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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in December before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The December level of 210.036 (1982-84=100) was 4.1 percent higher than in December 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.1 percent in December prior to seasonal adjustment. The December level of 205.777 (1982-84=100) was 4.3 percent higher than in December 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in December on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The December level of 121.088 (December 1999=100) was 3.4 percent higher than in December 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.3 percent in December, following a 0.8 percent rise in November. The index for energy advanced 0.9 percent and accounted for about one-third of the overall CPI increase in December. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 1.2 percent and the index for energy services, 0.5 percent. The food index rose 0.1 percent in December. The index for food at home was virtually unchanged, while the index for food away from home increased 0.2 percent. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in December, following a 0.3 percent increase in November. Smaller increases in the indexes for apparel, for medical care, for recreation, and for new vehicles were responsible for the more moderate increase in December.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. 2007	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2007
	Changes from preceding month								
	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007		
All items .....	.2	.1	-.1	.3	.3	.8	.3	5.6	4.1
Food and beverages .....	.5	.3	.4	.5	.3	.3	.0	2.3	4.8
Housing .....	.3	.2	.0	.3	.2	.4	.3	3.8	3.0
Apparel	-.6	.4	-.5	.3	.0	.8	.2	4.1	-.3
Transportation	-.2	-.3	-1.2	.1	.4	2.9	.5	16.3	8.3
Medical care .....	.2	.6	.5	.3	.6	.4	.3	5.1	5.2
Recreation .....	.0	-.1	-.1	.3	.3	.1	.0	1.8	.8
Education and communication .....	.0	.2	.3	.1	.4	.1	.3	3.0	3.0
Other goods and services ...	.3	.0	.1	.4	.2	.3	.3	3.0	3.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.5	-1.0	-3.2	.3	1.4	5.7	.9	37.1	17.4
Food .....	.5	.3	.4	.5	.3	.3	.1	2.4	4.9
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	2.7	2.4

Consumer prices advanced at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 5.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007. This followed increases in the first three quarters at annual rates of 4.7, 5.2, and 1.0 percent, respectively. For the 12 month period ended in December, the CPI-U rose 4.1 percent. This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent in 2006. The index for energy, which advanced at annual rates of 22.9 and 32.9 percent in the first two quarters, declined at a 14.8 percent rate in the third quarter, turned back up in the fourth quarter, advancing a 37.1 percent annual rate. Overall energy costs rose 17.4 percent in 2007 with the index for petroleum-based energy costs (energy commodities) up 29.4 percent and charges for energy services (gas and electricity) up 3.4 percent. The food index, which rose 2.1 percent in all of 2006, advanced 4.9 percent in 2007, its largest increase since a 5.3 percent rise in 1990. Grocery store food prices increased 5.6 percent in 2007, reflecting acceleration over the last year in each of the six major groups. These increases ranged from 3.2 percent in the index for other food at home to 13.4 percent in the index for dairy products.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.7 percent SAAR in the fourth quarter, following increases at rates of 2.3, 2.3, and 2.5 percent in the first three quarters of 2007. The 2.4 percent advance for all of 2007 compares with a 2.6 percent rise in 2006. The deceleration reflects a smaller increase in the index for shelter, in particular the index for owners' equivalent rent, and a small decrease in the index for apparel. Shelter costs, which rose 4.2 percent in all of 2006, increased 3.1 percent in 2007. The index for owners' equivalent rent rose 2.8 percent in 2007 after a 4.3 percent increase in 2006. The index for apparel, which last year registered its first annual increase since 1997--up 0.9 percent--declined 0.3 percent in 2007. The annual rates for selected groups for the last eight years are shown below.

Expenditure Category	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All items	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	2.5	4.1
Food and beverages	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	4.8
Housing	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0
Apparel	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-2	-1.1	.9	-.3
Transportation	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	1.6	8.3
Medical care	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2
Recreation	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.0	.8
Education and communication	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.3	3.0
Other goods and services	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	3.0	3.3
Special indexes:								
Energy	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	2.9	17.4
Energy commodities	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	6.1	29.4
Energy services	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	-6	3.4
All items less energy	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.8
Food	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	4.9
All items less food and energy	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.4

The food and beverages index was virtually unchanged in December. The index for food at home also was virtually unchanged. Increases in the indexes for cereal and bakery products, and for other food at home--up 0.6 and 0.2 percent, respectively--offset declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, for dairy products, for fruits and vegetables, and for nonalcoholic beverages. Despite a downturn in December, the index for dairy products registered the largest increase of the six major grocery store food groups in the last 12 months--up 13.4 percent. During the last 12 months, milk and cheese prices increased 19.3 and 13.0 percent, respectively. The index for fruits and vegetables, which declined 0.4 percent in December, increased 5.9 percent in the last 12 months, reflecting increases in prices for fresh vegetables, for fresh fruits, and for processed fruits and vegetables. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs decreased 0.1 percent in December, but advanced 5.4 percent since December 2006. During the latter period, beef prices rose 5.0 percent, pork prices, 1.4 percent, and poultry prices, 6.3 percent. During the 12 months ended in December, the index for cereal and bakery products increased 5.4 percent with bread prices increasing 10.5 percent. The indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home increased 3.5 and 3.2 percent, respectively, in all of 2007. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and declined 0.2 percent, respectively, in December and rose 4.0 and 3.8 percent in all of 2007.

The index for housing increased 0.3 percent in December, following a 0.4 percent rise in November. The index for shelter increased 0.3 percent in December, the same as in November. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively, and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.2 percent. During the 12 months ended in December, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent increased 4.0 and 2.8 percent, respectively, following increases of 4.3 percent in 2006. The index for lodging away from home rose 4.6 percent in 2007. The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.6 percent in December. The index for fuel oil increased 2.4 percent in December and 32.5 percent during the last 12 months. The index for natural gas rose 2.3 percent, while the index for electricity declined 0.2 percent. During the 12 months ended in December, charges for electricity rose 5.2 percent, while charges for natural gas declined 0.4 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations was virtually unchanged in December and 0.7 percent lower than in December 2006.

The transportation index increased 0.5 percent in December. The index for gasoline rose 1.1 percent, accounting for about two-thirds of the overall transportation increase. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 1.6 percent to a level that was 3.0 percent lower than their peak level recorded in May.) During the 12 months ended in December, gasoline prices increased 29.6 percent, their largest annual advance since a 30.1 percent rise in 1999. The index for new vehicles was virtually unchanged in December. (As of December, about 63 percent of the new car sample consisted of 2008 models. The 2008 models will continue to be phased in, with adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2008 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-07-1787 dated November 14, 2007.) The index for used cars and trucks rose 0.2 percent. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have declined 0.3 percent, while prices for used cars and trucks rose 0.5 percent. The index for public transportation increased 1.2 percent in December, largely reflecting a 1.6 percent increase in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares declined 0.9 percent in December, but advanced 10.6 percent in the last 12 months.)

The index for apparel increased 0.2 percent in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 2.4 percent, largely as a result of pre-holiday discounting.) During the 12 month period ended in December, apparel prices declined 0.3 percent. Declines in prices for men's and boys' apparel and women's and girls' apparel--down 1.0 and 0.7 percent, respectively--were partially offset by a 5.0 percent increase in prices for jewelry.

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in December. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services also rose 0.3 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services each advanced 0.4 percent. For the 12 months ended in December, the medical care index rose 5.2 percent, its largest annual advance since a 5.4 percent increase in 1993. Charges for hospital and related services increased 8.1 percent in the 12 months ended in December, following a 6.1 percent rise in 2006.

The index for recreation was virtually unchanged in December. Decreases in the indexes for sporting goods, for photography, for toys, and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events were offset by increases in the indexes for video and audio and for pets, pet products and services. During the 12 months ended in December, the index for recreation rose 0.8 percent as increases in the indexes for pets, pet products and services and for recreational services--up 5.5 and 2.4 percent, respectively--more than offset declines in the indexes for video and audio, for sporting goods, for photography, and for toys.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in December. Educational costs increased 0.5 percent while communication costs were virtually unchanged. During the 12 months ended in December, educational costs rose 5.6 percent, reflecting increases of 6.1 and 9.0 percent in the indexes for college tuition and for college textbooks, respectively. The index for communication rose 0.2 percent during the last 12 months. Increases in the indexes for telephone services and postal services--up 2.1 and 4.4 percent, respectively--offset declines in prices for personal computers and peripheral equipment, for computer software and accessories, and for internet services and electronic information providers--down 13.2, 6.4, and 5.2 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.3 percent in December to a level 3.3 percent higher than in December 2006. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.8 percent in December and 7.5 percent during the last 12 months, accounting for about 70 percent of the monthly increase and 45 percent of the annual change in this major group.

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 December.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. 2007	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2007
	Changes from preceding month								
	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007		
All items .....	.1	.1	-.2	.3	.3	.9	.3	6.2	4.3
Food and beverages .....	.5	.2	.4	.5	.3	.2	.0	2.3	4.9
Housing .....	.2	.2	.0	.2	.3	.5	.3	4.4	3.1
Apparel	-.9	.8	-.3	.1	.1	.5	.4	3.9	-.4
Transportation	-.2	-.3	-1.4	.1	.4	3.0	.5	17.1	8.9
Medical care .....	.2	.7	.5	.4	.6	.4	.3	5.1	5.2
Recreation	-.1	-.1	-.1	.4	.3	.0	.0	1.5	.6
Education and communication .....	.0	.3	.3	.0	.3	.0	.3	2.0	2.6
Other goods and services ...	.3	.1	.1	.4	.2	.2	.3	3.1	3.9
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.7	-1.0	-3.4	.3	1.4	5.9	.9	38.0	18.1
Food .....	.5	.3	.4	.5	.3	.2	.1	2.4	5.0
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.7	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for January are scheduled for release on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers households of wage earners and clerical workers that comprise approximately 32 percent of the total population and (2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which cover approximately 87 percent of the total population and include in addition to wage earners and clerical worker households, 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 CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' 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 geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights, which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. For the CPI-U and CPI-W 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 27 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. For the C-CPI-U data are issued only at the national level. It is important to note that the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, but the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and subject to two annual revisions.

The index measures price change from a designed reference date. For the CPI-U and the CPI-W the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100.0. The reference base for the C-CPI-U is December 1999 equals 100. An increase of 16.5 percent from the reference base, 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 visit the CPI home page on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> or contact our CPI Information and Analysis Section on (202) 691-7000.

Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.06 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005- December 2005 in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.pdf>

Calculating Index Changes

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

Index Point Change

CPI	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

Percent Change

Index point difference	.616
Divided by the previous index	201.800
Equals	0.003
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.003x100
Equals percent change	0.3

Regions Defined

The states in the four regions shown in Tables 3 and 6 are listed below.

The Northeast--Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The Midwest--Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The South--Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The West--Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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, 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 the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2002 through December 2006 were replaced in January 2007. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

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 in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2007.

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

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.

In January 2007, BLS adjusted 37 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, fuel oil, motor fuels, vehicles, jewelry, admission to sporting events and educational books and supplies. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the effects of implementing new fuel requirements in the United States.

For a complete list of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment series and explanations, please refer to the article “Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment”, located on our website at:
<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>.

For additional information on seasonal adjustment in the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or contact Jeff Wilson on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at Wilson.Jeff@bls.gov. If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

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)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	210.177	210.036	4.1	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	629.598	629.174	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.992	206.563	206.936	4.8	.2	.3	.3	.0
Food	13.885	206.277	206.704	4.9	.2	.3	.3	.1
Food at home	7.896	204.745	205.208	5.6	.2	.3	.3	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.103	225.668	226.461	5.4	.4	.4	.7	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.112	198.616	198.755	5.4	.1	.2	-.1	-.1
Dairy and related products .....	.821	205.959	205.299	13.4	-.3	.2	.6	-.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.211	268.407	272.482	5.9	1.5	.7	1.6	-.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	154.299	153.648	3.5	-.4	.1	-.5	-.4
Other food at home	1.743	173.963	174.057	3.2	.1	.3	-.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	178.600	178.631	3.6	.0	-.4	.9	.5
Fats and oils .....	.227	175.327	176.068	5.6	.4	.8	.9	1.0
Other foods ¹	1.214	188.340	188.325	2.6	.0	.3	-.7	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.327	115.396	115.267	.1	-.1	.2	.5	-.1
Food away from home ¹	5.989	209.854	210.233	4.0	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.281	146.628	145.814	4.8	-.6	-.5	.5	-.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.107	209.018	208.704	3.8	-.2	.3	-.1	-.2
Housing	42.691	210.745	210.933	3.0	.1	.2	.4	.3
Shelter	32.776	242.207	242.372	3.1	.1	.1	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	5.930	238.169	239.102	4.0	.4	.5	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.648	136.703	133.545	4.6	-2.3	-1.5	-.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.830	248.876	249.532	2.8	.3	.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	116.997	117.003	-.1	.0	-.1	.3	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.264	202.161	203.006	5.4	.4	1.2	1.5	.6
Household energy	4.368	182.725	183.516	5.3	.4	1.4	1.6	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	291.845	299.296	28.3	2.6	2.6	11.9	2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	184.753	185.155	3.4	.2	1.3	.7	.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	146.376	146.878	5.4	.3	.2	.6	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.651	126.252	126.066	-.7	-.1	-.1	.1	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	141.610	142.100	2.2	.3	.2	.4	.3
Apparel	3.726	121.204	118.257	-.3	-2.4	.0	.8	.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	114.807	112.026	-1.0	-2.4	-.3	-.2	-.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.590	112.166	109.418	-.7	-2.4	-.4	1.2	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	117.339	113.779	-.3	-3.0	1.7	1.0	-1.4
Footwear .....	.749	125.005	122.258	-.6	-2.2	.4	1.2	-.7
Transportation	17.249	190.677	189.984	8.3	-.4	.4	2.9	.5
Private transportation	16.188	186.839	186.134	8.3	-.4	.4	2.9	.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.581	94.562	94.754	.0	.2	-.1	.0	.1
New vehicles	4.982	136.250	136.664	-.3	.3	-.2	.1	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.716	136.616	136.943	.5	.2	-.1	-.2	.2
Motor fuel	4.347	262.282	258.132	29.5	-1.6	1.5	9.3	1.1
Gasoline (all types)	4.303	260.943	256.790	29.6	-1.6	1.4	9.3	1.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.370	123.487	123.928	3.7	.4	.6	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	225.672	226.120	3.3	.2	.1	.3	.3
Public transportation	1.060	233.758	233.408	7.2	-.1	1.2	1.8	1.2
Medical care	6.281	357.041	357.661	5.2	.2	.6	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.446	293.201	293.610	2.7	.1	.3	.6	.3
Medical care services	4.834	376.250	376.940	5.9	.2	.6	.3	.3
Professional services	2.817	303.780	304.784	4.2	.3	.4	.2	.4
Hospital and related services ³	1.630	515.359	515.677	8.1	.1	1.1	.6	.4

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)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.552	111.842	111.705	0.8	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.719	102.719	102.691	-1	.0	.3	-.3	.3
Education and communication ²	6.034	121.409	121.506	3.0	.1	.4	.1	.3
Education ²	3.076	176.717	176.927	5.6	.1	.7	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	431.606	434.352	8.7	.6	-.1	.6	.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.872	509.605	510.016	5.4	.1	.8	.6	.5
Communication ²	2.958	83.250	83.282	.2	.0	.0	-.5	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.769	80.519	80.546	-.1	.0	.0	-.5	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.225	98.775	98.792	2.1	.0	.2	-.3	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.543	10.204	10.215	-8.8	.1	-.9	-1.7	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.203	8.946	8.936	-13.2	-.1	-1.4	-4.1	-.1
Other goods and services	3.476	336.379	337.633	3.3	.4	.2	.3	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.712	561.967	566.696	7.5	.8	.2	.2	.8
Personal care	2.764	197.156	197.643	2.2	.2	.2	.3	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.708	158.561	158.236	-.5	-.2	.5	.1	-.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.677	218.604	219.656	3.4	.5	.1	.3	.5
Miscellaneous personal services	1.188	328.610	329.908	3.5	.4	.2	.2	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.305	171.043	170.511	5.2	-.3	.3	1.5	.2
Food and beverages	14.992	206.563	206.936	4.8	.2	.3	.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	25.313	151.067	150.162	5.4	-.6	.3	2.2	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.191	190.560	188.635	10.4	-1.0	.4	6.7	.9
Apparel	3.726	121.204	118.257	-3	-2.4	.0	.8	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.465	238.067	236.735	14.2	-.6	1.1	4.4	.6
Durables	11.122	112.103	112.093	-1.1	.0	-.1	.1	-.1
Services	59.695	248.974	249.225	3.3	.1	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.407	252.495	252.669	3.1	.1	.1	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	116.997	117.003	-.1	.0	-.1	.3	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	184.753	185.155	3.4	.2	1.3	.7	.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	146.376	146.878	5.4	.3	.2	.6	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	141.610	142.100	2.2	.3	.2	.4	.3
Transportation services	5.638	236.449	236.504	2.5	.0	.3	.5	.5
Medical care services	4.834	376.250	376.940	5.9	.2	.6	.3	.3
Other services	10.730	289.592	289.945	3.2	.1	.4	.2	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.115	210.846	210.610	4.0	-.1	.3	.9	.3
All items less shelter	67.224	199.998	199.734	4.5	-.1	.4	1.0	.3
All items less medical care	93.719	202.770	202.600	4.0	-.1	.3	.8	.3
Commodities less food	26.420	153.234	152.344	5.3	-.6	.3	2.1	.3
Nondurables less food	15.299	191.668	189.844	9.9	-1.0	.4	6.2	.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.572	234.241	233.014	13.2	-.5	1.0	4.0	.5
Nondurables	29.183	199.253	198.422	7.5	-.4	.4	3.4	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.288	263.599	263.966	3.6	.1	.3	.2	.4
Services less medical care services	54.861	238.671	238.894	3.1	.1	.3	.2	.3
Energy	8.715	219.009	217.506	17.4	-.7	1.4	5.7	.9
All items less energy	91.285	210.888	210.890	2.8	.0	.2	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	77.401	212.435	212.356	2.4	.0	.2	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.735	140.547	140.014	.1	-.4	.0	.2	.0
Energy commodities	4.685	265.420	261.976	29.4	-1.3	1.5	9.5	1.2
Services less energy services	55.666	255.549	255.785	3.3	.1	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$. 476	\$. 476	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$. 159	\$. 159	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ 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)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	June 2007	Dec. 2007
All items	208.292	208.903	210.565	211.160	4.7	5.2	1.0	5.6	5.0	3.3
Food and beverages	205.513	206.085	206.605	206.685	7.4	4.9	4.6	2.3	6.2	3.5
Food	205.193	205.753	206.322	206.433	7.3	5.1	4.9	2.4	6.2	3.6
Food at home	203.629	204.259	204.823	204.738	10.0	6.1	4.2	2.2	8.0	3.2
Cereals and bakery products	223.974	224.826	226.499	227.762	4.7	6.5	3.7	6.9	5.6	5.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	198.081	198.477	198.235	198.099	9.7	11.0	1.0	.0	10.3	.5
Dairy and related products	203.900	204.363	205.570	204.662	11.9	17.7	23.9	1.5	14.8	12.2
Fruits and vegetables	261.869	263.812	268.164	267.220	19.3	-4.6	2.0	8.4	6.7	5.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	155.413	155.523	154.715	154.122	11.4	1.6	4.6	-3.3	6.4	.6
Other food at home	174.222	174.691	174.307	174.671	5.9	5.1	1.0	1.0	5.5	1.0
Sugar and sweets	178.518	177.835	179.461	180.337	.9	4.4	5.2	4.1	2.6	4.7
Fats and oils	173.822	175.245	176.824	178.529	2.2	5.2	4.1	11.3	3.7	7.6
Other foods ¹	189.076	189.695	188.340	188.325	7.8	5.2	-.6	-1.6	6.5	-1.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.628	114.850	115.396	115.267	-2.6	6.3	-5.0	2.2	1.7	-1.4
Food away from home ¹	208.805	209.275	209.854	210.233	3.8	3.7	5.7	2.8	3.7	4.2
Other food away from home ²	146.610	145.918	146.634	146.052	6.1	5.2	9.9	-1.5	5.7	4.0
Alcoholic beverages ¹	208.408	209.126	209.018	208.704	9.4	3.4	2.0	.6	6.3	1.3
Housing	210.470	210.926	211.817	212.459	3.5	3.0	1.6	3.8	3.2	2.7
Shelter	242.293	242.559	243.291	243.994	2.7	4.0	2.9	2.8	3.4	2.9
Rent of primary residence ³	236.058	237.127	238.081	238.944	4.7	3.2	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0
Lodging away from home ²	146.722	144.570	144.286	144.646	-4.5	26.8	4.7	-5.5	10.0	-6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	247.445	248.001	248.838	249.534	3.1	1.9	2.7	3.4	2.5	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.783	116.640	116.997	117.003	.8	-8	-1.1	.8	.0	-2
Fuels and utilities	199.338	201.661	204.624	205.856	11.5	.2	-2.8	13.7	5.7	5.1
Household energy	179.939	182.407	185.408	186.622	12.3	-3	-4.7	15.7	5.8	5.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	256.322	262.976	294.246	300.230	-4.7	26.2	19.9	88.2	9.7	50.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	183.937	186.259	187.587	188.554	13.8	-2.2	-6.6	10.4	5.5	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	145.246	145.488	146.376	146.878	7.4	2.8	7.0	4.6	5.1	5.8
Household furnishings and operations	126.464	126.312	126.383	126.441	.3	-9	-2.2	-.1	-.3	-1.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	140.698	141.013	141.610	142.100	2.2	1.9	.5	4.0	2.1	2.3
Apparel	118.232	118.247	119.134	119.412	-9	-4.8	.6	4.1	-2.9	2.3
Men's and boys' apparel	113.158	112.779	112.587	112.516	-7.2	.1	5.6	-2.3	-3.6	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	108.461	108.078	109.399	110.643	2.5	-11.1	-1.3	8.3	-4.6	3.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.091	115.027	116.202	114.544	3.1	-9.6	.7	5.2	-3.5	2.9
Footwear	121.792	122.241	123.685	122.799	-4.2	-2.9	1.7	3.3	-3.6	2.5
Transportation	184.899	185.713	191.035	192.031	8.3	16.5	-5.6	16.3	12.3	4.8
Private transportation	181.008	181.709	187.048	187.939	8.3	17.7	-6.2	16.2	12.9	4.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.422	94.330	94.363	94.431	-1.0	-6	1.3	.0	-.8	.6
New vehicles	136.113	135.823	135.968	135.938	.6	-8	-.6	-.5	-.1	-.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	137.142	136.950	136.616	136.943	-5.2	2.1	6.3	-.6	-1.7	2.8
Motor fuel	238.498	241.971	264.462	267.405	33.9	71.3	-22.4	58.0	51.4	10.7
Gasoline (all types)	237.409	240.824	263.212	266.085	34.5	71.6	-22.5	57.8	51.9	10.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	122.292	123.017	123.487	123.928	3.3	1.3	4.7	5.5	2.3	5.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	224.473	224.748	225.370	226.131	4.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.1
Public transportation	229.945	232.798	236.940	239.804	8.0	-5	3.7	18.3	3.7	10.7
Medical care	354.396	356.360	357.740	358.841	5.6	3.8	6.0	5.1	4.7	5.6
Medical care commodities	290.962	291.886	293.709	294.609	.0	1.7	4.0	5.1	.9	4.5
Medical care services	373.489	375.814	377.012	378.173	7.3	4.5	6.6	5.1	5.9	5.9
Professional services	302.950	304.067	304.639	305.894	6.5	2.0	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.2
Hospital and related services ³	506.744	512.322	515.266	517.337	7.0	7.1	9.5	8.6	7.1	9.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	June 2007	Dec. 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.495	111.853	112.002	112.006	0.1	1.1	0.3	1.8	0.6	1.0
Video and audio ²	102.924	103.281	103.020	103.319	-3.3	3.1	-1.5	1.5	-2	.0
Education and communication ²	120.304	120.731	120.823	121.185	2.7	3.5	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.8
Education ²	172.780	174.034	175.082	176.022	5.3	4.6	4.8	7.7	5.0	6.2
Educational books and supplies	429.676	429.396	432.043	435.476	12.2	4.3	13.2	5.5	8.2	9.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	497.589	501.493	504.509	507.121	4.8	4.6	4.2	7.9	4.7	6.0
Communication ²	83.693	83.661	83.251	83.288	.1	2.3	.5	-1.9	1.2	-7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	80.976	80.946	80.519	80.546	.0	1.4	.5	-2.1	.7	-8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	98.882	99.031	98.775	98.792	3.0	4.0	1.6	-.4	3.5	.6
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.477	10.385	10.204	10.215	-11.6	-9.3	-4.5	-9.6	-10.5	-7.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	9.455	9.324	8.946	8.936	-4.2	-17.9	-9.7	-20.2	-11.3	-15.1
Other goods and services	335.133	335.868	336.778	337.641	4.7	3.4	2.1	3.0	4.1	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	559.636	560.626	561.967	566.696	18.4	1.7	5.4	5.1	9.7	5.3
Personal care	196.450	196.903	197.452	197.648	1.4	3.9	1.3	2.5	2.6	1.9
Personal care products ¹	157.643	158.381	158.561	158.236	-1.0	.5	-2.8	1.5	-.3	-7
Personal care services ¹	217.589	217.887	218.604	219.656	5.0	1.4	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.5
Miscellaneous personal services	327.885	328.555	329.103	330.725	1.3	5.8	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	168.022	168.531	170.990	171.342	6.3	8.3	-1.4	8.1	7.3	3.3
Food and beverages	205.513	206.085	206.605	206.685	7.4	4.9	4.6	2.3	6.2	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages	147.288	147.755	150.975	151.432	5.7	10.3	-4.8	11.7	8.0	3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	180.329	181.133	193.273	194.941	4.4	15.3	-9.7	36.6	9.7	11.1
Apparel	118.232	118.247	119.134	119.412	-.9	-4.8	.6	4.1	-2.9	2.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	226.029	228.406	238.559	239.960	16.4	30.0	-11.4	27.0	23.0	6.1
Durables	112.252	112.102	112.174	112.098	-1.4	-1.9	-.4	-.5	-1.7	-.5
Services	248.199	248.934	249.783	250.615	3.7	3.2	2.6	4.0	3.4	3.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	252.550	252.860	253.629	254.384	2.5	4.1	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.783	116.640	116.997	117.003	.8	-.8	-1.1	.8	.0	-.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	183.937	186.259	187.587	188.554	13.8	-2.2	-6.6	10.4	5.5	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	145.246	145.488	146.376	146.878	7.4	2.8	7.0	4.6	5.1	5.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	140.698	141.013	141.610	142.100	2.2	1.9	.5	4.0	2.1	2.3
Transportation services	234.578	235.197	236.361	237.541	1.5	-.5	3.9	5.1	.5	4.5
Medical care services	373.489	375.814	377.012	378.173	7.3	4.5	6.6	5.1	5.9	5.9
Other services	287.243	288.355	288.990	289.920	2.4	4.3	2.4	3.8	3.4	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	208.827	209.447	211.290	211.966	4.1	5.3	.4	6.1	4.7	3.2
All items less shelter	197.308	198.063	200.114	200.673	5.6	5.8	.0	7.0	5.7	3.5
All items less medical care	200.929	201.483	203.142	203.713	4.6	5.3	.7	5.7	5.0	3.1
Commodities less food	149.540	150.016	153.145	153.580	5.7	10.0	-4.5	11.3	7.8	3.1
Nondurables less food	182.096	182.825	194.224	195.816	4.6	14.4	-8.7	33.7	9.4	10.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	223.358	225.628	234.687	235.956	15.5	27.5	-10.4	24.5	21.4	5.6
Nondurables	193.390	194.118	200.660	201.601	6.0	9.6	-2.5	18.1	7.7	7.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	262.272	263.159	263.649	264.583	4.8	4.0	1.8	3.6	4.4	2.7
Services less medical care services	238.208	238.805	239.235	240.037	3.2	4.2	2.0	3.1	3.7	2.5
Energy	206.496	209.422	221.450	223.462	22.9	32.9	-14.8	37.1	27.8	8.1
All items less energy	210.112	210.483	211.062	211.512	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
All items less food and energy	211.714	212.050	212.633	213.148	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.929	139.903	140.144	140.197	.4	-1.2	.3	.8	-.4	.6
Energy commodities	240.784	244.473	267.624	270.773	30.9	68.0	-20.2	59.9	48.3	12.9
Services less energy services	254.778	255.354	256.155	256.974	2.9	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means

estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Dec.2007 from—			Percent change to Nov.2007 from—		
		Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Nov. 2006	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007
U.S. city average	M	208.490	208.936	210.177	210.036	4.1	0.5	-0.1	4.3	0.8	0.6
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	221.436	221.951	223.356	223.425	3.8	.7	.0	4.0	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	224.274	224.636	225.766	225.688	3.6	.5	.0	3.8	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	130.206	130.761	132.049	132.323	4.4	1.2	.2	4.5	1.4	1.0
Midwest urban	M	199.714	199.455	200.762	200.227	3.8	.4	-3	4.1	.5	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	201.171	200.927	202.012	201.519	3.5	.3	-2	3.9	.4	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.504	127.349	128.392	128.040	4.1	.5	-3	4.3	.7	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.483	195.054	196.569	195.819	4.7	.4	-4	5.1	.6	.8
South urban	M	201.697	202.155	203.437	203.457	4.4	.6	.0	4.7	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.302	204.779	205.698	206.078	4.4	.6	.2	4.6	.7	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.263	128.600	129.556	129.368	4.5	.6	-1	5.0	1.0	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	200.898	200.712	202.550	202.878	3.5	1.1	.2	3.7	.8	.9
West urban	M	212.920	213.917	214.904	214.733	4.1	.4	-1	4.2	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	216.429	217.314	218.196	218.020	4.0	.3	-1	4.1	.8	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	129.064	129.866	130.581	130.481	4.4	.5	-1	4.4	1.2	.6
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	190.962	191.324	192.224	192.140	3.9	.4	.0	4.1	.7	.5
B/C ³	M	128.506	128.869	129.848	129.718	4.4	.7	-1	4.6	1.0	.8
D	M	200.903	200.941	202.525	202.333	4.0	.7	-1	4.3	.8	.8
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	206.454	206.696	207.821	207.155	4.7	.2	-3	5.0	.7	.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	217.697	218.696	219.943	219.373	4.2	.3	-3	4.2	1.0	.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	228.308	228.552	229.504	229.395	3.7	.4	.0	3.9	.5	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	227.850	-	230.689	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	197.000	-	197.726	-	-	-	-	4.4	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	194.847	-	196.465	-	-	-	-	4.3	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	134.678	-	135.151	-	-	-	-	4.5	.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	201.938	-	202.751	4.1	.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	201.786	-	200.201	1.9	-8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	184.922	-	186.246	3.9	.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	215.159	-	217.319	5.8	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	218.929	-	219.025	3.5	.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	217.949	-	218.485	3.8	.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	218.427	-	218.966	4.6	.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 technical notes.

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA;

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ 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 4. 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)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	205.891	205.777	4.3	-0.1	0.3	0.9	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	613.287	612.948	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.475	205.763	206.141	4.9	.2	.3	.2	.0
Food	15.457	205.451	205.855	5.0	.2	.3	.2	.1
Food at home	9.244	203.741	204.141	5.7	.2	.3	.3	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.285	225.941	226.696	5.3	.3	.3	.8	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.623	198.325	198.489	5.6	.1	.2	-1.1	-1.1
Dairy and related products .....	.928	205.850	205.149	13.8	-3.3	.2	.6	-4.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.332	265.736	269.533	5.8	1.4	.8	1.6	-3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.082	153.610	152.883	3.4	-5.0	.4	-5.5	-5.5
Other food at home	1.993	173.393	173.511	3.2	.1	.0	-2.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	176.845	177.051	3.4	.1	.1	.7	.5
Fats and oils .....	.283	176.101	176.736	5.6	.4	.6	.9	.9
Other foods ¹	1.373	188.657	188.646	2.7	.0	.5	-7.0	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.368	115.803	115.658	.3	-1.1	.7	.4	-1.1
Food away from home ¹	6.213	209.518	209.931	3.9	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.279	145.233	144.454	4.1	-5.5	-7.4	.4	-4.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	208.958	208.934	3.9	.0	.4	-1.1	.0
Housing	40.463	206.288	206.638	3.1	.2	.3	.5	.3
Shelter	30.570	235.069	235.480	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	8.021	237.288	238.216	4.0	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.430	136.244	133.179	4.8	-2.2	-1.2	.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.776	225.548	226.151	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.370	117.396	.0	.0	-1.1	.3	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.779	200.151	200.831	5.2	.3	1.2	1.4	.5
Household energy	4.842	179.777	180.379	5.2	.3	1.4	1.6	.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	292.098	298.656	28.6	2.2	2.5	11.8	1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	182.781	183.066	3.4	.2	1.3	.7	.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	146.651	147.186	5.4	.4	.2	.6	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.114	122.031	121.880	-6.6	-1.1	.0	.0	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	144.275	144.659	2.4	.3	.4	.3	.3
Apparel	4.041	120.920	118.126	-4.4	-2.3	.1	.5	.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	114.784	112.487	-5.5	-2.0	-3.3	-1.1	.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.680	112.165	109.375	-9.9	-2.5	-3.3	.6	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	119.897	116.419	-3.3	-2.9	1.7	.8	-1.4
Footwear .....	.954	124.649	122.029	-5.5	-2.1	.5	.9	-6.6
Transportation	19.515	190.761	189.967	8.9	-4.4	.4	3.0	.5
Private transportation	18.793	187.951	187.159	9.0	-4.4	.4	3.1	.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.626	93.529	93.733	.0	.2	-1.1	.0	.1
New vehicles	5.210	137.372	137.736	-3.3	.3	-2.1	.1	-1.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.675	137.457	137.791	.6	.2	-1.1	-2.2	.2
Motor fuel	5.441	263.248	259.032	29.6	-1.6	1.4	9.3	1.1
Gasoline (all types)	5.388	262.013	257.792	29.7	-1.6	1.4	9.3	1.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.444	123.302	123.786	3.8	.4	.6	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	228.267	228.692	3.3	.2	.1	.3	.3
Public transportation .....	.723	231.999	231.363	6.4	-3.3	1.3	1.5	1.0
Medical care	5.228	357.165	357.745	5.2	.2	.6	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.135	285.475	285.913	2.4	.2	.4	.6	.3
Medical care services	4.094	377.498	378.119	6.0	.2	.7	.3	.3
Professional services	2.338	306.300	307.333	4.3	.3	.4	.2	.4
Hospital and related services ³	1.378	510.836	510.961	8.0	.0	1.2	.6	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. 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)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.022	108.805	108.702	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.867	102.465	102.523	.1	.1	.4	-.3	.4
Education and communication ²	5.605	117.686	117.782	2.6	.1	.3	.0	.3
Education ²	2.329	174.016	174.276	5.3	.1	.6	.6	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	434.979	437.391	8.8	.6	-.1	.6	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.121	491.022	491.554	5.0	.1	.7	.6	.5
Communication ²	3.276	85.807	85.834	.7	.0	.0	-.4	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.124	83.894	83.917	.5	.0	.0	-.5	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.633	98.874	98.887	2.1	.0	.1	-.3	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.492	10.710	10.722	-7.6	.1	-7	-1.5	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.178	8.866	8.843	-13.3	-.3	-1.3	-3.9	-.3
Other goods and services	3.652	347.427	348.830	3.9	.4	.2	.2	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.139	563.435	568.410	7.5	.9	.2	.2	.9
Personal care	2.513	195.122	195.467	2.3	.2	.3	.2	.0
Personal care products ¹ .....	.771	158.579	158.407	-.1	-.1	.5	.1	-.1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.618	218.897	219.945	3.4	.5	.2	.3	.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	330.258	330.850	3.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.175	173.489	172.952	5.8	-.3	.3	1.6	.3
Food and beverages	16.475	205.763	206.141	4.9	.2	.3	.2	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	27.700	155.011	154.086	6.3	-.6	.4	2.3	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.699	198.661	196.636	11.7	-1.0	.6	7.2	1.0
Apparel	4.041	120.920	118.126	-.4	-2.3	.1	.5	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.658	251.442	249.863	15.8	-.6	1.2	4.8	.6
Durables	12.001	112.413	112.450	-.8	.0	-.1	.1	.0
Services	55.825	243.906	244.275	3.2	.2	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.227	226.636	227.035	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.370	117.396	.0	.0	-.1	.3	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	182.781	183.066	3.4	.2	1.3	.7	.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	146.651	147.186	5.4	.4	.2	.6	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	144.275	144.659	2.4	.3	.4	.3	.3
Transportation services	5.600	235.874	236.020	2.0	.1	.1	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.094	377.498	378.119	6.0	.2	.7	.3	.3
Other services	9.761	278.513	278.783	2.9	.1	.3	.1	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.543	205.783	205.575	4.2	-.1	.3	1.0	.3
All items less shelter	69.430	197.479	197.174	4.9	-.2	.4	1.1	.3
All items less medical care	94.772	199.565	199.431	4.3	-.1	.3	.9	.3
Commodities less food	28.718	156.977	156.073	6.2	-.6	.4	2.3	.4
Nondurables less food	16.717	199.471	197.551	11.2	-1.0	.5	6.8	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.676	246.726	245.286	14.9	-.6	1.1	4.4	.6
Nondurables	32.174	203.087	202.222	8.2	-.4	.5	3.6	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.598	233.029	233.314	3.3	.1	.3	.1	.3
Services less medical care services	51.732	234.115	234.468	3.0	.2	.2	.2	.3
Energy	10.282	219.861	218.104	18.1	-.8	1.4	5.9	.9
All items less energy	89.718	205.066	205.155	2.8	.0	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	74.261	205.355	205.377	2.3	.0	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.932	141.254	140.815	.3	-.3	.0	.1	.1
Energy commodities	5.786	265.598	261.928	29.6	-1.4	1.5	9.4	1.2
Services less energy services	51.329	250.546	250.925	3.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.486	\$.486	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.163	\$.163	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ 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 5. 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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	June 2007	Dec. 2007
All items	203.665	204.338	206.142	206.744	5.2	5.6	0.7	6.2	5.4	3.4
Food and beverages	204.778	205.386	205.850	205.945	7.3	5.2	4.6	2.3	6.3	3.4
Food	204.447	205.037	205.544	205.647	7.2	5.3	4.9	2.4	6.3	3.6
Food at home	202.691	203.368	203.894	203.799	9.6	6.4	4.3	2.2	8.0	3.2
Cereals and bakery products	224.454	225.152	226.878	228.044	4.3	6.6	3.9	6.6	5.4	5.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	197.743	198.217	197.996	197.872	9.6	10.8	1.6	.3	10.2	1.0
Dairy and related products	203.765	204.131	205.427	204.527	12.0	18.8	24.0	1.5	15.3	12.2
Fruits and vegetables	259.432	261.596	265.787	264.956	18.7	-3.9	.9	8.8	6.8	4.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	154.914	154.861	154.074	153.378	11.5	1.6	5.2	-3.9	6.4	.5
Other food at home	173.473	174.214	173.799	174.162	5.5	5.0	.9	1.6	5.3	1.3
Sugar and sweets	176.589	176.757	177.909	178.821	.2	3.7	4.4	5.2	2.0	4.8
Fats and oils	174.955	176.081	177.705	179.232	2.6	5.1	4.8	10.1	3.8	7.4
Other foods ¹	189.110	189.987	188.657	188.646	7.4	5.3	-.7	-1.0	6.4	-9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.584	115.378	115.803	115.658	-3.1	7.0	-6.0	3.8	1.9	-1.2
Food away from home ¹	208.578	209.037	209.518	209.931	3.7	3.7	5.7	2.6	3.7	4.2
Other food away from home ²	145.613	144.534	145.072	144.528	7.4	5.0	7.5	-2.9	6.1	2.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	208.286	209.176	208.958	208.934	9.5	4.0	1.0	1.3	6.7	1.1
Housing	205.466	206.110	207.064	207.691	4.1	2.4	1.5	4.4	3.2	2.9
Shelter	234.435	234.866	235.658	236.355	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.1
Rent of primary residence ³	235.196	236.254	237.210	238.045	4.8	3.1	3.2	4.9	3.9	4.0
Lodging away from home ²	145.861	144.080	144.197	144.471	-6.0	31.6	1.5	-3.8	11.2	-1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	224.285	224.721	225.464	226.110	3.1	1.7	2.8	3.3	2.4	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.142	116.982	117.370	117.396	.9	-5	-1.2	.9	.2	-2
Fuels and utilities	197.372	199.757	202.598	203.650	12.1	-6	-3.0	13.3	5.5	4.8
Household energy	177.067	179.569	182.402	183.403	13.1	-1.3	-4.8	15.1	5.7	4.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	256.475	262.852	293.893	299.281	-4.5	27.8	20.9	85.4	10.5	49.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	181.858	184.267	185.595	186.392	14.5	-3.2	-6.6	10.4	5.3	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	145.513	145.749	146.651	147.186	7.3	2.9	7.0	4.7	5.1	5.8
Household furnishings and operations	122.125	122.126	122.140	122.177	.0	-8	-1.7	.2	-.4	-8
Household operations ^{1 2}	143.250	143.886	144.275	144.659	2.5	2.5	.9	4.0	2.5	2.4
Apparel	117.914	117.996	118.593	119.055	-1.6	-6.3	2.4	3.9	-3.9	3.2
Men's and boys' apparel	113.057	112.713	112.558	113.160	-6.7	-1.4	6.3	.4	-4.1	3.3
Women's and girls' apparel	108.672	108.321	108.996	110.330	1.5	-11.7	1.1	6.2	-5.3	3.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.628	117.566	118.562	116.928	1.3	-9.2	2.6	4.6	-4.1	3.6
Footwear	121.591	122.187	123.286	122.504	-3.9	-2.9	2.0	3.0	-3.4	2.5
Transportation	184.715	185.489	191.143	192.134	8.6	18.6	-6.0	17.1	13.5	4.9
Private transportation	181.876	182.579	188.256	189.201	8.7	19.4	-6.4	17.1	13.9	4.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.522	93.408	93.367	93.435	-1.0	-1	1.7	-.4	-.6	.6
New vehicles	137.339	137.011	137.106	137.005	.5	-5	-5	-1.0	.0	-7
Used cars and trucks ¹	137.996	137.798	137.457	137.791	-5.1	2.1	6.3	-.6	-1.6	2.8
Motor fuel	239.667	243.032	265.558	268.554	33.5	71.8	-21.8	57.6	51.4	11.0
Gasoline (all types)	238.626	241.933	264.381	267.367	33.3	72.7	-22.1	57.6	51.7	10.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	122.144	122.830	123.302	123.786	3.3	1.7	5.0	5.5	2.5	5.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	227.084	227.206	227.910	228.683	4.0	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.6	3.0
Public transportation	228.531	231.423	234.805	237.055	7.5	-.1	3.3	15.8	3.6	9.4
Medical care	354.323	356.448	357.772	358.783	5.8	3.7	6.3	5.1	4.8	5.7
Medical care commodities	283.310	284.392	286.018	286.787	-.3	1.0	4.1	5.0	.3	4.6
Medical care services	374.455	376.920	378.118	379.200	7.5	4.4	6.9	5.2	6.0	6.0
Professional services	305.437	306.642	307.129	308.447	6.4	2.0	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.4
Hospital and related services ³	501.200	507.309	510.254	512.026	7.0	6.6	9.6	8.9	6.8	9.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	June 2007	Dec. 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.602	108.916	108.962	109.016	-0.2	0.6	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.9
Video and audio ²	102.576	102.942	102.684	103.094	-3.7	3.3	-1.2	2.0	-2	.4
Education and communication ²	116.988	117.294	117.281	117.579	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.0	3.0	2.2
Education ²	170.551	171.623	172.604	173.559	5.3	4.1	4.7	7.2	4.7	5.9
Educational books and supplies	433.081	432.774	435.532	438.655	12.6	4.2	13.4	5.2	8.3	9.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	480.473	483.839	486.570	489.182	4.6	4.1	3.8	7.4	4.3	5.6
Communication ²	86.188	86.184	85.808	85.837	.5	2.8	.9	-1.6	1.6	-.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.283	84.282	83.894	83.917	.7	2.2	.9	-1.7	1.4	-.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	99.024	99.149	98.874	98.887	3.0	4.1	1.7	-.6	3.5	.6
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.958	10.877	10.710	10.722	-10.2	-7.9	-3.7	-8.3	-9.1	-6.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	9.348	9.229	8.866	8.843	-6.1	-17.0	-9.5	-19.9	-11.7	-14.8
Other goods and services	346.082	346.886	347.720	348.775	6.9	3.1	2.5	3.1	5.0	2.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	561.092	562.134	563.435	568.410	18.2	1.7	5.6	5.3	9.7	5.4
Personal care	194.393	194.888	195.364	195.422	2.1	3.8	1.1	2.1	2.9	1.6
Personal care products ¹	157.654	158.408	158.579	158.407	-.2	.5	-2.7	1.9	.2	-.4
Personal care services ¹	217.822	218.149	218.897	219.945	5.0	1.6	3.1	4.0	3.3	3.5
Miscellaneous personal services	329.372	330.029	330.698	331.753	2.3	6.4	3.6	2.9	4.3	3.3
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	170.221	170.800	173.457	173.915	6.6	9.5	-1.3	9.0	8.0	3.7
Food and beverages	204.778	205.386	205.850	205.945	7.3	5.2	4.6	2.3	6.3	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages	150.823	151.373	154.928	155.533	6.3	12.0	-4.6	13.1	9.1	3.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	187.085	188.242	201.881	203.827	5.1	17.2	-10.3	40.9	11.0	12.4
Apparel	117.914	117.996	118.593	119.055	-1.6	-6.3	2.4	3.9	-3.9	3.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	237.881	240.709	252.143	253.714	18.2	32.3	-11.0	29.4	25.1	7.3
Durables	112.432	112.359	112.479	112.468	-1.3	-1.7	-.1	.1	-1.5	.0
Services	242.833	243.646	244.474	245.249	4.1	2.6	2.3	4.0	3.3	3.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	226.032	226.420	227.249	227.936	2.9	3.6	2.8	3.4	3.2	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.142	116.982	117.370	117.396	.9	-.5	-1.2	.9	.2	-.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	181.858	184.267	185.595	186.392	14.5	-3.2	-6.6	10.4	5.3	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	145.513	145.749	146.651	147.186	7.3	2.9	7.0	4.7	5.1	5.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	143.250	143.886	144.275	144.659	2.5	2.5	.9	4.0	2.5	2.4
Transportation services	234.298	234.633	235.455	236.466	1.1	-.6	3.7	3.8	.3	3.7
Medical care services	374.455	376.920	378.118	379.200	7.5	4.4	6.9	5.2	6.0	6.0
Other services	276.810	277.734	278.150	278.918	2.3	4.1	2.3	3.1	3.2	2.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	203.334	204.022	206.063	206.757	4.8	5.7	.0	6.9	5.2	3.4
All items less shelter	194.652	195.420	197.610	198.184	6.1	6.6	-.1	7.5	6.4	3.6
All items less medical care	197.376	197.998	199.803	200.388	5.2	5.7	.4	6.2	5.4	3.3
Commodities less food	152.865	153.426	156.896	157.487	6.3	11.7	-4.4	12.7	9.0	3.8
Nondurables less food	188.582	189.585	202.433	204.346	5.2	16.5	-9.6	37.9	10.7	11.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	234.206	236.858	247.381	248.898	17.3	31.9	-11.6	27.6	24.4	6.2
Nondurables	196.651	197.625	204.692	205.719	6.5	10.8	-3.0	19.8	8.6	7.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	232.142	232.728	233.045	233.838	5.1	3.8	1.5	3.0	4.5	2.2
Services less medical care services	233.393	233.960	234.540	235.211	3.5	3.7	1.7	3.2	3.6	2.4
Energy	206.957	209.870	222.321	224.294	23.6	34.7	-14.9	38.0	29.1	8.3
All items less energy	204.152	204.551	205.044	205.479	3.2	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8
All items less food and energy	204.459	204.817	205.309	205.815	2.3	1.8	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.630	140.642	140.766	140.918	.5	-1.2	1.2	.8	-.4	1.0
Energy commodities	241.314	244.847	267.889	271.019	31.0	69.2	-20.0	59.1	48.9	12.8
Services less energy services	249.459	250.078	250.844	251.613	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.3

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means

estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Dec.2007 from—			Percent change to Nov.2007 from—		
		Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Nov. 2006	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007
U.S. city average	M	203.889	204.338	205.891	205.777	4.3	0.7	-0.1	4.6	1.0	0.8
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	217.486	218.151	219.871	220.146	4.1	.9	.1	4.3	1.1	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	218.791	219.275	220.710	220.824	3.8	.7	.1	4.0	.9	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	130.447	131.080	132.485	132.856	4.7	1.4	.3	4.7	1.6	1.1
Midwest urban	M	194.828	194.384	196.056	195.493	4.1	.6	-.3	4.6	.6	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.306	194.843	196.343	195.839	3.8	.5	-.3	4.3	.5	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.139	126.879	128.129	127.740	4.4	.7	-.3	4.9	.8	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	193.586	193.074	194.907	194.099	4.6	.5	-.4	5.2	.7	.9
South urban	M	198.873	199.319	200.849	200.850	4.7	.8	.0	5.1	1.0	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	202.354	202.906	203.991	204.370	4.8	.7	.2	4.9	.8	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.953	127.265	128.407	128.206	4.8	.7	-.2	5.4	1.1	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	201.250	200.942	202.913	203.333	3.9	1.2	.2	4.0	.8	1.0
West urban	M	207.164	208.304	209.629	209.488	4.3	.6	-.1	4.5	1.2	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.921	210.025	211.268	211.095	4.3	.5	-.1	4.5	1.1	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.642	129.419	130.356	130.309	4.6	.7	.0	4.7	1.3	.7
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	189.072	189.471	190.680	190.622	4.2	.6	.0	4.4	.9	.6
B/C ³	M	127.759	128.103	129.268	129.156	4.7	.8	-.1	5.0	1.2	.9
D	M	199.289	199.275	201.016	200.867	4.1	.8	-.1	4.4	.9	.9
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	199.419	199.558	200.887	200.217	4.9	.3	-.3	5.3	.7	.7
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	209.849	211.259	212.844	212.282	4.6	.5	-.3	4.7	1.4	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	222.174	222.624	223.716	223.873	4.0	.6	.1	4.2	.7	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	227.429	-	230.440	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.3	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	187.784	-	188.488	-	-	-	-	5.0	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	197.027	-	198.521	-	-	-	-	4.7	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	134.277	-	134.844	-	-	-	-	4.8	.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	200.714	-	202.034	4.6	.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	196.237	-	195.866	2.5	-.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	183.426	-	184.975	4.2	.8	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	213.454	-	215.561	5.9	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	218.061	-	218.791	3.6	.3	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	213.133	-	214.204	4.2	.5	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	213.107	-	214.024	4.8	.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 technical notes.

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA;

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2007 from—	
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	121.178	121.088	3.4	-0.1
Food and beverages	15.072	121.602	121.756	4.6	.1
Food	13.943	121.709	121.892	4.7	.2
Food at home	8.029	118.711	118.861	5.3	.1
Food away from home	5.914	125.752	125.981	3.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	120.551	120.351	3.7	-.2
Housing	42.173	125.860	125.935	2.8	.1
Shelter	32.495	127.989	128.069	3.1	.1
Fuels and utilities	4.702	151.640	152.163	4.9	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	95.217	94.998	-1.2	-.2
Apparel	4.076	90.971	88.747	-.7	-2.4
Transportation	17.095	123.476	123.250	6.3	-.2
Private transportation	15.988	124.257	124.024	6.3	-.2
Public transportation	1.107	114.935	114.794	7.2	-.1
Medical care	6.055	138.963	139.207	4.9	.2
Medical care commodities	1.458	123.913	124.076	2.5	.1
Medical care services	4.597	144.235	144.507	5.6	.2
Recreation	5.863	105.156	104.926	-.2	-.2
Education and communication	6.190	106.416	106.480	2.0	.1
Education	2.751	164.117	164.321	5.5	.1
Communication	3.439	74.075	74.082	-.7	.0
Other goods and services	3.475	125.033	125.472	3.1	.4
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	129.479	129.599	3.3	.1
Commodities	41.237	110.914	110.568	3.7	-.3
Durables	12.340	84.449	84.394	-1.6	-.1
Nondurables	28.897	124.884	124.363	6.0	-.4
All items less food and energy	78.707	115.989	115.910	2.1	-.1
Energy	7.351	186.102	185.047	15.9	-.6

Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1A. 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)

CPI-U	Annual average 2006	Annual average 2007	Percent change from 2006 to 2007
Expenditure category			
All items	201.6	207.342	2.8
All items (1967=100)	603.9	621.106	-
Food and beverages	195.7	203.300	3.9
Food	195.2	202.916	4.0
Food at home	193.1	201.245	4.2
Cereals and bakery products	212.8	222.107	4.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	186.6	195.616	4.8
Dairy and related products	181.4	194.770	7.4
Fruits and vegetables	252.9	262.628	3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	147.4	153.432	4.1
Other food at home	169.6	173.275	2.2
Sugar and sweets	171.5	176.772	3.1
Fats and oils	168.0	172.921	2.9
Other foods	185.0	188.244	1.8
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	113.9	115.105	1.1
Food away from home	199.4	206.659	3.6
Other food away from home ¹	136.6	144.068	5.5
Alcoholic beverages	200.7	207.026	3.2
Housing	203.2	209.586	3.1
Shelter	232.1	240.611	3.7
Rent of primary residence	225.1	234.679	4.3
Lodging away from home ¹	136.0	142.813	5.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ²	238.2	246.235	3.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	116.5	117.004	.4
Fuels and utilities	194.7	200.632	3.0
Household energy	177.1	181.744	2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	234.9	251.453	7.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	182.1	186.262	2.3
Household furnishings and operations	127.0	126.875	-.1
Apparel	119.5	118.998	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel	114.1	112.368	-1.5
Women's and girls' apparel	110.7	110.296	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.5	113.948	-2.2
Footwear	123.5	122.374	-.9
Transportation	180.9	184.682	2.1
Private transportation	177.0	180.778	2.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	95.6	94.303	-1.4
New vehicles	137.6	136.254	-1.0
Used cars and trucks	140.0	135.747	-3.0
Motor fuel	221.0	239.070	8.2
Gasoline (all types)	219.9	237.959	8.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	117.3	121.583	3.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	215.6	222.963	3.4
Public transportation	226.6	230.002	1.5
Medical care	336.2	351.054	4.4
Medical care commodities	285.9	289.999	1.4
Medical care services	350.6	369.302	5.3
Professional services	289.3	300.792	4.0
Hospital and related services	468.1	498.922	6.6
Recreation ¹	110.9	111.443	.5
Video and audio ¹	104.6	102.949	-1.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1A. 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)

CPI-U	Annual average 2006	Annual average 2007	Percent change from 2006 to 2007
Expenditure category			
Education and communication ¹	116.8	119.577	2.4
Education ¹	162.1	171.388	5.7
Educational books and supplies	388.9	420.418	8.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	468.1	494.079	5.5
Communication ¹	84.1	83.367	-.9
Information and information processing ¹	81.7	80.720	-1.2
Telephone services ¹	95.8	98.247	2.6
Information technology, hardware and services ³	12.5	10.597	-15.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	10.8	9.688	-10.3
Other goods and services	321.7	333.328	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products	519.9	554.184	6.6
Personal care	190.2	195.622	2.9
Personal care products	155.8	158.285	1.6
Personal care services	209.7	216.559	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services	313.6	324.984	3.6
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	164.0	167.509	2.1
Food and beverages	195.7	203.300	3.9
Commodities less food and beverages	145.9	147.515	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	176.7	182.526	3.3
Apparel	119.5	118.998	-.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	216.3	226.224	4.6
Durables	114.5	112.473	-1.8
Services	238.9	246.848	3.3
Rent of shelter ²	241.9	250.813	3.7
Transportation services	230.8	233.731	1.3
Other services	277.5	285.559	2.9
Special indexes			
All items less food	202.7	208.098	2.7
All items less shelter	191.9	196.639	2.5
All items less medical care	194.7	200.080	2.8
Commodities less food	148.0	149.720	1.2
Nondurables less food	178.2	184.012	3.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	213.9	223.411	4.4
Nondurables	186.7	193.468	3.6
Services less rent of shelter ²	253.3	260.764	2.9
Services less medical care services	229.6	236.847	3.2
Energy	196.9	207.723	5.5
All items less energy	203.7	208.925	2.6
All items less food and energy	205.9	210.729	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.6	140.053	-.4
Energy commodities	223.0	241.018	8.1
Services less energy services	244.7	253.058	3.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	\$.496	\$.482	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.166	\$.161	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

Table 4A. 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)

CPI-W	Annual average 2006	Annual average 2007	Percent change from 2006 to 2007
Expenditure category			
All items	197.1	202.767	2.9
All items (1967=100)	587.2	603.982	-
Food and beverages	194.9	202.531	3.9
Food	194.4	202.134	4.0
Food at home	192.2	200.273	4.2
Cereals and bakery products	213.1	222.409	4.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	186.1	195.193	4.9
Dairy and related products	180.9	194.474	7.5
Fruits and vegetables	251.0	260.484	3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.7	152.786	4.1
Other food at home	169.1	172.630	2.1
Sugar and sweets	170.5	175.323	2.8
Fats and oils	168.7	173.640	2.9
Other foods	185.2	188.405	1.7
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	114.2	115.356	1.0
Food away from home	199.1	206.412	3.7
Other food away from home ¹	136.2	143.462	5.3
Alcoholic beverages	200.6	207.097	3.2
Housing	198.5	204.795	3.2
Shelter	224.8	232.998	3.6
Rent of primary residence	224.2	233.806	4.3
Lodging away from home ¹	135.3	142.339	5.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ²	216.0	223.175	3.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	116.8	117.366	.5
Fuels and utilities	193.1	198.863	3.0
Household energy	174.4	179.031	2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	234.0	251.121	7.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	180.2	184.357	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	137.1	143.980	5.0
Household furnishings and operations	122.6	122.477	-.1
Household operations ¹	139.0	143.054	2.9
Apparel	119.1	118.518	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	114.0	112.224	-1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	110.3	110.202	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.6	116.278	-2.0
Footwear	123.1	122.062	-.8
Transportation	180.3	184.344	2.2
Private transportation	177.5	181.496	2.3
New and used motor vehicles ¹	94.7	93.300	-1.5
New vehicles	138.6	137.415	-.9
Used cars and trucks	140.8	136.586	-3.0
Motor fuel	221.6	239.900	8.3
Gasoline (all types)	220.7	238.879	8.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	116.9	121.356	3.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	218.1	225.535	3.4
Public transportation	225.0	228.531	1.6
Medical care	335.7	350.882	4.5
Medical care commodities	279.0	282.558	1.3
Medical care services	351.1	370.111	5.4
Professional services	291.7	303.169	3.9
Hospital and related services	463.6	493.740	6.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4A. 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)

CPI-W	Annual average 2006	Annual average 2007	Percent change from 2006 to 2007
Expenditure category			
Recreation ¹	108.2	108.572	0.3
Video and audio ¹	103.9	102.559	-1.3
Education and communication ¹	113.9	116.301	2.1
Education ¹	160.3	169.280	5.6
Educational books and supplies	390.7	423.730	8.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	453.3	477.589	5.4
Communication ¹	86.0	85.782	-.3
Information and information processing ¹	84.3	83.928	-.4
Telephone services ¹	95.9	98.373	2.6
Information technology, hardware and services ³	13.0	11.062	-14.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	10.7	9.565	-10.6
Other goods and services	330.9	344.004	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products	521.6	555.502	6.5
Personal care	188.3	193.590	2.8
Personal care products	155.7	158.268	1.6
Personal care services	209.8	216.823	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services	314.1	326.100	3.8
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	165.7	169.554	2.3
Food and beverages	194.9	202.531	3.9
Commodities less food and beverages	148.7	150.865	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	182.6	189.507	3.8
Apparel	119.1	118.518	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	226.1	237.858	5.2
Durables	114.6	112.640	-1.7
Services	234.1	241.696	3.2
Rent of shelter ²	216.6	224.617	3.7
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	116.8	117.366	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	180.2	184.357	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	137.1	143.980	5.0
Household operations ¹	139.0	143.054	2.9
Transportation services	230.6	233.420	1.2
Medical care services	351.1	370.111	5.4
Other services	268.2	275.218	2.6
Special indexes			
All items less food	197.5	202.698	2.6
All items less shelter	189.2	193.940	2.5
All items less medical care	191.3	196.564	2.8
Commodities less food	150.6	152.875	1.5
Nondurables less food	183.8	190.698	3.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	223.0	234.201	5.0
Nondurables	189.5	196.772	3.8
Services less rent of shelter ²	224.7	230.876	2.7
Services less medical care services	225.3	232.195	3.1
Energy	196.8	208.066	5.7
All items less energy	198.0	203.002	2.5
All items less food and energy	199.2	203.554	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.1	140.612	-.3
Energy commodities	223.0	241.257	8.2
Services less energy services	239.9	247.888	3.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	\$.507	\$.493	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.170	\$.166	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

³ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.