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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FEBRUARY 2002

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.4 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 177.8 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in February, the CPI-U increased 1.1 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.3 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 173.7 was 0.8 percent higher than the index in February 2001.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in February, the same as in January. The energy index, which advanced 0.9 percent in January, declined 0.8 percent in February. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 0.1 percent, and the index for energy services fell 1.3 percent. The food index rose 0.2 percent in February, reflecting another large increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February after increasing 0.2 percent in January. An upturn in the index for apparel, coupled with larger increases in the indexes for shelter and for tobacco and smoking products, accounted for the larger advance in February.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'02
	Changes from preceding month								
	2001					2002		Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb.'02	
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.1	.4	-.3	-.1	-.1	.2	.2	1.1	1.1
Food and beverages	.2	.2	.4	-.1	.0	.3	.2	2.3	2.7
Housing	.2	-.1	.0	.3	.2	.2	.3	2.7	2.2
Apparel	-.6	.2	.4	-.6	-.6	-.7	.5	-3.5	-3.8
Transportation	-.5	1.7	-2.1	-1.6	-.9	.3	-.2	-3.2	-4.2
Medical care	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.5	.3	4.2	4.5
Recreation	.2	.2	.2	.3	-.1	.2	.1	.8	1.5
Education and communication	.3	.1	.6	.0	.2	.3	.2	2.7	3.2
Other goods and services	-.9	1.6	-.8	1.3	-1.0	.3	1.0	1.4	4.7
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.9	2.8	-6.0	-4.9	-3.0	.9	-.8	-11.2	-15.9
Food	.2	.2	.4	-.1	.0	.3	.2	2.3	2.7
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.4	.1	.2	.3	2.1	2.6

See pages 4 through 6 for notes on changes introduced into the CPI in 2002 and for a note on a new supplemental index of consumer price change.

The food and beverages index increased 0.2 percent in February. The index for food at home, which increased 0.3 percent in January, rose 0.2 percent in February. Another sharp rise in the index for fruits and vegetables--up 2.5 percent in February after increasing 3.3 percent in January--was partially offset by declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, for nonalcoholic beverages, and for other food at home. Within the fruits and vegetables group, the index for fresh vegetables rose 7.5 percent, while the index for fresh fruits declined 1.5 percent. Prices for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.4 percent. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for dairy products also contributed to the advance in February, advancing 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively. On the other hand, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.2 percent. In February, declines in the indexes for pork, for other meats, and for fish and seafood more than offset increases in prices for beef and for poultry--each up 0.6 percent. The indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home declined 0.4 and 0.5 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.3 percent.

The index for housing rose 0.3 percent in February. Shelter costs advanced 0.5 percent in February, following a 0.3 percent increase in January. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.4 percent, and the index for lodging away from home rose 1.7 percent. The index for fuels and utilities declined 1.0 percent in February. Each of the three major household fuels--natural gas, electricity, and fuel oil--contributed to the February decrease, down 3.3, 0.7, and 0.9 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.2 percent.

The transportation component turned back down in February, declining 0.2 percent after increasing 0.3 percent in January. The index for gasoline, which rose 2.7 percent in January, fell 0.4 percent in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 0.4 percent in February.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.9 percent, following a 0.6 percent decrease in January. (As of February, about 95 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2002 models. The 2002 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2002 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-01-405, dated November 9, 2001.) The index for used cars and trucks declined 0.7 percent. During the last 12 months, the index for new vehicles has declined 1.5 percent and the index for used cars and trucks has fallen 4.1 percent. Airline fares increased for the second consecutive month--up 1.0 percent in February--following declines in each of the last six months of 2001.

The index for apparel, which had declined in each of the three preceding months, turned up in February, advancing 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 2.6 percent, reflecting the introduction of spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in February. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent in February. Charges for professional services were unchanged, while the index for hospital and related services increased 0.7 percent.

The index for recreation rose 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.2 percent increase in January. A 1.0 percent decline in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events was more than offset by small increases in the indexes for video and audio, for pets, pet products and services, for sporting goods, and for photography.

The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in February. Education costs rose 0.8 percent, largely as a result of a 3.7 percent rise in the index for educational books and supplies. The index for communication costs declined 0.3 percent, reflecting a 3.3 percent decline in prices for personal computers and peripheral equipment.

The index for other goods and services which increased 0.3 percent in January, rose 1.0 percent in February. A 4.0 percent increase in the index for cigarettes accounted for about four-fifths of the February increase in this major group.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.2 percent in February.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb.'02	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'02
	Changes from preceding month								
	2001					2002			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.0	.5	-.4	-.1	-.2	.2	.2	.7	.8
Food and beverages	.2	.2	.4	-.1	.0	.3	.2	2.3	2.7
Housing	.2	.0	-.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.3	2.0
Apparel	-.5	.2	.3	-.4	-.7	-1.0	.5	-4.7	-3.6
Transportation	-.4	1.9	-2.4	-1.8	-.9	.2	-.3	-3.7	-4.8
Medical care	.5	.4	.4	.4	.3	.5	.2	4.1	4.4
Recreation	.1	.2	.1	.1	-.1	.3	.1	1.2	1.4
Education and communication	.4	.0	.6	.0	.1	.4	.1	2.3	3.0
Other goods and services	-1.3	1.9	-1.0	1.7	-1.3	.2	1.5	1.4	5.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.7	3.6	-6.8	-5.3	-3.0	1.0	-.8	-11.0	-16.4
Food	.2	.1	.4	.0	-.1	.3	.2	2.1	2.6
All items less food and energy	.1	.3	.2	.4	.1	.1	.2	1.5	2.4

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

CPI (Old Weights)

For the first six months of 2002, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 1993-95 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 1998 through 2001. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From January to February 2002, the Old Weights CPI-U rose 0.4 percent and the Old Weights CPI-W rose 0.3 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

Changes in the Consumer Price Index in 2002

Expenditure Weight Update

As announced in December 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has updated the consumption expenditure weights in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to the 1999-2000 period, effective with release of data for January 2002. The newer weights replace the 1993-95 weights, which were first used in the index effective with January 1998 data. Additionally, CPI expenditure weights will be updated at two-year intervals subsequent to the 2002 updating. Thus, for example, CPI expenditure weights will be updated to the 2001-02 period effective with release of CPI data for January 2004.

Historically, the introduction of a comprehensive new set of expenditure weights attached to the categories of goods and services in the CPI “market basket” has taken place in the context of the periodic major revisions of the index. Such major revisions have taken place approximately once each decade—in 1940, 1953, 1964, 1978, 1987 and, most recently, in 1998.

The goal in employing more current expenditure weights is to have the CPI reflect, as much as possible, the inflation currently experienced by consumers. More specifically, the use of more current weights will help to ensure that the relative importance of CPI item categories, such as food away from home, college tuition, or medical care services, more accurately reflects how consumers are allocating their spending.

Publication of Overlap CPIs

For the first six months of 2002, BLS will continue to calculate and publish selected CPI-U and CPI-W “overlap” indexes on a not seasonally adjusted basis. These indexes will be compiled using the 1993-95 expenditure pattern that was introduced into the CPI in 1998. Comparison of these index series to the corresponding updated series will enable users of the CPI to observe the effects of the expenditure weight change. The subsequent expenditure updates scheduled in 2004 and every two years thereafter also will be accompanied by the publication of overlap indexes for a six-month period using the previous expenditure pattern.

Publication of CPI for the Phoenix Area

Effective with release of the July 2002 Consumer Price Index (CPI), BLS will initiate publication of consumer price data specific to the Phoenix-Mesa, Arizona, Metropolitan Statistical Area. As with the national CPI and other local area CPIs, data will be published for each of two population groups, that for all urban consumers (CPI-U) and that for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W). The Phoenix-Mesa CPI will be published on a semi-annual basis with a reference base of December 2001 = 100. The same amount of item detail will be available for Phoenix-Mesa as is presently available for all other areas published on a semi-annual basis.

Change to Published Item Structure

Effective with release of the January 2002 CPI, BLS began publishing an item index for leased cars and trucks. This index series is available monthly at the U.S. City Average area level for both the CPI-U and CPI-W with a December 2001 = 100 reference base.

*NOTE ON A NEW, SUPPLEMENTAL INDEX
OF CONSUMER PRICE CHANGE*

The Bureau of Labor Statistics will begin publishing a consumer price index (CPI) called the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, effective with release of July data in August 2002. Designated the **C-CPI-U**, the index will supplement the existing indexes already produced by the BLS: the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

The **C-CPI-U** will employ a Tornqvist formula and utilize expenditure data in adjacent time periods in order to reflect the effect of any substitution that consumers make *across* item categories in response to changes in relative prices. The new measure, said to be a “superlative” index, is designed to be a closer approximation to a “cost-of-living” index than the present measures. The use of expenditure data for both a base period and the current period in order to average price change *across* item categories distinguishes the **C-CPI-U** from the existing CPI measures, which use only a single expenditure base period to compute the price change over time. In 1999, the BLS introduced a geometric mean estimator for averaging prices *within* most of the index’s item categories in order to approximate the effect of consumers’ responses to changes in relative prices *within* these item categories. The geometric mean estimator will be used in the **C-CPI-U** in the same item categories in which it is now used in the CPI-U and CPI-W. (See *Monthly Labor Review*, October 1998, pp. 3-7.)

Expenditure data required for the calculation of the **C-CPI-U** are available only with a time lag. Thus, the **C-CPI-U** will be issued first in preliminary form using the latest available expenditure data at that time and will be subject to two subsequent revisions. Accordingly, at the time of its introduction in August, “final” values of the **C-CPI-U** will be issued for the 12 months of 2000, “interim” values will be issued for the 12 months of 2001, and “initial” values will be issued for January-July of 2002. In February 2003, with release of the January 2003 index, revised interim indexes for the 12 months of 2002 will be published, and the index values for 2001 will be revised and will become final. Then, in February 2004, when the monthly expenditure data from calendar year 2002 become available, **C-CPI-U** indexes for the 12 months of 2002 will be issued in final form and values for the 12 months of 2003 will be revised and issued as interim. The **C-CPI-U** index revisions are expected to be small, but in principle each monthly index could be revised from its previously published level.

BLS previously has calculated superlative indexes on an experimental basis, although these are not comparable to the **C-CPI-U** in all computational details. (See, for example, *Monthly Labor Review*, December 1993, pp. 25-33.) Based on BLS research, the **C-CPI-U** is estimated to increase at an average annual rate of 0.1 to 0.2 percentage point less than the CPI-U.

The **C-CPI-U** will be issued for national averages only and will not be seasonally adjusted. It will employ a December 1999=100 reference base. Data for periods prior to December 1999 will not be calculated. The component series that will be published are listed below:

All items	Medical care
Food and beverages	Medical care commodities
Food	Medical care services
Food at home	Recreation
Food away from home	Education and communication
Alcoholic beverages	Education
Housing	Communication
Shelter	Other goods and services
Fuels and utilities	Services
Household furnishings and operations	Commodities
Apparel	Durables
Transportation	Nondurables
Private transportation	All items less food and energy
Public transportation	Energy

These indexes will be published monthly in the CPI news release and the CPI Detailed Report, and the series will be available electronically at the same site as other CPI data: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>.

For more information on the **C-CPI-U**, write to:

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 87 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

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

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights, which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 26 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designed reference date—1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period market basket of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details 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.

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	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1997 through 2001 were replaced at the end of 2001. In January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 39 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2002.

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 fuel oil, natural gas, motor fuels, and educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a large increase in coffee prices due to adverse weather. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions and decreases in milk supply affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly. It was used to offset an increase in summer demand in the Midwest and South for Electricity. For New vehicles,

New cars, and New trucks, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

A description of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, as well as a list of unusual events modeled and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 or sending e-mail to Chow_Dan@BLS.GOV. If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	177.1	177.8	1.1	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	530.6	532.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.719	176.2	176.4	2.7	.1	.0	.3	.2
Food	14.688	175.8	175.9	2.7	.1	.0	.3	.2
Food at home	8.468	176.2	176.0	2.4	-1	-1	.3	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.298	196.7	197.6	3.0	.5	-1	.6	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.271	162.1	161.8	1.4	-2	-1	.0	-2
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.916	169.9	170.1	4.0	.1	-2	-5	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.204	224.8	223.3	5.6	-7	-8	3.3	2.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.967	139.5	140.0	.1	.4	.0	-6	-4
Other food at home	1.811	161.3	160.4	1.6	-6	.5	-3	-5
Sugar and sweets .....	.315	158.4	158.5	1.7	.1	.4	.3	.3
Fats and oils .....	.265	158.3	157.2	3.0	-7	1.3	-3	-4
Other foods	1.232	177.4	176.3	1.3	-6	.3	-4	-7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.289	108.9	108.0	-6	-8	-1.9	.4	-8
Food away from home ¹	6.220	176.4	177.0	3.0	.3	.1	.2	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.383	115.5	115.8	3.9	.3	.1	.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.031	181.8	182.6	2.8	.4	.0	.3	.3
Housing	40.873	177.6	178.5	2.2	.5	.2	.2	.3
Shelter	31.522	204.5	206.1	4.3	.8	.4	.3	.5
Rent of primary residence ³	6.421	197.0	197.7	4.7	.4	.4	.3	.4
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	2.702	113.1	119.3	.2	5.5	.6	-7	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	22.046	211.6	212.2	4.6	.3	.4	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.353	106.4	106.8	1.6	.4	-6	.1	.4
Fuels and utilities	4.511	141.5	140.0	-8.1	-1.1	-8	-2	-1.0
Fuels	3.654	125.3	123.7	-10.4	-1.3	-1.0	-4	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.188	112.9	112.3	-22.3	-5	-6.9	-9	-1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.466	132.4	130.6	-9.3	-1.4	-5	-4	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.857	111.6	111.8	3.1	.2	.3	.5	.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.840	128.7	128.6	-4	-1	.0	-4	-2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.820	117.8	117.9	3.2	.1	.3	.5	.1
Apparel	4.399	120.4	123.5	-3.8	2.6	-6	-7	.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.122	120.8	122.0	-3.6	1.0	-1.5	.1	-1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.807	109.7	115.3	-4.7	5.1	-1	-9	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹ .....	.203	125.0	127.2	-1.6	1.8	-2.9	-2.7	1.8
Footwear .....	.874	117.1	119.5	-2.5	2.0	-7	-1.6	1.4
Transportation	17.055	148.6	148.4	-4.2	-1	-9	.3	-2
Private transportation	15.845	144.4	144.1	-4.4	-2	-9	.3	-2
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.614	101.0	100.1	-2.1	-9	.1	-5	-7
New vehicles	5.083	142.7	141.2	-1.5	-1.1	.1	-6	-9
Used cars and trucks	2.195	155.6	153.9	-4.1	-1.1	.0	-4	-7
Motor fuel	2.564	97.9	98.2	-23.0	.3	-5.9	2.6	-1
Gasoline (all types)	2.536	97.2	97.6	-23.0	.4	-5.8	2.7	-4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.421	106.2	106.1	2.0	-1	.0	.4	-1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.400	187.1	188.0	3.6	.5	.2	.3	.4
Public transportation	1.211	205.8	207.3	-2.3	.7	.3	.2	-6
Medical care	5.810	279.6	281.0	4.5	.5	.3	.5	.3
Medical care commodities	1.377	252.6	253.7	4.1	.4	.3	.3	.4
Medical care services	4.434	286.2	287.7	4.7	.5	.3	.5	.2
Professional services ³	2.784	250.6	251.4	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.0
Hospital and related services ³	1.353	353.1	356.4	7.7	.9	.5	.9	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Recreation ²	6.019	105.7	105.9	1.5	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.645	102.1	102.9	1.3	.8	-1	.5	.4
Education and communication ²	5.813	107.2	107.3	3.2	.1	.2	.3	.2
Education ²	2.726	122.6	123.2	6.2	.5	.2	.6	.8
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	303.0	314.4	8.3	3.8	-3.1	2.0	3.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.506	353.2	353.9	6.1	.2	.4	.5	.5
Communication ^{1 2}	3.087	93.4	93.1	-1	-3	.1	.0	-3
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.903	92.2	92.0	-2	-2	.1	-1	-2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.324	100.3	100.3	1.6	.0	.1	.6	.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} .....	.580	19.4	19.0	-17.0	-2.1	-1.0	-2.0	-2.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.275	24.6	23.8	-29.8	-3.3	-1.9	-2.8	-3.3
Other goods and services	4.312	287.2	290.2	4.7	1.0	-1.0	.3	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.928	432.8	449.3	10.0	3.8	-3.4	.3	3.8
Personal care ¹	3.384	173.2	173.7	3.0	.3	.0	.3	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.706	155.2	155.5	.1	.2	.0	-1	.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.901	186.3	186.4	2.5	.1	-2	-1	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.562	270.4	271.8	5.1	.5	.3	.6	.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	41.300	147.8	148.1	-1.7	.2	-7	.1	.1
Food and beverages	15.719	176.2	176.4	2.7	.1	.0	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	25.582	131.6	132.1	-4.3	.4	-1.1	-1	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.493	137.9	139.6	-5.5	1.2	-1.9	.1	.6
Apparel	4.399	120.4	123.5	-3.8	2.6	-6	-7	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.094	152.6	153.6	-6.2	.7	-2.5	.5	.5
Durables	12.089	123.6	122.7	-2.5	-7	-1	-6	-6
Services	58.700	206.3	207.3	3.1	.5	.2	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.169	213.0	214.7	4.4	.8	.4	.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.353	106.4	106.8	1.6	.4	-6	.1	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.466	132.4	130.6	-9.3	-1.4	-5	-4	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.857	111.6	111.8	3.1	.2	.3	.5	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.820	117.8	117.9	3.2	.1	.3	.5	.1
Transportation services	6.638	205.2	206.5	3.1	.6	.3	.3	.3
Medical care services	4.434	286.2	287.7	4.7	.5	.3	.5	.2
Other services	10.963	242.9	243.5	3.7	.2	.2	.4	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.312	177.4	178.2	.9	.5	-2	.2	.2
All items less shelter	68.478	168.4	168.7	-2	.2	-4	.2	.1
All items less medical care	94.190	171.7	172.4	.9	.4	-1	.2	.2
Commodities less food	26.612	133.5	133.9	-4.2	.3	-1.0	-1	.0
Nondurables less food	14.524	140.5	142.2	-4.9	1.2	-1.9	.1	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.125	154.5	155.4	-5.4	.6	-2.3	.5	.5
Nondurables	29.212	157.0	158.0	-1.3	.6	-9	.1	.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.531	213.9	214.3	1.8	.2	.1	.1	.1
Services less medical care services	54.266	199.2	200.2	3.0	.5	.3	.1	.4
Energy	6.218	111.7	111.0	-15.9	-6	-3.0	.9	-8
All items less energy	93.782	185.7	186.5	2.6	.4	.1	.2	.3
All items less food and energy	79.094	188.2	189.2	2.6	.5	.1	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.860	143.7	144.2	-9	.3	-4	-3	.0
Energy commodities	2.752	99.3	99.5	-22.9	.2	-6.0	2.5	-1
Services less energy services	55.234	213.8	215.1	4.0	.6	.3	.4	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.565	\$.562	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.188	\$.188	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	May 2001	Aug. 2001	Nov. 2001	Feb. 2002	Aug. 2001	Feb. 2002
All items	177.5	177.3	177.6	178.0	3.2	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.6	0.7
Food and beverages	175.3	175.3	175.9	176.3	2.6	3.5	2.1	2.3	3.0	2.2
Food	174.8	174.8	175.4	175.8	2.6	3.5	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.2
Food at home	175.0	174.9	175.5	175.9	2.4	3.5	1.8	2.1	2.9	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	195.9	195.8	197.0	197.8	2.3	3.8	2.1	3.9	3.0	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.3	162.2	162.2	161.9	4.3	1.7	.7	-1.0	3.0	-1
Dairy and related products ¹	171.2	170.8	169.9	170.1	2.7	10.6	5.6	-2.5	6.6	1.4
Fruits and vegetables	213.6	211.8	218.7	224.1	-2.4	1.5	3.4	21.2	-5	12.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.0	140.0	139.1	138.6	-6	4.7	.0	-3.9	2.0	-2.0
Other food at home	160.9	161.7	161.2	160.4	4.4	2.3	1.3	-1.2	3.3	.0
Sugar and sweets	156.4	157.1	157.5	157.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.9	1.0	2.5
Fats and oils	156.1	158.2	157.7	157.0	5.6	9.4	-5.0	2.3	7.5	-1.4
Other foods	178.0	178.6	177.8	176.5	5.2	.9	3.0	-3.3	3.0	-2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.6	108.5	108.9	108.0	.4	2.6	4.1	-9.1	1.5	-2.7
Food away from home ¹	175.8	176.0	176.4	177.0	3.1	3.7	2.5	2.8	3.4	2.7
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	115.4	115.5	115.5	115.8	3.6	6.9	3.9	1.4	5.3	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	181.2	181.2	181.8	182.4	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7
Housing	177.5	177.9	178.2	178.7	3.2	2.3	.7	2.7	2.8	1.7
Shelter	203.5	204.3	205.0	206.0	4.3	4.5	3.4	5.0	4.4	4.2
Rent of primary residence ³	195.4	196.2	196.8	197.5	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.5
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	117.2	117.9	117.1	119.1	1.7	3.0	-9.9	6.6	2.4	-2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	209.9	210.7	211.4	212.2	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	106.9	106.3	106.4	106.8	6.6	-7	1.1	-4	2.9	.4
Fuels and utilities	144.5	143.4	143.1	141.6	.5	-9.1	-13.9	-7.8	-4.4	-10.9
Fuels	128.9	127.6	127.1	125.4	.3	-11.5	-17.1	-10.4	-5.8	-13.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	118.5	110.3	109.3	107.9	-19.4	-10.2	-26.8	-31.3	-14.9	-29.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	135.9	135.2	134.7	132.9	2.2	-11.7	-16.6	-8.5	-5.0	-12.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	110.8	111.1	111.7	111.8	2.2	3.7	2.9	3.7	3.0	3.3
Household furnishings and operations	129.3	129.3	128.8	128.6	-6	.6	.6	-2.1	.0	-8
Household operations ^{1 2}	116.9	117.2	117.8	117.9	1.4	6.1	2.1	3.5	3.7	2.8
Apparel	125.7	124.9	124.0	124.6	-6.6	-4.6	-.3	-3.5	-5.6	-1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	124.9	123.0	123.1	123.0	-2.8	-8.8	3.6	-5.9	-5.9	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel	116.4	116.3	115.3	116.9	-11.8	-4.6	-3.7	1.7	-8.3	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	132.4	128.5	125.0	127.2	4.1	-12.5	20.8	-14.8	-4.6	1.4
Footwear	122.1	121.2	119.3	121.0	-3.5	.7	-3.5	-3.6	-1.4	-3.5
Transportation	150.1	148.8	149.2	148.9	6.0	-11.4	-7.9	-3.2	-3.1	-5.5
Private transportation	145.8	144.5	144.9	144.6	7.3	-12.6	-8.1	-3.3	-3.1	-5.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	101.0	101.1	100.6	99.9	-1.9	-1.6	.0	-4.3	-1.8	-2.2
New vehicles	142.4	142.6	141.8	140.5	-1.1	-1.7	2.6	-5.2	-1.4	-1.4
Used cars and trucks	156.3	156.3	155.6	154.5	-4.2	-2.7	-4.7	-4.5	-3.4	-4.6
Motor fuel	104.7	98.5	101.1	101.0	35.7	-48.1	-42.2	-13.4	-16.1	-29.3
Gasoline (all types)	104.2	98.2	100.9	100.5	34.0	-47.9	-41.8	-13.5	-16.4	-29.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	105.8	105.8	106.2	106.1	1.5	1.9	3.5	1.1	1.7	2.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	186.1	186.5	187.1	187.8	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.8
Public transportation	207.8	208.4	208.9	207.7	-6.6	6.7	-8.4	-2	-2	-4.4
Medical care	277.5	278.4	279.7	280.4	4.5	4.2	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.6
Medical care commodities	251.3	252.0	252.8	253.9	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.2
Medical care services	283.8	284.7	286.2	286.8	4.6	4.4	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.8
Professional services ³	249.6	250.2	250.9	250.9	3.0	3.6	3.3	2.1	3.3	2.7
Hospital and related services ³	347.4	349.3	352.4	355.0	7.6	5.7	8.4	9.0	6.7	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	May 2001	Aug. 2001	Nov. 2001	Feb. 2002	Aug. 2001	Feb. 2002
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	105.7	105.6	105.8	105.9	2.3	0.4	2.7	0.8	1.3	1.7
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.8	101.7	102.2	102.6	.4	.0	1.6	3.2	.2	2.4
Education and communication ²	106.5	106.7	107.0	107.2	1.9	5.1	2.7	2.7	3.5	2.7
Education ²	121.3	121.5	122.2	123.2	5.3	7.3	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.3
Educational books and supplies	304.7	295.4	301.2	312.2	6.1	9.8	7.1	10.2	7.9	8.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	348.9	350.4	352.1	353.9	5.5	6.9	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.0
Communication ^{1 2}	93.3	93.4	93.4	93.1	-1.3	2.6	-9	-9	.6	-9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	92.2	92.3	92.2	92.0	-1.7	2.6	-9	-9	.4	-9
Telephone services ^{1 2}	99.6	99.7	100.3	100.3	.0	3.7	.0	2.8	1.8	1.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5}	20.0	19.8	19.4	19.0	-19.4	-17.2	-12.9	-18.5	-18.3	-15.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	25.8	25.3	24.6	23.8	-35.3	-30.1	-25.8	-27.6	-32.8	-26.7
Other goods and services	289.2	286.4	287.2	290.2	4.4	4.5	8.6	1.4	4.4	4.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	446.7	431.7	432.8	449.3	10.4	5.8	22.5	2.3	8.0	12.0
Personal care ¹	172.6	172.6	173.2	173.7	2.2	4.1	3.3	2.6	3.1	2.9
Personal care products ¹	155.4	155.4	155.2	155.5	-5.3	4.0	1.8	.3	-8	1.0
Personal care services ¹	186.8	186.4	186.3	186.4	4.9	2.4	3.5	-9	3.7	1.3
Miscellaneous personal services	268.3	269.2	270.7	271.2	4.3	7.2	4.4	4.4	5.7	4.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	149.2	148.2	148.3	148.4	2.7	-4.7	-2.6	-2.1	-1.1	-2.4
Food and beverages	175.3	175.3	175.9	176.3	2.6	3.5	2.1	2.3	3.0	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages	134.1	132.6	132.5	132.5	2.9	-9.7	-5.7	-4.7	-3.6	-5.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	142.6	139.9	140.0	140.9	6.3	-12.8	-9.5	-4.7	-3.7	-7.1
Apparel	125.7	124.9	124.0	124.6	-6.6	-4.6	-.3	-3.5	-5.6	-1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	157.3	153.4	154.2	155.0	12.1	-16.3	-12.2	-5.7	-3.1	-9.0
Durables	124.0	123.9	123.2	122.4	-2.5	-1.9	-.6	-5.1	-2.2	-2.9
Services	205.6	206.1	206.8	207.4	3.6	3.4	2.2	3.5	3.5	2.9
Rent of shelter ⁴	212.0	212.9	213.5	214.5	4.6	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.5	4.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	106.9	106.3	106.4	106.8	6.6	-.7	1.1	-.4	2.9	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	135.9	135.2	134.7	132.9	2.2	-11.7	-16.6	-8.5	-5.0	-12.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	110.8	111.1	111.7	111.8	2.2	3.7	2.9	3.7	3.0	3.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	116.9	117.2	117.8	117.9	1.4	6.1	2.1	3.5	3.7	2.8
Transportation services	204.3	204.9	205.6	206.3	.6	5.3	2.6	4.0	2.9	3.3
Medical care services	283.8	284.7	286.2	286.8	4.6	4.4	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.8
Other services	241.6	242.0	242.9	243.4	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.0	4.0	3.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	178.0	177.7	178.0	178.4	3.2	-.7	.0	.9	1.2	.4
All items less shelter	169.2	168.6	168.9	169.0	2.6	-2.1	-1.2	-.5	.2	-.8
All items less medical care	172.1	171.9	172.2	172.6	3.1	-.2	-.2	1.2	1.4	.5
Commodities less food	135.9	134.5	134.4	134.4	2.9	-9.3	-5.4	-4.3	-3.4	-4.9
Nondurables less food	145.0	142.3	142.5	143.3	6.0	-11.7	-8.6	-4.6	-3.3	-6.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	158.7	155.1	155.9	156.7	10.8	-14.4	-11.0	-4.9	-2.6	-8.0
Nondurables	159.1	157.7	157.8	158.5	5.1	-4.8	-3.4	-1.5	.0	-2.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	213.7	213.9	214.1	214.3	2.5	2.7	.8	1.1	2.6	.9
Services less medical care services	198.7	199.3	199.4	200.2	3.5	3.5	2.0	3.1	3.5	2.5
Energy	116.7	113.2	114.2	113.3	15.1	-30.3	-28.7	-11.2	-10.4	-20.4
All items less energy	185.5	185.7	186.0	186.5	2.2	2.9	3.1	2.2	2.5	2.6
All items less food and energy	188.1	188.3	188.6	189.1	2.2	2.8	3.0	2.1	2.5	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	145.4	144.8	144.3	144.3	-1.4	-.8	1.7	-3.0	-1.1	-.7
Energy commodities	106.0	99.6	102.1	102.0	29.8	-45.6	-40.9	-14.3	-16.0	-28.8
Services less energy services	212.7	213.3	214.1	215.0	3.7	4.5	3.7	4.4	4.1	4.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

January, 1999.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2002 from—			Percent change to Jan.2002 from—			
		Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	
U.S. city average	M	177.4	176.7	177.1	177.8	1.1	0.6	0.4	1.1	-0.2	0.2	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	185.0	184.2	184.9	186.1	1.8	1.0	.6	1.5	-1	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	186.1	185.4	186.2	187.8	2.2	1.3	.9	1.7	.1	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.9	110.3	110.5	110.5	.6	.2	.0	.8	-4	.2	
Midwest urban	M	172.5	171.9	172.1	172.5	.2	.3	.2	.1	-2	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	174.2	173.8	174.1	174.7	.5	.5	.3	.3	-1	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.0	109.6	109.5	109.6	-2	.0	.1	-1	-5	-1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	166.3	165.5	166.2	166.6	.2	.7	.2	-6	-1	.4	
South urban	M	171.0	170.3	170.6	171.0	.5	.4	.2	.8	-2	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	172.2	171.7	171.7	172.4	1.2	.4	.4	1.4	-3	.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.4	108.9	109.2	109.3	.1	.4	.1	.6	-2	.3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	168.9	167.6	168.6	168.6	-3	.6	.0	.2	-2	.6	
West urban	M	182.3	181.6	182.4	183.2	2.2	.9	.4	2.3	.1	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	184.3	183.5	184.4	185.4	2.3	1.0	.5	2.4	.1	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	112.0	111.6	111.9	112.4	2.1	.7	.4	1.9	-1	.3	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	161.7	161.1	161.6	162.5	1.6	.9	.6	1.5	-1	.3	
B/C ³	M	110.2	109.7	109.9	110.1	.5	.4	.2	.6	-3	.2	
D	M	170.8	169.8	170.5	170.7	.4	.5	.1	.4	-2	.4	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	177.4	177.9	177.9	178.7	.1	.4	.4	-1	.3	.0	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	178.1	177.1	178.9	180.1	2.7	1.7	.7	2.7	.4	1.0	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	187.8	187.3	188.5	189.9	2.5	1.4	.7	1.9	.4	.6	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	192.7	-	192.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	.1	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	172.3	-	171.4	-	-	-	-	.1	-5	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	171.5	-	170.6	-	-	-	-	2.0	-5	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	110.9	-	110.9	-	-	-	-	1.8	.0	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	174.8	-	176.1	.5	.7	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	173.5	-	176.2	1.7	1.6	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	157.1	-	156.6	-1.3	-3	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	173.1	-	175.0	1.8	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	179.9	-	182.0	1.7	1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	190.6	-	191.3	1.8	.4	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	186.1	-	187.6	2.0	.8	-	-	-	-	

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

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
- 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	173.2	173.7	0.8	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	515.9	517.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.229	175.7	175.8	2.7	.1	.0	.3	.2
Food	16.228	175.2	175.3	2.6	.1	-1	.3	.2
Food at home	9.798	175.3	175.1	2.5	-1	-1	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.468	196.7	197.5	3.0	.4	-2	.8	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.831	162.0	161.6	1.5	-2	-1	.0	-1
Dairy and related products ¹	1.021	169.7	170.0	4.0	.2	-4	-5	.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.307	223.2	222.2	5.8	-4	-8	3.2	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.132	138.8	139.5	.1	.5	.0	-7	-3
Other food at home	2.038	161.0	160.1	1.8	-6	.5	-3	-4
Sugar and sweets .....	.339	158.5	158.5	1.9	.0	.4	.4	.2
Fats and oils .....	.316	158.0	157.0	3.0	-6	1.3	-4	-3
Other foods	1.383	177.9	176.8	1.6	-6	.4	-5	-6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.310	109.3	108.5	.0	-7	-1.6	.3	-7
Food away from home ¹	6.430	176.4	176.9	3.0	.3	.1	.2	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.275	115.8	116.0	3.9	.2	.0	.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.001	181.4	182.1	2.9	.4	-1	.4	.3
Housing	38.141	173.4	173.9	2.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Shelter	29.212	198.7	199.8	4.3	.6	.4	.4	.5
Rent of primary residence ³	8.395	196.3	197.0	4.6	.4	.4	.3	.4
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	1.523	113.2	119.4	.8	5.5	.3	.0	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	18.980	192.3	192.9	4.6	.3	.4	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.314	106.4	106.8	1.4	.4	-7	.1	.4
Fuels and utilities	4.829	140.8	139.4	-8.0	-1.0	-8	-2	-1.1
Fuels	3.955	124.2	122.7	-10.2	-1.2	-1.0	-3	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.177	113.0	112.4	-22.5	-5	-7.4	-1.1	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.778	131.4	129.7	-9.3	-1.3	-5	-4	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.873	111.7	111.9	3.1	.2	.2	.5	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.101	125.0	124.9	-.8	-1	.0	-5	-2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.357	118.5	118.9	4.0	.3	.2	.4	.3
Apparel	4.831	119.6	122.4	-3.6	2.3	-7	-1.0	.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.243	121.0	122.2	-3.7	1.0	-1.3	-1	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.864	108.5	113.8	-3.9	4.9	-2	-1.0	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹ .....	.256	126.7	128.4	-2.0	1.3	-3.0	-2.8	1.3
Footwear	1.165	117.7	119.3	-2.5	1.4	-7	-1.3	.8
Transportation	19.393	147.5	147.1	-4.8	-3	-9	.2	-3
Private transportation	18.452	144.6	144.2	-4.9	-3	-1.0	.3	-3
New and used motor vehicles ²	10.145	101.3	100.3	-2.4	-1.0	.1	-5	-8
New vehicles	4.897	143.8	142.3	-1.5	-1.0	.1	-8	-8
Used cars and trucks	4.099	156.5	154.8	-4.3	-1.1	-1	-4	-8
Motor fuel	3.153	98.2	98.5	-22.9	.3	-5.5	2.5	-2
Gasoline (all types)	3.120	97.6	97.9	-23.0	.3	-5.7	2.5	-1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.530	105.3	105.3	1.8	.0	-1	.4	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.438	188.6	189.5	3.5	.5	.3	.3	.4
Public transportation .....	.941	201.0	202.5	-1.6	.7	.2	.2	-3
Medical care	4.620	278.5	279.8	4.4	.5	.3	.5	.2
Medical care commodities	1.006	247.6	248.5	3.9	.4	.3	.3	.4
Medical care services	3.614	285.7	287.2	4.6	.5	.3	.5	.2
Professional services ³	2.245	252.8	253.6	2.9	.3	.2	.3	.0
Hospital and related services ³	1.092	348.2	351.4	7.6	.9	.5	.9	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Recreation ²	5.649	104.2	104.5	1.4	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.803	101.4	102.2	1.0	.8	.0	.5	.4
Education and communication ²	5.637	107.1	107.2	3.0	.1	.1	.4	.1
Education ²	2.382	122.7	123.3	6.1	.5	.1	.5	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	305.2	315.2	7.2	3.3	-3.5	.7	3.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.178	346.2	347.0	6.0	.2	.4	.5	.4
Communication ^{1 2}	3.255	94.7	94.5	.1	-2	.1	.1	-2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.107	94.0	93.7	.0	-3	.1	.1	-3
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.591	100.4	100.5	1.6	.1	.2	.5	.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} .....	.516	20.1	19.7	-17.2	-2.0	-1.0	-2.4	-2.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.253	24.3	23.5	-29.6	-3.3	-2.0	-2.8	-3.3
Other goods and services	4.499	294.0	298.3	5.3	1.5	-1.3	.2	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.441	433.5	450.7	10.1	4.0	-3.4	.1	4.0
Personal care ¹	3.059	172.7	173.2	2.8	.3	.0	.2	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.815	155.9	156.3	.4	.3	-1	-1	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.900	187.0	187.1	2.6	.1	-2	-1	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.161	269.8	271.4	5.0	.6	.3	.4	.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	45.559	148.3	148.6	-1.8	.2	-7	.0	.1
Food and beverages	17.229	175.7	175.8	2.7	.1	.0	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	28.330	132.7	133.1	-4.6	.3	-1.2	-1	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.685	138.9	140.7	-5.8	1.3	-2.1	-1	.7
Apparel	4.831	119.6	122.4	-3.6	2.3	-7	-1.0	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.854	154.2	155.4	-6.7	.8	-2.6	.5	.7
Durables	13.645	124.1	123.1	-2.8	-8	.0	-6	-7
Services	54.441	202.5	203.3	3.1	.4	.2	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	28.898	191.4	192.5	4.4	.6	.4	.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.314	106.4	106.8	1.4	.4	-7	.1	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.778	131.4	129.7	-9.3	-1.3	-5	-4	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.873	111.7	111.9	3.1	.2	.2	.5	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.357	118.5	118.9	4.0	.3	.2	.4	.3
Transportation services	6.573	203.4	204.7	3.8	.6	.3	.3	.4
Medical care services	3.614	285.7	287.2	4.6	.5	.3	.5	.2
Other services	10.033	238.3	239.0	3.6	.3	.2	.3	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.772	172.7	173.3	.5	.3	-2	.2	.2
All items less shelter	70.788	165.8	166.1	-5	.2	-4	.1	.1
All items less medical care	95.380	168.5	169.0	.6	.3	-2	.2	.2
Commodities less food	29.331	134.5	134.8	-4.4	.2	-1.2	-1	-1
Nondurables less food	15.687	141.4	143.1	-5.3	1.2	-2.0	.1	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.855	155.8	157.0	-5.9	.8	-2.5	.4	.6
Nondurables	31.915	157.5	158.5	-1.4	.6	-9	.0	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.543	189.8	190.1	1.7	.2	.1	.1	.1
Services less medical care services	50.827	195.7	196.5	3.0	.4	.3	.1	.3
Energy	7.109	110.5	109.8	-16.4	-6	-3.0	1.0	-8
All items less energy	92.891	181.8	182.5	2.4	.4	.1	.1	.3
All items less food and energy	76.663	183.6	184.4	2.4	.4	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.001	144.4	144.8	-1.0	.3	-5	-4	.0
Energy commodities	3.330	99.2	99.5	-22.9	.3	-5.7	2.4	-2
Services less energy services	50.663	210.4	211.5	4.1	.5	.3	.4	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.577	\$.576	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.194	\$.193	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	May 2001	Aug. 2001	Nov. 2001	Feb. 2002	Aug. 2001	Feb. 2002
Expenditure category										
All items	173.7	173.3	173.7	174.0	3.3	-0.7	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.3
Food and beverages	174.7	174.7	175.3	175.7	2.6	3.5	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.2
Food	174.3	174.2	174.8	175.2	2.6	3.8	2.1	2.1	3.2	2.1
Food at home	174.1	173.9	174.5	175.0	2.1	3.8	1.9	2.1	2.9	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	195.7	195.4	196.9	197.5	1.9	4.0	2.3	3.7	2.9	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.1	162.0	162.0	161.8	4.3	1.5	1.0	-7	2.9	.1
Dairy and related products ¹	171.2	170.6	169.7	170.0	3.0	10.6	5.6	-2.8	6.7	1.3
Fruits and vegetables	212.3	210.5	217.3	223.0	-2.4	2.3	2.9	21.7	-1	11.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.3	139.3	138.3	137.9	-9	5.6	-3	-4.0	2.3	-2.1
Other food at home	160.5	161.3	160.8	160.1	4.7	2.5	1.3	-1.0	3.6	.1
Sugar and sweets	156.3	156.9	157.6	157.9	1.6	.8	1.0	4.2	1.2	2.6
Fats and oils	155.7	157.8	157.2	156.7	5.1	9.4	-4.7	2.6	7.2	-1.1
Other foods	178.3	179.0	178.1	177.0	5.1	1.6	2.7	-2.9	3.4	-1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.8	109.0	109.3	108.5	.7	3.7	4.1	-8.0	2.2	-2.2
Food away from home ¹	175.8	176.0	176.4	176.9	3.1	3.7	2.5	2.5	3.4	2.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	115.8	115.8	115.8	116.0	3.3	6.9	5.0	.7	5.1	2.8
Alcoholic beverages	180.8	180.7	181.4	181.9	2.7	3.9	2.5	2.5	3.3	2.5
Housing	173.2	173.5	173.8	174.2	3.3	1.9	.9	2.3	2.6	1.6
Shelter	197.5	198.2	198.9	199.8	4.7	4.2	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.3
Rent of primary residence ³	194.8	195.5	196.1	196.8	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.4
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	117.1	117.4	117.4	119.8	.7	2.4	-8.7	9.5	1.5	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	190.8	191.5	192.1	192.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	107.1	106.3	106.4	106.8	6.2	-4	1.1	-1.1	2.9	.0
Fuels and utilities	144.0	142.9	142.6	141.1	.3	-8.9	-13.5	-7.8	-4.4	-10.7
Fuels	127.9	126.6	126.2	124.5	-6	-10.8	-16.8	-10.2	-5.9	-13.5
Fuel oil and other fuels	119.4	110.6	109.4	108.1	-22.2	-11.4	-21.9	-32.8	-17.0	-27.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	135.0	134.3	133.8	132.0	1.4	-11.1	-16.4	-8.6	-5.0	-12.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	110.9	111.1	111.7	111.9	2.2	3.7	2.9	3.7	3.0	3.3
Household furnishings and operations	125.8	125.8	125.2	125.0	-1.3	.3	.3	-2.5	-5	-1.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	117.8	118.0	118.5	118.9	2.5	7.9	2.1	3.8	5.1	2.9
Apparel	125.0	124.1	122.9	123.5	-6.1	-4.1	.6	-4.7	-5.1	-2.1
Men's and boys' apparel	124.8	123.2	123.1	123.1	-3.7	-8.0	2.3	-5.3	-5.9	-1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	115.1	114.9	113.7	115.2	-10.2	-4.7	-1.4	.3	-7.5	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	134.3	130.3	126.7	128.4	3.1	-10.7	20.1	-16.4	-4.1	.2
Footwear	122.4	121.5	119.9	120.9	-3.2	.7	-2.6	-4.8	-1.3	-3.7
Transportation	149.0	147.7	148.0	147.6	6.3	-12.3	-8.9	-3.7	-3.4	-6.3
Private transportation	146.1	144.7	145.1	144.7	7.3	-13.4	-9.0	-3.8	-3.6	-6.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	101.4	101.5	101.0	100.2	-3.1	-1.6	-.4	-4.7	-2.3	-2.5
New vehicles	143.7	143.9	142.8	141.6	-1.9	-1.4	3.1	-5.7	-1.7	-1.4
Used cars and trucks	157.3	157.2	156.5	155.3	-4.6	-2.7	-4.9	-5.0	-3.7	-5.0
Motor fuel	104.6	98.8	101.3	101.1	36.5	-48.1	-42.8	-12.7	-15.8	-29.4
Gasoline (all types)	104.1	98.2	100.7	100.6	35.9	-48.4	-42.4	-12.8	-16.3	-29.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	105.0	104.9	105.3	105.3	.8	1.9	3.5	1.1	1.4	2.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	187.5	188.0	188.6	189.3	2.9	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.7
Public transportation	202.6	203.1	203.6	202.9	-5.9	6.9	-7.5	.6	.3	-3.5
Medical care	276.4	277.3	278.6	279.2	4.4	4.2	4.9	4.1	4.3	4.5
Medical care commodities	246.3	247.1	247.9	248.8	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.1
Medical care services	283.4	284.3	285.7	286.3	4.5	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.6
Professional services ³	251.8	252.3	253.1	253.0	2.6	3.8	3.2	1.9	3.2	2.6
Hospital and related services ³	343.0	344.7	347.9	350.0	7.6	6.0	8.3	8.4	6.8	8.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	May 2001	Aug. 2001	Nov. 2001	Feb. 2002	Aug. 2001	Feb. 2002
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	104.1	104.0	104.3	104.4	2.0	0.4	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.4
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.0	101.0	101.5	101.9	.0	-.4	.8	3.6	-.2	2.2
Education and communication ²	106.5	106.6	107.0	107.1	2.3	5.1	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.3
Education ²	121.5	121.6	122.2	123.0	6.0	7.3	5.8	5.0	6.7	5.4
Educational books and supplies	310.9	300.1	302.1	311.8	6.6	12.6	8.8	1.2	9.6	4.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	342.1	343.5	345.2	346.7	5.9	7.0	5.4	5.5	6.5	5.5
Communication ^{1 2}	94.5	94.6	94.7	94.5	-1.7	3.0	-.8	.0	.6	-.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	93.8	93.9	94.0	93.7	-1.3	2.6	-.8	-.4	.6	-.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	99.7	99.9	100.4	100.5	-.4	4.1	-.4	3.2	1.8	1.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5}	20.8	20.6	20.1	19.7	-21.5	-15.1	-12.4	-19.5	-18.4	-16.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	25.5	25.0	24.3	23.5	-35.8	-29.5	-25.0	-27.9	-32.7	-26.4
Other goods and services	297.3	293.3	294.0	298.3	5.2	4.5	10.5	1.4	4.9	5.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	448.3	432.9	433.5	450.7	10.8	5.6	23.1	2.2	8.2	12.1
Personal care ¹	172.3	172.3	172.7	173.2	1.9	3.8	3.3	2.1	2.9	2.7
Personal care products ¹	156.1	156.0	155.9	156.3	-4.8	4.5	1.6	.5	-.3	1.0
Personal care services ¹	187.4	187.1	187.0	187.1	5.1	2.6	3.3	-.6	3.9	1.3
Miscellaneous personal services	267.8	268.7	269.8	270.9	4.1	7.1	4.5	4.7	5.6	4.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	149.9	148.8	148.8	148.9	2.9	-5.1	-2.6	-2.6	-1.2	-2.6
Food and beverages	174.7	174.7	175.3	175.7	2.6	3.5	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages	135.4	133.8	133.6	133.6	3.5	-10.3	-6.0	-5.2	-3.7	-5.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	144.2	141.2	141.1	142.1	7.6	-14.3	-9.6	-5.7	-3.9	-7.7
Apparel	125.0	124.1	122.9	123.5	-6.1	-4.1	.6	-4.7	-5.1	-2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	159.4	155.2	155.9	157.0	14.5	-18.5	-13.5	-5.9	-3.4	-9.8
Durables	124.5	124.5	123.7	122.8	-2.5	-2.2	-1.0	-5.4	-2.4	-3.2
Services	201.8	202.2	202.9	203.4	3.7	3.0	2.4	3.2	3.4	2.8
Rent of shelter ⁴	190.2	191.0	191.6	192.5	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.9	4.5	4.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	107.1	106.3	106.4	106.8	6.2	-.4	1.1	-1.1	2.9	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	135.0	134.3	133.8	132.0	1.4	-11.1	-16.4	-8.6	-5.0	-12.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	110.9	111.1	111.7	111.9	2.2	3.7	2.9	3.7	3.0	3.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	117.8	118.0	118.5	118.9	2.5	7.9	2.1	3.8	5.1	2.9
Transportation services	202.1	202.8	203.5	204.4	1.0	5.6	3.9	4.6	3.3	4.2
Medical care services	283.4	284.3	285.7	286.3	4.5	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.6
Other services	236.9	237.4	238.2	238.8	3.7	4.4	3.3	3.2	4.0	3.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	173.4	173.0	173.3	173.6	3.3	-1.6	-.5	.5	.8	.0
All items less shelter	166.8	166.1	166.3	166.4	2.9	-2.6	-1.7	-1.0	.1	-1.3
All items less medical care	169.1	168.7	169.0	169.3	3.1	-.9	-.2	.5	1.1	.1
Commodities less food	137.1	135.5	135.4	135.3	3.1	-9.7	-5.6	-5.1	-3.5	-5.4
Nondurables less food	146.3	143.4	143.5	144.4	7.5	-13.2	-9.3	-5.1	-3.4	-7.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	160.7	156.7	157.4	158.4	12.9	-16.4	-12.2	-5.6	-2.8	-8.9
Nondurables	159.8	158.3	158.3	159.1	5.8	-5.7	-3.7	-1.7	-.1	-2.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	189.7	189.8	190.0	190.1	2.8	2.4	.6	.8	2.6	.7
Services less medical care services	195.2	195.7	195.9	196.5	3.8	3.4	2.1	2.7	3.6	2.4
Energy	115.4	111.9	113.0	112.1	16.5	-31.7	-30.1	-11.0	-10.8	-21.1
All items less energy	181.7	181.8	182.0	182.5	2.3	2.9	2.9	1.8	2.6	2.3
All items less food and energy	183.7	183.8	184.0	184.4	2.0	2.7	3.3	1.5	2.3	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	146.3	145.6	145.0	145.0	-1.6	-.8	2.2	-3.5	-1.2	-.7
Energy commodities	105.7	99.7	102.1	101.9	31.7	-46.3	-41.6	-13.6	-15.9	-29.0
Services less energy services	209.2	209.8	210.6	211.4	3.8	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

January, 1999.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2002 from—			Percent change to Jan.2002 from—			
		Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	
U.S. city average	M	173.7	172.9	173.2	173.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.3	0.2	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	181.8	181.0	181.4	182.3	1.6	.7	.5	1.3	-2	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	181.9	181.1	181.6	182.8	1.9	.9	.7	1.6	-2	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.5	109.9	110.1	110.1	.6	.2	.0	.8	-4	.2	
Midwest urban	M	168.2	167.6	167.7	168.1	-2	.3	.2	-3	-3	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.1	168.7	168.8	169.4	.2	.4	.4	.0	-2	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.8	109.2	109.2	109.2	-6	.0	.0	-5	-5	.0	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	164.1	163.3	163.9	164.3	-4	.6	.2	-1.1	-1	.4	
South urban	M	169.0	168.1	168.3	168.6	.2	.3	.2	.5	-4	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.6	169.0	169.0	169.5	1.0	.3	.3	1.3	-4	.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.0	108.5	108.6	108.7	-3	.2	.1	.2	-4	.1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	169.9	168.3	169.2	168.9	-6	.4	-2	-1	-4	.5	
West urban	M	177.6	176.8	177.4	178.1	2.0	.7	.4	2.1	-1	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	177.7	176.9	177.7	178.6	2.2	1.0	.5	2.2	.0	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	111.8	111.2	111.4	111.8	1.8	.5	.4	1.7	-4	.2	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	160.0	159.4	159.7	160.5	1.4	.7	.5	1.3	-2	.2	
B/C ³	M	109.9	109.3	109.4	109.5	.1	.2	.1	.4	-5	.1	
D	M	169.7	168.5	169.2	169.3	-1	.5	.1	.0	-3	.4	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	171.2	171.7	171.6	172.4	-3	.4	.5	-6	.2	-1	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	170.7	169.7	171.5	172.8	2.7	1.8	.8	2.5	.5	1.1	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	183.3	182.8	183.5	184.7	2.2	1.0	.7	1.6	.1	.4	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	191.9	-	191.8	-	-	-	-	2.3	-1	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	164.0	-	162.8	-	-	-	-	-3	-7	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	171.1	-	170.0	-	-	-	-	1.9	-6	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	110.7	-	110.5	-	-	-	-	1.7	-2	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	172.0	-	173.2	.3	.7	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	167.9	-	170.5	1.7	1.5	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	155.2	-	154.3	-1.5	-6	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	170.5	-	172.3	1.8	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	179.2	-	181.4	1.8	1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	186.5	-	186.8	1.8	.2	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	181.1	-	182.5	1.8	.8	-	-	-	-	

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

M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—	
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	177.2	177.9	1.2	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	530.7	532.8	-	-
Food and beverages	16.393	176.3	176.5	2.7	.1
Food	15.403	175.8	176.0	2.7	.1
Food at home	9.661	176.3	176.2	2.6	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.535	196.8	197.6	3.0	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.620	162.0	162.1	1.6	.1
Dairy and related products	1.093	169.8	169.9	3.9	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.427	224.4	223.1	5.5	-6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.023	139.7	140.4	.4	.5
Other food at home	1.961	161.5	160.8	1.8	-.4
Sugar and sweets .....	.364	158.5	158.6	1.8	.1
Fats and oils .....	.297	158.5	157.3	3.1	-.8
Other foods	1.301	177.7	176.7	1.6	-.6
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.307	109.0	108.3	-.4	-.6
Food away from home	5.743	176.4	176.8	2.9	.2
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.182	115.6	115.8	3.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	182.0	182.7	2.8	.4
Housing	40.516	177.6	178.3	2.1	.4
Shelter	31.037	204.4	205.8	4.1	.7
Rent of primary residence ²	7.300	197.0	197.7	4.7	.4
Lodging away from home ^{1 2}	2.306	112.8	118.6	-.4	5.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	21.064	211.6	212.2	4.6	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	106.4	106.8	1.6	.4
Fuels and utilities	4.934	141.6	140.1	-8.0	-1.1
Fuels	3.998	125.5	123.8	-10.3	-1.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.276	112.7	112.2	-22.4	-.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.722	132.6	130.7	-9.2	-1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.936	111.6	111.8	3.1	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.545	128.8	128.8	-.2	.0
Household operations ¹ .....	.959	117.8	117.8	3.2	.0
Apparel	4.242	120.5	123.1	-4.1	2.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.187	120.9	122.0	-3.6	.9
Women's and girls' apparel	1.687	109.9	114.5	-5.4	4.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.250	124.4	125.9	-2.6	1.2
Footwear .....	.769	117.5	119.7	-2.4	1.9
Transportation	16.639	148.7	148.7	-4.0	.0
Private transportation	15.281	144.5	144.4	-4.2	-.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.328	100.9	100.0	-2.2	-.9
New vehicles	4.604	142.5	141.1	-1.5	-1.0
Used cars and trucks	1.824	155.6	153.9	-4.1	-1.1
Motor fuel	2.578	97.9	98.2	-23.0	.3
Gasoline (all types)	2.559	97.3	97.6	-23.0	.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.533	106.2	106.2	2.1	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.656	187.1	187.9	3.5	.4
Public transportation	1.357	205.7	207.3	-2.3	.8
Medical care	5.995	279.7	281.3	4.6	.6
Medical care commodities	1.295	252.6	253.9	4.1	.5
Medical care services	4.700	286.2	287.9	4.7	.6
Professional services ²	2.933	250.7	251.5	3.0	.3
Hospital and related services ²	1.502	353.1	356.9	7.8	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—	
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.909	105.7	106.0	1.6	0.3
Video and audio ¹	1.629	102.0	102.8	1.2	.8
Education and communication ¹	5.397	107.4	107.7	3.6	.3
Education ¹	2.914	122.6	123.2	6.2	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.215	302.7	314.3	8.2	3.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.699	353.3	354.0	6.1	.2
Communication ¹	2.483	93.7	93.7	.5	.0
Information and information processing ¹	2.279	92.6	92.6	.4	.0
Telephone services ¹	2.146	100.3	100.4	1.7	.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁴ .....	.133	19.4	19.2	-16.2	-1.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.054	24.6	24.0	-29.2	-2.4
Other goods and services	4.909	287.1	290.8	4.9	1.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1.402	432.4	448.8	9.9	3.8
Personal care	3.507	173.1	173.6	3.0	.3
Personal care products .....	.719	155.0	155.5	.1	.3
Personal care services	1.000	186.3	186.4	2.5	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.562	270.3	271.8	5.1	.6
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	40.624	147.9	148.3	-1.5	.3
Food and beverages	16.393	176.3	176.5	2.7	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	24.231	131.7	132.3	-4.2	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.948	138.0	139.6	-5.5	1.2
Apparel	4.242	120.5	123.1	-4.1	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.706	152.5	153.8	-6.0	.9
Durables	10.283	123.6	122.8	-2.5	-6
Services	59.376	206.2	207.2	3.1	.5
Rent of shelter ³	30.671	212.9	214.4	4.2	.7
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	106.4	106.8	1.6	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.722	132.6	130.7	-9.2	-1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.936	111.6	111.8	3.1	.2
Household operations ¹ .....	.959	117.8	117.8	3.2	.0
Transportation services	7.010	205.3	206.8	3.2	.7
Medical care services	4.700	286.2	287.9	4.7	.6
Other services	11.012	243.0	243.6	3.7	.2
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.597	177.4	178.2	.9	.5
All items less shelter	68.963	168.5	168.9	-.1	.2
All items less medical care	94.005	171.7	172.4	.9	.4
Commodities less food	25.221	133.6	134.1	-4.0	.4
Nondurables less food	14.938	140.5	142.2	-4.9	1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.696	154.4	155.6	-5.3	.8
Nondurables	30.341	157.1	158.1	-1.2	.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	28.705	214.0	214.4	1.9	.2
Services less medical care services	54.676	199.2	200.0	2.9	.4
Energy	6.576	111.8	111.0	-15.9	-7
All items less energy	93.424	185.7	186.6	2.6	.5
All items less food and energy	78.020	188.2	189.2	2.6	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.366	143.8	144.4	-.8	.4
Energy commodities	2.855	99.3	99.5	-22.9	.2
Services less energy services	55.654	213.8	215.0	4.0	.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.564	\$.562	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.188	\$.188	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 2 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—	
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	173.2	173.8	0.8	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	516.0	517.8	-	-
Food and beverages	18.048	175.6	175.8	2.7	.1
Food	16.993	175.1	175.3	2.6	.1
Food at home	10.838	175.1	175.2	2.6	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.682	196.4	197.2	2.9	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.127	161.8	161.9	1.7	.1
Dairy and related products	1.202	169.5	169.7	3.8	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.483	222.6	221.7	5.5	-4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.162	139.1	139.8	.4	.5
Other food at home	2.183	161.1	160.4	2.0	-4
Sugar and sweets .....	.406	158.4	158.4	1.8	.0
Fats and oils .....	.340	157.8	157.0	3.0	-5
Other foods	1.437	178.1	177.1	1.7	-6
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.343	109.3	108.6	.1	-6
Food away from home	6.155	176.3	176.8	2.9	.3
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.224	115.9	116.2	4.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.055	181.8	182.6	3.2	.4
Housing	37.348	173.3	173.8	1.9	.3
Shelter	28.251	198.6	199.7	4.3	.6
Rent of primary residence ²	8.858	196.3	197.0	4.6	.4
Lodging away from home ^{1 2}	1.340	112.8	118.3	-2	4.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	17.737	192.3	192.8	4.5	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.316	106.4	106.8	1.4	.4
Fuels and utilities	5.046	141.0	139.5	-7.9	-1.1
Fuels	4.121	124.4	122.8	-10.1	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.243	113.1	112.5	-22.4	-5
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.877	131.6	129.8	-9.2	-1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.925	111.7	111.9	3.1	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.051	125.1	125.2	-6	.1
Household operations ¹ .....	.426	118.5	118.4	3.6	-1
Apparel	4.577	119.5	121.8	-4.1	1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	1.291	121.0	122.1	-3.8	.9
Women's and girls' apparel	1.698	108.2	111.9	-5.5	3.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.318	126.1	127.8	-2.4	1.3
Footwear .....	.928	117.9	119.7	-2.2	1.5
Transportation	18.798	147.6	147.4	-4.6	-1
Private transportation	17.737	144.7	144.5	-4.7	-1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	8.672	101.2	100.3	-2.4	-9
New vehicles	4.836	143.6	142.2	-1.6	-1.0
Used cars and trucks	3.061	156.5	154.8	-4.3	-1.1
Motor fuel	3.192	98.3	98.4	-23.0	.1
Gasoline (all types)	3.168	97.6	97.8	-23.1	.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.661	105.3	105.2	1.7	-1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.727	188.5	189.4	3.4	.5
Public transportation	1.061	200.9	202.3	-1.7	.7
Medical care	4.906	278.5	280.1	4.5	.6
Medical care commodities .....	.956	247.6	248.6	4.0	.4
Medical care services	3.950	285.7	287.4	4.6	.6
Professional services ²	2.490	252.8	253.7	3.0	.4
Hospital and related services ²	1.238	348.4	352.0	7.8	1.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group -Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2001	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—	
		Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.670	104.1	104.4	1.3	0.3
Video and audio ¹	1.810	101.3	102.2	1.0	.9
Education and communication ¹	5.277	107.4	107.7	3.5	.3
Education ¹	2.684	122.7	123.5	6.3	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.213	305.7	318.7	8.4	4.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.471	346.4	347.4	6.1	.3
Communication ¹	2.593	95.0	95.0	.6	.0
Information and information processing ¹	2.442	94.3	94.3	.6	.0
Telephone services ¹	2.329	100.5	100.5	1.6	.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁴ .....	.113	20.2	20.0	-16.0	-1.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.044	24.3	23.7	-29.0	-2.5
Other goods and services	5.376	293.9	298.9	5.5	1.7
Tobacco and smoking products	2.053	433.4	450.4	10.1	3.9
Personal care	3.323	172.7	173.3	2.8	.3
Personal care products .....	.813	155.6	156.1	.3	.3
Personal care services	1.006	187.0	187.2	2.6	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.314	270.2	271.6	5.1	.5
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	45.337	148.4	148.8	-1.7	.3
Food and beverages	18.048	175.6	175.8	2.7	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	27.289	132.8	133.3	-4.4	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.269	139.0	140.7	-5.8	1.2
Apparel	4.577	119.5	121.8	-4.1	1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.692	154.1	155.6	-6.5	1.0
Durables	12.020	124.1	123.3	-2.6	-6
Services	54.663	202.5	203.3	3.1	.4
Rent of shelter ³	27.936	191.3	192.3	4.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.316	106.4	106.8	1.4	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.877	131.6	129.8	-9.2	-1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.925	111.7	111.9	3.1	.2
Household operations ¹ .....	.426	118.5	118.4	3.6	-1
Transportation services	6.882	203.5	205.1	4.0	.8
Medical care services	3.950	285.7	287.4	4.6	.6
Other services	10.351	238.4	239.0	3.6	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	83.007	172.7	173.4	.5	.4
All items less shelter	71.749	165.9	166.3	-4	.2
All items less medical care	95.094	168.6	169.1	.7	.3
Commodities less food	28.344	134.6	135.1	-4.2	.4
Nondurables less food	16.324	141.5	143.1	-5.3	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.747	155.8	157.2	-5.8	.9
Nondurables	33.317	157.5	158.5	-1.4	.6
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.728	189.9	190.3	1.8	.2
Services less medical care services	50.713	195.7	196.4	2.9	.4
Energy	7.312	110.6	109.8	-16.4	-7
All items less energy	92.688	181.9	182.6	2.5	.4
All items less food and energy	75.695	183.7	184.6	2.5	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.909	144.5	145.1	-8	.4
Energy commodities	3.435	99.3	99.4	-23.0	.1
Services less energy services	50.786	210.4	211.5	4.1	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.577	\$.575	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.194	\$.193	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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Table 3 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 2002 from—			Percent change to Jan. 2002 from—		
		Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001
U.S. city average	M	177.4	176.7	177.2	177.9	1.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	-0.1	0.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	185.0	184.2	185.0	186.1	1.8	1.0	.6	1.5	.0	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	186.1	185.4	186.3	187.8	2.2	1.3	.8	1.8	.1	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.9	110.3	110.5	110.6	.7	.3	.1	.8	-4	.2
Midwest urban	M	172.5	171.9	172.2	172.7	.3	.5	.3	.2	-.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	174.2	173.8	174.2	174.9	.6	.6	.4	.4	.0	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.0	109.6	109.5	109.7	-.1	.1	.2	-.1	-.5	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	166.3	165.5	165.9	166.5	.1	.6	.4	-.8	-.2	.2
South urban	M	171.0	170.3	170.7	171.1	.5	.5	.2	.8	-.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	172.2	171.7	171.6	172.2	1.1	.3	.3	1.4	-.3	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.4	108.9	109.2	109.4	.2	.5	.2	.6	-.2	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	168.9	167.6	168.6	168.6	-.3	.6	.0	.2	-.2	.6
West urban	M	182.3	181.6	182.4	183.3	2.2	.9	.5	2.3	.1	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	184.3	183.5	184.4	185.3	2.2	1.0	.5	2.4	.1	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	112.0	111.6	112.0	112.6	2.3	.9	.5	2.0	.0	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	161.7	161.1	161.6	162.5	1.6	.9	.6	1.5	-.1	.3
B/C ³	M	110.2	109.7	110.0	110.2	.5	.5	.2	.7	-.2	.3
D	M	170.8	169.8	170.4	170.7	.4	.5	.2	.4	-.2	.4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	177.4	177.9	178.1	178.6	.1	.4	.3	.0	.4	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	178.1	177.1	178.6	179.9	2.6	1.6	.7	2.5	.3	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	187.8	187.3	188.5	189.9	2.5	1.4	.7	1.9	.4	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	192.7	-	193.0	-	-	-	-	2.1	.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	172.3	-	171.7	-	-	-	-	.2	-.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	171.5	-	170.7	-	-	-	-	2.0	-.5	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	110.9	-	110.7	-	-	-	-	1.7	-.2	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	174.8	-	175.4	.1	.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	173.5	-	176.6	2.0	1.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	157.1	-	156.5	-1.3	-.4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	173.1	-	175.1	1.9	1.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	179.9	-	182.1	1.7	1.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	190.6	-	191.0	1.6	.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	186.1	-	187.2	1.7	.6	-	-	-	-

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Table 4 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 2002 from—			Percent change to Jan. 2002 from—		
		Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001
U.S. city average	M	173.7	172.9	173.2	173.8	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.3	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	181.8	181.0	181.4	182.4	1.6	.8	.6	1.3	-.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	181.9	181.1	181.7	183.0	2.0	1.0	.7	1.6	-.1	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.5	109.9	110.0	110.1	.6	.2	.1	.7	-.5	.1
Midwest urban	M	168.2	167.6	167.7	168.2	-.1	.4	.3	-.3	-.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.1	168.7	169.0	169.6	.3	.5	.4	.1	-.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.8	109.2	109.1	109.3	-.5	.1	.2	-.5	-.6	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	164.1	163.3	163.6	164.1	-.5	.5	.3	-1.3	-.3	.2
South urban	M	169.0	168.1	168.4	168.7	.2	.4	.2	.5	-.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.6	169.0	168.9	169.2	.8	.1	.2	1.2	-.4	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.0	108.5	108.7	108.9	-.1	.4	.2	.3	-.3	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	169.9	168.3	169.4	169.4	-.4	.7	.0	.0	-.3	.7
West urban	M	177.6	176.8	177.4	178.2	2.1	.8	.5	2.1	-.1	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	177.7	176.9	177.7	178.4	2.1	.8	.4	2.2	.0	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	111.8	111.2	111.6	112.1	2.1	.8	.4	1.9	-.2	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	160.0	159.4	159.7	160.5	1.4	.7	.5	1.3	-.2	.2
B/C ³	M	109.9	109.3	109.5	109.7	.3	.4	.2	.5	-.4	.2
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Atlanta, GA	2	-	172.0	-	172.7	.0	.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	167.9	-	171.1	2.0	1.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	155.2	-	153.8	-1.9	-9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	170.5	-	172.0	1.6	.9	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	179.2	-	181.4	1.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	186.5	-	186.8	1.8	.2	-	-	-	-
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