²	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	145.8	145.6
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Cheese and related products	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.3	149.4
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	150.9
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9

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										May 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	203.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	222.3	239.8
Fresh fruits	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	239.4	249.0
Apples	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	193.9	203.4
Bananas	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	151.5	164.9
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Oranges, including tangerines ²	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	189.3	235.4
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.7
Fresh vegetables	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	205.2	229.7
Potatoes	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	175.0	187.7
Lettuce	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	218.5	310.2
Tomatoes	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	253.4	237.3
Other fresh vegetables	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	201.5	227.7
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Canned fruits ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Canned vegetables ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Frozen vegetables ²	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.8	152.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
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	132.9
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Carbonated drinks	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	116.1	116.9
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.6
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Coffee	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	170.2	167.1
Roasted coffee ²	116.1	115.3	116.7	109.0	102.4	109.2	179.0	159.5	145.7	178.0	173.3
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	154.7
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Other food at home	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	147.7	149.3
Sugar and sweets	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.9	149.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	133.3	135.3
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.4
Fats and oils	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	140.3	141.2
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Butter ²	104.8	103.0	94.9	94.4	88.0	82.0	81.6	93.4	113.9	128.2	127.5
Margarine ²	124.1	126.7	134.0	131.8	128.9	130.3	139.4	141.6	145.5	144.2	150.6
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other foods	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	162.8	164.7
Soups	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	189.1	193.6
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	144.9
Snacks	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.6	155.7
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	168.3	172.1
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other condiments ²	114.7	120.6	127.8	133.7	140.1	140.1	143.1	148.2	154.5	162.1	170.4
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
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	160.6
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6

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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										May 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	165.2
Alcoholic beverages at home	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.3	150.5
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	148.4
Distilled spirits at home	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	151.9	152.6
Whiskey at home ²	114.8	121.2	127.5	137.8	139.0	141.3	142.4	145.2	147.9	151.5	151.7
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	152.6
Wine at home	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.1	147.2
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	193.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Wine away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Housing	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	157.7	159.7
Shelter	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	178.1	181.2
Rent of primary residence	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	169.1	171.1
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	108.7
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	230.1
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	234.1
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	186.8
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Fuels and utilities	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	130.0	127.9
Fuels	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.8	113.2
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	91.8
Fuel oil	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	94.0	87.1
Other household fuels ⁴	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	128.8	127.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	122.8	123.0	120.5
Electricity	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	127.0	125.9
Utility natural gas service	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	118.8	113.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Water and sewerage maintenance	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	213.7	216.7
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	255.6
Household furnishings and operations	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.1	126.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0
Furniture and bedding	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.5	135.1
Bedroom furniture	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	142.7	142.6
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.4
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
Laundry equipment ²	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.4	112.3
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
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	122.1
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	107.1	112.7
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.1
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.6
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.9
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Housekeeping supplies	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.4	145.7
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.1
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										May 1998
	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	135.3
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	133.5
Men's apparel	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	133.7	137.7
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	139.7
Men's furnishings	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	134.1	139.9
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
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	134.5
Boys' apparel	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	120.7	117.5
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	129.7
Women's apparel	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	123.7	130.2
Women's outerwear	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	126.7	115.9
Women's dresses	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	102.7	126.1
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.1
Girls' apparel	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	123.6	127.1
Footwear	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	128.2	128.3
Men's footwear	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	131.4	132.4
Boys' and girls' footwear	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.5	129.3
Women's footwear	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	122.7	124.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	125.8	126.9
Jewelry and watches ⁴	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	138.9	143.4
Watches ⁴	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	122.2	124.7
Jewelry ⁴	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	143.6	148.6
Transportation	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	143.2	142.0
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	99.9
New vehicles	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	144.1	143.3
New cars and trucks ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
New cars ²	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	141.5	140.6
New trucks ^{2 5}	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	151.4	150.8
New motorcycles ^{2 4}	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	163.7	163.7
Used cars and trucks	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	147.9	150.0
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Motor fuel	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	101.9	94.7
Gasoline (all types)	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	101.3	94.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	99.1	92.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7}	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	98.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	103.0	96.1
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.7
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	100.6
Tires	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	99.0	98.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
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	107.0
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	131.1
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	165.9
Motor vehicle body work	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	176.2	180.2
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	154.3
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Motor vehicle insurance	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	255.3	255.1
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.5
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.6
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Public transportation	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	184.3	190.4
Airline fare	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	194.8	205.0
Other intercity transportation	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	156.3	160.3
Ship fare ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.9
Intracity transportation	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	176.6	175.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										May 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	241.4
Medical care commodities	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	216.8	221.5
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	258.2
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	147.5
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	175.4
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	174.2
Medical care services	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8	245.9
Professional services	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	217.5	221.7
Physicians' services	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	224.5	228.6
Dental services	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	230.0	235.1
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	145.3
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	155.8
Hospital and related services	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	282.5	285.6
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2	104.2
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5	103.2
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	231.7
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9	106.8
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	91.7	93.0	95.6	98.5	100.0	101.0
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	59.9
Cable television ⁵	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	233.6	243.7
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.7
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.8
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.5
Audio equipment	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	88.4	86.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Pets and pet products	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.1	144.1
Pet food ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Pet services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Veterinarian services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Sporting goods	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.5	121.4
Sports vehicles including bicycles	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.3	124.2
Sports equipment	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.1	116.3
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Photographic equipment and supplies	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	132.9	134.0	134.1
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Photographic equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.1
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Photographer fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Film processing ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.5
Toys	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	124.4	120.1
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.1
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Admissions	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	200.3	206.8
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.2
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	174.6
Recreational reading materials	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	180.2	184.0
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										May 1998
	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	100.1
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	81.2	85.9	90.7	95.1	100.0	100.9
Educational books and supplies	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	242.8	248.9
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	290.5
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	301.0
Child care and nursery school ⁶	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	137.6	139.7
Technical and business school tuition and fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	97.3	97.3	99.0	100.3	100.0	99.4
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
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	104.0
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	98.3	98.3	98.9	100.3	100.0	99.3
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Telephone services, local charges	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	163.8	165.7
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Interstate toll calls ²	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	75.2	76.3
Intrastate toll calls ²	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	92.1	94.7	96.2
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.2
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	41.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	82.7
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.1
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.8
Other goods and services	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	230.1	236.7
Tobacco and smoking products	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	251.2	270.0
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	107.7
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.3
Personal care	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	154.0	156.6
Personal care products	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	142.8	145.3	149.3
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
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	161.2
Personal care services	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	163.9	165.4
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Miscellaneous personal services	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	230.0	234.0
Legal services ⁴	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	167.5	171.1
Funeral expenses ⁴	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	172.3	176.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Financial services ⁴	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	194.7	197.7
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.4
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
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	159.7
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	141.7	142.3
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	131.3
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	134.0
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	138.4
Durables	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	128.0	127.6
Services	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	181.0	183.4
Rent of shelter ³	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	185.3	188.6
Transportation services	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	186.0	187.8
Other services	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	213.1	216.1
All items less food	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	161.8	163.3
All items less shelter	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	156.4	157.3
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	158.4
Commodities less food	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	132.6	132.7
Nondurables less food	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	135.3	135.9
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	140.1
Nondurables	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.5	147.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										May 1998
	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	132.0
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	191.1
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	177.6
Energy	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	108.4	103.8
All items less energy	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	168.3	170.5
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	173.1
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	143.6
Energy commodities	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	101.6	94.6
Services less energy services	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	186.9	189.8
Domestically produced farm food	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	161.1	162.7
Utilities and public transportation	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	145.0	145.7

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										
	December										May 1998
	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	0.9
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6	1.0
Food	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	1.0
Food at home	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	2.0	4.9	1.0	.9
Cereals and bakery products	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	1.2
Cereals and cereal products	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	-1.2	1.8	1.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes	6.9	7.2	2.3	-4	5.4	-2	1.8	6.3	7.5	-4	7.4
Breakfast cereal	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.6	.2
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	.8	4.0	.2
Rice ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8
Bakery products	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	1.2
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
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	2.0
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	6.3	8.0	5.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.4	4.2	.7	-1
Cookies ²	5.9	8.0	5.6	5.0	1.4	4.1	3.8	2.4	3.6	1.0	-6
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	-3
Other bakery products	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.0	.4	2.9
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	-4.0
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	5.1
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	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-5	4.1	5.6	-1.1	-1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-6	3.0	5.2	-6	-8
Meats	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	5.2	-7	-1.7
Beef and veal	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-1	2.4	-7	-4
Uncooked ground beef	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	1.6	-1.0	-5
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9
Pork	-3.1	6.9	16.7	-6.1	-9	4.5	-2.3	7.3	11.3	-1.5	-3.5
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.9
Bacon and related products ²	-10.4	8.4	17.0	-11.6	-3.5	11.7	-2.0	13.4	24.0	-7	-7.9
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Ham	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	9.2	-2.0	-3.9
Ham, excluding canned ²	-1.9	6.0	19.3	-7.1	-1.7	2.3	-1.7	6.9	10.8	-2.1	-3.9
Pork chops	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	-3.7	-2.0
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7
Other meats	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	.5	-1.0
Frankfurters ²	1.4	5.4	11.4	1.4	-6	3.2	-2.8	3.7	3.2	.8	-1.4
Lunchmeats ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Lamb and organ meats ²	3.6	2.7	7.0	1.6	3.0	4.5	3.6	4.6	5.9	.1	-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	.3
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Fresh whole chicken ²	21.6	-5	.2	-5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.4	-1
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	1.0
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Canned fish and seafood ²	13.5	-4.3	-5	-5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	2.3	2.4
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	1.7
Eggs	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-7.2	-14.9
Dairy and related products	4.4	10.3	3.1	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-5	.2
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Fresh whole milk ²	5.1	11.7	2.4	-4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-1.7	-1
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Cheese and related products	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-1.2	.7
Ice cream and related products	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.9	-6
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Fruits and vegetables	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	2.2	6.6

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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										May 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	7.9
Fresh fruits	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-4.7	4.0
Apples	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	-1	4.9
Bananas	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-3.8	8.8
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.0
Oranges, including tangerines ²	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-5.2	24.4
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.3
Fresh vegetables	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	13.2	11.9
Potatoes	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	7.3
Lettuce	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	18.4	42.0
Tomatoes	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	31.0	-6.4
Other fresh vegetables	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	8.4	13.0
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Canned fruits ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Canned vegetables ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2
Frozen vegetables ²	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.9	3.4
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	2.9	3.0	1.9	-5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	4.9	-2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Carbonated drinks	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-3	2.9	-4	-1.6	.7
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-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	-1.8
Roasted coffee ²	9.0	-7	1.2	-6.6	-6.1	6.6	63.9	-10.9	-8.7	22.2	-2.6
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	-3
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Other food at home	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.9	1.1
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	1.5
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Fats and oils	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	-3	.6
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Butter ²	.1	-1.7	-7.9	-5	-6.8	-6.8	-5	14.5	21.9	12.6	-5
Margarine ²	16.7	2.1	5.8	-1.6	-2.2	1.1	7.0	1.6	2.8	-9	4.4
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Other foods	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.5	1.2
Soups	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.3	2.4
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-1	.2	.6	4.6	-9	.0
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	2.3
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	1.0
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Alcoholic beverages	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	2.2	.7

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										May 1998
	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	0.8
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-.1	.6	2.9	-.5	.6
Distilled spirits at home	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.3	.5
Whiskey at home ²	.7	5.6	5.2	8.1	.9	1.7	.8	2.0	1.9	2.4	.1
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ²	2.7	3.9	4.4	10.1	1.2	.4	-.1	.4	1.9	2.8	.3
Wine at home	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	2.4	1.4
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	.5
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Wine away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Housing	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	1.3
Shelter	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4	1.7
Rent of primary residence	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	1.2
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.7
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	.2
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	9.6
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	1.1
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.4
Fuels and utilities	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.5	-1.6
Fuels	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-.5	.7	5.6	-1.1	-2.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-11.9	-5.6
Fuel oil	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7	-7.3
Other household fuels ⁴	-.3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-12.3	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-.6	.8	3.8	.2	-2.0
Electricity	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	-1.3	-.9
Utility natural gas service	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	3.3	-4.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Water and sewerage maintenance	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	4.0	1.4
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	1.1
Household furnishings and operations	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.1	1.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Furniture and bedding	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-.7	1.2
Bedroom furniture	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	.8	-.1
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.8
Laundry equipment ²	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-.7	3.1	.2	-1.0
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	3.0	6.5	-.2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-.3	3.7	-4.2	3.4	.9
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-8.0	5.2
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.1
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Housekeeping supplies	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.4	1.6
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Apparel	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-.2	1.0	2.8

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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										May 1998
	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	1.8
Men's apparel	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	2.5	3.0
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	2.9
Men's furnishings	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-5	-2	-2.2	3.8	7.6	4.3
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Men's pants and shorts	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	-.2	4.3
Boys' apparel	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	3.3	-2.7
Women's and girls' apparel	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	.2	4.9
Women's apparel	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	.6	5.3
Women's outerwear	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	.5	-8.5
Women's dresses	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	-5.0	22.8
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1
Girls' apparel	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-2.9	-1.1	2.8
Footwear	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	1.8	.1
Men's footwear	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	.2	.8
Boys' and girls' footwear	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	2.4	-3.1
Women's footwear	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	2.6	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	-.9	.9
Jewelry and watches ⁴	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	-1.0	3.2
Watches ⁴	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	-.3	2.0
Jewelry ⁴	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2	3.5
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	-.1
New vehicles	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	-.9	-.6
New cars and trucks ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.5
New cars ²	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	1.6	-1.0	-.6
New trucks ^{2 5}	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	-.1	-.4
New motorcycles ^{2 4}	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	.8	.0
Used cars and trucks	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-4.9	1.4
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Motor fuel	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-6.2	-7.1
Gasoline (all types)	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1	-7.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-6.6	-7.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7}	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-6.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-5.6	-6.7
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.9	-.8
Tires	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	-2.8	-.9
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.9
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ²	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	1.1	-1.1
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ²	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-.2	-.5
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	.7
Motor vehicle body work	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.5	2.3
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	1.4
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Motor vehicle insurance	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.4	-.1
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Public transportation	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-2.9	3.3
Airline fare	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8	5.2
Other intercity transportation	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	.7	2.6
Ship fare ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9
Intracity transportation	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	1.1	-.8
Medical care	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	1.8

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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										May 1998
	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	2.2
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	2.7
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	1.2
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	1.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	-.1	2.9	.8
Medical care services	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9	1.7
Professional services	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.1	1.9
Physicians' services	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	2.7	1.8
Dental services	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	4.0	2.2
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	2.0
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	1.8
Hospital and related services	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.2	1.1
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.0
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	.7
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	1.5
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.8
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	1.0
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	-.5
Cable television ⁵	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	6.9	4.3
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.3
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.2
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.5
Audio equipment	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-.6	-2.0	-2.7
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Pets and pet products	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	5.3	-.4	1.4
Pet food ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Pet services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Veterinarian services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Sporting goods	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-.6	-.1	-.4	-.9
Sports vehicles including bicycles	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-.1	3.9	.1	.1	-.5	-.1
Sports equipment	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-.3	-.3	-1.5
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Photographic equipment and supplies	5.8	3.4	1.4	.9	2.2	1.7	-3.2	1.9	-.4	.8	.1
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Photographic equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.9
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Photographer fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Film processing ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.5
Toys	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-.9	1.0	2.8	-1.6	-3.5
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.9
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Admissions	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.4	3.2
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
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	.3
Recreational reading materials	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	2.6	1.1	2.1
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	.1

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										May 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.2	0.9
Educational books and supplies	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	5.1	2.5
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	.7
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	.1
Child care and nursery school ⁶	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.6	1.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	1.7	1.3	-3	-6
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Postage	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	.6	1.4	-3	-7
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Telephone services, local charges	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	1.0	1.2
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	1.5
Intrastate toll calls ²	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	2.8	1.6
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.8
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	-12.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-17.3
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.9
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.2
Other goods and services	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	2.9
Tobacco and smoking products	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	7.2	7.5
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.7
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Personal care	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.3	1.7
Personal care products	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	-9	1.8	2.8
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
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	4.7
Personal care services	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	.9
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Miscellaneous personal services	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.0	5.4	1.7
Legal services ⁴	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	5.1	2.1
Funeral expenses ⁴	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.1	2.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Financial services ⁴	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.4	6.0	1.5
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
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	1.0
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.2	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	-7	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-7	1.3	.5	3.8	-1	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	5.9	-7	-8
Durables	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1.5	-3
Services	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.8	1.3
Rent of shelter ³	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.3	1.8
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	1.4
All items less food	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.8	.9
All items less shelter	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	1.1	.6
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	.9
Commodities less food	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	-5	.1
Nondurables less food	3.7	4.7	11.6	-2	2.4	-5	1.3	.7	3.8	.0	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	5.6	-4	-6
Nondurables	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.8	.7
Apparel less footwear	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-2	-9	.8	3.4
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	.8
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	1.3
Energy	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-4.2

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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										
	December										May 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	1.3
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	1.4
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	1.1
Energy commodities	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-6.9
Services less energy services	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.0	1.6
Domestically produced farm food	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	.6	1.0
Utilities and public transportation	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.0	.4	.5

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

See footnotes at end of table.

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	158.7	159.1	159.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										
	December										May 1998
	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	159.5
All items (1967=100)	355.0	371.1	393.8	404.7	416.3	426.8	438.6	449.5	464.3	471.3	475.2
Food and beverages	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5	159.9
Food	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	158.1	159.6
Food at home	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	158.2	159.6
Cereals and bakery products	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	178.1	180.3
Cereals and cereal products	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	168.8	170.8
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	161.4
Breakfast cereal	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	188.6	189.1
Rice, pasta, commmeal	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	150.1	150.1
Bakery products	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	182.2	184.6
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	177.8	179.1	179.1
Other bakery products	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.0	184.6
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	145.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	147.8	146.6
Meats	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	143.3	141.0
Beef and veal	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.6	136.0
Uncooked ground beef	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.3	115.7
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Pork	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.1	147.9
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.1
Ham	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	153.9	148.8
Pork chops	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	150.9	147.7
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.2
Other meats	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	146.6	145.2
Poultry	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.0	155.8
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
Fish and seafood	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.0	181.4
Fresh fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Eggs	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	150.1	127.9
Dairy and related products	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	147.5	147.8
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Cheese and related products	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.7	149.0
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	99.8
Fruits and vegetables	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	190.0	202.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	220.7	238.5
Fresh fruits	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	236.0	245.9
Apples	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	194.9	204.0
Bananas	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	151.3	164.6
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	116.8
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.9
Fresh vegetables	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	205.8	230.6
Potatoes	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	175.0	188.2
Lettuce	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	215.4	304.2
Tomatoes	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	249.5	235.4
Other fresh vegetables	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	203.6	231.0
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹ ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8

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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										May 1998
	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	131.6
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Carbonated drinks	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	116.3	117.1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.6
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Coffee	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	169.3	166.2
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Other food at home	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	147.1	148.7
Sugar and sweets	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.7	149.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	133.7	135.8
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.4
Fats and oils	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	140.0	141.1
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.8
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Other foods	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	162.7	164.6
Soups	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	189.6	194.0
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	155.4
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	163.9	168.4	172.3
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Food away from home	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	159.0	160.6
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Alcoholic beverages	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	163.1	164.1
Alcoholic beverages at home	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.4	149.6
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	148.3
Distilled spirits at home	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	151.2	152.0
Wine at home	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.0	144.8
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	192.3
Housing	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	154.4	156.1
Shelter	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	173.1	175.7
Rent of primary residence	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	168.8	170.8
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	231.6
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	170.2
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Fuels and utilities	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.7	127.9
Fuels	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	115.2	112.9
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	92.0
Fuel oil	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	94.2	87.3
Other household fuels ³	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	128.5	127.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	122.4	120.2
Electricity	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	126.4	125.5
Utility natural gas service	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	118.3	112.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Water and sewerage maintenance	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	210.6	213.6
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	256.0
Household furnishings and operations	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.6	125.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Furniture and bedding	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.6	132.1
Bedroom furniture	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	141.5	141.7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										May 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
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	119.9
Indoor plants and flowers ⁵	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	107.3	113.4
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Housekeeping supplies	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	144.3	146.6
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Apparel	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	130.3	133.7
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	133.1
Men's apparel	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.9	138.1
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	138.8
Men's furnishings	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	136.1	143.4
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
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	134.3
Boys' apparel	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	120.5	117.5
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	127.4
Women's apparel	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	120.8	126.9
Women's outerwear	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	129.2	118.7
Women's dresses	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	100.5	119.0
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.2
Girls' apparel	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	125.0	129.7
Footwear	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	129.2	129.0
Men's footwear	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	131.4	132.9
Boys' and girls' footwear	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	135.0	129.8
Women's footwear	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	123.1	124.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	126.5	127.4
Jewelry and watches ³	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	137.7	142.4
Watches ³	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	121.1	125.0
Jewelry ³	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	142.4	147.3
Transportation	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	142.4	141.1
Private transportation	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	140.1	138.6
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	93.7	98.5	101.3	102.1	100.0	100.1
New vehicles	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	145.3	144.5
Used cars and trucks	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	149.5	151.3
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Motor fuel	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	101.7	95.0
Gasoline (all types)	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	101.2	94.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	98.9	92.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	99.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	102.8	96.3
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.7
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	99.9
Tires	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	98.2	97.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
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	167.0
Motor vehicle body work	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	176.5	180.1
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	154.8
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										May 1998
	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	102.5
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3
Public transportation	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	182.5	187.4
Airline fare	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	193.9	203.9
Other intercity transportation	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	160.3	164.1
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	240.6
Medical care commodities	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	214.1	218.3
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	257.8
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	145.9
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	173.3
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	175.3
Medical care services	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6	245.6
Professional services	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	218.9	223.2
Physicians' services	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	225.3	229.5
Dental services	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	229.6	234.6
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	145.6
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	159.8
Hospital and related services	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	278.7	281.7
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0	104.1
Inpatient hospital services ^{6 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3	103.1
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	232.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0	106.3
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	93.2	95.6	98.5	100.0	100.9
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.5	93.9	94.3	97.5	100.0	101.1
Televisions	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	59.3	58.9
Cable television ⁴	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	234.6	244.5
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.7
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹ ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.4
Audio equipment	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	88.4	85.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Pets and pet products	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	141.9	143.8
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Sporting goods	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.5	123.5
Sports vehicles including bicycles	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.7	127.4
Sports equipment	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	117.3	115.8
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Photographic equipment and supplies	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	134.6	134.4
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.6
Toys	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	125.2	121.3
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Admissions	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	199.8	206.4
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	176.4
Recreational reading materials	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	181.3	184.9
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	87.8	90.4	94.0	97.1	100.0	100.3
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	81.1	85.6	90.4	94.8	100.0	100.9
Educational books and supplies	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	245.2	251.3
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	284.9
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	299.8
Child care and nursery school ⁵	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	138.7	140.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2

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										
	December										May 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.8	96.9	98.7	100.1	100.0	99.7
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
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	103.9
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	97.6	97.9	98.5	100.1	100.0	99.7
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Telephone services, local charges	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	163.0	165.0
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.3
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	42.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	81.9
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.0
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.6
Other goods and services	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	226.9	234.8
Tobacco and smoking products	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	250.9	270.1
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	107.9
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.2
Personal care	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	153.9	156.7
Personal care products	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	143.5	146.1	150.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
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	164.6
Personal care services	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	164.1	165.7
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Miscellaneous personal services	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	228.9	233.0
Legal services ³	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	166.5	170.2
Funeral expenses ³	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	174.7	178.4
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Financial services ³	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	193.9	197.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	141.6	142.1
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	131.4
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	133.6
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	138.2
Durables	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	127.5	127.3
Services	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	178.2	180.3
Rent of shelter ²	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	166.6	169.2
Transportation services	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	183.9	185.4
Other services	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	209.9	213.0
All items less food	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	158.1	159.4
All items less shelter	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	154.2	155.1
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	155.7
Commodities less food	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	132.5	132.7
Nondurables less food	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	135.0	135.5
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	139.7
Nondurables	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.2	147.1
Apparel less footwear	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	126.1	130.3
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	170.2
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	174.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										May 1998
	December										
	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	103.2
All items less energy	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	165.2	167.3
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	169.3
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	143.1
Energy commodities	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	101.6	95.0
Services less energy services	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	184.3	186.9
Domestically produced farm food	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	160.2	161.6
Utilities and public transportation	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3	143.9

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										
	December										May 1998
	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	0.8
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	1.5	.9
Food	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	1.5	.9
Food at home	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	4.9	.8	.9
Cereals and bakery products	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	1.2
Cereals and cereal products	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.3	1.9	1.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	7.6	-4	7.6
Breakfast cereal	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.7	.3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	4.1	.0
Bakery products	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	1.3
Bread	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	4.2	.7	.0
Other bakery products	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	.3	3.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	5.7	-1.2	-1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	5.3	-7	-8
Meats	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-8	-1.6
Beef and veal	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-2	2.5	-9	-4
Uncooked ground beef	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	1.6	-1.1	-5
Uncooked beef roasts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
Uncooked beef steaks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Uncooked other beef and veal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Pork	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-1.5	-3.4
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.9
Ham	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.5	-1.9	-3.3
Pork chops	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	-3.8	-2.1
Other pork including roasts and picnics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.8
Other meats	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	.4	-1.0
Poultry	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	7.9	-1.6	.5
Chicken	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Other poultry including turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
Fish and seafood	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	.8	1.9
Fresh fish and seafood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Processed fish and seafood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Eggs	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-7.5	-14.8
Dairy and related products	4.5	10.4	3.0	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-7	.2
Milk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Cheese and related products	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.4	.9
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Fruits and vegetables	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	2.2	6.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	3.0	8.1
Fresh fruits	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.9	4.2
Apples	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	-2	4.7
Bananas	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-3.8	8.8
Citrus fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.8
Other fresh fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.1
Fresh vegetables	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	13.6	12.1
Potatoes	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	7.5
Lettuce	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	17.6	41.2
Tomatoes	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	31.0	-5.7
Other fresh vegetables	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	8.6	13.5
Processed fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Canned fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Frozen fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	4.1	-1

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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										May 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.2
Carbonated drinks	1.5	4.9	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	-0.3	2.9	-0.5	-1.9	.7
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.4
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	-1.8
Other beverage materials including tea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Other food at home	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.7	1.1
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	1.6
Candy and chewing gum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Other sweets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Fats and oils	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	-3	.8
Butter and margarine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Salad dressing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2
Other fats and oils including peanut butter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Other foods	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	2.5	1.2
Soups	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	2.2	2.3
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	.2
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.7	2.3
Baby food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Other miscellaneous foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Food away from home	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.6	1.0
Full service meals and snacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Limited service meals and snacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Food at employee sites and schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Other food away from home	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Alcoholic beverages	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	2.0	.6
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	.5	.8
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	-6	.7
Distilled spirits at home	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.2	.5
Wine at home	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	2.2	1.3
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	.1
Housing	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.3	1.1
Shelter	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.2	1.5
Rent of primary residence	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	1.2
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	.2
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	1.1
Tenants' and household insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Fuels and utilities	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5	-1.4
Fuels	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-6	.6	5.7	-1.1	-2.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-12.3	-5.2
Fuel oil	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-11.9	-7.3
Other household fuels	-2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-13.1	-9
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-8	.6	4.1	.1	-1.8
Electricity	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	-1.3	-7
Utility natural gas service	3.7	2.6	1.7	-1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	3.0	-4.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.9	1.4
Garbage and trash collection	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	2.0	1.3
Household furnishings and operations	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.1	1.3
Window and floor coverings and other linens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Floor coverings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Window coverings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Other linens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Furniture and bedding	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-1.0	1.1
Bedroom furniture	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	1.4	.1
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Other furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9
Appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.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										
	December										May 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Major appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.9
Other appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Other household equipment and furnishings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
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	1.3
Indoor plants and flowers	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-8.3	5.7
Dishes and flatware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Tools, hardware and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Housekeeping supplies	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.6	1.6
Household cleaning products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Household paper products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
Miscellaneous household products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Household operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Domestic services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Gardening and lawn care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Moving, storage, freight expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Repair of household items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Apparel	4.4	.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	.7	-1.5	.2	-2	.8	2.6
Men's and boys' apparel	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	2.5	1.8
Men's apparel	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	2.3	3.1
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	2.1
Men's furnishings	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-.1	.6	-2.7	4.3	8.3	5.4
Men's shirts and sweaters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Men's pants and shorts	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-.8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	-.1	4.2
Boys' apparel	4.9	-.8	1.6	2.6	-.9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	3.3	-2.5
Women's and girls' apparel	3.2	-.6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-.6	-1.3	-.2	4.9
Women's apparel	2.8	-.6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	.0	5.0
Women's outerwear	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	2.5	-8.1
Women's dresses	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	-5.1	18.4
Women's suits and separates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2
Girls' apparel	5.3	-.4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-1.9	-1.0	3.8
Footwear	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	1.7	-.2
Men's footwear	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-.7	.0	1.1
Boys' and girls' footwear	3.7	3.4	4.1	-.4	-.2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	2.9	-3.9
Women's footwear	5.6	-.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	2.4	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	3.4	-.8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	-1.2	.7
Jewelry and watches	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-.5	-4.0	-.5	3.4
Watches	4.1	-.3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	.2	3.2
Jewelry	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	-.7	3.4
Transportation	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-1.7	-.9
Private transportation	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	-1.6	-1.1
New and used motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	2.8	.8	-2.1	.1
New vehicles	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	1.9	-.8	-.6
Used cars and trucks	3.4	-.5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-4.7	1.2
Car and truck rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Motor fuel	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-6.6	-6.6
Gasoline (all types)	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-6.6	-6.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ¹	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-7.1	-6.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-6.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium ¹	-.7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-5.9	-6.3
Other motor fuels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-.8	-1.5	.3	.6	-.2	-.6	-.9
Tires	3.8	2.1	-.2	2.2	-.4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-3.0	-.9
Vehicle accessories other than tires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.8
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	.8
Motor vehicle body work	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.7	2.0
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	1.4
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										
	December										May 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Motor vehicle fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
State and local registration and license	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Parking and other fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3
Public transportation	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-2.4	2.7
Airline fare	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-5.2	5.2
Other intercity transportation	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	2.4
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	1.7
Medical care commodities	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.0
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	2.7
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	.8
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	1.0
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.2	2.0	.2
Medical care services	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	2.9	1.7
Professional services	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.0
Physicians' services	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	2.8	1.9
Dental services	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	3.9	2.2
Eyeglasses and eye care	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	1.7	2.0
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	1.9
Hospital and related services	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	3.1	1.1
Hospital services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.1
Inpatient hospital services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	.8
Outpatient hospital services ¹	9.2	12.0	11.3	9.9	9.7	7.6	5.8	4.6	4.8	4.1	1.6
Nursing homes and adult daycare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	2.2
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.5	.9
Video and audio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7	.4	3.4	2.6	1.1
Televisions	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-3.9	-7
Cable television	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	6.9	4.2
Other video equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.3
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.6
Audio equipment	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-7	-2.0	-3.2
Audio discs, tapes and other media	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Pets, pet products and services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Pets and pet products	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-8	.6	1.1	3.6	5.2	-4	1.3
Pet services including veterinary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Sporting goods	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	-1	-8
Sports vehicles including bicycles	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	.2	-2
Sports equipment	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	-6	-1.3
Photography	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Photographic equipment and supplies	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	.1	.5	-1
Photographers and film processing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Other recreational goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.4
Toys	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-8	1.1	3.2	-1.7	-3.1
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Music instruments and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Recreation services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Admissions	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1	3.4	3.3
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	.3
Recreational reading materials	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	1.1	2.0
Newspapers and magazines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Recreational books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	.3
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.5	.9
Educational books and supplies	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	5.3	2.5
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	.8
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	.1
Child care and nursery school	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.6	5.0	1.3
Technical and business school tuition and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	1.9	1.4	-1	-3

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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										May 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Postage and delivery services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Postage	13.6	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.0	0.0	.0
Delivery services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Information and information processing	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.6	1.6	-.1	-.3
Telephone services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Telephone services, local charges	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-.4	2.3	.9	1.1	1.2
Telephone services, long distance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Cellular telephone services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.7
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	-12.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-18.1
Computer software and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.0
Computer information processing services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Other information processing equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.4
Other goods and services	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	5.4	3.5
Tobacco and smoking products	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	7.3	7.7
Cigarettes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9
Tobacco products other than cigarettes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
Personal care	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.3	1.8
Personal care products	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	-.8	1.8	3.0
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
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	5.0
Personal care services	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	2.9	1.0
Haircuts and other personal care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Miscellaneous personal services	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	5.1	1.8
Legal services	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	2.2
Funeral expenses	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.3	2.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Financial services	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	5.8	1.6
Miscellaneous personal goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	.1	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	3.0	3.2	7.9	-.1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.6	-.8	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	-.4	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	2.9	7.3	17.3	-3.7	2.9	-2.1	3.2	.6	6.3	-.8	-.8
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	1.2
Rent of shelter	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.2	1.6
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	1.5
All items less food	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	1.5	.8
All items less shelter	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.9	.6
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	.8
Commodities less food	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	-.7	.2
Nondurables less food	3.5	5.0	12.3	-.6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	-.1	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	.8	5.9	-.4	-.7
Nondurables	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	.7	.6
Apparel less footwear	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-.8	.5	3.3
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	.8
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	1.2
Energy	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	-3.8	-4.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										May 1998
	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	1.3
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	1.3
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	1.1
Energy commodities	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-7.1	-6.5
Services less energy services	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	1.4
Domestically produced farm food	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	.6	.9
Utilities and public transportation	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-6	1.7	4.8	.6	.4

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)	
	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998
U.S. city average	\$30.403	\$30.773	\$65.874	\$66.243	\$45.739	\$45.846	\$0.915	\$0.903
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	40.737	39.163	86.186	82.413	61.841	61.137	.920	.905
Size A - More than 1,500,000	41.013	39.434	87.629	83.977	65.566	64.899	.960	.948
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	39.933	38.374	81.953	77.822	55.826	54.850	.845	.826
Midwest urban ²	27.326	27.419	56.170	56.342	44.276	44.993	.818	.811
Size A - More than 1,500,000	27.833	28.435	56.202	57.792	47.254	48.346	.878	.876
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	26.372	26.057	55.387	54.503	43.105	43.610	.795	.785
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	27.526	26.340	58.188	54.851	38.693	38.930	NA	NA
South urban	30.542	31.747	64.260	66.829	41.790	41.848	.993	.983
Size A - More than 1,500,000	30.474	32.815	61.357	66.284	43.741	43.736	1.074	1.059
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	30.513	31.066	65.918	67.155	41.086	41.179	.914	.911
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	31.178	30.410	69.957	67.775	41.305	41.314	NA	NA
West urban	26.358	28.091	64.877	67.655	42.953	43.325	.877	.902
Size A - More than 1,500,000	27.121	29.008	69.208	72.233	48.507	48.747	.990	.992
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	25.355	27.150	58.840	61.811	39.438	40.187	.770	.789
Size classes								
A	31.259	31.916	68.266	69.276	51.089	51.223	.964	.952
B/C	29.604	29.729	63.401	63.301	43.084	43.166	.844	.830
D	27.063	26.213	58.698	56.241	37.047	37.109	.956	.976
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	28.957	30.080	56.592	59.822	58.717	59.689	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	29.779	29.042	77.010	74.265	57.915	57.915	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	41.344	41.632	87.532	88.026	71.311	70.049	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	43.903	34.668	96.034	74.502	57.527	57.527	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	NA	27.140	NA	59.361	60.497	60.497	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	21.409	24.681	47.194	53.471	44.205	44.125	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	37.696	37.290	74.944	73.897	43.202	43.218	-	-
Atlanta, GA	33.185	39.487	63.280	78.160	NA	NA	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	26.330	26.346	52.668	52.740	42.999	46.446	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	27.247	27.247	53.157	53.157	39.358	39.358	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	47.916	46.950	106.865	105.183	43.910	43.910	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	38.232	38.214	84.680	84.674	62.862	62.793	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	21.940	28.002	63.957	76.132	54.980	55.249	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	25.697	25.697	56.934	56.934	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.

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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 May1998		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for May1998	
	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Low	High	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Low	High
U.S. city average	\$0.684	\$0.688	1	2,260	\$0.085	\$0.086	5	9,920
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	.880	.844	5	1,176	.118	.117	8	5,069
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.894	.856	5	862	.124	.124	110	3,750
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000	.839	.809	6	1,176	.108	.106	8	5,069
Midwest urban ²	.564	.567	1	1,124	.084	.085	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.534	.550	6	1,124	.090	.092	5	3,785
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.575	.567	5	498	.081	.082	35	4,517
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.696	.666	1	739	.076	.077	72	3,113
South urban	.755	.781	1	2,260	.074	.076	76	9,920
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.703	.754	7	394	.076	.078	242	6,301
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.787	.797	1	2,260	.074	.075	94	9,920
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	.847	.831	6	146	.073	.073	76	8,120
West urban	.644	.671	8	1,557	.083	.085	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,500,000	.686	.712	12	1,557	.094	.096	103	5,033
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	.586	.625	8	606	.076	.079	101	3,321
Size classes								
A	.687	.696	5	1,557	.095	.096	5	6,301
B/C	.680	.681	1	2,260	.080	.080	8	9,920
D	.678	.658	1	739	.069	.069	72	8,120
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	.486	.516	24	1,124	.117	.118	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	.753	.726	17	447	.116	.116	164	2,454
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	.913	.917	5	549	.138	.136	125	3,750
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1.011	.776	16	232	.109	.110	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron, OH	NA	.587	41	561	.107	.107	298	2,259
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	.494	.554	20	394	.070	.070	242	6,250
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	.923	.910	20	125	.072	.072	415	4,252
Atlanta, GA	.716	.867	31	132	.072	.073	450	3,034
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	.533	.534	10	1,016	.088	.095	27	2,033
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	.643	.643	18	209	.071	.087	312	6,301
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.834	1.807	7	13	.086	.086	380	2,607
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	.857	.857	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	.622	.744	15	293	.115	.115	200	1,746
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	.567	.567	45	186	.051	.051	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	
	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998
U.S. city average	\$1.106	\$1.146	\$1.052	\$1.092	\$1.147	\$1.189	\$1.237	\$1.275	\$1.184	\$1.190
Region and area size ²										
Northeast urban	1.119	1.133	1.058	1.071	1.166	1.184	1.244	1.260	1.187	1.187
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.122	1.130	1.059	1.066	1.167	1.177	1.243	1.253	1.194	1.191
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.113	1.139	1.056	1.079	1.164	1.196	1.246	1.275	1.179	1.181
Midwest urban ³	1.097	1.147	1.057	1.105	1.140	1.193	1.213	1.261	1.131	1.131
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.118	1.165	1.070	1.118	1.169	1.220	1.231	1.273	1.122	1.120
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.079	1.135	1.043	1.096	1.122	1.183	1.200	1.267	1.152	1.155
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.052	1.088	NA	NA	1.054	1.093	NA	NA	NA	NA
South urban	1.055	1.066	.993	1.005	1.100	1.111	1.192	1.200	1.138	1.133
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.068	1.076	.998	1.007	1.118	1.124	1.199	1.205	1.235	1.228
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.048	1.060	.991	1.004	1.090	1.104	1.184	1.192	1.079	1.078
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.044	1.064	.983	1.004	1.090	1.106	1.210	1.227	NA	NA
West urban	1.178	1.268	1.123	1.212	1.211	1.307	1.315	1.407	1.327	1.365
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.184	1.280	1.126	1.219	1.217	1.320	1.320	1.418	1.375	1.403
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.180	1.256	1.134	1.208	1.211	1.291	1.318	1.389	1.293	1.350
Size classes										
A	1.128	1.173	1.070	1.115	1.170	1.217	1.254	1.297	1.216	1.219
B/C	1.085	1.119	1.035	1.069	1.126	1.163	1.218	1.248	1.152	1.163
D	1.063	1.104	1.021	1.065	1.093	1.132	1.195	1.230	1.120	1.123
Selected local areas										
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	1.173	1.242	1.105	1.172	1.242	1.312	1.312	1.382	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	1.165	1.292	1.113	1.236	1.175	1.309	1.287	1.414	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	1.161	1.162	1.093	1.092	1.206	1.210	1.279	1.283	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1.105	1.108	1.052	1.054	1.162	1.163	1.227	1.234	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1.083	1.145	1.029	1.094	1.129	1.188	1.222	1.278	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1.049	1.052	.984	.988	1.098	1.101	1.181	1.184	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	1.116	1.128	1.051	1.063	1.159	1.171	1.226	1.236	-	-
Atlanta, GA	.936	.938	.868	.872	.981	.984	1.089	1.082	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	1.113	1.158	1.062	1.107	1.173	1.214	1.257	1.309	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	1.071	1.078	1.007	1.016	1.132	1.134	1.181	1.187	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.125	1.138	1.050	1.062	1.179	1.190	1.243	1.258	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	1.062	1.083	.996	1.017	1.102	1.124	1.173	1.193	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	1.282	1.363	1.219	1.298	1.336	1.423	1.438	1.520	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	1.121	1.164	1.066	1.107	1.172	1.218	1.267	1.309	-	-

¹ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.³ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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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	
	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.298	\$0.308	\$0.304	\$0.307	\$0.290	\$0.297	\$0.300	\$0.323	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.544	.541	NA	NA	NA	NA	.543	.541	\$0.557	\$0.558
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.873	.870	.791	.775	.885	.883	.801	.771	1.062	1.107
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.863	.866	.960	.999	.866	.852	.762	.758	.940	.943
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	1.567	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.432	1.418	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.283	1.310	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.157	1.163	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.505	2.512	NA	NA	2.324	2.354	2.357	2.356	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.729	1.785	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.761	1.809	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.841	1.796	1.835	1.780	1.773	1.715	1.849	1.815	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.419	1.411	NA	NA	1.340	1.334	1.482	1.465	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.046	2.042	2.185	2.200	1.785	1.752	2.070	2.050	2.099	2.120
All uncooked ground beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.830	1.829	1.996	2.011	1.681	1.676	1.802	1.791	1.889	1.894
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)	2.066	2.080	NA	NA	2.099	2.097	1.871	2.021	2.265	2.163
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.332	2.363	2.462	2.354	2.218	2.423	2.318	2.364	NA	NA
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.751	2.756	2.477	2.562	2.849	2.841	2.923	2.976	2.841	2.628
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.648	2.552	NA	NA	2.788	2.438	2.476	2.415	2.720	2.713
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)	2.644	2.658	2.636	2.592	2.663	2.713	2.563	2.611	2.754	2.732
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	6.075	6.243	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.951	5.866	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.204	3.041	3.269	3.167	3.131	2.829	3.140	3.087	3.356	3.026
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.893	2.859	NA	NA	2.884	2.775	2.736	2.683	3.035	3.041
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)	3.715	3.735	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.577	3.590	3.753	3.757
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.206	4.175	4.223	4.143	4.129	4.124	4.105	4.184	4.585	4.328
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)	2.581	2.584	NA	NA	2.730	2.736	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Steaks, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.665	3.656	3.665	3.647	3.752	3.689	3.513	3.523	3.809	3.821
All Uncooked Other Beef (Excluding Veal), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.200	2.186	2.413	2.426	2.181	2.176	2.060	1.988	2.302	2.354
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.444	2.438	2.749	2.679	2.425	2.496	2.201	2.169	2.658	2.697
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.243	3.260	3.009	2.989	3.053	3.264	3.228	3.193	3.757	3.739
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.718	3.772	3.660	3.750	3.667	3.731	4.146	3.975	3.339	3.603
All Pork Chops, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.098	3.099	2.921	2.909	3.098	3.177	3.034	2.987	3.412	3.447
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.069	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.690	2.844	NA	NA	2.473	2.488	2.806	3.200	2.612	2.655
All Ham (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.973	2.065	1.922	2.023	2.025	2.124	1.956	2.036	1.997	2.093
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	1.214	1.145	NA	NA
All Other Pork (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.702	1.744	1.692	1.701	1.810	1.795	1.552	1.566	1.868	2.044
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.280	2.322	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.199	2.258	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)	2.379	2.362	NA	NA	2.491	2.447	2.212	2.211	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)	1.029	1.032	1.055	1.014	.996	1.054	.953	.932	1.144	1.171
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.017	2.007	1.895	1.877	NA	NA	1.787	1.803	2.446	2.453
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.256	1.260	1.274	1.287	1.225	1.190	1.226	1.218	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.972	.957	NA	NA	.983	.970	.923	.898	NA	NA
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.102	2.107	NA	NA	2.136	2.163	1.970	1.930	NA	NA
Eggs:										
Grade A, large, per doz.	1.061	.960	1.150	1.085	.995	.890	1.046	.930	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.399	1.354

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	
	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Apr. 1998	May 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)	\$2.668	\$2.666	\$2.661	\$2.630	\$2.442	\$2.469	\$2.706	\$2.675	\$2.756	\$2.786
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)	2.589	2.591	NA	NA	2.375	2.386	2.625	2.604	2.759	2.761
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.336	2.484	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.608	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.535	3.539	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.540	3.569	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.499	3.448	3.830	3.808	NA	NA	3.675	3.434	3.224	3.234
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	3.060	2.995	3.416	3.259	2.760	2.730	2.981	2.987	3.241	3.132
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)	.949	.974	1.028	1.048	.944	.949	.921	.963	.923	.948
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.511	.510	.560	.532	.477	.484	.474	.478	.554	.562
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.571	.672	.630	.725	.632	.728	.627	.702	.448	.575
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)	.510	.491	.469	.485	.488	.463	.447	.458	.631	.562
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.516	NA	1.668	NA	1.534	NA	1.124	1.183	1.856	NA
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.946	1.027	.918	1.040	.882	.906	1.022	1.124	.935	1.014
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.918	.962	NA	NA	.862	.943	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm)	1.613	1.386	1.383	1.262	1.616	1.477	1.552	1.329	1.801	1.439
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.369	.381	.384	.380	.301	.319	.389	.404	.406	.421
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.837	.877	.897	.947	.803	.803	.802	.869	.884	.917
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.398	1.472	1.595	1.632	1.327	1.581	1.439	1.462	1.251	1.280
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.114	1.238	NA	NA	1.123	1.220	1.230	1.371	1.038	1.207
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.454	.487	NA	NA	NA	NA	.380	.434	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.555	.559	NA	NA	NA	NA	.616	.613	NA	NA
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.616	.613	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)	.903	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)	1.745	1.772	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)	1.634	1.589	1.695	1.749	1.648	1.599	1.612	1.540	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)	.686	.691	.761	.756	.636	.642	.654	.647	.724	.748
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)	.985	1.010	1.131	1.152	NA	NA	.878	.931	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)	.431	.428	.452	.461	.435	.434	.416	.415	.435	.419
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.415	.411	.423	.435	.418	.418	.397	.396	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)	.995	1.003	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.808	1.772	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.689	1.707	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) ²	1.065	.999	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.048	.997	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.959	3.878	4.087	4.103	3.730	3.677	3.870	3.754	4.090	3.939
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)	10.447	10.416	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.305	9.261	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm)	\$3.175	\$3.161	2.960	2.824	3.428	3.427	3.087	3.149	3.235	3.196
Alcoholic beverages at home:										
Malt beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml)	.838	.888	.838	.928	.817	.824	.868	.871	.824	.938
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	8.893	9.004	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	4.764	5.322	5.382	6.019	5.129	4.842	4.517	5.341	4.546	5.144

¹ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.² Deposit may be included in price.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

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 May 1998 from-	
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	162.6	162.9	1.7	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	487.1	488.1	-	-
Food and beverages	17.465	160.1	160.6	2.2	.3
Food	15.886	159.6	160.2	2.3	.4
Food at home	9.964	160.0	160.7	2.0	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.476	180.1	180.6	2.1	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.921	146.4	146.1	-1.1	-.2
Dairy products	1.218	148.6	148.4	2.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.982	194.9	200.1	7.3	2.7
Other food at home	2.366	149.6	148.9	1.2	-.5
Sugar and sweets	.332	150.0	149.5	1.1	-.3
Fats and oils	.241	140.8	141.2	-.6	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	.747	134.7	133.0	-.3	-1.3
Other prepared food	1.046	165.2	165.0	2.9	-.1
Food away from home	5.923	160.1	160.6	2.8	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.578	164.9	164.9	1.3	.0
Housing	41.469	159.5	159.6	2.4	.1
Shelter	28.640	181.0	181.1	3.3	.1
Renters' costs ¹	8.169	192.7	192.3	3.8	-.2
Rent, residential	5.810	170.7	171.1	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs	2.359	237.9	234.6	5.2	-1.4
Homeowners' costs ¹	20.269	185.9	186.3	3.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ¹	19.881	186.3	186.7	3.2	.2
Household insurance ¹	.388	167.6	166.3	1.1	-.8
Maintenance and repairs	.202	146.5	146.4	2.2	-.1
Maintenance and repair services	.126	156.0	156.1	4.1	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities	.076	133.4	133.1	-.7	-.2
Fuel and other utilities	7.015	128.6	129.2	.2	.5
Fuels	3.769	112.3	112.8	-2.2	.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.368	93.1	92.1	-8.3	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.401	119.4	120.2	-1.4	.7
Other utilities and public services	3.246	165.0	165.6	2.8	.4
Household furnishings and operation	5.814	126.7	126.3	.4	-.3
Housefurnishings	3.232	111.1	110.4	-1.0	-.6
Housekeeping supplies	1.090	145.4	145.5	1.7	.1
Housekeeping services	1.492	154.9	155.3	2.6	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.291	135.4	134.9	-.3	-.4
Apparel commodities	4.748	131.6	131.1	-.5	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.292	133.2	133.4	1.1	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	2.072	129.4	128.4	-1.2	-.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.182	126.9	127.2	-4.9	.2
Footwear	.719	128.3	128.6	-.4	.2
Other apparel commodities	.484	147.8	145.6	-.3	-1.5
Apparel services	.543	165.6	166.0	1.9	.2
Transportation	16.620	141.6	142.0	-1.7	.3
Private transportation	15.054	137.5	138.2	-2.0	.5
New vehicles	4.829	144.3	143.3	-.9	-.7
New cars	3.842	141.6	140.6	-1.1	-.7
Used cars	1.195	148.0	149.8	-2.7	1.2
Motor fuel	2.925	91.6	94.9	-10.2	3.6
Gasoline	-	91.1	94.3	-10.4	3.5
Maintenance and repairs	1.546	165.7	166.0	2.3	.2
Other private transportation	4.560	179.2	179.3	1.3	.1
Other private transportation commodities	.574	103.3	103.3	-1.3	.0
Other private transportation services	3.986	197.3	197.3	1.6	.0
Public transportation	1.566	193.3	189.8	.9	-1.8
Medical care	7.426	240.6	241.2	3.0	.2
Medical care commodities	1.280	220.0	221.6	2.8	.7
Medical care services	6.145	245.4	245.8	3.1	.2
Professional medical services	3.518	221.1	221.7	3.0	.3

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 May 1998 from-	
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category					
Entertainment	4.339	164.7	164.6	1.5	-0.1
Entertainment commodities	1.924	144.3	144.1	.1	-.1
Entertainment services	2.415	188.1	188.2	2.6	.1
Other goods and services	7.390	234.4	236.3	5.9	.8
Tobacco and smoking products	1.688	263.7	270.2	10.8	2.5
Personal care	1.152	155.8	156.9	2.8	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	.589	147.6	149.5	3.7	1.3
Personal care services	.564	165.1	165.1	1.7	.0
Personal and educational expenses	4.550	268.5	269.0	4.8	.2
School books and supplies	.273	248.2	248.3	5.3	.0
Personal and educational services	4.277	270.3	270.8	4.8	.2
Commodity and service group					
All items	100.000	162.6	162.9	1.7	.2
Commodities	42.255	142.1	142.6	.4	.4
Food and beverages	17.465	160.1	160.6	2.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	24.791	131.3	131.8	-.8	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.865	133.4	134.6	-.6	.9
Apparel commodities	4.748	131.6	131.1	-.5	-.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.117	137.4	139.4	-.7	1.5
Durables	9.926	128.4	127.9	-1.2	-.4
Services	57.745	183.2	183.4	2.8	.1
Rent of shelter ¹	28.016	188.4	188.6	3.4	.1
Household services less rent of shelter ¹	8.687	145.0	145.5	1.0	.3
Transportation services	7.097	188.6	187.9	1.6	-.4
Medical care services	6.145	245.4	245.8	3.1	.2
Other services	7.799	215.4	215.7	3.7	.1
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.114	163.2	163.4	1.7	.1
All items less shelter	71.360	157.1	157.5	1.2	.3
All items less homeowners' costs ¹	79.731	163.1	163.4	1.4	.2
All items less medical care	92.574	158.2	158.5	1.7	.2
Commodities less food	26.369	132.7	133.2	-.7	.4
Nondurables less food	16.443	135.3	136.4	-.4	.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.695	139.2	141.1	-.4	1.4
Nondurables	32.329	146.9	147.7	.9	.5
Services less rent of shelter ¹	29.728	191.0	191.2	2.3	.1
Services less medical care services	51.599	177.4	177.6	2.8	.1
Energy	6.695	101.8	103.6	-5.7	1.8
All items less energy	93.305	170.5	170.7	2.3	.1
All items less food and energy	77.419	173.2	173.2	2.3	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.076	144.2	144.2	.6	.0
Energy commodities	3.293	92.0	94.8	-10.0	3.0
Services less energy services	54.343	189.7	189.8	3.1	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.615	\$.614	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.205	\$.205	-	-

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 May 1998 from-	
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	159.2	159.7	1.6	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	474.3	475.6	-	-
Food and beverages	19.434	159.3	159.8	2.0	.3
Food	17.739	159.0	159.5	2.2	.3
Food at home	11.309	158.9	159.5	1.9	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	179.7	180.2	2.0	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.441	146.0	145.8	-1.1	-.1
Dairy products	1.358	148.2	148.1	2.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	2.100	193.4	198.7	7.2	2.7
Other food at home	2.722	149.0	148.3	1.2	-.5
Sugar and sweets	.376	149.9	149.3	.9	-.4
Fats and oils	.277	140.4	140.7	-.7	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	.863	133.4	131.7	-.5	-1.3
Other prepared food	1.206	165.2	165.0	2.9	-.1
Food away from home	6.430	160.2	160.6	2.8	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.695	163.9	163.9	1.0	.0
Housing	39.037	155.9	156.1	2.3	.1
Shelter	26.305	175.6	175.8	3.2	.1
Renters' costs ¹	8.250	167.4	167.4	3.6	.0
Rent, residential	6.686	170.4	170.8	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs	1.564	237.8	234.8	5.3	-1.3
Homeowners' costs ¹	17.864	169.4	169.8	3.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent ¹	17.538	169.8	170.2	3.2	.2
Household insurance ¹	.327	152.1	151.0	1.3	-.7
Maintenance and repairs	.191	144.2	143.9	1.6	-.2
Maintenance and repair services	.107	156.9	157.0	3.4	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities	.084	128.4	127.7	-.7	-.5
Fuel and other utilities	7.274	128.5	129.1	.3	.5
Fuels	3.875	111.7	112.3	-2.1	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.338	93.1	92.1	-7.9	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.537	118.8	119.7	-1.5	.8
Other utilities and public services	3.399	166.0	166.6	3.0	.4
Household furnishings and operation	5.458	125.1	124.7	.3	-.3
Housefurnishings	3.171	109.8	109.0	-1.1	-.7
Housekeeping supplies	1.130	146.1	146.4	1.9	.2
Housekeeping services	1.157	157.9	158.2	2.8	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.311	133.8	133.3	-1.0	-.4
Apparel commodities	4.801	130.3	129.7	-1.4	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.298	132.4	132.5	.6	.1
Women's and girls' apparel	2.019	127.4	126.3	-2.1	-.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.233	127.9	128.3	-4.9	.3
Footwear	.800	129.1	129.4	-.5	.2
Other apparel commodities	.450	144.8	142.3	-3.1	-1.7
Apparel services	.510	164.6	165.0	1.9	.2
Transportation	18.597	140.3	141.0	-1.9	.5
Private transportation	17.389	137.5	138.4	-2.2	.7
New vehicles	4.781	145.5	144.5	-1.0	-.7
New cars	3.439	141.1	140.1	-1.2	-.7
Used cars	2.179	149.6	151.4	-2.5	1.2
Motor fuel	3.608	91.8	95.0	-10.1	3.5
Gasoline	-	91.3	94.5	-10.2	3.5
Maintenance and repairs	1.634	166.8	167.0	2.3	.1
Other private transportation	5.188	174.4	174.5	1.2	.1
Other private transportation commodities	.727	102.6	102.7	-1.1	.1
Other private transportation services	4.460	192.8	192.8	1.5	.0
Public transportation	1.208	190.1	186.8	.9	-1.7
Medical care	6.331	239.9	240.6	3.0	.3
Medical care commodities	1.054	217.3	218.9	2.8	.7
Medical care services	5.276	245.0	245.5	3.1	.2
Professional medical services	3.020	222.5	223.1	3.0	.3

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 May 1998 from-	
		Apr. 1998	May 1998	May 1997	Apr. 1998
Expenditure category					
Entertainment	4.006	161.9	161.8	1.3	-0.1
Entertainment commodities	2.005	142.9	142.7	-.1	-.1
Entertainment services	2.001	188.7	188.9	2.8	.1
Other goods and services	7.285	232.1	234.4	6.4	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products	2.237	263.6	270.4	11.1	2.6
Personal care	1.116	155.7	156.8	2.8	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	.612	148.4	150.2	3.6	1.2
Personal care services	.504	165.3	165.4	1.8	.1
Personal and educational expenses	3.932	264.2	264.7	4.8	.2
School books and supplies	.241	250.4	250.5	5.5	.0
Personal and educational services	3.692	265.6	266.2	4.8	.2
Commodity and service group					
All items	100.000	159.2	159.7	1.6	.3
Commodities	46.401	141.8	142.4	.2	.4
Food and beverages	19.434	159.3	159.8	2.0	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	26.967	131.1	131.8	-1.1	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.915	132.7	134.1	-.9	1.1
Apparel commodities	4.801	130.3	129.7	-1.4	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.114	136.8	139.2	-.7	1.8
Durables	11.052	127.9	127.5	-1.3	-.3
Services	53.599	180.0	180.3	2.7	.2
Rent of shelter ¹	25.761	169.1	169.3	3.3	.1
Household services less rent of shelter ¹	8.554	133.0	133.6	1.0	.5
Transportation services	7.302	185.8	185.3	1.6	-.3
Medical care services	5.276	245.0	245.5	3.1	.2
Other services	6.706	212.4	212.7	3.8	.1
Special indexes					
All items less food	82.261	159.2	159.6	1.5	.3
All items less shelter	73.695	154.8	155.3	1.0	.3
All items less homeowners' costs ¹	82.136	149.0	149.4	1.2	.3
All items less medical care	93.669	155.4	155.8	1.4	.3
Commodities less food	28.662	132.5	133.1	-1.0	.5
Nondurables less food	17.610	134.6	135.9	-.7	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.809	138.6	140.7	-.5	1.5
Nondurables	35.349	146.3	147.3	.8	.7
Services less rent of shelter ¹	27.838	169.9	170.2	2.2	.2
Services less medical care services	48.322	174.5	174.7	2.7	.1
Energy	7.483	101.0	102.9	-6.0	1.9
All items less energy	92.517	167.2	167.4	2.1	.1
All items less food and energy	74.778	169.4	169.5	2.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.717	143.5	143.6	.5	.1
Energy commodities	3.946	92.2	95.0	-10.0	3.0
Services less energy services	50.062	186.8	186.9	3.0	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.628	\$.626	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.211	\$.210	-	-

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 May1998 from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998
U.S. city average	M	162.0	162.2	162.6	162.9	0.6	0.4	0.2
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	163.0	163.8	164.7	165.4	1.5	1.0	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	161.2	161.3	161.7	162.0	.5	.4	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	172.8	173.1	173.1	173.1	.2	.0	.0
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	171.2	-	170.9	-	-.2	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	157.9	-	158.7	-	.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	153.3	-	153.4	-	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	158.7	-	159.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	146.5	-	146.4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	160.6	-	160.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	167.4	-	167.1	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	163.5	-	164.8	-	-	-	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban	M	169.2	169.3	169.5	169.4	.1	.1	-.1
Midwest urban ²	M	158.1	158.4	159.1	159.5	.9	.7	.3
South urban	M	157.9	158.5	158.9	159.1	.8	.4	.1
West urban	M	163.3	163.3	163.6	164.3	.6	.6	.4
Population size classes								
A ³	M	146.4	146.6	147.0	147.2	.5	.4	.1
D	M	158.0	158.2	158.7	159.0	.6	.5	.2
Region/Population size class cross classifications								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	170.1	170.2	170.2	170.2	.1	.0	.0
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.8	159.3	160.0	160.4	1.0	.7	.3
South Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.8	157.6	157.8	157.8	.6	.1	.0
West Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	163.6	163.7	164.2	164.9	.8	.7	.4
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.1	153.3	153.5	153.7	.4	.3	.1
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	158.0	158.4	159.1	159.5	.9	.7	.3

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 May1998 from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998
U.S. city average	M	158.7	158.8	159.2	159.7	0.6	0.6	0.3
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	157.2	157.9	158.7	159.6	1.5	1.1	.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	155.2	155.1	155.6	156.0	.5	.6	.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	168.3	168.5	168.6	168.7	.2	.1	.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	169.5	-	169.0	-	-.3	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	149.7	-	151.1	-	.9	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.5	-	152.7	-	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	153.0	-	153.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	145.1	-	145.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	157.8	-	157.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.3	-	166.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	160.1	-	161.2	-	-	-	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban	M	166.1	166.1	166.3	166.4	.2	.2	.1
Midwest urban 2	M	154.3	154.5	155.2	155.8	1.0	.8	.4
South urban	M	155.8	156.2	156.6	157.0	.8	.5	.3
West urban	M	159.4	159.3	159.7	160.3	.6	.6	.4
Population size classes								
A 3	M	144.8	145.0	145.4	145.8	.7	.6	.3
D	M	156.8	156.9	157.4	157.9	.7	.6	.3
Region/Population size class cross classifications								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.9	165.8	166.0	166.1	.1	.2	.1
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.2	154.5	155.3	155.9	1.1	.9	.4
South Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.3	154.8	155.1	155.3	.6	.3	.1
West Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.1	158.0	158.5	159.3	.8	.8	.5
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.0	151.0	151.1	151.6	.4	.4	.3
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	158.0	158.3	159.2	159.8	1.1	.9	.4

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 X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories

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

Italics denote substratum indexes.

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

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

Italics denote substratum indexes.

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

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

Italics denote substratum indexes.

Technical Notes

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPI's for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 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:

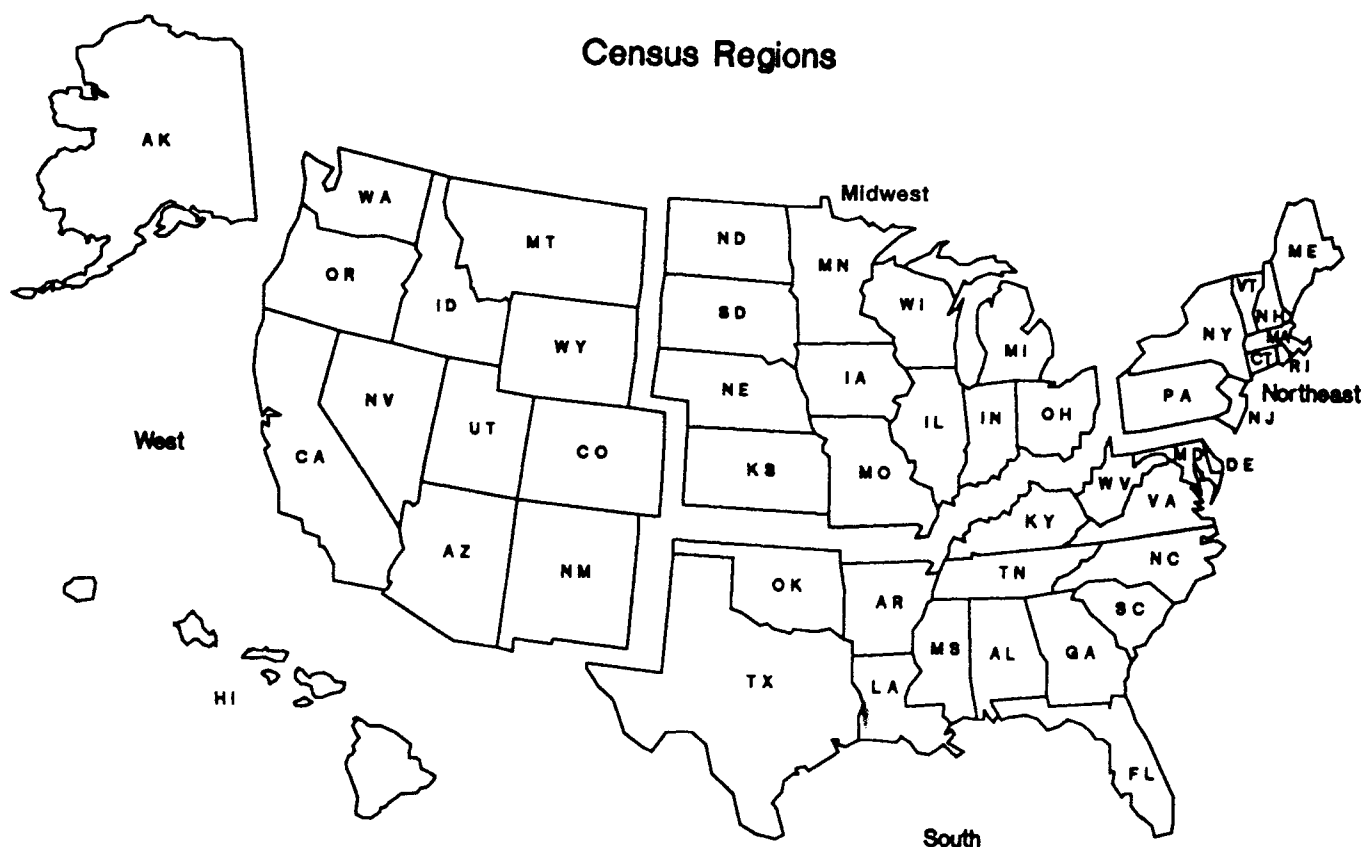
1 therm = 100,000 Btu's (U.S. Department of Energy)

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).

Since the release of seasonal adjustment factors for 1997, in February 1998, seasonal adjustment is 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:

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

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 releases. 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 re-

lease 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.