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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2012

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in December on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The gasoline index declined again in December, but other indexes, notably food and shelter, increased, resulting in the seasonally adjusted all items index being unchanged. Gasoline was the only major energy index to decline; the indexes for natural gas and electricity both increased. Within the food category, five of the six major grocery store food groups increased as the food at home index rose for the third consecutive month.

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in December, the same increase as in November. Besides shelter, the indexes for airline fares, tobacco, and medical care also increased. The indexes for recreation, household furnishings and operations, and used cars and trucks all declined in December.

The all items index increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months, compared to a 1.8 percent figure in November. The index for all items less food and energy rose 1.9 percent over the last 12 months, the same figure as last month. The food index has risen 1.8 percent over the last 12 months, and the energy index has risen 0.5 percent.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Dec. 2011 - Dec. 2012
Percent change

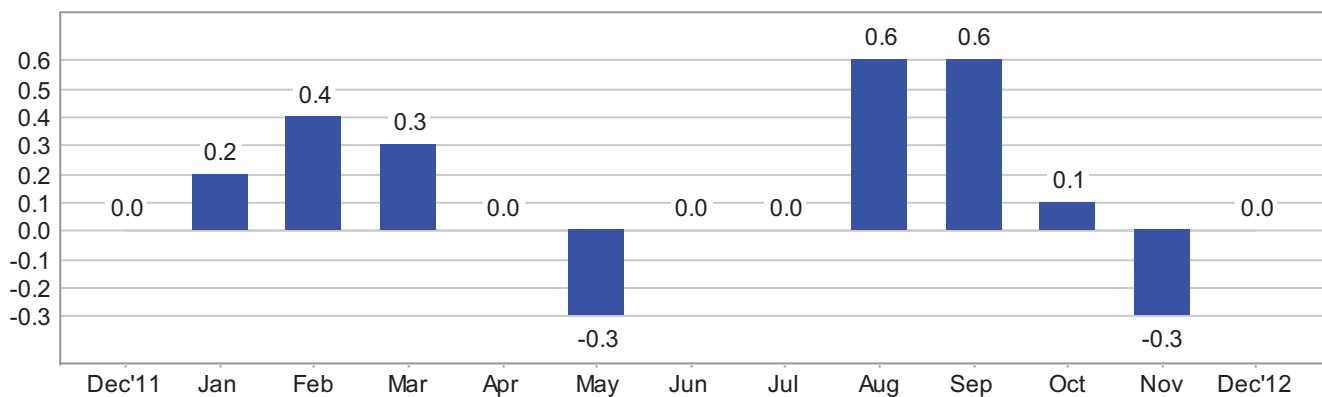


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Dec. 2011 - Dec. 2012
Percent change

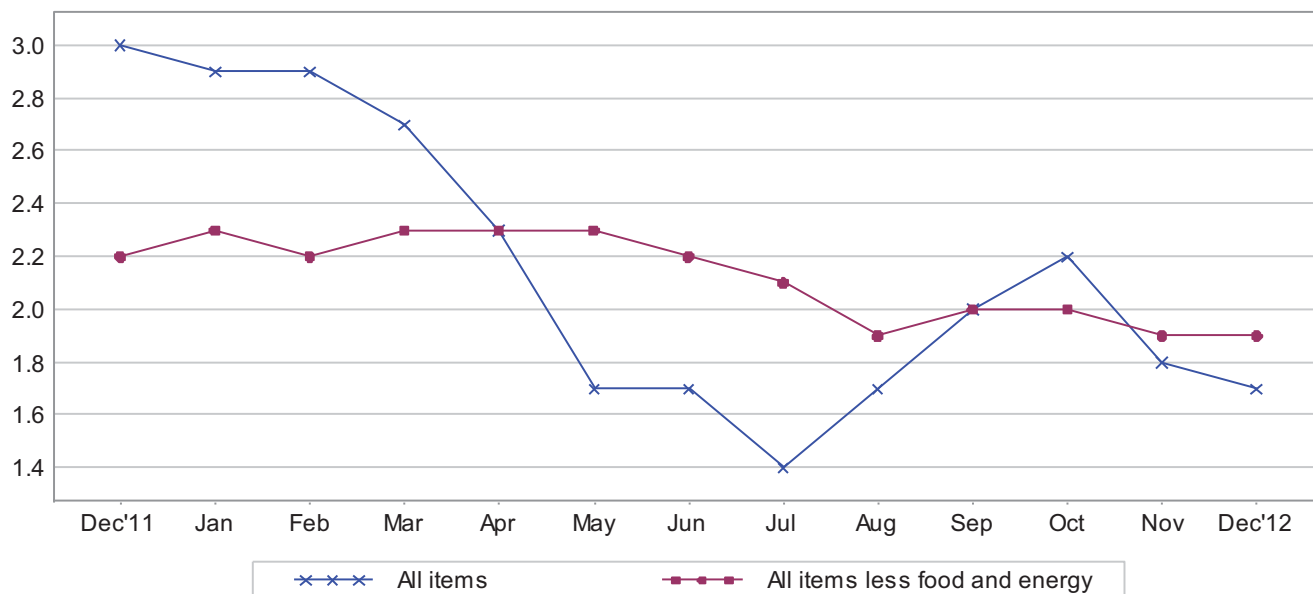


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2012
	June 2012	July 2012	Aug. 2012	Sep. 2012	Oct. 2012	Nov. 2012	Dec. 2012	
All items .....	.0	.0	.6	.6	.1	-.3	.0	1.7
Food .....	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	1.8
Food at home .....	.1	.0	.1	.0	.3	.3	.2	1.3
Food away from home ¹ .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.1	.1	2.5
Energy	-1.4	-.3	5.6	4.5	-.2	-4.1	-1.2	.5
Energy commodities	-2.3	.2	8.6	6.7	-.5	-6.9	-2.2	1.5
Gasoline (all types)	-2.0	.3	9.0	7.0	-.6	-7.4	-2.3	1.7
Fuel oil ¹	-7.9	-.5	4.6	4.1	1.1	-.2	.0	3.6
Energy services .....	.0	-1.1	.8	.7	.3	.9	.4	-1.1
Electricity	-.5	-1.3	.2	.2	.5	.7	.2	-.5
Utility (piped) gas service	1.7	-.2	2.8	2.0	-.2	1.3	1.3	-2.9
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	1.9
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities .....	.2	.0	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.1	-.2	.3
New vehicles .....	.2	-.1	.2	-.1	-.1	.2	.0	1.6
Used cars and trucks .....	.0	-.5	-.9	-1.4	-.9	-.5	-.4	-2.0
Apparel .....	.5	.2	-.5	.3	.7	-.6	-.1	1.8
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.1	.5	.3	-.1	.0	-.4	-.5	1.7
Services less energy services .....	.2	.1	.1	.3	.3	.2	.2	2.5
Shelter .....	.1	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	2.2
Transportation services	-.2	-.2	.0	.5	.7	.2	.5	2.6
Medical care services .....	.7	.3	.2	.4	.0	.3	.3	3.7

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Year in Review

The CPI rose 1.7 percent in 2012 after a 3.0 percent increase in 2011. This was the third smallest December-December increase of the past ten years and compares to a 2.4 percent average annual increase over the span.

The energy index increased 0.5 percent in 2012, a sharp deceleration from its 6.6 percent increase in 2011. The gasoline index rose 1.7 percent in 2012 after increasing 13.8 percent in 2010 and 9.9 percent in 2011. The household energy index declined in 2012, falling 1.1 percent after increasing 1.8 percent in 2011. The fuel oil index rose 3.6 percent in 2012, but the electricity index decreased 0.5 percent and the index for natural gas fell 2.9 percent, the fourth straight year it has declined.

The index for food rose 1.8 percent in 2012, a deceleration from its 4.7 percent increase in 2011. The index for food at home rose 1.3 percent in 2012 compared to 6.0 percent in 2011. Five of the six major grocery store food group indexes rose in 2012, with increases ranging from 0.5 percent (dairy and related products) to 2.0 percent (other food at home). The nonalcoholic beverages group was the only index to decline, falling 0.2 percent. The index for food away from home rose 2.5 percent in 2012 after increasing 2.9 percent in 2011.

The index for all items less food and energy decelerated slightly in 2012, rising 1.9 percent after a 2.2 percent increase in 2011. This matches the average annual increase of 1.9 percent over the past ten years. Several indexes decelerated in 2012. The apparel index, which rose 4.6 percent in 2011, increased 1.8 percent in 2012. The index for new vehicles increased 1.6 percent in 2012 after rising 3.2 percent in 2011, and the medical care index rose 3.2 percent in 2012 after a 3.5 percent increase the prior year. The index for airline fares rose 2.1 percent, the tobacco index increased 1.9 percent, and the recreation index rose 0.8 percent; all of these increases were smaller than in 2011. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in 2012 after rising in 2011, and the index for used cars and trucks turned down in 2012, falling 2.0 percent after increasing 4.0 percent in 2011. In contrast, the shelter index accelerated in 2012, rising 2.2 percent after a 1.9 percent increase in 2011. The index for rent rose 2.7 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent increased 2.1 percent.

Consumer Price Index Data for December 2012

Food

The food index rose 0.2 percent in December for the third month in a row. The index for food at home increased 0.2 percent after rising 0.3 percent in each of the two previous months. The index for meat, poultry, fish, and eggs was unchanged in December, while the remaining major grocery store food group indexes all increased. The fruits and vegetables index posted the largest increase, rising 0.6 percent; this was its seventh increase in the last nine months. The indexes for cereals and bakery products, dairy and related products, and nonalcoholic beverages, which all rose in November, each increased 0.2 percent in December. The index for other food at home increased 0.1 percent in December after rising 0.4 percent in November. The index for food away from home rose 0.1 percent in December, the same increase as in October and November.

Energy

The energy index declined 1.2 percent in December after declining 4.1 percent in November. The gasoline index, which fell 7.4 percent in November, declined 2.3 percent. It has decreased 10.1 percent since its recent peak in September. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices decreased 4.2 percent in December.) The index for fuel oil was unchanged in December, while other major energy components increased. The natural gas index rose 1.3 percent in December, the same increase as in November. The index for electricity rose 0.2 percent, its fifth consecutive increase.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in December, the same increase as in November. The shelter index rose 0.1 percent in December after increasing 0.2 percent in November. The rent index rose 0.2 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.1 percent, while the lodging away from home index declined 0.9 percent. The index for airline fares continued to rise, increasing 1.2 percent in December. This was its fourth consecutive increase and it has risen 6.5 percent since August. The index for medical care increased 0.1 percent as the medical care services index rose but the index for medical care commodities declined. The tobacco index rose 0.5 percent in December, its first increase since September. In contrast to these increases, the recreation index declined in December, falling 0.2 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations also fell 0.2 percent, while the index for used cars and trucks declined 0.4 percent, its sixth consecutive decrease. The indexes for apparel and personal care both declined 0.1 percent in December. The index for new vehicles, which rose 0.2 percent in November, was unchanged in December.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 229.601 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index declined 0.3 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 225.889 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.3 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 1.6 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index decreased 0.2 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2010 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for January 2013 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

Discontinuation of Department Store Inventory Indexes

The Bureau of Labor Statistics will discontinue publication of its Department Store Inventory indexes after the release of the December 2013 CPI in mid-January 2014, and these values will no longer be uploaded to the Labstat database. For further information please contact Sharon Gibson at 202-691-6968 or gibson.sharon@bls.gov.

Publication Changes for Average Price Series

The Bureau of Labor Statistics will discontinue publication of three average price series after the release of the June 2013 CPI in mid-July 2013. They are:

- utility (piped) gas, 40 therms;
- utility (piped) gas, 100 therms; and
- electricity, 500 kilowatt hours.

The Bureau will, however, continue to publish average prices for utility (piped) gas on a per therm basis, and will continue to publish electricity prices on a per kilowatt hour basis. As such, users will be able to convert these data to any consumption amount. CPI Detailed Report table *P1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas* will no longer be published. Data for fuel oil #2, per gallon (3.785 liters) will continue to be available in the CPI Average Price Data public database.

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

Information from this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200, Federal Relay Services: 1-800-877-8339.

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 29 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 88 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 each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 26,000 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. 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 116.500. 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 0.03 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 0.06 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For example, 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 0.14 and 0.26 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Price Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January-December 2011”. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>), or by using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2011.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

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 before adjustment 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 2007 through December 2011 were replaced in January 2012. 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](#).

Effective with the publication of data from January 2006 through December 2010 in January 2011, the Video and audio series and the Information technology, hardware and services series were changed from independently adjusted to dependently adjusted. This resulted in an increase in the number of seasonal components used in deriving seasonal movement of the All items and 54 other lower level aggregations, from 73 for the publication of January 1998 through December 2005 data to 82 for the publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2006 and later. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 82 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 before that period will not be changed. Note: 38 of the 82 components are not seasonally adjusted for 2012.

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.

For the seasonal factors introduced in January 2012, BLS adjusted 31 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

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 Christopher Graci by electronic mail at Graci.Christopher@bls.gov or by telephone at (202) 691-5826, or Carlyle Jackson by electronic mail at Jackson.Carlyle@bls.gov or by telephone at (202) 691-6984. If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 19, 2013

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January 2008 through December 2012, on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 2013 CPI on Thursday, February 21, 2013.

The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the internet. The address is <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>. Look under Seasonal Adjustment in the CPI and select Revised Seasonally Adjusted Indexes and Factors, 2008-2012.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011	Nov. 2012	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
All items.....	100.000	225.672	230.221	229.601	1.7	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Food.....	14.243	231.301	234.896	235.390	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Food at home.....	8.553	229.982	232.295	232.901	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.226	265.997	267.817	268.057	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.950	228.853	232.303	232.262	1.5	0.0	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Dairy and related products ¹	0.900	218.458	218.921	219.443	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.2
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.265	283.550	284.367	288.516	1.8	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	168.520	168.222	168.204	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.5	0.2
Other food at home.....	2.271	200.566	204.531	204.626	2.0	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.1
Food away from home ¹	5.690	234.435	240.038	240.359	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Energy.....	9.759	232.300	238.946	233.473	0.5	-2.3	-0.2	-4.1	-1.2
Energy commodities.....	6.013	287.363	303.627	291.815	1.5	-3.9	-0.5	-6.9	-2.2
Fuel oil ¹	0.233	369.085	382.355	382.532	3.6	0.0	1.1	-0.2	0.0
Motor fuel.....	5.682	282.501	299.777	287.408	1.7	-4.1	-0.6	-7.3	-2.3
Gasoline (all types).....	5.490	280.713	298.131	285.606	1.7	-4.2	-0.6	-7.4	-2.3
Energy services ²	3.746	189.891	187.359	187.880	-1.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.4
Electricity ²	2.842	192.777	191.837	191.879	-0.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.2
Utility (piped) gas service ²	0.904	178.193	171.243	173.098	-2.9	1.1	-0.2	1.3	1.3
All items less food and energy.....	75.998	226.740	231.263	231.033	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.668	145.929	147.487	146.387	0.3	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Apparel.....	3.665	123.470	129.573	125.656	1.8	-3.0	0.7	-0.6	-0.1
New vehicles.....	3.171	142.953	144.762	145.181	1.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Used cars and trucks.....	1.847	148.140	145.862	145.234	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4
Medical care commodities ¹	1.718	327.254	334.285	332.684	1.7	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.5
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.945	227.335	231.178	231.572	1.9	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	0.799	847.063	858.504	862.945	1.9	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.5
Services less energy services.....	56.330	275.643	282.044	282.400	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Shelter.....	31.559	253.716	258.999	259.298	2.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Rent of primary residence ²	6.509	257.189	263.365	264.098	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{2, 3}	23.942	261.982	267.099	267.480	2.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Medical care services.....	5.426	430.005	445.278	445.955	3.7	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3
Physicians' services ²	1.613	342.966	350.277	349.910	2.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hospital services ^{2, 4}	1.547	246.377	257.537	258.486	4.9	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.9
Transportation services.....	5.812	269.858	276.008	276.982	2.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.147	255.644	258.943	258.845	1.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.479	396.193	412.890	414.773	4.7	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.5
Airline fare.....	0.768	299.315	305.354	305.733	2.1	0.1	2.4	1.4	1.2

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

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

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, December 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
All items.....	100.000	1.7	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Food.....	14.243	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Food at home.....	8.553	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.226	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.469	-0.7	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.051	2.3	1.6	0.9	-0.5	1.9
Breakfast cereal ¹	0.290	-0.8	-0.7	0.9	1.2	-0.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal ¹	0.128	-1.5	0.8	-1.5	1.3	0.8
Rice ^{1, 2, 3}		0.0	0.1	-0.6	1.7	0.1
Bakery products.....	0.757	1.7	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4
Bread ²	0.222	1.5	0.8	0.4	-0.9	1.0
White bread ^{1, 3}		2.3	1.2	1.8	-0.7	1.2
Bread other than white ^{1, 3}		-0.2	0.7	1.1	-1.3	0.7
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1, 2}	0.113	1.3	0.9	-1.0	0.4	0.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.186	1.3	-0.8	1.3	-0.4	-0.6
Cookies ^{1, 3}		1.8	-1.2	0.0	0.9	-1.4
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{1, 3}		1.5	-0.5	2.6	-0.5	-0.5
Other bakery products.....	0.236	2.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.3
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{1, 3}		5.4	0.8	1.2	0.2	0.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ³		1.4	0.7	0.5	-0.1	1.2
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ³		0.3	-2.1	-1.1	2.4	-2.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.950	1.5	0.0	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.838	1.5	-0.1	0.7	0.1	0.2
Meats.....	1.189	0.8	-0.2	0.6	0.0	0.2
Beef and veal ¹	0.560	4.6	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3
Uncooked ground beef ¹	0.220	5.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1, 2}	0.082	3.2	-0.2	2.4	0.4	-0.2
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1, 2}	0.207	4.1	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.6
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1, 2}	0.052	4.2	2.1	1.2	0.0	2.1
Pork.....	0.365	-3.3	-1.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ²		0.138	-2.4	-0.7	-0.6	-0.2
Bacon and related products ³			-1.8	0.0	-0.8	-0.1
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1, 2, 3}			-4.1	-2.0	-1.0	-2.1
Ham.....	0.078	-2.3	-2.4	-1.0	-0.5	0.1
Ham, excluding canned ³			-2.8	-2.6	-1.1	-0.8
Pork chops.....	0.061	-3.7	-2.1	2.3	1.0	-1.9
Other pork including roasts and picnics ²	0.088	-5.4	-1.4	4.6	0.4	0.3
Other meats.....	0.263	-1.2	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.5
Frankfurters ³			-1.2	0.9	-2.0	0.7
Lunchmeats ^{1, 2, 3}			-0.5	0.6	0.8	0.2
Lamb and organ meats ^{1, 3}			-7.8	-2.0	5.0	-1.2
Lamb and mutton ^{1, 2, 3}			-16.5	-1.8	4.3	-3.3
Poultry.....	0.346	5.7	0.7	1.5	0.2	0.7
Chicken ²	0.272	6.0	0.6	1.7	0.4	0.8
Fresh whole chicken ^{1, 3}			3.6	-0.6	2.0	2.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{1, 3}			7.1	1.6	1.9	0.1
Other poultry including turkey ²	0.074	4.6	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.1
Fish and seafood ¹	0.304	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.4
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1, 2}	0.155	-1.5	-1.0	-0.3	-0.5	-1.0
Processed fish and seafood ²	0.149	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	-0.1
Shelf stable fish and seafood ^{1, 3}			6.9	1.5	-0.1	1.5

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Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Frozen fish and seafood ^{1, 3}		-2.2	-1.6	-1.0	0.7	-1.6
Eggs.....	0.112	1.1	0.9	3.5	-3.1	-2.8
Dairy and related products ¹	0.900	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.2
Milk ^{1, 2}	0.298	1.9	0.3	0.9	2.5	0.3
Fresh whole milk ^{1, 3}		2.9	0.6	2.0	2.6	0.6
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1, 2, 3}		1.0	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.0
Cheese and related products ¹	0.285	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.8
Ice cream and related products.....	0.135	-1.3	-0.7	-0.8	0.4	-0.6
Other dairy and related products ²	0.182	0.1	0.9	-0.5	0.7	0.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.265	1.8	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.965	2.3	2.1	0.7	-0.1	1.1
Fresh fruits.....	0.511	5.5	2.6	0.9	0.3	1.6
Apples.....	0.092	13.3	1.0	-0.1	2.1	1.8
Bananas.....	0.079	0.0	1.1	1.2	-0.3	1.5
Citrus fruits ²	0.110	3.2	-1.9	2.6	-1.5	4.5
Oranges, including tangerines ³		3.3	-3.2	2.2	-0.4	7.5
Other fresh fruits ²	0.231	5.7	6.0	1.8	1.0	0.7
Fresh vegetables.....	0.453	-1.2	1.5	0.5	-0.5	0.5
Potatoes.....	0.074	-7.4	-1.8	1.0	2.5	0.4
Lettuce.....	0.063	-3.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.1	-0.8
Tomatoes ¹	0.081	4.8	5.9	3.7	1.3	5.9
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.236	-0.7	1.5	0.3	-0.2	0.8
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	0.300	0.1	-0.6	0.1	1.1	-0.9
Canned fruits and vegetables ²	0.151	0.5	-1.5	1.0	2.0	-2.2
Canned fruits ^{2, 3}		1.6	-1.7	-0.1	2.8	-2.9
Canned vegetables ^{2, 3}		-0.5	-1.4	1.3	2.1	-2.3
Frozen fruits and vegetables ²	0.094	-1.4	-0.6	-0.7	0.7	-0.4
Frozen vegetables ³		-2.2	-1.2	-1.1	1.3	-1.2
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ²	0.055	1.6	1.6	-0.8	-1.7	1.7
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1, 2, 3}		1.1	2.8	-1.2	-2.9	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.5	0.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ²	0.707	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.8	-0.1
Carbonated drinks.....	0.285	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.3
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1, 2}	0.014	-1.0	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.6
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1, 2}	0.408	1.2	-0.1	0.1	1.1	-0.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ²	0.234	-2.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.9
Coffee.....	0.141	-4.3	0.0	-0.2	0.6	1.0
Roasted coffee ³		-4.5	-0.3	0.7	0.5	2.1
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{1, 3}		-3.9	0.8	0.2	-1.6	0.8
Other beverage materials including tea ²	0.093	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.9	0.9
Other food at home.....	2.271	2.0	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.1
Sugar and sweets ¹	0.303	1.1	0.5	-0.2	-1.2	0.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.058	-1.3	0.7	-1.0	-0.6	1.1
Candy and chewing gum ^{1, 2}	0.182	1.5	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	0.2
Other sweets ²	0.063	2.3	1.1	0.7	-0.1	0.9
Fats and oils.....	0.262	1.7	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.0
Butter and margarine ²	0.076	-0.5	-1.0	-0.3	2.7	-1.0
Butter ³		-2.6	-2.1	-0.9	1.4	-2.1
Margarine ³		1.6	0.7	-1.1	1.0	0.6
Salad dressing ^{1, 2}	0.066	0.2	0.7	0.5	-0.1	0.7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ²	0.121	4.0	0.2	0.9	-0.5	-0.1
Peanut butter ^{1, 2, 3}		13.8	0.8	-0.4	-0.6	0.8
Other foods.....	1.706	2.2	0.0	-0.1	0.6	0.1

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 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Soups.....	0.096	0.4	-1.4	-1.8	1.8	-2.3
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ¹	0.301	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.2
Snacks ¹	0.330	3.7	-0.8	1.3	-0.1	-0.8
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.281	2.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.4
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{2, 3}		0.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.3
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1, 2, 3}		6.5	-0.5	1.0	-1.2	-0.5
Sauces and gravies ^{2, 3}		3.1	1.7	1.9	-1.3	2.8
Other condiments ^{1, 3}		2.0	0.2	-1.9	-1.5	0.2
Baby food ^{1, 2}	0.072	2.6	1.4	0.2	0.0	1.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1, 2}	0.627	2.5	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.4
Prepared salads ^{1, 3, 4}		2.2	-1.0	0.5	-0.1	-1.0
Food away from home ¹	5.690	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Full service meals and snacks ^{1, 2}	2.694	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1, 2}	2.290	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Food at employee sites and schools ²	0.262	3.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.3
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{1, 3, 5}		3.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1, 2}	0.082	2.6	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Other food away from home ^{1, 2}	0.362	2.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Energy.....	9.759	0.5	-2.3	-0.2	-4.1	-1.2
Energy commodities.....	6.013	1.5	-3.9	-0.5	-6.9	-2.2
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	0.331	-1.4	0.2	1.1	0.3	0.2
Fuel oil ¹	0.233	3.6	0.0	1.1	-0.2	0.0
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ^{1, 6}	0.098	-11.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Motor fuel.....	5.682	1.7	-4.1	-0.6	-7.3	-2.3
Gasoline (all types).....	5.490	1.7	-4.2	-0.6	-7.4	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³		1.6	-4.3	-0.7	-7.5	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3, 7}		1.8	-3.9	-1.0	-7.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³		2.3	-4.2	0.2	-6.9	-2.6
Other motor fuels ²	0.192	1.6	-2.0	1.8	-1.3	1.0
Energy services ⁸	3.746	-1.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.4
Electricity ⁸	2.842	-0.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.2
Utility (piped) gas service ⁸	0.904	-2.9	1.1	-0.2	1.3	1.3
All items less food and energy.....	75.998	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.668	0.3	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ⁹	3.311	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1, 2}	0.269	-3.9	-1.3	-0.1	0.0	-1.3
Floor coverings ^{1, 2}	0.038	-3.8	-0.9	-0.4	-0.8	-0.9
Window coverings ^{1, 2}	0.076	1.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.7	-0.3
Other linens ^{1, 2}	0.154	-6.3	-1.9	0.1	-0.2	-1.9
Furniture and bedding ¹	0.715	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Bedroom furniture ¹	0.233	-2.9	-0.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.9
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1, 2}	0.338	0.1	-0.4	-0.7	-1.0	-0.4
Other furniture ²	0.136	2.9	0.1	0.0	1.9	0.0
Infants' furniture ^{1, 3, 5}						
Appliances ²	0.285	1.9	-0.1	0.5	0.7	0.2
Major appliances ²	0.164	3.9	0.2	1.4	0.3	0.6
Laundry equipment ³		7.8	-0.5	1.8	1.2	-0.1
Other appliances ^{1, 2}	0.117	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1, 2}	0.482	-2.4	-0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.5
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ¹	0.252	-3.7	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.8
Indoor plants and flowers ¹⁰	0.101	-0.5	0.3	0.5	1.0	-0.3
Dishes and flatware ^{1, 2}	0.046	-3.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.3
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ²	0.083	0.1	-0.3	0.7	0.6	0.0

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Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ² . . .	0.674	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.6	-0.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹ · ²	0.172	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies ²	0.357	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.8	-0.4
Housekeeping supplies ¹	0.888	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Household cleaning products ¹ · ²	0.359	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1
Household paper products ¹ · ²	0.244	2.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.3
Miscellaneous household products ¹ · ²	0.285	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.1
Apparel	3.665	1.8	-3.0	0.7	-0.6	-0.1
Men's and boys' apparel	0.882	2.2	-3.0	-0.5	0.8	-0.2
Men's apparel	0.698	1.2	-3.6	-1.0	0.5	-0.5
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	0.129	-1.2	-7.2	-3.8	2.3	-3.1
Men's furnishings	0.186	4.3	-1.4	-1.1	1.2	1.4
Men's shirts and sweaters ²	0.222	-1.0	-4.1	0.3	-0.8	0.1
Men's pants and shorts	0.154	2.5	-2.4	-0.7	0.6	-1.0
Boys' apparel	0.184	6.1	-0.6	0.8	1.3	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.560	1.0	-4.4	1.7	-1.4	-0.6
Women's apparel	1.298	1.1	-4.9	1.1	-0.6	-0.9
Women's outerwear	0.105	3.1	-7.6	9.7	-0.4	-2.5
Women's dresses	0.169	2.2	-6.9	-0.4	-3.4	0.9
Women's suits and separates ²	0.614	1.9	-6.3	0.4	-0.1	-1.5
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ²	0.394	-1.0	-1.0	1.1	0.5	-0.5
Girls' apparel	0.262	0.3	-2.2	5.2	-5.0	0.8
Footwear	0.704	4.4	-1.4	0.7	0.1	0.4
Men's footwear ¹	0.217	4.0	-1.7	2.3	0.2	-1.7
Boys' and girls' footwear	0.154	3.3	0.0	0.6	1.6	0.7
Women's footwear	0.333	5.3	-1.9	-0.2	-0.3	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	0.202	1.4	-1.4	0.8	-1.7	0.4
Jewelry and watches ⁶	0.317	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-1.2	1.0
Watches ¹ · ⁶	0.088	4.6	2.9	-1.4	-3.0	2.9
Jewelry ⁶	0.229	-2.9	-2.3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ⁹	5.519	0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
New vehicles	3.171	1.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0
New cars and trucks ² · ³		1.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0
New cars ³		1.1	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.1
New trucks ³ · ¹¹		2.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Used cars and trucks	1.847	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	0.432	0.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Tires ¹	0.292	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.6	0.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹ · ²	0.140	2.3	0.1	-0.7	0.9	0.1
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ¹ · ³		2.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ¹ · ³		2.8	-0.3	-3.5	3.9	-0.3
Medical care commodities ¹	1.718	1.7	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.5
Medicinal drugs ¹ · ⁹	1.639	1.6	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
Prescription drugs	1.326	1.9	-0.6	0.2	-0.5	-0.5
Nonprescription drugs ¹ · ⁹	0.313	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1
Medical equipment and supplies ¹ · ⁹	0.079	1.9	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.1
Recreation commodities ⁹	2.272	-2.0	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6
Video and audio products ⁹	0.395	-9.0	-0.9	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
Televisions	0.145	-17.5	-1.0	-1.3	-1.1	-0.8
Other video equipment ¹ · ²	0.025	-12.0	-2.5	0.0	-2.9	-2.5
Audio equipment ¹	0.070	-6.3	-1.3	-0.7	-0.6	-1.3
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹ · ²	0.044	-0.9	-0.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.3

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		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Pets and pet products ¹	0.691	1.0	-0.7	0.2	0.3	-0.7
Pet food ^{1, 2, 3}		2.9	-0.4	0.5	0.4	-0.4
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1, 2, 3}		-2.4	-2.0	0.1	0.8	-2.0
Sporting goods ¹	0.460	1.0	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ¹	0.244	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Sports equipment ¹	0.207	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8
Photographic equipment and supplies	0.052	-7.6	-4.3	-2.4	-0.4	-2.7
Film and photographic supplies ^{1, 2, 3}		5.0				
Photographic equipment ^{2, 3}		-8.9	-4.1	-2.3	-0.4	-2.6
Recreational reading materials ¹	0.224	2.4	0.6	-0.3	0.6	0.6
Newspapers and magazines ^{1, 2}	0.124	6.2	0.9	0.3	0.9	0.9
Recreational books ^{1, 2}	0.096	-2.1	0.1	-1.1	0.2	0.1
Other recreational goods ²	0.450	-4.1	-1.1	-0.4	-0.4	-1.1
Toys ¹	0.331	-5.9	-1.7	-0.2	-0.7	-1.7
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1, 2, 3}		-2.7	-1.6	0.1	-0.6	-1.6
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ²	0.061	3.0	1.6	-1.8	0.8	1.9
Music instruments and accessories ²	0.040	0.8	-0.7	0.5	0.1	-0.7
Education and communication commodities ⁹	0.584	-2.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.6
Educational books and supplies	0.211	7.0	-0.3	0.1	0.8	-0.1
College textbooks ^{1, 3, 12}		7.9	-0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.3
Information technology commodities ⁹	0.373	-7.6	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-0.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁴	0.245	-8.7	-1.4	-1.5	-1.6	-1.3
Computer software and accessories ^{1, 2}	0.045	-7.2	0.1	-0.3	1.6	0.1
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ^{1, 2}	0.083	-4.7	-0.1	0.3	-1.2	-0.1
Alcoholic beverages	0.945	1.9	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Alcoholic beverages at home	0.566	1.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	0.271	1.6	0.3	-0.4	0.4	0.2
Distilled spirits at home ¹	0.071	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.8
Whiskey at home ³		0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.7	0.4
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{1, 3}		0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.8	-0.4
Wine at home	0.224	0.8	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.8
Alcoholic beverages away from home ¹	0.379	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		2.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1
Wine away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		3.2	0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.2
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		3.4	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.1
Other goods ⁹	1.654	0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	0.799	1.9	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.5
Cigarettes ^{1, 2}	0.739	1.9	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.6
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1, 2}	0.054	1.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.4
Personal care products ¹	0.649	0.2	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1, 2}	0.340	0.4	-0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.8
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ¹	0.303	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6
Miscellaneous personal goods ²	0.206	-0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ³		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.1
Infants' equipment ^{1, 3, 5}		-3.7	-1.1	-0.4	1.4	-1.1
Services less energy services	56.330	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Shelter	31.559	2.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Rent of shelter ¹³	31.210	2.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Rent of primary residence ⁸	6.509	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Lodging away from home ²	0.759	0.7	-2.6	0.5	-1.0	-0.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, December 2012 — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Housing at school, excluding board ^{8, 13}	0.158	4.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.600	-0.2	-3.2	0.5	-1.3	-1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{8, 13}	23.942	2.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{8, 13}	22.529	2.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1, 2}	0.349	3.4	1.0	0.2	0.5	1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.196	5.7	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Water and sewerage maintenance ⁸	0.904	6.7	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Garbage and trash collection ^{1, 11}	0.292	2.9	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
Household operations ^{1, 2}	0.727	2.2	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.1
Domestic services ^{1, 2}	0.250	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1, 2}	0.237	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1, 2}	0.089	2.9	0.6	-1.2	1.2	0.6
Repair of household items ^{1, 2}	0.078	4.3	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0
Medical care services.....	5.426	3.7	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3
Professional services.....	3.000	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Physicians' services ⁸	1.613	2.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Dental services ⁸	0.763	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁶	0.248	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Services by other medical professionals ^{1, 8, 6}	0.375	0.8	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Hospital and related services.....	1.770	4.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.8
Hospital services ^{8, 14}	1.547	4.9	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.9
Inpatient hospital services ^{8, 14, 3}	4.2	4.2	0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.8
Outpatient hospital services ^{8, 3, 6}	5.5	5.5	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.8
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{8, 14}	0.137	3.6	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Care of invalids and elderly at home ^{1, 5}	0.085	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Health insurance ^{1, 5}	0.656	9.9	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Transportation services.....	5.812	2.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.5
Leased cars and trucks ¹²	0.377	-4.0	0.5	-0.9	-0.5	1.3
Car and truck rental ²	0.067	0.9	3.6	-1.1	1.7	3.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.147	1.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Motor vehicle body work ¹	0.057	2.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ¹	0.460	1.9	-0.1	0.4	0.4	-0.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1, 2}	0.594	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.479	4.7	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.5
Motor vehicle fees ^{1, 2}	0.561	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{1, 8, 2}	0.325	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Parking and other fees ^{1, 2}	0.214	6.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Parking fees and tolls ^{1, 2, 3}	8.4	8.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Automobile service clubs ^{1, 2, 3}	2.3	2.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Public transportation.....	1.181	2.4	0.4	1.7	0.8	1.0
Airline fare.....	0.768	2.1	0.1	2.4	1.4	1.2
Other intercity transportation.....	0.147	1.3	2.6	0.5	-0.9	2.0
Intercity bus fare ^{1, 3, 4}	9.4	9.4	8.4	0.5	1.0	8.4
Intercity train fare ^{1, 3, 4}	-3.1	-3.1	-0.1	-1.9	-2.2	-0.1
Ship fare ^{1, 2, 3}	0.263	3.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.0
Intracity transportation ¹	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Intracity mass transit ^{1, 3, 9}	3.718	3.718	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Recreation services ⁹	1.502	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
Video and audio services ⁹	1.393	3.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.0
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹¹ ..	1.393	3.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.3	0.1

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, December 2012 — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ^{1, 2}	0.109	-3.4	-1.2	0.4	-0.8	-1.2
Video discs and other media ^{1, 2, 3}		-6.4	-1.5	0.0	-0.7	-1.5
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{1, 2, 3}		-0.5	-0.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.4
Pet services including veterinary ²	0.410	2.4	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3
Pet services ^{1, 2, 3}		2.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Veterinarian services ^{2, 3}		2.4	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.3
Photographers and film processing ^{1, 2}	0.058	0.3	-0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.5
Photographer fees ^{1, 2, 3}		0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Film processing ^{1, 2, 3}		0.3	-1.0	1.0	0.0	-1.0
Other recreation services ²	1.747	2.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ²	0.569	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	-0.3
Admissions ¹	0.637	4.2	0.5	0.7	-0.5	0.5
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1, 2, 3}		3.7	0.4	0.7	-0.6	0.4
Admission to sporting events ^{1, 2, 3}		6.2	1.3	0.3	-0.1	1.3
Fees for lessons or instructions ^{1, 6}	0.235	3.4	-0.1	0.0	1.2	-0.1
Education and communication services ⁹	6.179	1.9	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	3.061	3.6	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
College tuition and fees	1.730	4.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.388	3.5	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3
Child care and nursery school ¹⁰	0.780	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2
Technical and business school tuition and fees ²	0.059	2.9	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.2
Postage and delivery services ²	0.148	3.8	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0
Postage ¹	0.138	3.8	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1
Delivery services ^{1, 2}	0.010	5.0	-0.4	1.5	0.7	-0.4
Telephone services ^{1, 2}	2.387	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Wireless telephone services ^{1, 2}	1.443	-0.8	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Land-line telephone services ^{1, 9}	0.944	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Internet services and electronic information providers ^{1, 2}	0.569	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.3
Other personal services ⁹	1.712	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Personal care services ¹	0.628	1.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1, 2}	0.628	1.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5
Miscellaneous personal services	1.084	2.2	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Legal services ⁶	0.296	1.9	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Funeral expenses ⁶	0.159	2.2	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ²	0.240	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1, 2}	0.030	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Financial services ^{1, 6}	0.215	2.6	-0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.8

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, December 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
Checking account and other bank services ^{1, 2, 3}		3.9	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.3
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{2, 3}		1.8	-1.2	-0.1	-1.1	-1.2

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

4 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

6 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

9 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

10 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

11 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

12 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 1996=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): U.S. city average, special aggregate indexes, December 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Special aggregate indexes	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Dec. 2011	Nov. 2012	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012	Sep. 2012- Oct. 2012	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2012
All items less food.....	85.757	224.805	229.509	228.709	1.7	-0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.1
All items less shelter.....	68.441	217.260	221.572	220.582	1.5	-0.4	0.1	-0.5	-0.1
All items less food and shelter.....	54.197	213.403	217.881	216.532	1.5	-0.6	0.1	-0.7	-0.2
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.438	212.046	216.143	215.598	1.7	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.591	215.870	220.378	219.839	1.8	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
All items less medical care.....	92.856	216.875	221.049	220.408	1.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.0
All items less energy.....	90.241	226.795	231.160	231.043	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Commodities.....	39.924	183.345	186.845	185.204	1.0	-0.9	0.0	-1.1	-0.4
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	17.821	146.416	148.387	147.231	0.6	-0.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Commodities less food.....	25.681	160.453	163.834	161.405	0.6	-1.5	-0.2	-1.9	-0.7
Commodities less food and beverages.....	24.736	157.921	161.274	158.782	0.5	-1.5	-0.2	-2.0	-0.7
Services.....	60.076	267.737	273.323	273.694	2.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹	28.866	292.487	298.609	299.113	2.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Services less medical care services.....	54.650	255.271	260.231	260.580	2.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Durables.....	8.747	112.277	111.719	111.563	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Nondurables.....	31.177	218.411	224.101	221.668	1.5	-1.1	0.1	-1.4	-0.4
Nondurables less food.....	16.933	205.966	213.188	208.549	1.3	-2.2	-0.1	-2.7	-0.9
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	15.989	204.529	211.925	207.019	1.2	-2.3	-0.1	-2.9	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.324	259.668	268.048	262.409	1.1	-2.1	-0.3	-3.6	-1.3
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.269	255.567	263.531	258.414	1.1	-1.9	-0.3	-3.3	-1.1
Housing.....	40.871	220.193	223.814	224.032	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Education and communication ²	6.763	132.728	134.736	134.694	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Education ²	3.272	212.745	220.856	220.818	3.8	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3
Communication ²	3.491	82.990	82.532	82.496	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Information and information processing ²	3.343	79.599	79.011	78.975	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Information technology, hardware and services ³	0.956	8.818	8.544	8.528	-3.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2
Recreation ²	5.991	113.499	114.763	114.442	0.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.897	98.225	98.812	98.515	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.1
Pets, pet products and services ²	1.101	160.427	163.628	162.915	1.6	-0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.4
Photography ²	0.111	79.602	78.563	76.774	-3.6	-2.3	-0.9	-0.2	-1.6
Food and beverages.....	15.188	231.130	234.742	235.230	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Domestically produced farm food ⁴	7.229	236.613	239.474	240.239	1.5	0.3	0.5	-0.1	0.3
Other services.....	11.610	318.043	324.789	324.870	2.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Apparel less footwear.....	2.961	117.890	123.437	119.237	1.1	-3.4	0.7	-0.7	-0.2
Fuels and utilities.....	5.273	217.674	217.964	218.496	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.4
Household energy.....	4.077	189.711	187.141	187.642	-1.1	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4
Medical care.....	7.144	405.629	418.653	418.654	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Transportation.....	17.012	208.585	214.525	211.853	1.6	-1.2	-0.1	-2.6	-0.6
Private transportation.....	15.832	203.809	209.745	206.874	1.5	-1.4	-0.3	-2.8	-0.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	5.531	99.795	99.645	99.743	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
Utilities and public transportation.....	9.903	205.245	207.131	207.478	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.039	125.170	125.500	125.202	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.2
Other goods and services.....	3.366	391.043	396.702	396.814	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care.....	2.567	210.257	213.363	213.099	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1

1 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

4 Not seasonally adjusted.

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): Selected areas, all items index, December 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule ¹	Percent change to Dec. 2012 from:			Percent change to Nov. 2012 from:		
		Dec. 2011	Oct. 2012	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	Sep. 2012	Oct. 2012
U.S. city average.....	M	1.7	-0.7	-0.3	1.8	-0.5	-0.5
Region and area size²							
Northeast urban.....	M	1.8	-0.4	-0.3	1.8	-0.1	-0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	2.0	-0.3	-0.3	2.0	0.0	0.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	1.3	-0.8	-0.2	1.3	-0.4	-0.7
Midwest urban.....	M	1.8	-0.6	-0.2	1.8	-0.7	-0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	1.7	-0.7	-0.2	1.7	-0.7	-0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	2.0	-0.5	-0.2	2.0	-0.7	-0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000).....	M	1.6	-0.7	-0.1	1.6	-0.8	-0.6
South urban.....	M	1.7	-0.6	-0.1	1.6	-0.7	-0.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	1.7	-0.6	-0.1	1.6	-0.8	-0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	1.6	-0.6	-0.1	1.4	-0.6	-0.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000).....	M	1.9	-0.7	-0.1	2.1	-1.1	-0.6
West urban.....	M	1.7	-1.2	-0.5	1.9	-0.4	-0.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	1.8	-1.5	-0.6	2.1	-0.4	-0.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	1.3	-0.8	-0.4	1.4	-0.2	-0.4
Size classes							
A ⁴	M	1.8	-0.8	-0.3	1.9	-0.5	-0.5
B/C ³	M	1.5	-0.7	-0.2	1.5	-0.5	-0.5
D.....	M	1.9	-0.8	-0.2	2.1	-0.8	-0.5
Selected local areas⁵							
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI.....	M	1.7	-0.6	-0.3	1.5	-0.5	-0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA.....	M	1.9	-1.7	-0.7	2.1	-0.2	-1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA.....	M	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	2.0	-0.1	0.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT.....	1				2.0	0.2	
Cleveland-Akron, OH.....	1				1.6	-1.0	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX.....	1				1.7	-0.5	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1				2.1	-0.7	
Atlanta, GA.....	2	1.2	-0.9				
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI.....	2	1.4	-0.7				
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX.....	2	1.0	-0.8				
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL.....	2	1.4	-0.7				
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD....	2	1.8	-0.9				
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA.....	2	2.2	-1.4				
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA.....	2	1.4	-1.4				

1 Foods, fuels, and several other items are priced every month in all areas. Most other goods and services are 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.

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.

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 5. Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, all items index, December 2012
 [Percent changes]

Month Year	Unadjusted 1-month percent change		Unadjusted 12-month percent change	
	C-CPI-U ¹	CPI-U	C-CPI-U ¹	CPI-U
December 2000.....			2.6	3.4
December 2001.....			1.3	1.6
December 2002.....			2.0	2.4
December 2003.....			1.7	1.9
December 2004.....			3.2	3.3
December 2005.....			2.9	3.4
December 2006.....			2.3	2.5
December 2007.....			3.7	4.1
December 2008.....			0.2	0.1
December 2009.....			2.5	2.7
January 2010.....	0.4	0.3	2.4	2.6
February 2010.....	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1
March 2010.....	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.3
April 2010.....	0.1	0.2	2.1	2.2
May 2010.....	0.0	0.1	1.8	2.0
June 2010.....	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.1
July 2010.....	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2
August 2010.....	0.2	0.1	0.9	1.1
September 2010.....	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.1
October 2010.....	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.2
November 2010.....	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.1
December 2010.....	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.5
January 2011.....	0.4	0.5	1.4	1.6
February 2011.....	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.1
March 2011.....	0.8	1.0	2.3	2.7
April 2011.....	0.6	0.6	2.7	3.2
May 2011.....	0.4	0.5	3.1	3.6
June 2011.....	0.0	-0.1	3.2	3.6
July 2011.....	0.1	0.1	3.3	3.6
August 2011.....	0.3	0.3	3.4	3.8
September 2011.....	0.2	0.2	3.5	3.9
October 2011.....	-0.2	-0.2	3.2	3.5
November 2011.....	-0.1	-0.1	3.1	3.4
December 2011.....	-0.2	-0.2	2.7	3.0
January 2012.....	0.4	0.4	2.7	2.9
February 2012.....	0.4	0.4	2.6	2.9
March 2012.....	0.6	0.8	2.4	2.7
April 2012.....	0.3	0.3	2.1	2.3
May 2012.....	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	1.7
June 2012.....	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	1.7
July 2012.....	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	1.4
August 2012.....	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.7
September 2012.....	0.4	0.4	1.7	2.0
October 2012.....	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.2
November 2012.....	-0.4	-0.5	1.6	1.8
December 2012.....	-0.2	-0.3	1.6	1.7

1 The C-CPI-U is designed to be a closer approximation to a cost-of-living index in that it, in its final form, accounts for any substitution that consumers make across item categories in response to changes in relative prices. Since the expenditure data required for the calculation of the C-CPI-U are available only with a time lag, the C-CPI-U is being issued first in preliminary form using the latest available expenditure data at that time and is subject to two revisions.

NOTE: Indexes for 2012 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2011 are interim adjustments. Data prior to 2011 are final.

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 1-month analysis table
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
All items.....	100.000	0.0		0.03	L-Oct.2012	0.1
Food.....	14.243	0.2	0.027	0.08	—	—
Food at home.....	8.553	0.2	0.019	0.14	S-Sep.2012	0.0
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.226	0.2	0.003	0.35	S-Sep.2012	-0.1
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.469	0.0	0.000	0.50	S-Sep.2012	-0.9
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.051	1.9	0.001	0.88	L-May 2011	2.5
Breakfast cereal ⁴	0.290	-0.7	-0.002	0.69	S-Sep.2012	-1.9
Rice, pasta, cornmeal ⁴	0.128	0.8	0.001	0.72	S-Oct.2012	-1.5
Rice ^{4, 5, 6}		0.1		0.81	S-Oct.2012	-0.6
Bakery products.....	0.757	0.4	0.003	0.43	L-Oct.2012	0.4
Bread ⁵	0.222	1.0	0.002	0.89	L-Jul.2012	1.3
White bread ^{4, 6}		1.2		1.19	L-Oct.2012	1.8
Bread other than white ^{4, 6}		0.7		1.30	L-Oct.2012	1.1
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{4, 5}	0.113	0.8	0.001	0.61	L-Sep.2011	1.2
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.186	-0.6	-0.001	0.88	S-Jun.2012	-0.6
Cookies ^{4, 6}		-1.4		0.95	S-May 2011	-1.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{4, 6}		-0.5		0.97	—	—
Other bakery products.....	0.236	0.3	0.001	0.78	S-Oct.2012	0.3
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{4, 6} ...		0.8		0.92	L-Oct.2012	1.2
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ⁶		1.2		1.17	L-Apr.2012	2.6
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ⁵		-2.7		1.11	S-Jul.2009	-2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.950	0.0	0.001	0.23	L-Oct.2012	0.8
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.838	0.2	0.004	0.24	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Meats.....	1.189	0.2	0.003	0.28	L-Oct.2012	0.6
Beef and veal ⁴	0.560	0.3	0.002	0.41	L-Oct.2012	0.5
Uncooked ground beef ⁴	0.220	-0.1	0.000	0.60	S-Sep.2012	-0.3
Uncooked beef roasts ^{4, 5}	0.082	-0.2	0.000	1.10	S-Sep.2012	-1.2
Uncooked beef steaks ^{4, 5}	0.207	0.6	0.001	0.79	L-Jul.2012	1.2
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{4, 5}	0.052	2.1	0.001	0.73	L-Feb.2011	2.6
Pork.....	0.365	-0.1	0.000	0.48	—	—
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ⁵	0.138	0.1	0.000	0.84	L-Aug.2012	2.7
Bacon and related products ⁶		1.1		1.07	L-Aug.2012	3.6
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{4, 5, 6}		-2.0		1.23	L-Oct.2012	-1.0
Ham.....	0.078	0.1	0.000	0.98	L-Aug.2012	2.0
Ham, excluding canned ⁶		0.3		1.04	L-Aug.2012	2.3
Pork chops.....	0.061	-1.9	-0.001	1.02	S-Sep.2012	-2.6
Other pork including roasts and picnics ⁵	0.088	0.3	0.000	1.09	S-Sep.2012	-3.7
Other meats.....	0.263	0.5	0.001	0.63	L-May 2012	0.6
Frankfurters ⁶		0.7		2.08	—	—
Lunchmeats ^{4, 5, 6}		0.6		0.64	L-Oct.2012	0.8
Lamb and organ meats ^{4, 6}		-2.0		1.06	S-Sep.2012	-5.9
Lamb and mutton ^{4, 5, 6}		-1.8		1.19	L-Oct.2012	4.3
Poultry.....	0.346	0.7	0.002	0.62	L-Oct.2012	1.5
Chicken ⁵	0.272	0.8	0.002	0.80	L-Oct.2012	1.7
Fresh whole chicken ^{4, 6}		-0.6		1.91	S-Aug.2012	-2.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{4, 6}		1.6		0.85	L-Oct.2012	1.9
Other poultry including turkey ⁵	0.074	0.1	0.000	0.80	S-Aug.2012	-0.4
Fish and seafood ⁴	0.304	-0.4	-0.001	0.52	S-May 2012	-1.2
Fresh fish and seafood ^{4, 5}	0.155	-1.0	-0.002	0.75	S-Feb.2012	-1.5
Processed fish and seafood ⁵	0.149	-0.1	0.000	0.70	S-Aug.2012	-0.3

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 1-month analysis table — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Shelf stable fish and seafood ^{4, 6}		1.5		1.17	L-Jul.2012	1.7
Frozen fish and seafood ^{4, 6}		-1.6		1.03	S-Aug.2012	-2.2
Eggs.....	0.112	-2.8	-0.003	0.77	L-Oct.2012	3.5
Dairy and related products ⁴	0.900	0.2	0.002	0.31	S-Aug.2012	0.1
Milk ^{4, 5}	0.298	0.3	0.001	0.33	S-Sep.2012	0.0
Fresh whole milk ^{4, 6}		0.6		0.44	S-Sep.2012	-0.6
Fresh milk other than whole ^{4, 5, 6}		0.0		0.48	S-Aug.2012	-0.4
Cheese and related products ⁴	0.285	0.8	0.002	0.59	—	—
Ice cream and related products.....	0.135	-0.6	-0.001	0.83	S-Oct.2012	-0.8
Other dairy and related products ⁵	0.182	0.9	0.002	0.61	L-Jun.2012	0.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.265	0.6	0.008	0.37	L-Oct.2012	0.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.965	1.1	0.010	0.47	L-Jun.2012	1.7
Fresh fruits.....	0.511	1.6	0.008	0.63	L-Aug.2012	1.9
Apples.....	0.092	1.8	0.002	1.15	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Bananas.....	0.079	1.5	0.001	0.82	L-Jul.2010	1.6
Citrus fruits ⁵	0.110	4.5	0.005	1.48	L-Dec.2010	4.9
Oranges, including tangerines ⁶		7.5		1.73	L-Feb.2007	18.3
Other fresh fruits ⁵	0.231	0.7	0.002	1.07	S-Sep.2012	-1.4
Fresh vegetables.....	0.453	0.5	0.002	0.63	L-Oct.2012	0.5
Potatoes.....	0.074	0.4	0.000	1.06	S-Sep.2012	0.0
Lettuce.....	0.063	-0.8	0.000	1.57	S-Oct.2012	-1.1
Tomatoes ⁴	0.081	5.9	0.005	1.80	L-Jun.2012	8.7
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.236	0.8	0.002	0.91	L-Jul.2012	1.1
Processed fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.300	-0.9	-0.003	0.47	S-Jul.2012	-1.1
Canned fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.151	-2.2	-0.003	0.69	S-Jan.2003	-2.7
Canned fruits ^{5, 6}		-2.9		0.81	S-Nov.2003	-3.3
Canned vegetables ^{5, 6}		-2.3		0.98	S-Jul.2012	-2.3
Frozen fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.094	-0.4	0.000	0.87	S-Oct.2012	-0.7
Frozen vegetables ⁶		-1.2		1.04	S-Sep.2012	-1.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ⁵	0.055	1.7	0.001	0.79	L-Oct.2011	2.4
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{4, 5, 6}		2.8		1.19	L-Oct.2011	5.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	0.2	0.002	0.42	S-Oct.2012	-0.3
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ⁵	0.707	-0.1	-0.001	0.50	S-Oct.2012	-0.4
Carbonated drinks.....	0.285	0.3	0.001	0.72	L-Sep.2012	1.3
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{4, 5}	0.014	0.6	0.000	1.09	L-Dec.2011	1.6
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{4, 5}	0.408	-0.1	0.000	0.65	S-Aug.2012	-0.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ⁵	0.234	0.9	0.002	0.59	L-Nov.2011	0.9
Coffee.....	0.141	1.0	0.001	0.81	L-Nov.2011	1.8
Roasted coffee ⁶		2.1		0.77	L-Nov.2011	2.1
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{4, 6}		0.8		1.18	L-Jul.2012	1.5
Other beverage materials including tea ⁵	0.093	0.9	0.001	0.77	L-Jun.2012	2.5
Other food at home.....	2.271	0.1	0.003	0.26	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Sugar and sweets ⁴	0.303	0.5	0.001	0.59	L-Mar.2012	0.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.058	1.1	0.001	0.49	L-Apr.2012	1.2
Candy and chewing gum ^{4, 5}	0.182	0.2	0.000	0.92	L-Sep.2012	0.5
Other sweets ⁵	0.063	0.9	0.001	0.71	L-Jul.2012	1.1
Fats and oils.....	0.262	0.0	0.000	0.51	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Butter and margarine ⁵	0.076	-1.0	-0.001	0.79	S-Jul.2012	-1.2
Butter ⁶		-2.1		1.21	S-Apr.2012	-2.2
Margarine ⁶		0.6		1.06	S-Oct.2012	-1.1
Salad dressing ^{4, 5}	0.066	0.7	0.000	0.80	L-Sep.2012	0.8
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ⁵	0.121	-0.1	0.000	0.91	L-Oct.2012	0.9

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 1-month analysis table — Continued

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		Seasonally adjusted percent change Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
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Peanut butter ^{4, 5, 6}		0.8		1.09	L-Jun.2012	0.8
Other foods.....	1.706	0.1	0.002	0.31	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Soups.....	0.096	-2.3	-0.002	1.05	S-Oct.2007	-3.3
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ⁴	0.301	-0.2	-0.001	0.76	S-Aug.2012	-0.8
Snacks ⁴	0.330	-0.8	-0.003	0.75	S-Jul.2012	-1.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.281	1.4	0.004	0.75	L-Oct.2011	2.1
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{5, 6}		-0.3		0.81	L-Oct.2012	0.0
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.5		1.36	L-Oct.2012	1.0
Sauces and gravies ^{5, 6}		2.8		1.40	L-Nov.2010	3.2
Other condiments ^{4, 6}		0.2		0.74	L-Sep.2012	0.9
Baby food ^{4, 5}	0.072	1.4	0.001	0.51	L-Jul.2011	1.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{4, 5}	0.627	0.4	0.003	0.57	—	—
Prepared salads ^{4, 7, 6}		-1.0		0.89	S-Nov.2011	-1.1
Food away from home ⁴	5.690	0.1	0.008	0.06	—	—
Full service meals and snacks ^{4, 5}	2.694	0.3	0.007	0.07	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Limited service meals and snacks ^{4, 5}	2.290	0.0	0.000	0.10	S-Nov.2010	0.0
Food at employee sites and schools ⁵	0.262	0.3	0.001	0.14	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{4, 8, 6}		0.2		0.12	L-Sep.2012	2.2
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{4, 5}	0.082	0.0	0.000	0.23	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Other food away from home ^{4, 5}	0.362	0.0	0.000	0.12	S-Mar.2012	-0.1
Energy.....	9.759	-1.2	-0.119	0.11	L-Oct.2012	-0.2
Energy commodities.....	6.013	-2.2	-0.135	0.11	L-Oct.2012	-0.5
Fuel oil and other fuels ⁴	0.331	0.2	0.001	0.42	S-Jul.2012	-1.4
Fuel oil ⁴	0.233	0.0	0.000	0.54	L-Oct.2012	1.1
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ^{4, 9}	0.098	-0.2	0.000	0.44	L-Oct.2012	-0.2
Motor fuel.....	5.682	-2.3	-0.135	0.11	L-Oct.2012	-0.6
Gasoline (all types).....	5.490	-2.3	-0.130	0.12	L-Oct.2012	-0.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶		-2.3		0.28	L-Oct.2012	-0.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{10, 6}		-2.1		0.27	L-Oct.2012	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶		-2.6		0.27	L-Oct.2012	0.2
Other motor fuels ⁵	0.192	1.0	0.002	0.16	L-Oct.2012	1.8
Energy services ¹¹	3.746	0.4	0.016	0.16	S-Oct.2012	0.3
Electricity ¹¹	2.842	0.2	0.005	0.18	S-Sep.2012	0.2
Utility (piped) gas service ¹¹	0.904	1.3	0.011	0.18	—	—
All items less food and energy.....	75.998	0.1	0.072	0.04	—	—
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.668	-0.2	-0.046	0.09	S-Sep.2012	-0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ¹²	3.311	-0.3	-0.011	0.15	S-Sep.2012	-0.3
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{4, 5}	0.269	-1.3	-0.003	0.62	S-Dec.2010	-1.6
Floor coverings ^{4, 5}	0.038	-0.9	0.000	0.55	S-Dec.2011	-1.2
Window coverings ^{4, 5}	0.076	-0.3	0.000	0.68	S-Oct.2012	-0.4
Other linens ^{4, 5}	0.154	-1.9	-0.003	0.92	S-May 2012	-2.0
Furniture and bedding ⁴	0.715	-0.4	-0.003	0.34	S-Aug.2012	-0.5
Bedroom furniture ⁴	0.233	-0.9	-0.002	0.65	S-Feb.2012	-1.2
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{4, 5}	0.338	-0.4	-0.001	0.42	L-Sep.2012	0.3
Other furniture ⁵	0.136	0.0	0.000	0.73	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Infants' furniture ^{4, 8, 6}						
Appliances ⁵	0.285	0.2	0.001	0.38	S-Sep.2012	0.2
Major appliances ⁵	0.164	0.6	0.001	0.48	L-Oct.2012	1.4
Laundry equipment ⁶		-0.1		0.58	S-Sep.2012	-0.5
Other appliances ^{4, 5}	0.117	-0.5	-0.001	0.59	S-Oct.2012	-0.7
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{4, 5}	0.482	-0.5	-0.002	0.41	S-Sep.2012	-1.6
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ⁴	0.252	-0.8	-0.002	0.51	S-Sep.2012	-2.4

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Indoor plants and flowers ¹³	0.101	-0.3	0.000	0.69	S-Sep.2012	-0.5
Dishes and flatware ^{4, 5}	0.046	-0.3	0.000	1.02	L-Oct.2012	0.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ⁵	0.083	0.0	0.000	0.51	S-Sep.2012	-1.3
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ⁵ . . .	0.674	-0.3	-0.002	0.28	S-Sep.2012	-0.4
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{4, 5}	0.172	0.0	0.000	0.35	—	—
Outdoor equipment and supplies ⁵	0.357	-0.4	-0.001	0.32	S-Aug.2012	-0.6
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	0.888	0.0	0.000	0.27	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Household cleaning products ^{4, 5}	0.359	0.1	0.000	0.40	—	—
Household paper products ^{4, 5}	0.244	-0.3	-0.001	0.38	S-Feb.2011	-0.9
Miscellaneous household products ^{4, 5}	0.285	-0.1	0.000	0.47	S-Oct.2012	-0.4
Apparel.....	3.665	-0.1	-0.004	0.39	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.882	-0.2	-0.002	0.61	S-Oct.2012	-0.5
Men's apparel.....	0.698	-0.5	-0.004	0.65	S-Oct.2012	-1.0
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.129	-3.1	-0.004	1.77	S-Oct.2012	-3.8
Men's furnishings.....	0.186	1.4	0.003	0.98	L-Aug.2012	1.8
Men's shirts and sweaters ⁵	0.222	0.1	0.000	1.49	L-Oct.2012	0.3
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.154	-1.0	-0.002	1.32	S-Jun.2012	-1.9
Boys' apparel.....	0.184	1.5	0.003	1.48	L-Jul.2012	1.8
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.560	-0.6	-0.009	0.75	L-Oct.2012	1.7
Women's apparel.....	1.298	-0.9	-0.011	0.82	S-Sep.2011	-1.9
Women's outerwear.....	0.105	-2.5	-0.002	3.37	S-Aug.2012	-6.3
Women's dresses.....	0.169	0.9	0.002	2.67	L-Sep.2012	5.7
Women's suits and separates ⁵	0.614	-1.5	-0.009	1.10	S-Mar.2012	-1.5
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ⁵	0.394	-0.5	-0.002	1.16	S-Sep.2012	-0.9
Girls' apparel.....	0.262	0.8	0.002	2.09	L-Oct.2012	5.2
Footwear.....	0.704	0.4	0.003	0.56	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Men's footwear ⁴	0.217	-1.7	-0.004	0.85	S-Dec.2010	-2.5
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.154	0.7	0.001	1.22	S-Oct.2012	0.6
Women's footwear.....	0.333	1.2	0.004	0.86	L-Jun.2012	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.202	0.4	0.001	1.00	L-Oct.2012	0.8
Jewelry and watches ⁹	0.317	1.0	0.003	1.36	L-Sep.2012	2.2
Watches ^{4, 9}	0.088	2.9	0.003	0.78	L-Jan.2007	3.6
Jewelry ⁹	0.229	-0.5	-0.001	1.56	L-Sep.2012	2.0
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ¹²	5.519	-0.1	-0.007	0.07	—	—
New vehicles.....	3.171	0.0	-0.001	0.11	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
New cars and trucks ^{5, 6}		0.0		0.10	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
New cars ⁶		0.1		0.15	S-Oct.2012	-0.5
New trucks ^{14, 6}		-0.1		0.11	—	—
Used cars and trucks.....	1.847	-0.4	-0.007	0.02	L-Jun.2012	0.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ⁴	0.432	0.2	0.001	0.20	L-Jul.2012	0.3
Tires ⁴	0.292	0.2	0.001	0.25	L-Oct.2012	0.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{4, 5}	0.140	0.1	0.000	0.25	S-Oct.2012	-0.7
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{4, 6}		0.1		0.25	S-Oct.2012	0.1
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{4, 6}		-0.3		0.64	S-Oct.2012	-3.5
Medical care commodities ⁴	1.718	-0.5	-0.008	0.14	S-May 2008	-0.7
Medicinal drugs ^{4, 12}	1.639	-0.5	-0.008	0.15	—	—
Prescription drugs.....	1.326	-0.5	-0.006	0.14	—	—
Nonprescription drugs ^{4, 12}	0.313	-0.1	0.000	0.49	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Medical equipment and supplies ^{4, 12}	0.079	0.1	0.000	0.47	S-Sep.2012	0.1
Recreation commodities ¹²	2.272	-0.6	-0.014	0.18	S-Dec.2010	-0.6
Video and audio products ¹²	0.395	-0.8	-0.003	0.28	—	—

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Televisions.....	0.145	-0.8	-0.001	0.64	L-Aug.2012	0.1
Other video equipment ⁴ . ⁵	0.025	-2.5	-0.001	0.61	L-Oct.2012	0.0
Audio equipment ⁴	0.070	-1.3	-0.001	0.45	S-May 2012	-2.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media ⁴ . ⁵	0.044	-0.3	0.000	0.47	L-Oct.2012	1.3
Pets and pet products ⁴	0.691	-0.7	-0.005	0.39	S-Jun.2010	-0.7
Pet food ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		-0.4		0.41	S-Jul.2012	-0.6
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶ ...		-2.0		0.76	S-Sep.2010	-2.0
Sporting goods ⁴	0.460	-0.3	-0.001	0.31	S-May 2012	-0.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ⁴	0.244	0.2	0.000	0.33	S-Aug.2012	-0.4
Sports equipment ⁴	0.207	-0.8	-0.002	0.53	S-Nov.2011	-1.1
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.052	-2.7	-0.001	0.62	S-EVER	—
Film and photographic supplies ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶				0.73	—	—
Photographic equipment ⁵ . ⁶		-2.6		0.82	S-Sep.2011	-2.6
Recreational reading materials ⁴	0.224	0.6	0.001	0.34	—	—
Newspapers and magazines ⁴ . ⁵	0.124	0.9	0.001	0.48	—	—
Recreational books ⁴ . ⁵	0.096	0.1	0.000	0.47	S-Oct.2012	-1.1
Other recreational goods ⁵	0.450	-1.1	-0.005	0.44	S-Sep.2012	-1.1
Toys ⁴	0.331	-1.7	-0.006	0.53	S-Nov.2010	-1.7
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		-1.6		0.51	S-Nov.2010	-2.3
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ⁵	0.061	1.9	0.001	0.91	L-Jun.2007	2.1
Music instruments and accessories ⁵	0.040	-0.7	0.000	0.42	S-Jul.2011	-0.8
Education and communication commodities ¹²	0.584	-0.6	-0.003	0.34	S-Oct.2012	-0.6
Educational books and supplies.....	0.211	-0.1	0.000	0.29	S-Feb.2011	-0.2
College textbooks ⁴ . ¹⁵ . ⁶		-0.3		0.24	S-Apr.2010	-0.3
Information technology commodities ¹²	0.373	-0.8	-0.003	0.43	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁷	0.245	-1.3	-0.003	0.51	L-Sep.2012	-1.2
Computer software and accessories ⁴ . ⁵	0.045	0.1	0.000	0.75	S-Oct.2012	-0.3
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ⁴ . ⁵	0.083	-0.1	0.000	0.77	L-Oct.2012	0.3
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.945	0.4	0.003	0.13	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.566	0.4	0.003	0.21	L-May 2012	0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.271	0.2	0.001	0.27	S-Oct.2012	-0.4
Distilled spirits at home ⁴	0.071	0.8	0.001	0.33	L-Dec.2010	1.0
Whiskey at home ⁶		0.4		0.49	S-Oct.2012	-0.2
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ⁴ . ⁶ ...		-0.4		0.59	L-Oct.2012	-0.3
Wine at home.....	0.224	0.8	0.002	0.37	L-Apr.2008	1.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home ⁴	0.379	0.2	0.001	0.16	—	—
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		0.1		0.13	S-Sep.2012	-0.1
Wine away from home ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		0.2		0.20	L-Oct.2012	0.2
Distilled spirits away from home ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		0.1		0.20	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Other goods ¹²	1.654	-0.1	-0.001	0.19	—	—
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	0.799	0.5	0.004	0.16	L-Jul.2012	1.1
Cigarettes ⁴ . ⁵	0.739	0.6	0.004	0.17	L-Jul.2012	1.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ⁴ . ⁵	0.054	-0.4	0.000	0.46	S-Nov.2010	-0.4
Personal care products ⁴	0.649	-0.7	-0.005	0.37	S-May 2012	-1.0
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ⁴ . ⁵	0.340	-0.8	-0.003	0.54	S-May 2012	-1.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ⁴	0.303	-0.6	-0.002	0.56	S-May 2012	-0.9
Miscellaneous personal goods ⁵	0.206	-0.2	0.000	0.44	S-Sep.2012	-1.3
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ⁶		-0.1		0.46	S-Sep.2012	-1.4
Infants' equipment ⁴ . ⁸ . ⁶		-1.1		0.51	S-Jul.2012	-1.6

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Services less energy services.....	56.330	0.2	0.119	0.03	—	—
Shelter.....	31.559	0.1	0.043	0.05	S-Jul.2012	0.1
Rent of shelter ¹⁶	31.210	0.2	0.056	0.05	—	—
Rent of primary residence ¹¹	6.509	0.2	0.012	0.07	—	—
Lodging away from home ⁵	0.759	-0.9	-0.007	0.86	L-Oct.2012	0.5
Housing at school, excluding board ^{11, 16}	0.158	0.3	0.001	0.05	S-Sep.2012	0.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.600	-1.2	-0.008	1.07	L-Oct.2012	0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{11, 16}	23.942	0.1	0.034	0.04	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{11, 16}	22.529	0.1	0.032	0.04	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{4, 5}	0.349	1.0	0.004	0.21	L-Dec.2009	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ⁵	1.196	0.4	0.004	0.13	—	—
Water and sewerage maintenance ¹¹	0.904	0.5	0.004	0.17	L-Aug.2012	1.0
Garbage and trash collection ^{4, 14}	0.292	0.1	0.000	0.15	S-Aug.2012	0.1
Household operations ^{4, 5}	0.727	0.1	0.001	0.10	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Domestic services ^{4, 5}	0.250	0.2	0.000	0.07	L-Jun.2012	0.7
Gardening and lawn care services ^{4, 5}	0.237	0.0	0.000	0.11	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{4, 5}	0.089	0.6	0.001	0.43	S-Oct.2012	-1.2
Repair of household items ^{4, 5}	0.078	0.0	0.000	0.14	S-Sep.2012	-0.7
Medical care services.....	5.426	0.3	0.018	0.06	—	—
Professional services.....	3.000	0.2	0.005	0.08	L-Sep.2012	0.3
Physicians' services ¹¹	1.613	0.0	-0.001	0.12	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Dental services ¹¹	0.763	0.5	0.004	0.08	L-Aug.2012	0.5
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁹	0.248	-0.1	0.000	0.23	—	—
Services by other medical professionals ^{4, 11, 9}	0.375	0.0	0.000	0.12	L-Oct.2012	0.1
Hospital and related services.....	1.770	0.8	0.014	0.11	L-Jun.2012	1.1
Hospital services ^{11, 17}	1.547	0.9	0.014	0.12	L-Jun.2012	1.2
Inpatient hospital services ^{11, 17, 6}	0.8	0.8	0.000	0.18	L-Jun.2012	1.7
Outpatient hospital services ^{11, 9, 6}	0.8	0.8	0.000	0.22	—	—
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{11, 17}	0.137	0.2	0.000	0.12	—	—
Care of invalids and elderly at home ^{4, 8}	0.085	0.0	0.000	0.15	—	—
Health insurance ^{4, 8}	0.656	0.0	0.000	0.07	S-Apr.2011	0.0
Transportation services.....	5.812	0.5	0.031	0.11	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Leased cars and trucks ¹⁵	0.377	1.3	0.005	0.44	L-Feb.2009	3.7
Car and truck rental ⁵	0.067	3.2	0.002	1.34	L-Apr.2012	4.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ⁴	1.147	0.0	0.000	0.12	S-Jul.2012	-0.1
Motor vehicle body work ⁴	0.057	0.4	0.000	0.14	L-Sep.2012	0.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ⁴	0.460	-0.1	0.000	0.15	S-Jul.2012	-0.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{4, 5}	0.594	0.0	0.000	0.19	—	—
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.479	0.5	0.012	0.16	L-Oct.2012	0.9
Motor vehicle fees ^{4, 5}	0.561	0.1	0.001	0.12	L-Oct.2012	0.1
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{4, 11, 5}	0.325	0.0	0.000	0.12	—	—
Parking and other fees ^{4, 5}	0.214	0.3	0.001	0.16	L-Aug.2012	0.3
Parking fees and tolls ^{4, 5, 6}	0.5	0.5	0.000	0.13	L-Aug.2012	0.8
Automobile service clubs ^{4, 5, 6}	0.2	0.2	0.000	0.26	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Public transportation.....	1.181	1.0	0.012	0.29	L-Oct.2012	1.7
Airline fare.....	0.768	1.2	0.009	0.40	S-Aug.2012	-1.3
Other intercity transportation.....	0.147	2.0	0.003	0.66	L-Sep.2012	2.4
Intercity bus fare ^{4, 7, 6}	0.147	2.0	0.003	0.66	L-Sep.2012	2.4
Intercity train fare ^{4, 7, 6}	8.4	8.4	0.000	1.24	L-Jul.2010	9.9
Ship fare ^{4, 5, 6}	-0.1	-0.1	0.000	0.82	L-Sep.2012	1.1

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Intracity transportation ⁴	0.263	0.0	0.000	0.07	—	—
Intracity mass transit ^{4, 12, 6}		0.0		0.09	—	—
Recreation services ¹²	3.718	0.1	0.002	0.19	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Video and audio services ¹²	1.502	0.0	0.000	0.23	S-Oct.2012	-0.4
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹⁴ ..	1.393	0.1	0.002	0.23	S-Oct.2012	-0.5
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ^{4, 5}	0.109	-1.2	-0.001	0.84	S-Feb.2012	-1.4
Video discs and other media ^{4, 5, 6}		-1.5		1.22	S-Jun.2012	-1.5
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.4		0.75	S-Sep.2012	-0.5
Pet services including veterinary ⁵	0.410	0.3	0.001	0.19	S-Sep.2012	0.2
Pet services ^{4, 5, 6}		0.2		0.22	S-Oct.2012	0.1
Veterinarian services ^{5, 6}		0.3		0.19	S-Oct.2012	0.3
Photographers and film processing ^{4, 5}	0.058	-0.5	0.000	0.36	S-Jul.2011	-0.5
Photographer fees ^{4, 5, 6}		0.0		0.36	—	—
Film processing ^{4, 5, 6}		-1.0		0.44	S-May 2007	-1.3
Other recreation services ⁵	1.747	0.1	0.001	0.35	S-Sep.2012	0.1
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ⁵	0.569	-0.3	-0.002	0.71	S-May 2012	-0.4
Admissions ⁴	0.637	0.5	0.003	0.50	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{4, 5, 6}		0.4		0.42	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Admission to sporting events ^{4, 5, 6}		1.3		0.52	L-Jun.2012	1.4
Fees for lessons or instructions ^{4, 9}	0.235	-0.1	0.000	0.23	S-Jul.2012	-0.5
Education and communication services ¹²	6.179	0.2	0.013	0.07	—	—
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	3.061	0.4	0.011	0.12	—	—
College tuition and fees	1.730	0.4	0.007	0.21	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.388	0.3	0.001	0.03	S-Sep.2012	0.2
Child care and nursery school ¹³	0.780	0.2	0.001	0.11	S-Oct.2012	0.1
Technical and business school tuition and fees ⁵ ..	0.059	0.2	0.000	0.18	L-Oct.2012	0.6
Postage and delivery services ⁵	0.148	0.0	0.000	0.01	S-Jun.2012	0.0
Postage ⁴	0.138	0.1	0.000	0.00	S-Jun.2012	-0.1
Delivery services ^{4, 5}	0.010	-0.4	0.000	0.12	S-Aug.2012	-1.2
Telephone services ^{4, 5}	2.387	0.0	0.000	0.05	S-Aug.2012	-0.3
Wireless telephone services ^{4, 5}	1.443	0.0	0.000	0.06	L-Oct.2012	0.3
Land-line telephone services ^{4, 12}	0.944	0.0	0.000	0.09	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Internet services and electronic information providers ^{4, 5}	0.569	0.3	0.002	0.29	L-May 2012	0.3
Other personal services ¹²	1.712	0.1	0.002	0.10	—	—
Personal care services ⁴	0.628	0.5	0.003	0.11	L-Apr.2010	0.5
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{4, 5}	0.628	0.5	0.003	0.11	L-Apr.2010	0.5
Miscellaneous personal services	1.084	0.2	0.002	0.13	L-Oct.2012	0.3
Legal services ⁹	0.296	0.0	0.000	0.12	—	—
Funeral expenses ⁹	0.159	0.2	0.000	0.09	S-Sep.2012	0.0
Laundry and dry cleaning services ⁵	0.240	0.3	0.001	0.09	L-Aug.2012	0.5
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{4, 5}	0.030	0.0	0.000	0.19	S-Oct.2012	0.0
Financial services ^{4, 9}	0.215	-0.8	-0.002	0.62	S-Feb.2012	-0.9
Checking account and other bank services ^{4, 5, 6}		0.3		0.51	L-Aug.2012	1.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{5, 6}		-1.2		0.73	S-Jan.2012	-1.3
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less food	85.757	-0.1	-0.046	0.03	L-Oct.2012	0.1

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All items less shelter.....	68.441	-0.1	-0.063	0.04	L-Oct.2012	0.1
All items less food and shelter.....	54.197	-0.2	-0.089	0.05	L-Oct.2012	0.1
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.438	0.1	0.029	0.05	—	—
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.591	0.1	0.036	0.05	—	—
All items less medical care.....	92.856	0.0	-0.030	0.03	L-Oct.2012	0.2
All items less energy.....	90.241	0.1	0.099	0.03	—	—
Commodities.....	39.924	-0.4	-0.153	0.06	L-Oct.2012	0.0
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks..	17.821	-0.2	-0.040	0.09	S-Apr.2010	-0.3
Commodities less food.....	25.681	-0.7	-0.179	0.07	L-Oct.2012	-0.2
Commodities less food and beverages.....	24.736	-0.7	-0.183	0.07	L-Oct.2012	-0.2
Services.....	60.076	0.2	0.135	0.04	—	—
Services less rent of shelter ¹⁶	28.866	0.4	0.107	0.05	L-Nov.2009	0.4
Services less medical care services.....	54.650	0.3	0.142	0.04	—	—
Durables.....	8.747	-0.1	-0.004	0.07	S-Oct.2012	-0.3
Nondurables.....	31.177	-0.4	-0.123	0.07	L-Oct.2012	0.1
Nondurables less food.....	16.933	-0.9	-0.153	0.10	L-Oct.2012	-0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	15.989	-1.0	-0.156	0.11	L-Oct.2012	-0.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.324	-1.3	-0.158	0.07	L-Oct.2012	-0.3
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.269	-1.1	-0.155	0.07	L-Oct.2012	-0.3
Housing.....	40.871	0.1	0.055	0.05	S-Jul.2012	0.0
Education and communication ⁵	6.763	0.1	0.009	0.08	S-Sep.2012	0.1
Education ⁵	3.272	0.3	0.010	0.12	S-Sep.2012	0.3
Communication ⁵	3.491	0.0	-0.001	0.07	L-Oct.2012	0.0
Information and information processing ⁵	3.343	0.0	-0.001	0.08	L-Oct.2012	0.0
Information technology, hardware and services ¹⁸	0.956	-0.2	-0.001	0.26	L-Jun.2012	-0.2
Recreation ⁵	5.991	-0.2	-0.012	0.15	S-Dec.2010	-0.4
Video and audio ⁵	1.897	-0.1	-0.003	0.19	S-Oct.2012	-0.5
Pets, pet products and services ⁵	1.101	-0.4	-0.004	0.26	S-Nov.2009	-0.5
Photography ⁵	0.111	-1.6	-0.002	0.36	S-EVER	—
Food and beverages.....	15.188	0.2	0.030	0.08	—	—
Domestically produced farm food ⁴	7.229	0.3	0.023	0.14	L-Oct.2012	0.5
Other services.....	11.610	0.2	0.021	0.08	—	—
Apparel less footwear.....	2.961	-0.2	-0.007	0.47	L-Oct.2012	0.7
Fuels and utilities.....	5.273	0.4	0.021	0.13	S-Oct.2012	0.4
Household energy.....	4.077	0.4	0.017	0.15	S-Oct.2012	0.4
Medical care.....	7.144	0.1	0.010	0.06	—	—
Transportation.....	17.012	-0.6	-0.111	0.06	L-Oct.2012	-0.1
Private transportation.....	15.832	-0.8	-0.122	0.06	L-Oct.2012	-0.3
New and used motor vehicles ⁵	5.531	0.0	0.000	0.08	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Utilities and public transportation.....	9.903	0.3	0.034	0.09	S-Oct.2012	0.3
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.039	-0.2	-0.008	0.12	S-Aug.2012	-0.3

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 1-month analysis table — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Other goods and services.....	3.366	0.0	0.001	0.11	—	—
Personal care.....	2.567	-0.1	-0.003	0.13	S-Sep.2012	-0.2

1 The 'effect' of an item category is a measure of that item's contribution to the All items price change. For example, if the Food index had an effect of 0.40, and the All items index rose 1.2 percent, then the increase in food prices contributed 0.40 / 1.2, or 33.3 percent, to that All items increase. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged for that month the change in the All items index would have been 1.2 percent minus 0.40, or 0.8 percent. Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged. Since food prices fell while prices overall were rising, the contribution of food to the All items price change was negative (in this case, -0.1 / 0.5, or minus 20 percent).

2 A statistic's margin of error is often expressed as its point estimate plus or minus two standard errors. For example, if a CPI category rose 0.6 percent, and its standard error was 0.15 percent, the margin of error on this item's 1-month percent change would be 0.6 percent, plus or minus 0.3 percent.

3 If the current seasonally adjusted 1-month percent change is greater than the previous published 1-month percent change, then this column identifies the closest prior month with a 1-month percent change as (L)arge as or (L)arger than the current 1-month change. If the current 1-month percent change is smaller than the previous published 1-month percent change, the most recent month with a change as (S)mall or (S)maller than the current month change is identified. If the current and previous published 1-month percent changes are equal, a dash will appear. Standard numerical comparisons are used. For example, 0.8% is greater than 0.6%, -0.4% is less than -0.2%, and -0.2% is less than 0.0%. Note that a (L)arger change can be a smaller decline, for example, a -0.2% change is larger than a -0.4% change, but still represents a decline in the price index. Likewise, (S)maller changes can be increases, for example, a 0.6% change is smaller than 0.8%, but still represents an increase in the price index. In this context, a -0.2% change is considered to be smaller than a 0.0% change.

4 Not seasonally adjusted.

5 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

6 Special indexes based on a substantially smaller sample. These series do not contribute to the all items index aggregation and therefore do not have a relative importance or effect.

7 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

10 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

12 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

15 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

16 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

17 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

18 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 12-month analysis table

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Unadjusted percent change Dec. 2011-Dec. 2012	Unadjusted effect on All Items Dec. 2011-Dec. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
All items.....	100.000	1.7		0.07	S-Aug.2012	1.7
Food.....	14.243	1.8	0.253	0.14	-	-
Food at home.....	8.553	1.3	0.110	0.20	-	-
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.226	0.8	0.010	0.43	S-Dec.2010	-0.2
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.469	-0.7	-0.003	0.72	S-Dec.2010	-0.8
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.051	2.3	0.001	1.33	L-Oct.2012	2.8
Breakfast cereal.....	0.290	-0.8	-0.002	0.94	S-Sep.2012	-1.3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal.....	0.128	-1.5	-0.002	1.08	L-Sep.2012	0.6
Rice ⁴ · ⁵		0.0		1.67	L-Sep.2012	1.2
Bakery products.....	0.757	1.7	0.013	0.59	L-Sep.2012	1.8
Bread ⁴	0.222	1.5	0.003	1.22	-	-
White bread ⁵		2.3		1.78	-	-
Bread other than white ⁵		-0.2		1.73	S-Sep.2012	-0.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ⁴	0.113	1.3	0.002	1.05	L-Aug.2012	1.6
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.186	1.3	0.003	1.06	S-Jul.2011	0.9
Cookies ⁵		1.8		1.51	S-Sep.2011	1.6
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ⁵		1.5		1.15	L-Oct.2012	4.0
Other bakery products.....	0.236	2.3	0.005	1.00	L-Sep.2012	2.5
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ⁵		5.4		1.61	L-Mar.2012	7.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ⁵		1.4		1.88	L-Sep.2012	3.0
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ⁵		0.3		1.52	S-Aug.2012	-0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.950	1.5	0.029	0.39	S-May 2010	0.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.838	1.5	0.028	0.41	S-May 2010	1.0
Meats.....	1.189	0.8	0.009	0.52	S-Apr.2010	0.2
Beef and veal.....	0.560	4.6	0.025	0.74	S-Jun.2010	4.4
Uncooked ground beef.....	0.220	5.6	0.012	1.14	S-Sep.2010	5.1
Uncooked beef roasts ⁴	0.082	3.2	0.003	1.80	S-Apr.2010	2.9
Uncooked beef steaks ⁴	0.207	4.1	0.008	1.12	S-Jun.2011	4.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ⁴	0.052	4.2	0.002	1.47	L-Jul.2012	5.4
Pork.....	0.365	-3.3	-0.013	0.87	S-Jan.2010	-5.0
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ⁴	0.138	-2.4	-0.003	1.49	L-Oct.2012	-1.5
Bacon and related products ⁵		-1.8		2.54	L-Oct.2012	-1.1
Breakfast sausage and related products ⁴ · ⁵		-4.1		1.68	S-May 2010	-4.1
Ham.....	0.078	-2.3	-0.002	1.75	S-Mar.2010	-2.9
Ham, excluding canned ⁵		-2.8		2.43	-	-
Pork chops.....	0.061	-3.7	-0.002	1.66	S-Jan.2010	-5.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics ⁴	0.088	-5.4	-0.005	1.96	S-Sep.2012	-7.5
Other meats.....	0.263	-1.2	-0.003	1.30	S-Apr.2010	-2.1
Frankfurters ⁵		-1.2		3.30	S-Mar.2010	-5.9
Lunchmeats ⁴ · ⁵		-0.5		0.93	L-Aug.2012	-0.3
Lamb and organ meats ⁵		-7.8		3.30	S-Sep.2012	-9.5
Lamb and mutton ⁴ · ⁵		-16.5		5.73	S-EVER	-
Poultry.....	0.346	5.7	0.019	0.93	S-Oct.2012	5.5
Chicken ⁴	0.272	6.0	0.016	0.99	S-Oct.2012	5.5
Fresh whole chicken ⁵		3.6		2.17	S-Oct.2012	2.7
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ⁵		7.1		1.25	L-Jan.2008	10.2
Other poultry including turkey ⁴	0.074	4.6	0.003	2.24	S-Apr.2011	4.1
Fish and seafood.....	0.304	-0.1	0.000	1.03	S-May 2010	-0.4
Fresh fish and seafood ⁴	0.155	-1.5	-0.002	1.47	S-Oct.2009	-4.1
Processed fish and seafood ⁴	0.149	1.4	0.002	1.17	S-Jan.2011	0.8
Shelf stable fish and seafood ⁵		6.9		2.12	L-May 2012	7.2

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Unadjusted percent change Dec. 2011-Dec. 2012	Unadjusted effect on All Items Dec. 2011-Dec. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Frozen fish and seafood ⁵		-2.2		2.12	S-Aug.2010	-2.7
Eggs.....	0.112	1.1	0.001	1.18	S-Oct.2012	0.1
Dairy and related products.....	0.900	0.5	0.004	0.51	L-Jun.2012	1.5
Milk ⁴	0.298	1.9	0.006	0.79	L-Mar.2012	4.0
Fresh whole milk ⁵		2.9		1.28	L-Mar.2012	3.7
Fresh milk other than whole ⁴ · ⁵		1.0		1.16	L-Apr.2012	1.2
Cheese and related products.....	0.285	0.1	0.000	0.88	L-Jun.2012	2.0
Ice cream and related products.....	0.135	-1.3	-0.002	1.31	S-Oct.2010	-1.3
Other dairy and related products ⁴	0.182	0.1	0.000	0.93	L-Sep.2012	0.7
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.265	1.8	0.023	0.55	L-Dec.2011	2.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.965	2.3	0.022	0.69	L-Nov.2011	3.8
Fresh fruits.....	0.511	5.5	0.028	1.01	L-Sep.2011	8.7
Apples.....	0.092	13.3	0.011	1.75	L-Sep.2011	14.6
Bananas.....	0.079	0.0	0.000	1.44	L-Jul.2012	0.2
Citrus fruits ⁴	0.110	3.2	0.003	2.25	L-May 2012	3.5
Oranges, including tangerines ⁵		3.3		2.47	L-May 2012	4.2
Other fresh fruits ⁴	0.231	5.7	0.013	1.56	L-Sep.2011	6.8
Fresh vegetables.....	0.453	-1.2	-0.006	1.01	L-Jan.2012	-0.2
Potatoes.....	0.074	-7.4	-0.006	1.86	L-Jun.2012	-3.4
Lettuce.....	0.063	-3.2	-0.002	2.27	S-Oct.2012	-4.1
Tomatoes.....	0.081	4.8	0.004	2.40	L-Aug.2011	5.0
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.236	-0.7	-0.002	1.33	L-Oct.2012	-0.7
Processed fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.300	0.1	0.000	0.70	S-Feb.2011	-0.1
Canned fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.151	0.5	0.001	1.02	S-Apr.2011	0.3
Canned fruits ⁴ · ⁵		1.6		1.19	S-Jul.2012	0.9
Canned vegetables ⁴ · ⁵		-0.5		1.43	S-Sep.2012	-0.6
Frozen fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.094	-1.4	-0.001	1.23	S-Oct.2010	-2.4
Frozen vegetables ⁵		-2.2		1.25	S-Oct.2010	-2.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ⁴	0.055	1.6	0.001	1.36	L-Sep.2012	4.5
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ⁴ · ⁵		1.1		2.74	L-Oct.2012	4.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	-0.2	-0.002	0.68	—	—
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ⁴	0.707	0.7	0.005	0.84	—	—
Carbonated drinks.....	0.285	0.0	0.000	1.14	L-Oct.2012	0.3
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ⁴	0.014	-1.0	0.000	2.34	S-Nov.2010	-1.3
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ⁴	0.408	1.2	0.005	1.05	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ⁴	0.234	-2.7	-0.007	0.99	L-Oct.2012	-1.8
Coffee.....	0.141	-4.3	-0.006	1.45	L-Oct.2012	-3.9
Roasted coffee ⁵		-4.5		1.78	L-Oct.2012	-4.4
Instant and freeze dried coffee ⁵		-3.9		2.00	S-Mar.2010	-4.0
Other beverage materials including tea ⁴	0.093	-0.1	0.000	1.25	L-Oct.2012	1.1
Other food at home.....	2.271	2.0	0.046	0.41	S-Oct.2012	2.0
Sugar and sweets.....	0.303	1.1	0.004	0.99	—	—
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.058	-1.3	-0.001	0.92	L-Sep.2012	-0.6
Candy and chewing gum ⁴	0.182	1.5	0.003	1.53	S-Oct.2012	0.8
Other sweets ⁴	0.063	2.3	0.001	1.05	L-Oct.2012	2.8
Fats and oils.....	0.262	1.7	0.005	0.82	S-Dec.2010	1.6
Butter and margarine ⁴	0.076	-0.5	0.000	1.41	S-Oct.2012	-2.8
Butter ⁵		-2.6		2.47	S-Oct.2012	-8.1
Margarine ⁵		1.6		1.86	L-Sep.2012	3.4
Salad dressing ⁴	0.066	0.2	0.000	1.32	L-Sep.2012	0.4
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ⁴	0.121	4.0	0.005	1.22	S-Apr.2011	4.0
Peanut butter ⁴ · ⁵		13.8		1.63	S-Sep.2011	11.7
Other foods.....	1.706	2.2	0.038	0.49	S-Oct.2012	2.0

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, December 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Nov. 2012	Twelve Month				
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Soups.....	0.096	0.4	0.000	1.59	S-Mar.2011	0.1
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods.....	0.301	0.2	0.001	1.11	L-Jul.2012	1.2
Snacks.....	0.330	3.7	0.012	0.93	S-Jul.2011	2.5
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.281	2.6	0.007	1.04	L-Sep.2012	2.8
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{4, 5}		0.8		1.99	S-Dec.2010	-0.3
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{4, 5}		6.5		1.64	L-Jul.2011	8.0
Sauces and gravies ^{4, 5}		3.1		1.83	L-Oct.2011	4.4
Other condiments ⁵		2.0		1.66	L-Sep.2012	3.4
Baby food ⁴	0.072	2.6	0.002	0.94	L-Sep.2012	2.9
Other miscellaneous foods ⁴	0.627	2.5	0.016	0.80	S-Oct.2012	2.3
Prepared salads ^{6, 5}		2.2		1.42	S-Apr.2012	2.0
Food away from home.....	5.690	2.5	0.143	0.17	S-Jun.2011	2.3
Full service meals and snacks ⁴	2.694	2.4	0.065	0.21	L-Sep.2012	2.5
Limited service meals and snacks ⁴	2.290	2.6	0.059	0.30	S-Oct.2011	2.5
Food at employee sites and schools ⁴	0.262	3.4	0.009	0.54	L-May.2012	3.9
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{7, 5}		3.6		0.73	L-Oct.2011	3.6
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ⁴	0.082	2.6	0.002	0.88	S-Oct.2012	1.6
Other food away from home ⁴	0.362	2.3	0.008	0.45	-	-
Energy.....	9.759	0.5	0.049	0.19	L-Oct.2012	4.0
Energy commodities.....	6.013	1.5	0.090	0.18	S-Aug.2012	1.5
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	0.331	-1.4	-0.005	0.92	L-Oct.2012	-0.3
Fuel oil.....	0.233	3.6	0.008	1.14	L-Oct.2012	5.6
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ⁶	0.098	-11.7	-0.013	1.24	L-Aug.2012	-11.1
Motor fuel.....	5.682	1.7	0.095	0.19	S-Jul.2012	-5.4
Gasoline (all types).....	5.490	1.7	0.092	0.19	S-Jul.2012	-5.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵		1.6		0.48	S-Jul.2012	-5.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{9, 5}		1.8		0.45	-	-
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵		2.3		0.45	S-Aug.2012	2.1
Other motor fuels ⁴	0.192	1.6	0.003	0.33	S-Aug.2012	1.0
Energy services ¹⁰	3.746	-1.1	-0.041	0.32	L-Feb.2012	-1.0
Electricity ¹⁰	2.842	-0.5	-0.014	0.37	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Utility (piped) gas service ¹⁰	0.904	-2.9	-0.027	0.62	L-Nov.2011	-1.3
All items less food and energy.....	75.998	1.9	1.439	0.09	-	-
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.668	0.3	0.062	0.20	S-Mar.2011	0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ¹¹	3.311	-0.4	-0.015	0.35	S-Jul.2011	-0.4
Window and floor coverings and other linens ⁴	0.269	-3.9	-0.011	1.43	S-Oct.2012	-4.0
Floor coverings ⁴	0.038	-3.8	-0.002	1.43	L-Oct.2012	-3.2
Window coverings ⁴	0.076	1.1	0.001	2.32	S-Oct.2012	1.0
Other linens ⁴	0.154	-6.3	-0.010	1.74	S-Oct.2012	-6.5
Furniture and bedding.....	0.715	-0.4	-0.003	0.91	S-May.2011	-1.6
Bedroom furniture.....	0.233	-2.9	-0.007	1.64	S-Oct.2010	-3.3
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ⁴	0.338	0.1	0.000	1.20	S-May.2011	-1.8
Other furniture ⁴	0.136	2.9	0.004	2.17	S-Jun.2012	-4.9
Infants' furniture ^{7, 5}						
Appliances ⁴	0.285	1.9	0.005	0.76	S-Oct.2012	0.8
Major appliances ⁴	0.164	3.9	0.006	1.10	S-Oct.2012	2.8
Laundry equipment ⁵		7.8		1.75	S-Oct.2012	6.5
Other appliances ⁴	0.117	-0.8	-0.001	1.22	S-Oct.2012	-2.0
Other household equipment and furnishings ⁴	0.482	-2.4	-0.012	1.21	L-Jul.2011	-1.6
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items.....	0.252	-3.7	-0.010	1.82	L-Jul.2011	-3.6
Indoor plants and flowers ¹²	0.101	-0.5	-0.001	1.49	S-Sep.2012	-0.6
Dishes and flatware ⁴	0.046	-3.5	-0.002	2.54	L-Aug.2011	-1.5
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ⁴	0.083	0.1	0.000	1.31	S-Oct.2012	-0.3

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Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ⁴ . . .	0.674	0.3	0.002	0.60	S-Oct.2012	-0.2
Tools, hardware and supplies ⁴	0.172	1.0	0.002	1.02	—	—
Outdoor equipment and supplies ⁴	0.357	-0.1	0.000	0.77	S-Oct.2012	-0.7
Housekeeping supplies.	0.888	0.4	0.003	0.51	S-Jun.2011	0.4
Household cleaning products ⁴	0.359	-0.8	-0.003	0.81	L-Oct.2012	-0.7
Household paper products ⁴	0.244	2.3	0.006	0.92	S-Aug.2011	1.1
Miscellaneous household products ⁴	0.285	0.2	0.001	1.02	S-Oct.2012	0.1
Apparel.	3.665	1.8	0.063	0.95	—	—
Men's and boys' apparel.	0.882	2.2	0.019	1.06	L-Sep.2012	3.3
Men's apparel.	0.698	1.2	0.008	1.19	S-Jun.2011	0.7
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.	0.129	-1.2	-0.001	3.03	S-Aug.2012	-2.0
Men's furnishings.	0.186	4.3	0.008	2.44	L-Sep.2012	4.6
Men's shirts and sweaters ⁴	0.222	-1.0	-0.002	2.52	L-Oct.2012	0.5
Men's pants and shorts.	0.154	2.5	0.004	2.41	S-Apr.2011	1.5
Boys' apparel.	0.184	6.1	0.011	2.92	L-Aug.2012	6.5
Women's and girls' apparel.	1.560	1.0	0.014	1.86	S-Aug.2012	-0.1
Women's apparel.	1.298	1.1	0.014	2.10	S-Aug.2012	0.2
Women's outerwear.	0.105	3.1	0.003	9.10	S-Sep.2012	-1.7
Women's dresses.	0.169	2.2	0.003	6.62	L-Oct.2012	4.8
Women's suits and separates ⁴	0.614	1.9	0.011	2.06	L-Oct.2012	2.7
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ⁴	0.394	-1.0	-0.004	3.96	S-Mar.2011	-1.8
Girls' apparel.	0.262	0.3	0.001	4.48	L-Oct.2012	6.6
Footwear.	0.704	4.4	0.030	1.07	L-Aug.1989	4.8
Men's footwear.	0.217	4.0	0.008	1.63	S-Sep.2012	2.6
Boys' and girls' footwear.	0.154	3.3	0.005	2.62	L-Nov.2011	3.4
Women's footwear.	0.333	5.3	0.017	1.73	L-Jan.2010	5.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.	0.202	1.4	0.003	2.01	S-Aug.2011	1.2
Jewelry and watches ⁸	0.317	-0.9	-0.003	2.42	L-Oct.2012	-0.5
Watches ⁸	0.088	4.6	0.004	1.57	L-Oct.2004	5.5
Jewelry ⁸	0.229	-2.9	-0.007	2.79	S-Jul.2012	-2.9
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ¹¹	5.519	0.3	0.016	0.19	L-Aug.2012	0.5
New vehicles.	3.171	1.6	0.050	0.30	L-Apr.2012	2.2
New cars and trucks ^{4, 5}		1.6		0.30	L-Apr.2012	2.2
New cars ⁵		1.1		0.40	L-May 2012	1.2
New trucks ^{13, 5}		2.1		0.30	—	—
Used cars and trucks.	1.847	-2.0	-0.038	0.22	L-Sep.2012	-1.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment.	0.432	0.9	0.004	0.44	S-Apr.2010	0.8
Tires.	0.292	0.2	0.001	0.63	S-Apr.2010	0.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires ⁴	0.140	2.3	0.003	0.68	S-Oct.2012	1.4
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ⁵		2.5		0.63	—	—
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ⁵		2.8		1.76	S-Oct.2012	0.3
Medical care commodities.	1.718	1.7	0.028	0.40	S-Jan.2009	1.6
Medicinal drugs ¹¹	1.639	1.6	0.027	0.41	S-EVER	—
Prescription drugs.	1.326	1.9	0.025	0.44	S-Mar.2009	1.7
Nonprescription drugs ¹¹	0.313	0.7	0.002	0.88	S-May 2012	0.3
Medical equipment and supplies ¹¹	0.079	1.9	0.002	0.82	L-Aug.2012	2.9
Recreation commodities ¹¹	2.272	-2.0	-0.046	0.39	S-Aug.2012	-2.1
Video and audio products ¹¹	0.395	-9.0	-0.040	0.60	S-Oct.2012	-9.2
Televisions.	0.145	-17.5	-0.031	1.34	S-Oct.2012	-18.2
Other video equipment ⁴	0.025	-12.0	-0.003	1.56	L-Oct.2012	-10.8
Audio equipment.	0.070	-6.3	-0.005	1.07	L-Mar.2012	-6.2
Audio discs, tapes and other media ⁴	0.044	-0.9	0.000	1.35	L-Oct.2012	-0.6
Pets and pet products.	0.691	1.0	0.007	0.79	S-Sep.2012	1.0

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Pet food ⁴ · ⁵		2.9		0.92	S-Oct.2012	2.7
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ⁴ · ⁵		-2.4		1.71	S-Jan.2011	-2.5
Sporting goods.....	0.460	1.0	0.005	0.84	—	—
Sports vehicles including bicycles.....	0.244	1.6	0.004	0.89	L-Mar.2012	2.0
Sports equipment.....	0.207	0.4	0.001	1.45	—	—
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.052	-7.6	-0.004	1.54	S-Mar.2011	-7.9
Film and photographic supplies ⁴ · ⁵		5.0		2.11	S-Sep.2011	3.1
Photographic equipment ⁴ · ⁵		-8.9		2.64	S-Mar.2011	-10.0
Recreational reading materials.....	0.224	2.4	0.005	1.14	L-Sep.2012	2.7
Newspapers and magazines ⁴	0.124	6.2	0.007	0.90	L-Jul.2012	6.4
Recreational books ⁴	0.096	-2.1	-0.002	2.06	S-Oct.2012	-2.2
Other recreational goods ⁴	0.450	-4.1	-0.019	1.11	S-Sep.2012	-4.1
Toys.....	0.331	-5.9	-0.021	1.36	S-Sep.2012	-6.3
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ⁴ · ⁵		-2.7		1.11	S-Sep.2012	-3.4
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ⁴	0.061	3.0	0.002	1.76	L-Sep.2012	5.3
Music instruments and accessories ⁴	0.040	0.8	0.000	1.08	S-Sep.2012	0.6
Education and communication commodities ¹¹	0.584	-2.8	-0.017	0.84	L-Oct.2012	-2.4
Educational books and supplies.....	0.211	7.0	0.014	1.03	S-Oct.2012	6.9
College textbooks ¹⁴ · ⁵		7.9		1.03	S-Oct.2012	7.8
Information technology commodities ¹¹	0.373	-7.6	-0.031	1.09	L-Oct.2012	-7.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	0.245	-8.7	-0.023	1.28	L-Oct.2012	-7.8
Computer software and accessories ⁴	0.045	-7.2	-0.004	2.07	S-Sep.2012	-7.5
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ⁴	0.083	-4.7	-0.004	2.89	L-Mar.2012	-4.4
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.945	1.9	0.018	0.45	L-Jul.2012	1.9
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.566	1.1	0.006	0.43	L-Jul.2012	1.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.271	1.6	0.004	0.60	L-Sep.2012	1.7
Distilled spirits at home.....	0.071	0.2	0.000	0.67	L-Mar.2012	0.3
Whiskey at home ⁵		0.0		0.93	S-Oct.2012	-0.1
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ⁵		0.5		1.00	L-Mar.2012	0.5
Wine at home.....	0.224	0.8	0.002	0.79	L-Jul.2012	1.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home.....	0.379	3.0	0.011	1.04	S-Oct.2012	3.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ⁴ · ⁵		2.3		0.68	—	—
Wine away from home ⁴ · ⁵		3.2		0.98	L-Oct.2012	3.4
Distilled spirits away from home ⁴ · ⁵		3.4		1.83	S-Oct.2012	3.3
Other goods ¹¹	1.654	0.9	0.015	0.47	S-Sep.2011	0.9
Tobacco and smoking products.....	0.799	1.9	0.015	0.67	L-Sep.2012	1.9
Cigarettes ⁴	0.739	1.9	0.014	0.71	L-Oct.2012	1.9
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ⁴	0.054	1.4	0.001	1.05	S-Oct.2012	1.0
Personal care products.....	0.649	0.2	0.001	0.71	S-Feb.2012	-0.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ⁴	0.340	0.4	0.001	1.12	S-Feb.2012	-1.4
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements.....	0.303	-0.1	0.000	0.90	S-Dec.2010	-0.8
Miscellaneous personal goods ⁴	0.206	-0.6	-0.001	1.02	L-Oct.2012	-0.2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ⁵		0.0		1.16	S-May 2012	-0.1
Infants' equipment ⁷ · ⁵		-3.7		1.18	S-Oct.2012	-3.9
Services less energy services.....	56.330	2.5	1.377	0.10	—	—
Shelter.....	31.559	2.2	0.694	0.13	—	—
Rent of shelter ¹⁵	31.210	2.2	0.682	0.14	—	—
Rent of primary residence ¹⁰	6.509	2.7	0.174	0.18	—	—
Lodging away from home ⁴	0.759	0.7	0.005	1.03	S-Aug.2012	0.6
Housing at school, excluding board ¹⁰ · ¹⁵	0.158	4.2	0.007	0.32	—	—

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Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.600	-0.2	-0.001	1.27	S-Aug.2012	-0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{10, 15}	23.942	2.1	0.503	0.15	—	—
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{10, 15}	22.529	2.1	0.473	0.15	—	—
Tenants' and household insurance ⁴	0.349	3.4	0.012	0.94	L-Jul.2012	3.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ⁴	1.196	5.7	0.066	0.48	S-Oct.2012	5.7
Water and sewerage maintenance ¹⁰	0.904	6.7	0.058	0.63	S-Oct.2012	6.6
Garbage and trash collection ¹³	0.292	2.9	0.008	0.48	L-Oct.2012	3.1
Household operations ⁴	0.727	2.2	0.016	0.42	—	—
Domestic services ⁴	0.250	1.7	0.004	0.53	L-Jun.2012	2.0
Gardening and lawncare services ⁴	0.237	1.9	0.005	0.42	S-Oct.2012	1.9
Moving, storage, freight expense ⁴	0.089	2.9	0.003	2.54	L-Sep.2012	3.7
Repair of household items ⁴	0.078	4.3	0.003	1.03	S-Mar.2011	0.4
Medical care services.....	5.426	3.7	0.198	0.23	—	—
Professional services.....	3.000	1.9	0.058	0.24	S-May 2012	1.8
Physicians' services ¹⁰	1.613	2.0	0.033	0.39	S-May 2012	1.6
Dental services ¹⁰	0.763	2.8	0.021	0.38	L-Nov.2010	3.0
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁸	0.248	0.3	0.001	0.69	—	—
Services by other medical professionals ^{10, 8}	0.375	0.8	0.003	0.34	S-Jul.2012	0.8
Hospital and related services.....	1.770	4.6	0.080	0.43	L-Sep.2012	4.7
Hospital services ^{10, 16}	1.547	4.9	0.074	0.50	L-Sep.2012	5.0
Inpatient hospital services ^{10, 16, 5}		4.2		1.10	L-Oct.2012	4.2
Outpatient hospital services ^{10, 8, 5}		5.5		0.81	L-Aug.2011	6.1
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{10, 16}	0.137	3.6	0.005	0.34	S-Apr.2012	3.5
Care of invalids and elderly at home ⁷	0.085	0.9	0.001	0.62	S-Jun.2012	0.9
Health insurance ⁷	0.656	9.9	0.061	0.24	S-Feb.2012	9.3
Transportation services.....	5.812	2.6	0.153	0.34	L-Nov.2011	2.6
Leased cars and trucks ¹⁴	0.377	-4.0	-0.016	1.06	L-Feb.2012	-3.9
Car and truck rental ⁴	0.067	0.9	0.001	2.53	L-Aug.2012	0.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair.....	1.147	1.3	0.014	0.32	—	—
Motor vehicle body work.....	0.057	2.3	0.001	0.61	L-Apr.2011	2.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing.....	0.460	1.9	0.009	0.46	S-Oct.2012	1.8
Motor vehicle repair ⁴	0.594	0.7	0.004	0.47	L-Sep.2012	0.7
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.479	4.7	0.114	0.69	L-Nov.2010	5.3
Motor vehicle fees ⁴	0.561	2.2	0.012	0.40	—	—
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{10, 4}	0.325	-0.5	-0.002	0.59	S-EVER	—
Parking and other fees ⁴	0.214	6.4	0.013	0.37	L-Sep.2012	7.0
Parking fees and tolls ^{4, 5}		8.4		0.65	L-Sep.2012	9.5
Automobile service clubs ^{4, 5}		2.3		0.62	L-Aug.2012	2.9
Public transportation.....	1.181	2.4	0.028	0.74	L-May 2012	2.4
Airline fare.....	0.768	2.1	0.016	1.04	L-May 2012	3.2
Other intercity transportation.....	0.147	1.3	0.002	1.41	L-Mar.2011	2.9
Intercity bus fare ^{6, 5}						
Intercity train fare ^{6, 5}		9.4		2.70	L-Nov.2010	10.0
Ship fare ^{4, 5}		-3.1		1.72	L-Oct.2012	-2.8
Intracity transportation.....	0.263	3.8	0.010	0.48	—	—
Intracity mass transit ^{11, 5}		3.1		1.48	—	—
Recreation services ¹¹	3.718	2.6	0.096	0.50	S-May 2012	2.6
Video and audio services ¹¹	1.502	3.1	0.045	0.78	S-Nov.2011	3.0
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹³ ..	1.393	3.6	0.049	0.83	S-Nov.2011	2.3
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ⁴	0.109	-3.4	-0.004	3.13	L-Oct.2012	-3.3

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Video discs and other media ^{4, 5}		-6.4		3.14	L-Sep.2012	-5.6
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{4, 5}		-0.5		4.48	—	—
Pet services including veterinary ⁴	0.410	2.4	0.010	1.14	S-Mar.2010	2.0
Pet services ^{4, 5}		2.2		1.05	S-Oct.2012	2.0
Veterinarian services ^{4, 5}		2.4		1.50	S-Mar.2010	2.3
Photographers and film processing ⁴	0.058	0.3	0.000	1.20	S-Apr.2010	0.0
Photographer fees ^{4, 5}		0.0		1.73	S-Feb.2011	-0.1
Film processing ^{4, 5}		0.3		1.08	S-Apr.2010	0.3
Other recreation services ⁴	1.747	2.3	0.041	0.79	S-Aug.2012	2.2
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ⁴	0.569	0.4	0.002	1.56	S-Nov.2011	-0.3
Admissions	0.637	4.2	0.026	1.05	L-Aug.2008	4.7
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{4, 5}						
.....						
Admission to sporting events ^{4, 5}		3.7		1.24	L-Aug.2008	4.1
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁸	0.235	3.4	0.008	0.94	S-Oct.2012	2.4
Education and communication services ¹¹	6.179	1.9	0.118	0.26	—	—
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	3.061	3.6	0.108	0.44	—	—
College tuition and fees	1.730	4.0	0.068	0.77	S-Sep.2012	4.0
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.388	3.5	0.013	0.51	—	—
Child care and nursery school ¹²	0.780	2.7	0.021	0.35	L-Sep.2012	2.9
Technical and business school tuition and fees ⁴	0.059	2.9	0.002	0.81	S-Aug.2012	2.5
Postage and delivery services ⁴	0.148	3.8	0.006	0.29	S-Oct.2012	3.8
Postage	0.138	3.8	0.005	0.30	—	—
Delivery services ⁴	0.010	5.0	0.001	0.43	S-Oct.2012	4.8
Telephone services ⁴	2.387	0.3	0.006	0.33	S-Oct.2012	0.3
Wireless telephone services ⁴	1.443	-0.8	-0.012	0.50	—	—
Land-line telephone services ¹¹	0.944	1.9	0.018	0.36	S-Oct.2012	1.8
Internet services and electronic information providers ⁴	0.569	-0.3	-0.001	0.77	L-Jul.2012	0.6
Other personal services ¹¹	1.712	2.0	0.035	0.40	S-Oct.2011	2.0
Personal care services	0.628	1.8	0.011	0.47	L-Aug.2012	1.8
Haircuts and other personal care services ⁴	0.628	1.8	0.011	0.47	L-Aug.2012	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services	1.084	2.2	0.024	0.46	S-Mar.2011	2.0
Legal services ⁸	0.296	1.9	0.006	1.07	S-Sep.2012	1.5
Funeral expenses ⁸	0.159	2.2	0.003	0.45	—	—
Laundry and dry cleaning services ⁴	0.240	2.2	0.005	0.51	L-Aug.2012	2.2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ⁴	0.030	1.3	0.000	0.95	S-Feb.2003	1.3
Financial services ⁸	0.215	2.6	0.006	1.11	S-Jul.2011	2.6
Checking account and other bank services ^{4, 5}						
.....						
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{4, 5}		3.9		1.54	S-Nov.2011	1.7
.....						
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{4, 5}		1.8		1.27	S-May 2011	1.0
.....						
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less food	85.757	1.7	1.488	0.08	S-Aug.2012	1.6
All items less shelter	68.441	1.5	1.047	0.08	—	—
All items less food and shelter	54.197	1.5	0.794	0.10	—	—
All items less food, shelter, and energy	44.438	1.7	0.745	0.11	—	—
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks	42.591	1.8	0.783	0.12	S-Jun.2011	1.8
All items less medical care	92.856	1.6	1.514	0.08	—	—
All items less energy	90.241	1.9	1.692	0.08	—	—
Commodities	39.924	1.0	0.405	0.12	S-Jul.2012	0.5

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Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks...	17.821	0.6	0.100	0.22	S-Apr.2011	0.4
Commodities less food.....	25.681	0.6	0.152	0.17	S-Jul.2012	-0.4
Commodities less food and beverages.....	24.736	0.5	0.135	0.18	S-Jul.2012	-0.5
Services.....	60.076	2.2	1.336	0.10	—	—
Services less rent of shelter ¹⁵	28.866	2.3	0.653	0.13	L-Jan.2012	2.4
Services less medical care services.....	54.650	2.1	1.137	0.10	—	—
Durables.....	8.747	-0.6	-0.057	0.18	—	—
Nondurables.....	31.177	1.5	0.462	0.15	S-Jul.2012	0.7
Nondurables less food.....	16.933	1.3	0.209	0.26	S-Jul.2012	-0.6
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	15.989	1.2	0.192	0.27	S-Jul.2012	-0.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.324	1.1	0.129	0.16	S-Jul.2012	-1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.269	1.1	0.146	0.15	S-Jul.2012	-1.6
Housing.....	40.871	1.7	0.715	0.11	—	—
Education and communication ⁴	6.763	1.5	0.101	0.25	—	—
Education ⁴	3.272	3.8	0.122	0.41	—	—
Communication ⁴	3.491	-0.6	-0.021	0.27	—	—
Information and information processing ⁴	3.343	-0.8	-0.027	0.28	—	—
Information technology, hardware and services ¹⁷	0.956	-3.3	-0.033	0.59	L-Jul.2012	-2.8
Recreation ⁴	5.991	0.8	0.050	0.35	S-Nov.2011	0.3
Video and audio ⁴	1.897	0.3	0.006	0.65	S-Nov.2011	0.1
Pets, pet products and services ⁴	1.101	1.6	0.017	0.62	S-Sep.2012	1.6
Photography ⁴	0.111	-3.6	-0.004	0.94	S-Nov.2007	-3.9
Food and beverages.....	15.188	1.8	0.271	0.14	—	—
Domestically produced farm food.....	7.229	1.5	0.112	0.21	—	—
Other services.....	11.610	2.1	0.249	0.22	S-Nov.2011	1.9
Apparel less footwear.....	2.961	1.1	0.033	1.12	S-May 2011	1.1
Fuels and utilities.....	5.273	0.4	0.020	0.27	L-Feb.2012	0.7
Household energy.....	4.077	-1.1	-0.046	0.31	L-Feb.2012	-0.3
Medical care.....	7.144	3.2	0.227	0.18	S-Oct.2011	3.1
Transportation.....	17.012	1.6	0.264	0.15	L-Oct.2012	3.8
Private transportation.....	15.832	1.5	0.236	0.15	—	—
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	5.531	-0.1	-0.003	0.21	L-Aug.2012	-0.1
Utilities and public transportation.....	9.903	1.1	0.109	0.23	L-Jan.2012	1.5
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.039	0.0	0.001	0.29	S-Jul.2011	-0.2

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Other goods and services.....	3.366	1.5	0.050	0.33	—	—
Personal care.....	2.567	1.4	0.035	0.35	—	—

1 The 'effect' of an item category is a measure of that item's contribution to the All items price change. For example, if the Food index had an effect of 0.40, and the All items index rose 1.2 percent, then the increase in food prices contributed 0.40 / 1.2, or 33.3 percent, to that All items increase. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged for that year the change in the All items index would have been 1.2 percent minus 0.40, or 0.8 percent. Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged. Since food prices fell while prices overall were rising, the contribution of food to the All items price change was negative (in this case, -0.1 / 0.5, or minus 20 percent).

2 A statistic's margin of error is often expressed as its point estimate plus or minus two standard errors. For example, if a CPI category rose 2.6 percent, and its standard error was 0.25 percent, the margin of error on this item's 12-month percent change would be 2.6 percent, plus or minus 0.5 percent.

3 If the current 12-month percent change is greater than the previous published 12-month percent change, then this column identifies the closest prior month with a 12-month percent change as (L)arge as or (L)arger than the current 12-month change. If the current 12-month percent change is smaller than the previous published 12-month percent change, the most recent month with a change as (S)mall or (S)maller than the current month change is identified. If the current and previous published 12-month percent changes are equal, a dash will appear. Standard numerical comparison is used. For example, 2.0% is greater than 0.6%, -4.4% is less than -2.0%, and -2.0% is less than 0.0%. Note that a (L)arger change can be a smaller decline, for example, a -0.2% change is larger than a -0.4% change, but still represents a decline in the price index. Likewise, (S)maller changes can be increases, for example, a 0.6% change is smaller than 0.8%, but still represents an increase in the price index. In this context, a -0.2% change is considered to be smaller than a 0.0% change.

4 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

5 Special indexes based on a substantially smaller sample. These series do not contribute to the all items index aggregation and therefore do not have a relative importance or effect.

6 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

11 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

12 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

15 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

16 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

17 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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