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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – MARCH 2010

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in March, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the index increased 2.3 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The seasonally adjusted increase in the all items index was mostly due to an increase in the fresh fruits and vegetables index, which rose 4.6 percent in March and accounted for over 60 percent of the all items increase. Other food at home indexes were mixed and the index for food away from home was unchanged.

The index for energy and for all items less food and energy were both unchanged in March. Within energy, an increase in the electricity index was offset by declines in the indexes for gasoline and natural gas. Within all items less food and energy, the indexes for medical care, new vehicles, and used cars and trucks posted increases, while the indexes for shelter, household furnishings and operations, and apparel declined.

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Mar. 2009 - Mar. 2010**  
Percent change

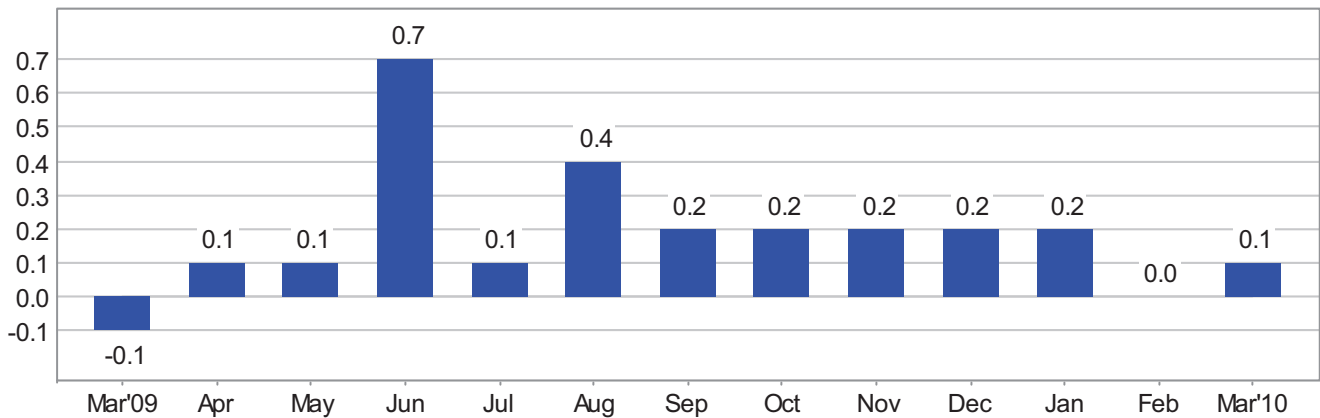


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Mar. 2009 - Mar. 2010

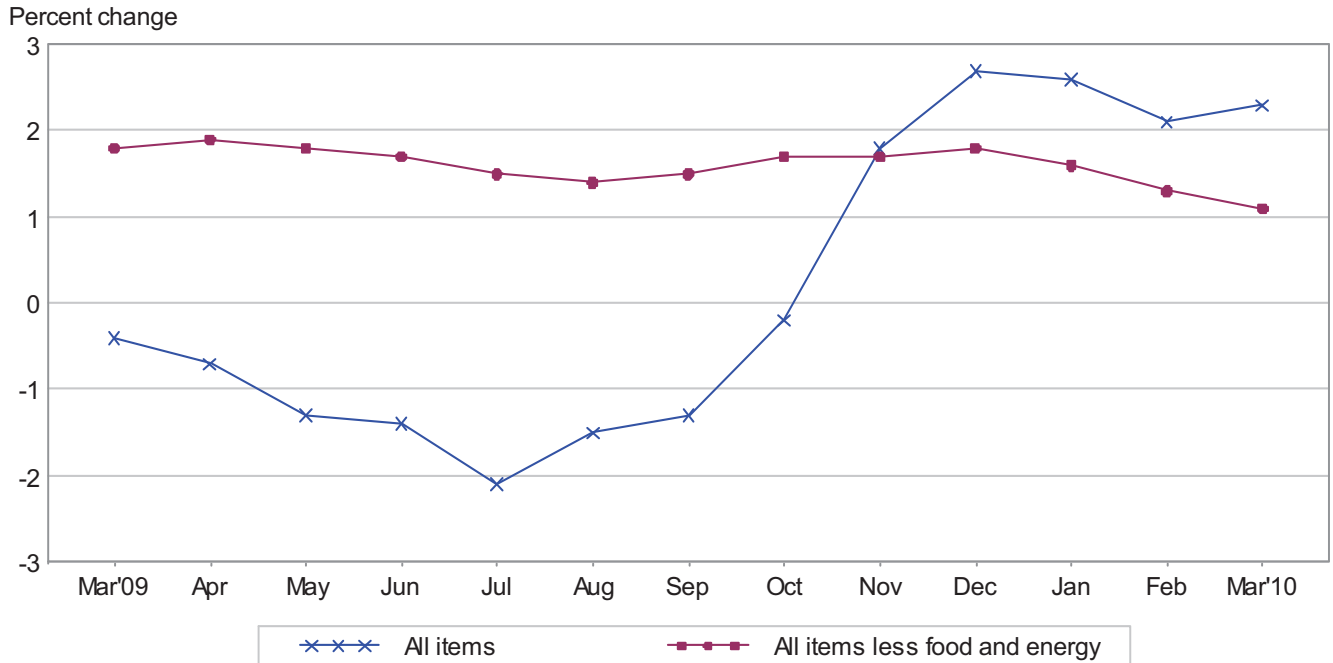


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

|   | Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month |           |           |           |           |           |           | Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. 2010 |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
|   | Sep. 2009  | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Mar. 2010 |                                     |
| All items .....                             | .2   | .2        | .2        | .2        | .2        | .0        | .1        | 2.3                                 |
| Food .....                                  | -1   | .0        | .1        | .1        | .2        | .1        | .2        | .2                                  |
| Food at home .....                          | -3   | .0        | .0        | .2        | .4        | .1        | .5        | -7                                  |
| Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....      | .1   | .1        | .2        | .1        | .1        | .1        | .0        | 1.2                                 |
| Energy .....                                | .6   | .6        | 2.2       | .8        | 2.8       | -5        | .0        | 18.3                                |
| Energy commodities .....                    | 1.1  | .4        | 3.0       | 1.6       | 4.9       | -1.3      | -1.0      | 39.6                                |
| Gasoline (all types) .....                  | .9   | .3        | 2.7       | 2.3       | 4.4       | -1.4      | -.8       | 41.4                                |
| Fuel oil <sup>1</sup> .....                 | -3   | 2.2       | 7.4       | .0        | 6.1       | -2.4      | .7        | 27.2                                |
| Energy services .....                       | -1   | .8        | 1.1       | -3        | .0        | .5        | 1.4       | -1.8                                |
| Electricity .....                           | .3   | .8        | 1.2       | -2        | -1.1      | -5        | 2.1       | -5                                  |
| Utility (piped) gas service .....           | -1.5   | .7        | .9        | -7        | 3.5       | 3.9       | -7        | -5.5                                |
| All items less food and energy .....        | .2   | .2        | .0        | .1        | -1        | .1        | .0        | 1.1                                 |
| Commodities less food and energy            |  |           |           |           |           |           |           |                                     |
| commodities .....                           | .3   | .4        | .2        | .1        | .1        | -1        | -.1       | 1.9                                 |
| New vehicles .....                          | .3   | 1.4       | .5        | -2        | -5        | .1        | .1        | 3.0                                 |
| Used cars and trucks .....                  | 1.7  | 3.1       | 1.9       | 2.2       | 1.5       | .7        | .5        | 16.3                                |
| Apparel .....                               | .2   | -3        | -3        | .4        | -1        | -7        | -.4       | -4                                  |
| Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> ..... | .6   | .2        | .1        | -1        | .7        | .8        | .4        | 3.7                                 |
| Services less energy services .....         | .1   | .1        | .0        | .1        | -2        | .1        | .1        | .8                                  |
| Shelter .....                               | .0   | .0        | -2        | .0        | -5        | .0        | -.1       | -6                                  |
| Transportation services .....               | .7   | .5        | .5        | .3        | -3        | .4        | .4        | 3.8                                 |
| Medical care services .....                 | .3   | .2        | .3        | .2        | .5        | .4        | .3        | 3.8                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

## **Consumer Price Index Data for March 2010**

### **Food**

The food index rose 0.2 percent in March after rising 0.1 percent in February. The index for food away from home, which had increased every month since January 2003, was unchanged in March. In contrast, the index for food at home rose 0.5 percent, its largest increase since September 2008. The index for fruits and vegetables rose 3.4 percent due to the sharp rise in the fresh fruits and vegetables index. Other grocery store food groups registered only small changes in March. The meats, poultry, fish, and eggs index increased 0.2 percent, while the indexes for dairy and related products and for nonalcoholic beverages were unchanged and the indexes for cereals and bakery products and for other food at home declined slightly. The food index has risen 0.2 percent over the last 12 months, with the food at home index still down 0.7 percent over that period despite the March increase.

### **Energy**

The energy index, which fell 0.5 percent in February, was unchanged in March. The gasoline index declined for the second straight month, falling 0.8 percent. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 4.5 percent in March and have increased 41.4 percent over the past 12 months.) The index for household energy rose in March, increasing 1.3 percent mostly because of a 2.1 percent rise in the electricity index. The fuel oil index rose 0.7 percent, but the index for natural gas declined 0.7 percent. Over the last 12 months the energy index has risen 18.3 percent.

### **All items less food and energy**

The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged in March after rising 0.1 percent in February. The shelter index declined in March, falling 0.1 percent due to a 0.1 percent decline in owners' equivalent rent. The index for household furnishings and operations fell 0.4 percent in March, its ninth decline in the past 10 months. The index for apparel fell 0.4 percent and the recreation index declined 0.1 percent. In contrast to these declines, the medical care index rose 0.3 percent in March with the index for hospital services increasing 1.1 percent. The index for used cars and trucks continued to rise, increasing 0.5 percent, and the new vehicles index rose 0.1 percent. Over the last 12 months the index for all items less food and energy has risen 1.1 percent, its smallest increase since January 2004. This is largely explained by the continued deceleration of the shelter index, which has now fallen 0.6 percent over the last 12 months.

### **Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.3 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 217.631 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.4 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 3.0 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 213.525 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.5 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.5 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.4 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2008 period are subject to revision.

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**The Consumer Price Index for April 2010 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).**

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## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 25,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights, which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. For the CPI-U and CPI-W separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 27 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period. For the C-CPI-U data are issued only at the national level. It is important to note that the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, but the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and subject to two annual revisions.

The index measures price change from a designed reference date. For the CPI-U and the CPI-W the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100.0. The reference base for the C-CPI-U is December 1999 equals 100. An increase of 16.5 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period market basket of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details visit the CPI home page on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> or contact our CPI Information and Analysis Section on (202) 691-7000.

## Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.04 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 0.08 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 0.12 and 0.28 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 2008”. 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/cpivar2008.pdf>

## Calculating Index Changes

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

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

### Index Point Change

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

### Percent Change

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

## Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index 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 2005 through December 2009 were replaced in January 2010. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 46 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2010.

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 2010, BLS adjusted 30 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 David Levin at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at [Levin.David@bls.gov](mailto:Levin.David@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<br>Expenditure category                                     | Relative importance, December 2009 | Unadjusted indexes |           | Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from— |           | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— |              |              |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|
|   |                                    | Feb. 2010          | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                                    | Feb. 2010 | Dec. to Jan.                             | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. |
| All items .....   | 100.000                            | 216.741            | 217.631   | 2.3  | 0.4       | 0.2                                      | 0.0          | 0.1          |
| All items (1967=100) .....  | -                                  | 649.259            | 651.925   | -  | -         | -  | -            | -            |
| Food and beverages .....  | 14.795                             | 219.140            | 219.378   | .3   | .1        | .2                                       | .0           | .2           |
| Food .....  | 13.738                             | 218.778            | 219.032   | .2   | .1        | .2                                       | .1           | .2           |
| Food at home .....  | 7.801                              | 215.118            | 215.623   | -.7  | .2        | .4                                       | .1           | .5           |
| Cereals and bakery products .....                                 | 1.108                              | 251.361            | 250.930   | -1.1   | -.2       | -.5                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....                              | 1.745                              | 202.343            | 202.812   | -1.7   | .2        | .4                                       | .4           | .2           |
| Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....                     | .820                               | 198.800            | 198.814   | -.4  | .0        | 2.1                                      | -.1          | .0           |
| Fruits and vegetables .....                                       | 1.153                              | 274.963            | 280.431   | 2.1  | 2.0       | 1.3                                      | -.1          | 3.4          |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....               | .952                               | 162.775            | 162.666   | -1.8   | -.1       | .2                                       | -.4          | .0           |
| Other food at home .....  | 2.023                              | 191.572            | 190.991   | -.6  | -.3       | -.3                                      | .2           | -.2          |
| Sugar and sweets .....  | .295                               | 201.942            | 199.917   | 1.4  | -1.0      | -.3                                      | 1.4          | -1.1         |
| Fats and oils .....   | .232                               | 200.919            | 198.567   | -3.0   | -1.2      | .2                                       | -.1          | -.5          |
| Other foods .....   | 1.496                              | 205.008            | 204.952   | -.7  | .0        | -.3                                      | .0           | .0           |
| Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | .439                               | 121.172            | 122.318   | -.1  | .9        | -.7                                      | -.3          | .9           |
| Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....                            | 5.937                              | 225.081            | 224.991   | 1.2  | .0        | .1                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | .326                               | 158.569            | 158.657   | 2.7  | .1        | .3                                       | .7           | .1           |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 1.056                              | 222.496            | 222.521   | 1.1  | .0        | -.1                                      | -.2          | .0           |
| Housing .....   | 41.960                             | 215.841            | 216.023   | -.6  | .1        | -.3                                      | .0           | .0           |
| Shelter .....   | 32.289                             | 248.001            | 248.052   | -.6  | .0        | -.5                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....                      | 5.966                              | 249.017            | 249.089   | .2   | .0        | .0                                       | .0           | .1           |
| Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....                         | .769                               | 128.991            | 133.075   | -3.4   | 3.2       | -2.1                                     | .1           | .3           |
| Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....        | 25.206                             | 256.483            | 256.272   | .0   | -.1       | -.1                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> ..... | 23.593                             | 256.479            | 256.266   | .0   | -.1       | -.1                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....             | .347                               | 124.439            | 124.416   | 3.0  | .0        | .4                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 5.081                              | 210.819            | 212.295   | .9   | .7        | .5                                       | .5           | 1.1          |
| Household energy .....  | 4.028                              | 186.345            | 187.864   | -.5  | .8        | .5                                       | .4           | 1.3          |
| Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....                       | .276                               | 277.284            | 276.027   | 19.6   | -.5       | 6.9                                      | -1.3         | -.5          |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 3.752                              | 189.549            | 191.280   | -1.8   | .9        | .0                                       | .5           | 1.4          |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....  | 1.052                              | 168.078            | 168.521   | 6.6  | .3        | .8                                       | .7           | .5           |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 4.590                              | 126.945            | 126.750   | -2.3   | -.2       | -.1                                      | -.4          | -.4          |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....                         | .781                               | 149.707            | 149.999   | -.6  | .2        | -.4                                      | .1           | .2           |
| Apparel .....   | 3.695                              | 118.869            | 122.073   | -.4  | 2.7       | -.1                                      | -.7          | -.4          |
| Men's and boys' apparel .....                                     | .903                               | 111.351            | 113.104   | -3.9   | 1.6       | .2                                       | -.5          | -.7          |
| Women's and girls' apparel .....                                  | 1.580                              | 106.818            | 111.730   | .6   | 4.6       | .1                                       | -.9          | -.5          |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....                              | .196                               | 114.318            | 115.920   | .3   | 1.4       | 1.0                                      | -1.1         | .4           |
| Footwear .....  | .721                               | 127.737            | 128.525   | 1.4  | .6        | .3                                       | -.5          | -1.0         |
| Transportation .....  | 16.685                             | 189.577            | 192.130   | 13.3   | 1.3       | 1.3                                      | -.1          | -.1          |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 15.497                             | 185.274            | 187.796   | 13.8   | 1.4       | 1.6                                      | -.1          | -.1          |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 6.386                              | 97.020             | 97.032    | 5.3  | .0        | .2                                       | .4           | .2           |
| New vehicles .....  | 3.573                              | 138.851            | 138.600   | 3.0  | -.2       | -.5                                      | .1           | .1           |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 2.012                              | 140.218            | 140.797   | 16.3   | .4        | 1.5                                      | .7           | .5           |
| Motor fuel .....  | 4.525                              | 227.674            | 237.671   | 41.1   | 4.4       | 4.8                                      | -1.3         | -1.1         |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 4.337                              | 227.198            | 237.356   | 41.4   | 4.5       | 4.4                                      | -1.4         | -.8          |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....              | .401                               | 135.649            | 135.523   | .8   | -.1       | .4                                       | .3           | -.1          |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....           | 1.167                              | 245.969            | 246.624   | 1.9  | .3        | .1                                       | .2           | .3           |
| Public transportation .....                                       | 1.187                              | 241.967            | 244.766   | 6.1  | 1.2       | -1.8                                     | -.1          | .5           |
| Medical care .....  | 6.513                              | 385.907            | 387.142   | 3.7  | .3        | .5                                       | .5           | .3           |
| Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 1.611                              | 312.864            | 314.023   | 3.7  | .4        | .7                                       | .8           | .4           |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 4.902                              | 408.447            | 409.687   | 3.8  | .3        | .5                                       | .4           | .3           |
| Professional services .....                                       | 2.796                              | 325.969            | 326.206   | 2.8  | .1        | .5                                       | .2           | .0           |

See footnotes at end of table.

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-U<br>Expenditure category                                      | Relative importance, December 2009 | Unadjusted indexes |           | Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from— |           | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— |              |              |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|
|  |                                    | Feb. 2010          | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                                    | Feb. 2010 | Dec. to Jan.                             | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. |
| Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....                   | 1.619                              | 598.549            | 603.850   | 7.6  | 0.9       | 0.4                                      | 1.1          | 1.0          |
| Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....                                      | 6.437                              | 113.345            | 113.339   | -1.1   | .0        | -1                                       | -1           | -1           |
| Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....                                 | 1.894                              | 99.532             | 99.915    | -2.0   | .4        | -2                                       | -7           | .1           |
| Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....                     | 6.434                              | 129.105            | 129.236   | 2.4  | .1        | .3                                       | .2           | .3           |
| Education <sup>2</sup> .....                                       | 3.035                              | 196.137            | 196.470   | 4.9  | .2        | .3                                       | .5           | .6           |
| Educational books and supplies .....                               | .200                               | 502.812            | 502.273   | 6.4  | -1        | .4                                       | .7           | .0           |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....                    | 2.835                              | 563.544            | 564.613   | 4.8  | .2        | .3                                       | .5           | .6           |
| Communication <sup>2</sup> .....                                   | 3.399                              | 84.905             | 84.940    | .0   | .0        | .2                                       | -1           | .0           |
| Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....        | 3.225                              | 81.743             | 81.776    | -3   | .0        | .1                                       | -1           | .0           |
| Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....                            | 2.392                              | 102.288            | 102.298   | .3   | .0        | .0                                       | -4           | .0           |
| Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> ..... | .833                               | 9.540              | 9.552     | -3.2   | .1        | .4                                       | .9           | .1           |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....     | .246                               | 77.961             | 78.385    | -9.1   | .5        | -6                                       | -5           | .0           |
| Other goods and services .....                                     | 3.483                              | 377.992            | 378.808   | 4.9  | .2        | .1                                       | .1           | .1           |
| Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....                    | .871                               | 785.714            | 787.268   | 15.9   | .2        | .4                                       | -1           | .2           |
| Personal care .....  | 2.612                              | 206.137            | 206.594   | 1.2  | .2        | -1                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....                          | .688                               | 162.029            | 162.367   | -2   | .2        | -4                                       | .2           | .2           |
| Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....                          | .642                               | 228.107            | 228.429   | .2   | .1        | .1                                       | -2           | .1           |
| Miscellaneous personal services .....                              | 1.048                              | 350.780            | 352.028   | 3.1  | .4        | .1                                       | .3           | .3           |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                                 |                                    |                    |           |  |           |  |              |              |
| Commodities .....  | 39.816                             | 173.419            | 174.798   | 4.9  | .8        | .8                                       | -2           | -1           |
| Food and beverages .....   | 14.795                             | 219.140            | 219.378   | .3   | .1        | .2                                       | .0           | .2           |
| Commodities less food and beverages .....                          | 25.021                             | 149.162            | 150.953   | 7.9  | 1.2       | 1.1                                      | -3           | -2           |
| Nondurables less food and beverages .....                          | 15.044                             | 186.882            | 190.674   | 12.0   | 2.0       | 1.6                                      | -3           | -8           |
| Apparel .....  | 3.695                              | 118.869            | 122.073   | -4   | 2.7       | -1                                       | -7           | -4           |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....                | 11.349                             | 233.447            | 237.683   | 16.8   | 1.8       | 2.3                                      | -3           | -6           |
| Durables .....   | 9.978                              | 111.753            | 111.694   | 2.2  | -1        | .0                                       | .0           | -1           |
| Services .....   | 60.184                             | 259.792            | 260.196   | .6   | .2        | -2                                       | .1           | .2           |
| Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....                                 | 31.942                             | 258.435            | 258.489   | -7   | .0        | -3                                       | -3           | -3           |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....              | .347                               | 124.439            | 124.416   | 3.0  | .0        | .4                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....                     | 3.752                              | 189.549            | 191.280   | -1.8   | .9        | .0                                       | .5           | 1.4          |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....   | 1.052                              | 168.078            | 168.521   | 6.6  | .3        | .8                                       | .7           | .5           |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....                          | .781                               | 149.707            | 149.999   | -6   | .2        | -4                                       | .1           | .2           |
| Transportation services .....                                      | 6.060                              | 256.365            | 257.337   | 3.8  | .4        | -3                                       | .4           | .4           |
| Medical care services .....  | 4.902                              | 408.447            | 409.687   | 3.8  | .3        | .5                                       | .4           | .3           |
| Other services .....   | 11.347                             | 307.171            | 307.451   | 1.8  | .1        | .2                                       | .1           | .1           |
| <b>Special indexes</b>   |                                    |                    |           |  |           |  |              |              |
| All items less food .....  | 86.262                             | 216.440            | 217.430   | 2.7  | .5        | .2                                       | .0           | .0           |
| All items less shelter .....                                       | 67.711                             | 206.948            | 208.181   | 3.8  | .6        | .5                                       | .0           | .1           |
| All items less medical care .....                                  | 93.487                             | 208.432            | 209.301   | 2.2  | .4        | .1                                       | .0           | .0           |
| Commodities less food .....  | 26.078                             | 151.767            | 153.516   | 7.6  | 1.2       | 1.1                                      | -3           | -2           |
| Nondurables less food .....  | 16.100                             | 189.015            | 192.601   | 11.2   | 1.9       | 1.6                                      | -3           | -6           |
| Nondurables less food and apparel .....                            | 12.405                             | 231.353            | 235.198   | 15.2   | 1.7       | 2.1                                      | -3           | -5           |
| Nondurables .....  | 29.838                             | 203.219            | 205.409   | 5.8  | 1.1       | .9                                       | -2           | -1           |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....                   | 28.243                             | 281.432            | 282.297   | 2.1  | .3        | .1                                       | .3           | .4           |
| Services less medical care services .....                          | 55.282                             | 248.178            | 248.531   | .3   | .1        | -2                                       | -1           | .0           |
| Energy .....   | 8.553                              | 204.455            | 209.999   | 18.3   | 2.7       | 2.8                                      | -5           | .0           |
| All items less energy .....  | 91.447                             | 219.708            | 220.133   | 1.0  | .2        | -1                                       | .1           | .1           |
| All items less food and energy .....                               | 77.708                             | 220.602            | 221.059   | 1.1  | .2        | -1                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities .....                 | 21.276                             | 143.711            | 144.399   | 1.9  | .5        | .1                                       | -1           | -1           |
| Energy commodities .....   | 4.801                              | 231.735            | 241.239   | 39.6   | 4.1       | 4.9                                      | -1.3         | -1.0         |
| Services less energy services .....                                | 56.432                             | 266.967            | 267.248   | .8   | .1        | -2                                       | .1           | .1           |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....     | -                                  | \$ .461            | \$ .459   | -  | -         | -  | -            | -            |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....        | -                                  | \$ .154            | \$ .153   | -  | -         | -  | -            | -            |

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-U   | Seasonally adjusted indexes |           |           |           | Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for |           |           |           |                 |           |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
|   |                             |           |           |           | 3 months ended—                                    |           |           |           | 6 months ended— |           |
|   | Dec. 2009                   | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Mar. 2010 | June 2009  | Sep. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Mar. 2010 | Sep. 2009       | Mar. 2010 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                                       |                             |           |           |           |  |           |           |           |                 |           |
| All items .....   | 217.224                     | 217.587   | 217.591   | 217.729   | 3.7  | 2.5       | 2.5       | 0.9       | 3.1             | 1.7       |
| Food and beverages .....  | 218.253                     | 218.731   | 218.838   | 219.338   | -1.1   | -9        | 1.1       | 2.0       | -1.0            | 1.5       |
| Food .....  | 217.801                     | 218.339   | 218.494   | 219.032   | -1.3   | -1.1      | 1.0       | 2.3       | -1.2            | 1.6       |
| Food at home .....  | 213.655                     | 214.479   | 214.628   | 215.622   | -3.7   | -3.3      | .7        | 3.7       | -3.5            | 2.2       |
| Cereals and bakery products .....                                 | 252.805                     | 251.452   | 251.354   | 250.990   | -2.8   | -2        | 1.6       | -2.8      | -1.5            | -6        |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....                              | 200.779                     | 201.682   | 202.506   | 202.823   | -3.4   | -7.0      | -.2       | 4.1       | -5.2            | 1.9       |
| Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....                     | 194.792                     | 198.949   | 198.800   | 198.814   | -10.6  | -1.7      | 3.0       | 8.5       | -6.2            | 5.7       |
| Fruits and vegetables .....                                       | 269.428                     | 272.854   | 272.571   | 281.805   | -1.3   | -8.4      | .3        | 19.7      | -4.9            | 9.6       |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....               | 162.202                     | 162.499   | 161.872   | 161.908   | -4.4   | -6        | -1.5      | -.7       | -2.5            | -1.1      |
| Other food at home .....  | 191.326                     | 190.812   | 191.211   | 190.831   | -2.3   | -4        | 1.2       | -1.0      | -1.4            | .1        |
| Sugar and sweets .....  | 199.524                     | 198.862   | 201.656   | 199.463   | .4   | .9        | 4.5       | -.1       | .7              | 2.2       |
| Fats and oils .....   | 199.004                     | 199.460   | 199.352   | 198.373   | -5.7   | -4.4      | -.6       | -1.3      | -5.1            | -9        |
| Other foods .....   | 205.455                     | 204.762   | 204.793   | 204.843   | -2.3   | .0        | .8        | -1.2      | -1.2            | -2        |
| Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | 122.422                     | 121.564   | 121.172   | 122.318   | -.6  | -.4       | 1.1       | -.3       | -.5             | .4        |
| Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....                            | 224.789                     | 224.916   | 225.081   | 224.991   | 1.7  | 1.5       | 1.4       | .4        | 1.6             | .9        |
| Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | 156.990                     | 157.517   | 158.569   | 158.657   | 3.7  | 3.8       | -.8       | 4.3       | 3.8             | 1.7       |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 222.792                     | 222.488   | 221.954   | 221.946   | 1.7  | 2.4       | 2.0       | -1.5      | 2.1             | .2        |
| Housing .....   | 216.880                     | 216.185   | 216.181   | 216.280   | -.9  | -.4       | .3        | -1.1      | -.6             | -.4       |
| Shelter .....   | 249.216                     | 248.029   | 247.976   | 247.812   | 1.2  | -.3       | -.5       | -2.2      | .5              | -1.4      |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....                      | 248.788                     | 248.885   | 248.813   | 248.957   | 1.3  | -.3       | -.6       | .3        | .5              | -.1       |
| Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....                         | 132.480                     | 129.698   | 129.776   | 130.195   | .3   | -2.2      | -3.1      | -6.7      | -1.0            | -4.9      |
| Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....        | 256.708                     | 256.509   | 256.449   | 256.170   | 1.2  | -.1       | -.4       | -.8       | .6              | -.6       |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> ..... | 256.708                     | 256.507   | 256.445   | 256.163   | 1.2  | -.1       | -.4       | -.8       | .6              | -.6       |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....             | 123.812                     | 124.360   | 124.439   | 124.416   | 1.2  | 3.6       | 5.5       | 2.0       | 2.4             | 3.7       |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 211.685                     | 212.757   | 213.770   | 216.172   | -13.2  | .8        | 8.6       | 8.8       | -6.5            | 8.7       |
| Household energy .....  | 188.120                     | 188.982   | 189.753   | 192.188   | -17.3  | -.5       | 9.5       | 8.9       | -9.3            | 9.2       |
| Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 262.649                     | 280.850   | 277.284   | 276.027   | 3.2  | 7.0       | 51.8      | 22.0      | 5.1             | 36.1      |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 192.284                     | 192.250   | 193.283   | 196.019   | -18.5  | -1.0      | 6.9       | 8.0       | -10.2           | 7.4       |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....  | 165.138                     | 166.463   | 167.696   | 168.543   | 6.9  | 6.4       | 4.8       | 8.5       | 6.6             | 6.6       |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 127.577                     | 127.392   | 126.879   | 126.389   | -.2  | -2.5      | -2.5      | -3.7      | -1.4            | -3.1      |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....                         | 150.172                     | 149.510   | 149.707   | 149.999   | -2.4   | 1.2       | -.7       | -.5       | -.6             | -.6       |
| Apparel .....   | 120.684                     | 120.613   | 119.814   | 119.316   | 1.1  | 2.4       | -.7       | -4.5      | 1.8             | -2.6      |
| Men's and boys' apparel .....                                     | 112.109                     | 112.296   | 111.748   | 111.014   | -5.9   | -2.4      | -3.6      | -3.9      | -4.2            | -3.7      |
| Women's and girls' apparel .....                                  | 109.085                     | 109.196   | 108.261   | 107.682   | 5.0  | 4.3       | -1.6      | -5.0      | 4.7             | -3.4      |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....                              | 113.668                     | 114.757   | 113.551   | 114.027   | 7.5  | 1.1       | -7.9      | 1.3       | 4.2             | -3.4      |
| Footwear .....  | 128.979                     | 129.343   | 128.641   | 127.341   | 3.0  | 4.0       | 4.1       | -5.0      | 3.5             | -.6       |
| Transportation .....  | 191.018                     | 193.593   | 193.332   | 193.195   | 23.3   | 14.2      | 12.4      | 4.6       | 18.6            | 8.5       |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 186.356                     | 189.316   | 189.062   | 188.843   | 25.8   | 13.7      | 12.0      | 5.4       | 19.6            | 8.6       |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 96.255                      | 96.422    | 96.794    | 96.993    | 5.5  | 2.6       | 10.8      | 3.1       | 4.0             | 6.9       |
| New vehicles .....  | 138.214                     | 137.470   | 137.648   | 137.793   | 7.1  | -.8       | 7.0       | -1.2      | 3.1             | 2.8       |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 137.922                     | 139.990   | 140.963   | 141.683   | 7.1  | 15.7      | 32.5      | 11.4      | 11.3            | 21.5      |
| Motor fuel .....  | 236.762                     | 248.088   | 244.826   | 242.182   | 109.5  | 43.5      | 20.5      | 9.5       | 73.4            | 14.9      |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 237.449                     | 247.897   | 244.409   | 242.413   | 110.1  | 41.8      | 23.6      | 8.6       | 72.6            | 15.9      |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....              | 134.781                     | 135.277   | 135.649   | 135.523   | -.6  | -2.5      | 4.2       | 2.2       | -1.6            | 3.2       |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....           | 245.417                     | 245.567   | 245.969   | 246.624   | .9   | 3.0       | 1.5       | 2.0       | 2.0             | 1.8       |
| Public transportation .....                                       | 249.551                     | 245.058   | 244.713   | 246.023   | -6.8   | 20.9      | 19.0      | -5.5      | 6.1             | 6.0       |
| Medical care .....  | 380.732                     | 382.737   | 384.703   | 386.007   | 3.3  | 3.5       | 2.5       | 5.7       | 3.4             | 4.1       |
| Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 308.221                     | 310.494   | 312.864   | 314.023   | 2.4  | 4.0       | .7        | 7.7       | 3.2             | 4.2       |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 403.177                     | 405.006   | 406.755   | 408.092   | 3.6  | 3.4       | 3.1       | 5.0       | 3.5             | 4.0       |
| Professional services .....                                       | 323.045                     | 324.784   | 325.373   | 325.393   | 3.3  | 2.6       | 2.2       | 2.9       | 2.9             | 2.6       |

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— |           |           |
|  | Dec. 2009                   | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Mar. 2010 | June 2009  | Sep. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Mar. 2010       | Sep. 2009 | Mar. 2010 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                                  |                             |           |           |           |  |           |           |                 |           |           |
| Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup>                   | 585.044                     | 587.561   | 593.869   | 599.951   | 6.3  | 7.1       | 6.6       | 10.6            | 6.7       | 8.6       |
| Recreation <sup>2</sup>                                      | 113.598                     | 113.524   | 113.415   | 113.299   | -2   | .1        | -3.3      | -1.0            | .0        | -2.2      |
| Video and audio <sup>2</sup>                                 | 100.440                     | 100.255   | 99.571    | 99.650    | -3   | -2.9      | -1.9      | -3.1            | -1.6      | -2.5      |
| Education and communication <sup>2</sup>                     | 128.528                     | 128.872   | 129.141   | 129.533   | 2.8  | 2.3       | 1.4       | 3.2             | 2.5       | 2.3       |
| Education <sup>2</sup>                                       | 194.587                     | 195.209   | 196.252   | 197.418   | 5.4  | 4.3       | 3.9       | 5.9             | 4.9       | 4.9       |
| Educational books and supplies                               | 496.737                     | 498.880   | 502.169   | 501.997   | 8.3  | 6.9       | 6.0       | 4.3             | 7.6       | 5.2       |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare                    | 559.232                     | 561.001   | 563.950   | 567.553   | 5.2  | 4.1       | 3.8       | 6.1             | 4.7       | 4.9       |
| Communication <sup>2</sup>                                   | 84.815                      | 84.974    | 84.905    | 84.942    | .2   | .3        | -1.0      | .6              | .3        | -.2       |
| Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup>        | 81.728                      | 81.817    | 81.743    | 81.776    | -.5  | .3        | -1.2      | .2              | -.1       | -.5       |
| Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup>                            | 102.707                     | 102.729   | 102.288   | 102.298   | .8   | 3.1       | -1.0      | -1.6            | 1.9       | -1.3      |
| Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> | 9.423                       | 9.457     | 9.540     | 9.552     | -5.6   | -10.4     | -1.8      | 5.6             | -8.0      | 1.8       |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup>     | 78.356                      | 77.925    | 77.518    | 77.541    | -7.5   | -21.3     | -2.1      | -4.1            | -14.7     | -3.1      |
| Other goods and services                                     | 377.651                     | 377.853   | 378.091   | 378.386   | 11.0   | 4.6       | 3.4       | .8              | 7.8       | 2.1       |
| Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup>                    | 783.794                     | 786.857   | 785.714   | 787.268   | 45.9   | 14.0      | 6.8       | 1.8             | 28.9      | 4.2       |
| Personal care  | 206.065                     | 205.935   | 206.209   | 206.287   | .9   | 1.4       | 2.2       | .4              | 1.1       | 1.3       |
| Personal care products <sup>1</sup>                          | 162.275                     | 161.627   | 162.029   | 162.367   | -1.0   | .2        | -.2       | .2              | -.4       | .0        |
| Personal care services <sup>1</sup>                          | 228.343                     | 228.629   | 228.107   | 228.429   | -.7  | 1.3       | .1        | .2              | .3        | .1        |
| Miscellaneous personal services                              | 349.935                     | 350.113   | 351.082   | 352.109   | 2.0  | 1.7       | 6.0       | 2.5             | 1.9       | 4.3       |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                           |                             |           |           |           |  |           |           |                 |           |           |
| Commodities  | 173.830                     | 175.196   | 174.878   | 174.762   | 9.3  | 4.2       | 4.4       | 2.2             | 6.7       | 3.3       |
| Food and beverages   | 218.253                     | 218.731   | 218.838   | 219.338   | -1.1   | -.9       | 1.1       | 2.0             | -1.0      | 1.5       |
| Commodities less food and beverages                          | 150.092                     | 151.759   | 151.280   | 150.920   | 16.4   | 7.4       | 6.4       | 2.2             | 11.8      | 4.3       |
| Nondurables less food and beverages                          | 189.796                     | 192.765   | 192.192   | 190.632   | 25.8   | 14.0      | 7.9       | 1.8             | 19.8      | 4.8       |
| Apparel  | 120.684                     | 120.613   | 119.814   | 119.316   | 1.1  | 2.4       | -.7       | -4.5            | 1.8       | -2.6      |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel                | 236.606                     | 241.982   | 241.214   | 239.779   | 34.3   | 20.4      | 9.0       | 5.5             | 27.2      | 7.2       |
| Durables   | 111.607                     | 111.565   | 111.514   | 111.430   | 3.4  | -.5       | 6.8       | -.6             | 1.4       | 3.0       |
| Services   | 260.290                     | 259.716   | 260.045   | 260.469   | .0   | 1.3       | 1.1       | .3              | .7        | .7        |
| Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>                                 | 259.963                     | 259.168   | 258.517   | 257.746   | 1.2  | -.1       | -.4       | -3.4            | .6        | -1.9      |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup>              | 123.812                     | 124.360   | 124.439   | 124.416   | 1.2  | 3.6       | 5.5       | 2.0             | 2.4       | 3.7       |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup>                     | 192.284                     | 192.250   | 193.283   | 196.019   | -18.5  | -1.0      | 6.9       | 8.0             | -10.2     | 7.4       |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup>   | 165.138                     | 166.463   | 167.696   | 168.543   | 6.9  | 6.4       | 4.8       | 8.5             | 6.6       | 6.6       |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup>                          | 150.172                     | 149.510   | 149.707   | 149.999   | -2.4   | 1.2       | -.7       | -.5             | -.6       | -.6       |
| Transportation services                                      | 256.494                     | 255.735   | 256.676   | 257.816   | .3   | 7.3       | 5.5       | 2.1             | 3.8       | 3.8       |
| Medical care services  | 403.177                     | 405.006   | 406.755   | 408.092   | 3.6  | 3.4       | 3.1       | 5.0             | 3.5       | 4.0       |
| Other services   | 306.521                     | 306.985   | 307.265   | 307.678   | 2.0  | 2.7       | .9        | 1.5             | 2.4       | 1.2       |
| <b>Special indexes</b>                                       |                             |           |           |           |  |           |           |                 |           |           |
| All items less food  | 217.160                     | 217.489   | 217.469   | 217.544   | 4.5  | 3.2       | 2.7       | .7              | 3.8       | 1.7       |
| All items less shelter                                       | 207.147                     | 208.128   | 208.155   | 208.414   | 4.9  | 3.9       | 3.9       | 2.5             | 4.4       | 3.2       |
| All items less medical care                                  | 209.126                     | 209.424   | 209.353   | 209.445   | 3.7  | 2.5       | 2.5       | .6              | 3.1       | 1.5       |
| Commodities less food  | 152.681                     | 154.302   | 153.820   | 153.468   | 15.7   | 7.2       | 6.2       | 2.1             | 11.4      | 4.1       |
| Nondurables less food  | 191.439                     | 194.517   | 193.959   | 192.716   | 22.7   | 14.4      | 6.1       | 2.7             | 18.5      | 4.4       |
| Nondurables less food and apparel                            | 234.233                     | 239.081   | 238.287   | 237.059   | 30.5   | 18.7      | 8.3       | 4.9             | 24.5      | 6.6       |
| Nondurables  | 204.280                     | 206.144   | 205.792   | 205.619   | 8.8  | 7.5       | 4.4       | 2.6             | 8.2       | 3.5       |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>                   | 281.171                     | 281.417   | 282.121   | 283.215   | -1.0   | 3.1       | 3.6       | 2.9             | 1.0       | 3.2       |
| Services less medical care services                          | 249.198                     | 248.690   | 248.541   | 248.658   | -.2  | 1.1       | 1.3       | -.9             | .5        | .2        |
| Energy   | 209.699                     | 215.536   | 214.379   | 214.376   | 29.2   | 20.4      | 15.3      | 9.2             | 24.7      | 12.2      |
| All items less energy  | 219.695                     | 219.524   | 219.646   | 219.799   | 1.6  | 1.0       | 1.3       | .2              | 1.3       | .7        |
| All items less food and energy                               | 220.764                     | 220.463   | 220.579   | 220.664   | 2.2  | 1.4       | 1.3       | -.2             | 1.8       | .6        |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities                 | 143.702                     | 143.863   | 143.761   | 143.666   | 4.0  | 1.2       | 2.9       | -.1             | 2.6       | 1.4       |
| Energy commodities   | 239.662                     | 251.449   | 248.149   | 245.556   | 100.3  | 41.1      | 22.1      | 10.2            | 68.1      | 16.0      |
| Services less energy services                                | 267.248                     | 266.630   | 266.894   | 267.103   | 1.5  | 1.5       | .7        | -.2             | 1.5       | .3        |

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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<br>1 | All items |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  |                       | Indexes   |           |           |           | Percent change to Mar.2010 from— |           |           | Percent change to Feb.2010 from— |           |           |
|  |                       | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                        | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Feb. 2009                        | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 |
| U.S. city average .....                                  | M                     | 215.949   | 216.687   | 216.741   | 217.631   | 2.3                              | 0.4       | 0.4       | 2.1                              | 0.4       | 0.0       |
| <b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>                  |                       |           |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
| Northeast urban .....                                    | M                     | 231.462   | 232.294   | 232.382   | 233.188   | 2.6                              | .4        | .3        | 2.5                              | .4        | .0        |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 233.475   | 234.109   | 234.183   | 235.060   | 2.3                              | .4        | .4        | 2.1                              | .3        | .0        |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 137.597   | 138.416   | 138.491   | 138.871   | 3.3                              | .3        | .3        | 3.4                              | .6        | .1        |
| Midwest urban .....                                      | M                     | 205.613   | 206.564   | 206.563   | 207.359   | 2.6                              | .4        | .4        | 2.5                              | .5        | .0        |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 206.399   | 207.325   | 207.329   | 207.975   | 2.3                              | .3        | .3        | 2.3                              | .5        | .0        |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 131.742   | 132.417   | 132.451   | 133.096   | 2.9                              | .5        | .5        | 2.6                              | .5        | .0        |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....        | M                     | 202.738   | 203.490   | 203.274   | 204.204   | 3.5                              | .4        | .5        | 3.5                              | .3        | -.1       |
| South urban .....  | M                     | 209.476   | 210.056   | 210.020   | 211.216   | 2.5                              | .6        | .6        | 2.3                              | .3        | .0        |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 210.971   | 211.762   | 211.503   | 212.692   | 2.0                              | .4        | .6        | 1.7                              | .3        | -.1       |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 133.252   | 133.517   | 133.575   | 134.363   | 2.7                              | .6        | .6        | 2.5                              | .2        | .0        |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....        | M                     | 213.159   | 213.873   | 214.007   | 215.026   | 3.9                              | .5        | .5        | 3.5                              | .4        | .1        |
| West urban .....   | M                     | 219.307   | 219.989   | 220.179   | 220.809   | 1.6                              | .4        | .3        | 1.4                              | .4        | .1        |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 223.058   | 223.852   | 223.989   | 224.636   | 1.6                              | .4        | .3        | 1.4                              | .4        | .1        |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 133.132   | 133.366   | 133.513   | 133.863   | 1.6                              | .4        | .3        | 1.4                              | .3        | .1        |
| <b>Size classes</b>                                      |                       |           |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
| A <sup>4</sup> .....                                     | M                     | 197.246   | 197.948   | 197.949   | 198.695   | 2.0                              | .4        | .4        | 1.8                              | .4        | .0        |
| B/C <sup>3</sup> .....                                   | M                     | 133.535   | 133.954   | 134.028   | 134.639   | 2.6                              | .5        | .5        | 2.4                              | .4        | .1        |
| D .....  | M                     | 209.192   | 209.984   | 210.098   | 211.011   | 3.1                              | .5        | .4        | 3.0                              | .4        | .1        |
| <b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>                  |                       |           |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....                     | M                     | 211.185   | 212.104   | 212.456   | 212.952   | 2.6                              | .4        | .2        | 2.5                              | .6        | .2        |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...              | M                     | 223.643   | 224.610   | 224.620   | 225.483   | 1.9                              | .4        | .4        | 1.4                              | .4        | .0        |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....    | M                     | 238.427   | 238.970   | 238.862   | 240.101   | 2.1                              | .5        | .5        | 1.8                              | .2        | .0        |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....                 | 1                     | -         | 237.266   | -         | 237.986   | 2.5                              | .3        | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH .....                                | 1                     | -         | 203.037   | -         | 203.577   | 2.1                              | .3        | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....                              | 1                     | -         | 202.106   | -         | 201.982   | 1.0                              | -.1       | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....     | 1                     | -         | 141.124   | -         | 141.741   | 2.3                              | .4        | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Atlanta, GA .....  | 2                     | 200.456   | -         | 202.646   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 1.7                              | 1.1       | -         |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....                        | 2                     | 203.880   | -         | 203.380   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | .7                               | -.2       | -         |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....                     | 2                     | 190.932   | -         | 192.412   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 2.4                              | .8        | -         |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....                          | 2                     | 222.943   | -         | 222.505   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | .9                               | -.2       | -         |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..... | 2                     | 224.800   | -         | 226.529   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 2.8                              | .8        | -         |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....                 | 2                     | 224.239   | -         | 226.145   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 1.8                              | .8        | -         |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....                       | 2                     | 225.596   | -         | 226.085   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | .6                               | .2        | -         |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| CPI-W<br>Expenditure category                                     | Relative importance, December 2009 | Unadjusted indexes |           | Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from— |           | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— |              |              |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|
|   |                                    | Feb. 2010          | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                                    | Feb. 2010 | Dec. to Jan.                             | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. |
| All items .....   | 100.000                            | 212.544            | 213.525   | 3.0  | 0.5       | 0.3                                      | 0.0          | 0.1          |
| All items (1967=100) .....  | -                                  | 633.105            | 636.025   | -  | -         | -  | -            | -            |
| Food and beverages .....  | 16.425                             | 218.299            | 218.502   | .2   | .1        | .2                                       | .1           | .2           |
| Food .....  | 15.333                             | 217.837            | 218.066   | .1   | .1        | .2                                       | .1           | .2           |
| Food at home .....  | 8.900                              | 213.839            | 214.291   | -.8  | .2        | .4                                       | .1           | .4           |
| Cereals and bakery products .....                                 | 1.257                              | 251.757            | 251.493   | -1.1   | -.1       | -.6                                      | -.1          | -.1          |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....                              | 2.144                              | 202.139            | 202.540   | -1.7   | .2        | .4                                       | .6           | .1           |
| Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....                     | .898                               | 197.583            | 197.370   | -.3  | -.1       | 2.1                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Fruits and vegetables .....                                       | 1.223                              | 271.974            | 277.347   | 2.1  | 2.0       | 1.2                                      | -.1          | 3.4          |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....               | 1.123                              | 162.524            | 162.499   | -1.8   | .0        | .2                                       | -.3          | .1           |
| Other food at home .....  | 2.254                              | 190.831            | 190.232   | -.7  | -.3       | -.2                                      | .1           | -.3          |
| Sugar and sweets .....  | .321                               | 200.880            | 198.720   | 1.4  | -1.1      | -.2                                      | 1.4          | -1.1         |
| Fats and oils .....   | .259                               | 201.356            | 198.808   | -3.3   | -1.3      | .2                                       | .0           | -1.0         |
| Other foods .....   | 1.674                              | 205.117            | 205.081   | -.7  | .0        | -.3                                      | -.1          | .0           |
| Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | .472                               | 121.482            | 122.543   | -.2  | .9        | -.6                                      | -.5          | .9           |
| Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....                            | 6.433                              | 225.168            | 225.072   | 1.2  | .0        | .0                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | .321                               | 158.826            | 159.023   | 3.2  | .1        | .5                                       | .7           | .1           |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 1.092                              | 223.621            | 223.452   | 1.3  | -.1       | -.1                                      | -.3          | -.2          |
| Housing .....   | 39.753                             | 212.401            | 212.604   | -.3  | .1        | -.1                                      | .0           | .1           |
| Shelter .....   | 30.171                             | 242.002            | 242.019   | -.2  | .0        | -.3                                      | .0           | .0           |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....                      | 8.476                              | 247.448            | 247.555   | .1   | .0        | .0                                       | .0           | .1           |
| Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....                         | .432                               | 130.571            | 134.632   | -2.4   | 3.1       | -2.0                                     | .5           | .4           |
| Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....        | 20.959                             | 232.354            | 232.179   | .0   | -.1       | -.1                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> ..... | 20.218                             | 232.353            | 232.180   | .0   | -.1       | -.1                                      | .0           | -.1          |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....             | .303                               | 125.367            | 125.374   | 3.5  | .0        | .7                                       | .1           | .0           |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 5.632                              | 209.171            | 210.775   | .7   | .8        | .6                                       | .2           | 1.1          |
| Household energy .....  | 4.517                              | 183.918            | 185.557   | -.7  | .9        | .6                                       | .1           | 1.3          |
| Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....                       | .271                               | 281.157            | 279.384   | 18.3   | -.6       | 7.1                                      | -1.0         | -.6          |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 4.246                              | 187.730            | 189.595   | -1.7   | 1.0       | .2                                       | .2           | 1.4          |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....  | 1.114                              | 168.774            | 169.229   | 6.8  | .3        | .8                                       | .8           | .5           |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 3.950                              | 123.097            | 122.859   | -2.0   | -.2       | -.1                                      | -.4          | -.5          |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....                         | .369                               | 151.535            | 152.065   | -.8  | .3        | -.6                                      | .0           | .3           |
| Apparel .....   | 3.788                              | 118.607            | 121.347   | -.7  | 2.3       | .0                                       | -.5          | -.7          |
| Men's and boys' apparel .....                                     | .945                               | 111.575            | 113.032   | -4.8   | 1.3       | .0                                       | -.4          | -1.1         |
| Women's and girls' apparel .....                                  | 1.568                              | 106.496            | 110.885   | .5   | 4.1       | .1                                       | -.5          | -.8          |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....                              | .285                               | 117.789            | 119.644   | 1.4  | 1.6       | 1.6                                      | -1.2         | .5           |
| Footwear .....  | .781                               | 127.843            | 128.172   | 1.0  | .3        | .1                                       | -.4          | -1.2         |
| Transportation .....  | 18.647                             | 188.406            | 191.294   | 15.3   | 1.5       | 1.7                                      | -.1          | -.1          |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 17.881                             | 185.268            | 188.146   | 15.7   | 1.6       | 1.8                                      | -.1          | -.1          |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 6.952                              | 95.819             | 95.900    | 7.2  | .1        | .3                                       | .4           | .2           |
| New vehicles .....  | 3.385                              | 139.905            | 139.653   | 2.9  | -.2       | -.5                                      | .1           | .1           |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 2.944                              | 141.079            | 141.657   | 16.4   | .4        | 1.5                                      | .7           | .4           |
| Motor fuel .....  | 5.774                              | 228.569            | 238.769   | 41.2   | 4.5       | 4.9                                      | -1.2         | -1.0         |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 5.530                              | 228.207            | 238.583   | 41.5   | 4.5       | 4.4                                      | -1.5         | -.8          |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....              | .472                               | 135.694            | 135.573   | .8   | -.1       | .4                                       | .2           | -.1          |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....           | 1.180                              | 248.479            | 249.127   | 1.8  | .3        | .1                                       | .2           | .3           |
| Public transportation .....                                       | .766                               | 240.418            | 242.942   | 6.1  | 1.0       | -1.8                                     | -.2          | .5           |
| Medical care .....  | 5.261                              | 386.919            | 388.330   | 4.0  | .4        | .5                                       | .6           | .4           |
| Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 1.301                              | 304.320            | 305.532   | 3.7  | .4        | .7                                       | .8           | .4           |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 3.961                              | 411.114            | 412.568   | 4.1  | .4        | .5                                       | .5           | .4           |
| Professional services .....                                       | 2.195                              | 329.020            | 329.294   | 2.8  | .1        | .6                                       | .1           | .0           |

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<br>Expenditure category                                | Relative importance, December 2009 | Unadjusted indexes |           | Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from— |           | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— |              |              |  |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|--|
|  |                                    | Feb. 2010          | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                                    | Feb. 2010 | Dec. to Jan.                             | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. |  |
| Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.339                              | 598.149            | 604.070   | 8.4  | 1.0       | 0.4                                      | 1.3          | 1.1          |  |
| Recreation <sup>2</sup>                                      | 6.031                              | 110.076            | 110.073   | -1.2   | .0        | .0                                       | .0           | -.1          |  |
| Video and audio <sup>2</sup>                                 | 2.046                              | 100.084            | 100.547   | -1.6   | .5        | -.1                                      | -.6          | .1           |  |
| Education and communication <sup>2</sup>                     | 6.175                              | 124.334            | 124.455   | 1.9  | .1        | .2                                       | .2           | .3           |  |
| Education <sup>2</sup>                                       | 2.327                              | 193.641            | 193.965   | 4.9  | .2        | .3                                       | .6           | .6           |  |
| Educational books and supplies                               | .196                               | 505.356            | 505.642   | 6.5  | .1        | .4                                       | .6           | .2           |  |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare                    | 2.131                              | 544.155            | 545.120   | 4.8  | .2        | .3                                       | .6           | .6           |  |
| Communication <sup>2</sup>                                   | 3.848                              | 87.501             | 87.548    | -.1  | .1        | .1                                       | -.1          | .1           |  |
| Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup>        | 3.715                              | 85.314             | 85.362    | -.3  | .1        | .0                                       | -.1          | .1           |  |
| Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup>                            | 2.906                              | 102.038            | 102.048   | .1   | .0        | -.1                                      | -.5          | .0           |  |
| Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> | .809                               | 10.077             | 10.099    | -2.7   | .2        | .4                                       | 1.0          | .2           |  |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup>     | .225                               | 77.939             | 78.474    | -8.8   | .7        | -.3                                      | -.7          | .2           |  |
| Other goods and services                                     | 3.919                              | 404.722            | 405.641   | 6.7  | .2        | .1                                       | .0           | .1           |  |
| Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup>                    | 1.397                              | 790.710            | 792.452   | 16.2   | .2        | .4                                       | -.2          | .2           |  |
| Personal care  | 2.522                              | 203.824            | 204.294   | 1.1  | .2        | .0                                       | .1           | .0           |  |
| Personal care products <sup>1</sup>                          | .733                               | 162.073            | 162.417   | -.1  | .2        | -.3                                      | .2           | .2           |  |
| Personal care services <sup>1</sup>                          | .577                               | 228.169            | 228.500   | .1   | .1        | .1                                       | -.3          | .1           |  |
| Miscellaneous personal services                              | 1.019                              | 352.366            | 353.667   | 2.8  | .4        | .3                                       | .2           | .3           |  |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                           |                                    |                    |           |  |           |  |              |              |  |
| Commodities  | 43.589                             | 176.118            | 177.591   | 6.0  | .8        | .9                                       | -.1          | -.1          |  |
| Food and beverages   | 16.425                             | 218.299            | 218.502   | .2   | .1        | .2                                       | .1           | .2           |  |
| Commodities less food and beverages                          | 27.164                             | 153.444            | 155.417   | 9.7  | 1.3       | 1.3                                      | -.3          | -.3          |  |
| Nondurables less food and beverages                          | 16.703                             | 195.059            | 199.133   | 13.9   | 2.1       | 1.9                                      | -.4          | -.9          |  |
| Apparel  | 3.788                              | 118.607            | 121.347   | -.7  | 2.3       | .0                                       | -.5          | -.7          |  |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel                | 12.915                             | 246.914            | 251.912   | 19.2   | 2.0       | 2.5                                      | -.5          | -.6          |  |
| Durables   | 10.461                             | 112.618            | 112.618   | 3.9  | .0        | .1                                       | .1           | .0           |  |
| Services   | 56.411                             | 255.199            | 255.634   | .8   | .2        | -.1                                      | .1           | .2           |  |
| Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>                                 | 29.868                             | 233.234            | 233.250   | -.3  | .0        | -.2                                      | -.2          | -.1          |  |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup>              | .303                               | 125.367            | 125.374   | 3.5  | .0        | .7                                       | .1           | .0           |  |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup>                     | 4.246                              | 187.730            | 189.595   | -1.7   | 1.0       | .2                                       | .2           | 1.4          |  |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup>   | 1.114                              | 168.774            | 169.229   | 6.8  | .3        | .8                                       | .8           | .5           |  |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup>                          | .369                               | 151.535            | 152.065   | -.8  | .3        | -.6                                      | .0           | .3           |  |
| Transportation services                                      | 5.918                              | 256.809            | 257.728   | 4.0  | .4        | -.2                                      | .4           | .5           |  |
| Medical care services  | 3.961                              | 411.114            | 412.568   | 4.1  | .4        | .5                                       | .5           | .4           |  |
| Other services   | 10.631                             | 294.230            | 294.564   | 1.6  | .1        | .2                                       | .1           | .1           |  |
| <b>Special indexes</b>                                       |                                    |                    |           |  |           |  |              |              |  |
| All items less food  | 84.667                             | 211.423            | 212.535   | 3.6  | .5        | .4                                       | .0           | .0           |  |
| All items less shelter                                       | 69.829                             | 204.101            | 205.441   | 4.5  | .7        | .6                                       | .0           | .1           |  |
| All items less medical care                                  | 94.739                             | 205.461            | 206.420   | 3.0  | .5        | .3                                       | .0           | .0           |  |
| Commodities less food  | 28.256                             | 155.820            | 157.742   | 9.4  | 1.2       | 1.3                                      | -.3          | -.3          |  |
| Nondurables less food  | 17.795                             | 196.831            | 200.682   | 13.1   | 2.0       | 1.8                                      | -.4          | -.8          |  |
| Nondurables less food and apparel                            | 14.007                             | 243.829            | 248.369   | 17.7   | 1.9       | 2.3                                      | -.5          | -.5          |  |
| Nondurables  | 33.128                             | 207.092            | 209.370   | 6.7  | 1.1       | 1.1                                      | -.2          | -.2          |  |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>                   | 26.543                             | 248.586            | 249.464   | 2.1  | .4        | .1                                       | .3           | .4           |  |
| Services less medical care services                          | 52.450                             | 244.205            | 244.586   | .6   | .2        | -.1                                      | .0           | .1           |  |
| Energy   | 10.291                             | 204.494            | 210.425   | 19.6   | 2.9       | 3.1                                      | -.6          | .0           |  |
| All items less energy  | 89.709                             | 214.472            | 214.857   | 1.4  | .2        | .0                                       | .1           | .1           |  |
| All items less food and energy                               | 74.376                             | 214.172            | 214.589   | 1.6  | .2        | .0                                       | .1           | .0           |  |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities                 | 22.211                             | 145.722            | 146.319   | 3.0  | .4        | .2                                       | .0           | -.1          |  |
| Energy commodities   | 6.045                              | 231.808            | 241.599   | 40.0   | 4.2       | 5.0                                      | -.1          | -.9          |  |
| Services less energy services                                | 52.165                             | 262.559            | 262.830   | 1.0  | .1        | -.1                                      | .1           | .1           |  |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)     | -                                  | \$ .470            | \$ .468   | -  | -         | -  | -            | -            |  |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)        | -                                  | \$ .158            | \$ .157   | -  | -         | -  | -            | -            |  |

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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— |           |           |
|   | Dec. 2009                   | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Mar. 2010 | June 2009  | Sep. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Mar. 2010       | Sep. 2009 | Mar. 2010 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                                       |                             |           |           |           |  |           |           |                 |           |           |
| All items .....   | 212.920                     | 213.638   | 213.644   | 213.775   | 4.4  | 3.4       | 3.0       | 1.6             | 3.9       | 2.3       |
| Food and beverages .....  | 217.426                     | 217.876   | 218.037   | 218.460   | -1.3   | -1.1      | 1.2       | 1.9             | -1.2      | 1.6       |
| Food .....  | 216.887                     | 217.376   | 217.593   | 218.080   | -1.5   | -1.3      | 1.1       | 2.2             | -1.4      | 1.6       |
| Food at home .....  | 212.400                     | 213.166   | 213.428   | 214.314   | -3.7   | -3.5      | .8        | 3.7             | -3.6      | 2.2       |
| Cereals and bakery products .....                                 | 253.427                     | 251.835   | 251.687   | 251.556   | -2.9   | -4        | 1.7       | -2.9            | -1.7      | -6        |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....                              | 200.365                     | 201.172   | 202.401   | 202.550   | -3.8   | -7.3      | .3        | 4.4             | -5.6      | 2.3       |
| Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....                     | 193.546                     | 197.663   | 197.583   | 197.370   | -10.0  | -1.8      | 3.2       | 8.1             | -6.0      | 5.6       |
| Fruits and vegetables .....                                       | 267.011                     | 270.176   | 270.020   | 279.327   | -1.3   | -8.4      | .2        | 19.8            | -4.9      | 9.6       |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....               | 161.738                     | 162.068   | 161.550   | 161.684   | -4.6   | -1.0      | -1.3      | -.1             | -2.8      | -.7       |
| Other food at home .....  | 190.619                     | 190.215   | 190.493   | 190.002   | -2.3   | -4        | 1.2       | -1.3            | -1.3      | -.1       |
| Sugar and sweets .....  | 198.163                     | 197.745   | 200.465   | 198.278   | .3   | 1.2       | 3.9       | .2              | .7        | 2.0       |
| Fats and oils .....   | 199.828                     | 200.194   | 200.243   | 198.210   | -5.1   | -4.9      | .0        | -3.2            | -5.0      | -1.6      |
| Other foods .....   | 205.590                     | 205.030   | 204.886   | 204.931   | -2.3   | .0        | .9        | -1.3            | -1.1      | -.2       |
| Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | 122.796                     | 122.051   | 121.482   | 122.543   | -1.0   | -.1       | 1.0       | -.8             | -.6       | .1        |
| Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....                            | 224.940                     | 225.015   | 225.168   | 225.072   | 1.5  | 1.7       | 1.5       | .2              | 1.6       | .9        |
| Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....                    | 156.830                     | 157.670   | 158.826   | 159.023   | 2.7  | 5.4       | -.8       | 5.7             | 4.0       | 2.4       |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 223.876                     | 223.748   | 223.101   | 222.599   | 2.3  | 2.2       | 3.2       | -2.3            | 2.3       | .4        |
| Housing .....   | 213.065                     | 212.818   | 212.780   | 212.977   | -1.0   | -.1       | .4        | -.2             | -.6       | .1        |
| Shelter .....   | 242.592                     | 241.969   | 241.916   | 241.831   | 1.2  | -.1       | -.6       | -1.2            | .5        | -.9       |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....                      | 247.237                     | 247.305   | 247.213   | 247.433   | 1.2  | -.3       | -.7       | .3              | .4        | -.2       |
| Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....                         | 133.606                     | 130.907   | 131.519   | 132.046   | .3   | -.8       | -3.3      | -4.6            | -.3       | -4.0      |
| Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....        | 232.585                     | 232.351   | 232.286   | 232.065   | 1.3  | -.1       | -.4       | -.9             | .6        | -.7       |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> ..... | 232.585                     | 232.351   | 232.286   | 232.066   | 1.3  | -.1       | -.4       | -.9             | .6        | -.7       |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....             | 124.415                     | 125.299   | 125.367   | 125.374   | 1.4  | 3.7       | 5.9       | 3.1             | 2.6       | 4.5       |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 210.281                     | 211.617   | 212.146   | 214.560   | -13.1  | 1.3       | 7.4       | 8.4             | -6.2      | 7.9       |
| Household energy .....  | 185.937                     | 187.075   | 187.283   | 189.703   | -16.9  | .1        | 8.0       | 8.4             | -8.8      | 8.2       |
| Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 265.130                     | 284.061   | 281.157   | 279.384   | -.6  | 3.7       | 54.0      | 23.3            | 1.5       | 37.8      |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 190.655                     | 191.039   | 191.397   | 194.113   | -17.7  | -.1       | 5.7       | 7.5             | -9.3      | 6.6       |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....  | 165.662                     | 167.045   | 168.416   | 169.271   | 6.9  | 6.3       | 5.0       | 9.0             | 6.6       | 7.0       |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 123.744                     | 123.590   | 123.126   | 122.564   | .4   | -2.2      | -2.3      | -3.8            | -.9       | -3.0      |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....                         | 152.486                     | 151.499   | 151.535   | 152.065   | -1.5   | 2.6       | -3.0      | -1.1            | .5        | -2.0      |
| Apparel .....   | 120.151                     | 120.099   | 119.483   | 118.685   | 1.3  | 2.8       | -2.1      | -4.8            | 2.0       | -3.4      |
| Men's and boys' apparel .....                                     | 112.285                     | 112.252   | 111.820   | 110.643   | -5.9   | -1.4      | -6.1      | -5.7            | -3.7      | -5.9      |
| Women's and girls' apparel .....                                  | 108.442                     | 108.554   | 107.988   | 107.167   | 3.8  | 5.9       | -2.9      | -4.6            | 4.9       | -3.8      |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....                              | 116.548                     | 118.441   | 117.058   | 117.615   | 9.6  | 1.0       | -7.7      | 3.7             | 5.2       | -2.2      |
| Footwear .....  | 129.173                     | 129.256   | 128.706   | 127.183   | 3.7  | 3.1       | 3.7       | -6.0            | 3.4       | -1.3      |
| Transportation .....  | 189.949                     | 193.144   | 192.920   | 192.779   | 25.3   | 17.2      | 14.1      | 6.1             | 21.2      | 10.0      |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 186.609                     | 190.031   | 189.821   | 189.636   | 26.8   | 17.1      | 13.9      | 6.6             | 21.8      | 10.2      |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 95.030                      | 95.343    | 95.710    | 95.930    | 5.8  | 5.0       | 15.0      | 3.8             | 5.4       | 9.3       |
| New vehicles .....  | 139.358                     | 138.596   | 138.749   | 138.848   | 6.8  | -.7       | 7.2       | -1.5            | 3.0       | 2.8       |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 138.813                     | 140.866   | 141.875   | 142.513   | 7.5  | 15.8      | 32.8      | 11.1            | 11.6      | 21.5      |
| Motor fuel .....  | 237.946                     | 249.602   | 246.705   | 244.355   | 100.9  | 48.4      | 20.0      | 11.2            | 72.6      | 15.5      |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 238.841                     | 249.318   | 245.597   | 243.680   | 109.6  | 40.8      | 25.5      | 8.4             | 71.8      | 16.6      |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....              | 134.892                     | 135.383   | 135.694   | 135.573   | -.6  | -2.3      | 4.2       | 2.0             | -1.5      | 3.1       |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....           | 247.812                     | 247.975   | 248.479   | 249.127   | .8   | 2.8       | 1.6       | 2.1             | 1.8       | 1.9       |
| Public transportation .....                                       | 247.857                     | 243.274   | 242.675   | 243.933   | -5.7   | 20.4      | 18.9      | -6.2            | 6.5       | 5.6       |
| Medical care .....  | 381.504                     | 383.504   | 385.728   | 387.193   | 3.4  | 3.6       | 2.7       | 6.1             | 3.5       | 4.4       |
| Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 299.777                     | 301.890   | 304.320   | 305.532   | 2.2  | 3.7       | .9        | 7.9             | 3.0       | 4.3       |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 405.483                     | 407.372   | 409.435   | 410.965   | 3.8  | 3.6       | 3.3       | 5.5             | 3.7       | 4.4       |
| Professional services .....                                       | 325.933                     | 327.911   | 328.390   | 328.391   | 3.3  | 2.7       | 2.3       | 3.1             | 3.0       | 2.7       |

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 |              |              |                 |              |              |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Dec.<br>2009                | Jan.<br>2010 | Feb.<br>2010 | Mar.<br>2010 | 3 months ended—                                    |              |              | 6 months ended— |              |              |
|  |                             |              |              |              | June<br>2009                                       | Sep.<br>2009 | Dec.<br>2009 | Mar.<br>2010    | Sep.<br>2009 | Mar.<br>2010 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>  |                             |              |              |              |  |              |              |                 |              |              |
| Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....                   | 583.389                     | 585.929      | 593.708      | 600.485      | 6.8  | 7.7          | 7.1          | 12.2            | 7.2          | 9.6          |
| Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....                                      | 110.221                     | 110.176      | 110.176      | 110.035      | -2   | -7           | -3.2         | -7              | -5           | -2.0         |
| Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....                                 | 100.934                     | 100.793      | 100.171      | 100.265      | .2   | -2.3         | -1.6         | -2.6            | -1.1         | -2.1         |
| Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....                     | 123.911                     | 124.142      | 124.338      | 124.650      | 2.2  | 2.1          | 1.0          | 2.4             | 2.2          | 1.7          |
| Education <sup>2</sup> .....                                       | 191.835                     | 192.430      | 193.654      | 194.762      | 5.2  | 4.2          | 4.2          | 6.2             | 4.7          | 5.2          |
| Educational books and supplies .....                               | 499.745                     | 501.581      | 504.554      | 505.419      | 8.7  | 6.6          | 6.1          | 4.6             | 7.6          | 5.3          |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....                    | 539.155                     | 540.811      | 544.275      | 547.590      | 4.8  | 4.0          | 4.0          | 6.4             | 4.4          | 5.2          |
| Communication <sup>2</sup> .....                                   | 87.545                      | 87.616       | 87.501       | 87.550       | .2   | .7           | -1.2         | .0              | .4           | -6           |
| Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....        | 85.404                      | 85.433       | 85.314       | 85.362       | -3   | .7           | -1.3         | -.2             | .2           | -7           |
| Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....                            | 102.585                     | 102.504      | 102.038      | 102.048      | .7   | 2.9          | -1.2         | -2.1            | 1.8          | -1.6         |
| Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> ..... | 9.935                       | 9.978        | 10.077       | 10.099       | -5.3   | -9.9         | -1.6         | 6.8             | -7.6         | 2.5          |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....     | 78.163                      | 77.929       | 77.391       | 77.573       | -7.3   | -20.5        | -3.0         | -3.0            | -14.2        | -3.0         |
| Other goods and services .....                                     | 404.292                     | 404.888      | 404.813      | 405.258      | 16.7   | 6.0          | 3.8          | 1.0             | 11.2         | 2.4          |
| Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....                    | 789.173                     | 791.959      | 790.710      | 792.452      | 47.8   | 13.5         | 6.9          | 1.7             | 29.5         | 4.2          |
| Personal care .....  | 203.727                     | 203.775      | 203.895      | 203.994      | .7   | 1.3          | 1.8          | .5              | 1.0          | 1.2          |
| Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....                          | 162.231                     | 161.689      | 162.073      | 162.417      | -9   | .4           | -2           | .5              | -.3          | .1           |
| Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....                          | 228.614                     | 228.793      | 228.169      | 228.500      | -7   | 1.2          | .2           | -.2             | .2           | .0           |
| Miscellaneous personal services .....                              | 351.092                     | 352.090      | 352.853      | 353.940      | 1.5  | 1.6          | 4.9          | 3.3             | 1.5          | 4.1          |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                                 |                             |              |              |              |  |              |              |                 |              |              |
| Commodities .....  | 176.635                     | 178.233      | 177.989      | 177.800      | 10.6   | 6.0          | 5.4          | 2.7             | 8.3          | 4.0          |
| Food and beverages .....   | 217.426                     | 217.876      | 218.037      | 218.460      | -1.3   | -1.1         | 1.2          | 1.9             | -1.2         | 1.6          |
| Commodities less food and beverages .....                          | 154.519                     | 156.580      | 156.171      | 155.727      | 18.7   | 10.4         | 8.0          | 3.2             | 14.5         | 5.5          |
| Nondurables less food and beverages .....                          | 198.438                     | 202.280      | 201.470      | 199.698      | 28.3   | 17.3         | 9.1          | 2.6             | 22.6         | 5.8          |
| Apparel .....  | 120.151                     | 120.099      | 119.483      | 118.685      | 1.3  | 2.8          | -2.1         | -4.8            | 2.0          | -3.4         |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....                | 251.007                     | 257.262      | 255.925      | 254.457      | 41.0   | 22.5         | 10.8         | 5.6             | 31.4         | 8.2          |
| Durables .....   | 112.317                     | 112.382      | 112.465      | 112.488      | 4.1  | 1.4          | 9.7          | .6              | 2.7          | 5.1          |
| Services .....   | 255.350                     | 255.157      | 255.440      | 255.973      | -1   | 1.3          | 1.1          | 1.0             | .6           | 1.0          |
| Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....                                 | 234.082                     | 233.607      | 233.241      | 232.894      | 1.0  | .1           | -.2          | -2.0            | .6           | -1.1         |
| Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....              | 124.415                     | 125.299      | 125.367      | 125.374      | 1.4  | 3.7          | 5.9          | 3.1             | 2.6          | 4.5          |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....                     | 190.655                     | 191.039      | 191.397      | 194.113      | -17.7  | -1           | 5.7          | 7.5             | -9.3         | 6.6          |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....   | 165.662                     | 167.045      | 168.416      | 169.271      | 6.9  | 6.3          | 5.0          | 9.0             | 6.6          | 7.0          |
| Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....                          | 152.486                     | 151.499      | 151.535      | 152.065      | -1.5   | 2.6          | -3.0         | -1.1            | .5           | -2.0         |
| Transportation services .....                                      | 256.122                     | 255.588      | 256.694      | 258.012      | 1.4  | 6.4          | 5.0          | 3.0             | 3.9          | 4.0          |
| Medical care services .....  | 405.483                     | 407.372      | 409.435      | 410.965      | 3.8  | 3.6          | 3.3          | 5.5             | 3.7          | 4.4          |
| Other services .....   | 293.681                     | 294.133      | 294.301      | 294.699      | 1.6  | 2.4          | .8           | 1.4             | 2.0          | 1.1          |
| <b>Special indexes</b>   |                             |              |              |              |  |              |              |                 |              |              |
| All items less food .....  | 212.031                     | 212.790      | 212.759      | 212.827      | 5.6  | 4.3          | 3.4          | 1.5             | 4.9          | 2.4          |
| All items less shelter .....                                       | 204.406                     | 205.615      | 205.643      | 205.853      | 5.9  | 5.0          | 4.6          | 2.9             | 5.4          | 3.7          |
| All items less medical care .....                                  | 206.007                     | 206.680      | 206.620      | 206.710      | 4.5  | 3.4          | 3.0          | 1.4             | 3.9          | 2.2          |
| Commodities less food .....  | 156.879                     | 158.886      | 158.469      | 158.022      | 18.1   | 10.1         | 7.8          | 2.9             | 14.0         | 5.3          |
| Nondurables less food .....  | 200.048                     | 203.681      | 202.891      | 201.191      | 26.3   | 16.4         | 8.7          | 2.3             | 21.2         | 5.5          |
| Nondurables less food and apparel .....                            | 247.582                     | 253.287      | 252.038      | 250.660      | 37.0   | 20.8         | 10.2         | 5.1             | 28.7         | 7.6          |
| Nondurables .....  | 208.232                     | 210.553      | 210.177      | 209.771      | 11.0   | 8.6          | 4.4          | 3.0             | 9.8          | 3.7          |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....                   | 248.380                     | 248.589      | 249.271      | 250.360      | -1.2   | 2.9          | 3.4          | 3.2             | .8           | 3.3          |
| Services less medical care services .....                          | 244.797                     | 244.523      | 244.557      | 244.863      | -2   | 1.2          | 1.2          | .1              | .5           | .6           |
| Energy .....   | 210.195                     | 216.617      | 215.259      | 215.253      | 30.5   | 24.4         | 14.7         | 10.0            | 27.4         | 12.3         |
| All items less energy .....  | 214.189                     | 214.235      | 214.406      | 214.554      | 1.9  | 1.2          | 1.7          | .7              | 1.6          | 1.2          |
| All items less food and energy .....                               | 214.023                     | 213.979      | 214.141      | 214.221      | 2.7  | 1.7          | 1.8          | .4              | 2.2          | 1.1          |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities .....                 | 145.608                     | 145.835      | 145.848      | 145.661      | 5.2  | 2.4          | 4.4          | .1              | 3.8          | 2.3          |
| Energy commodities .....   | 240.247                     | 252.253      | 249.339      | 246.999      | 94.2   | 46.1         | 21.3         | 11.7            | 68.5         | 16.4         |
| Services less energy services .....                                | 262.385                     | 262.136      | 262.409      | 262.692      | 1.6  | 1.5          | .7           | .5              | 1.5          | .6           |

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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<br>1 | All items |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  |                       | Indexes   |           |           |           | Percent change to Mar.2010 from— |           |           | Percent change to Feb.2010 from— |           |           |
|  |                       | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                        | Jan. 2010 | Feb. 2010 | Feb. 2009                        | Dec. 2009 | Jan. 2010 |
| U.S. city average .....                                  | M                     | 211.703   | 212.568   | 212.544   | 213.525   | 3.0                              | 0.5       | 0.5       | 2.8                              | 0.4       | 0.0       |
| <b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>                  |                       |           |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
| Northeast urban .....                                    | M                     | 228.794   | 229.744   | 229.874   | 230.622   | 3.1                              | .4        | .3        | 3.1                              | .5        | -.1       |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 229.180   | 229.919   | 230.099   | 230.819   | 2.8                              | .4        | .3        | 2.7                              | .4        | .1        |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 138.522   | 139.364   | 139.379   | 139.869   | 3.9                              | .4        | .4        | 4.1                              | .6        | .0        |
| Midwest urban .....                                      | M                     | 200.999   | 202.180   | 202.044   | 202.966   | 3.3                              | .4        | .5        | 3.2                              | .5        | -.1       |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 200.820   | 201.957   | 201.758   | 202.639   | 2.9                              | .3        | .4        | 2.9                              | .5        | -.1       |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 131.639   | 132.502   | 132.507   | 133.140   | 3.6                              | .5        | .5        | 3.4                              | .7        | .0        |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....        | M                     | 200.471   | 201.414   | 201.118   | 202.072   | 4.0                              | .3        | .5        | 3.9                              | .3        | -.1       |
| South urban .....  | M                     | 206.716   | 207.405   | 207.325   | 208.621   | 3.4                              | .6        | .6        | 3.1                              | .3        | .0        |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 208.788   | 209.619   | 209.288   | 210.613   | 2.7                              | .5        | .6        | 2.3                              | .2        | -.2       |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 132.136   | 132.508   | 132.528   | 133.388   | 3.7                              | .7        | .6        | 3.3                              | .3        | .0        |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....        | M                     | 213.184   | 213.984   | 214.172   | 215.205   | 4.6                              | .6        | .5        | 4.3                              | .5        | .1        |
| West urban .....   | M                     | 213.919   | 214.664   | 214.710   | 215.457   | 2.3                              | .4        | .3        | 2.0                              | .4        | .0        |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                       | M                     | 215.988   | 216.905   | 216.850   | 217.700   | 2.2                              | .4        | .4        | 1.9                              | .4        | .0        |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....        | M                     | 132.983   | 133.238   | 133.325   | 133.675   | 2.3                              | .3        | .3        | 2.0                              | .3        | .1        |
| <b>Size classes</b>                                      |                       |           |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
| A <sup>4</sup> .....                                     | M                     | 195.779   | 196.606   | 196.516   | 197.377   | 2.6                              | .4        | .4        | 2.4                              | .4        | .0        |
| B/C <sup>3</sup> .....                                   | M                     | 133.072   | 133.589   | 133.619   | 134.274   | 3.4                              | .5        | .5        | 3.2                              | .4        | .0        |
| D .....  | M                     | 207.417   | 208.297   | 208.368   | 209.326   | 3.9                              | .5        | .5        | 3.8                              | .5        | .0        |
| <b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>                  |                       |           |           |           |           |                                  |           |           |                                  |           |           |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....                     | M                     | 204.196   | 205.529   | 205.627   | 206.381   | 3.1                              | .4        | .4        | 2.8                              | .7        | .0        |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...              | M                     | 216.233   | 217.290   | 217.090   | 218.157   | 2.4                              | .4        | .5        | 1.8                              | .4        | -.1       |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....    | M                     | 233.448   | 234.067   | 234.153   | 235.240   | 2.7                              | .5        | .5        | 2.4                              | .3        | .0        |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....                 | 1                     | -         | 237.999   | -         | 238.388   | 2.8                              | .2        | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH .....                                | 1                     | -         | 194.529   | -         | 194.852   | 2.5                              | .2        | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....                              | 1                     | -         | 205.456   | -         | 205.351   | 2.3                              | -.1       | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....     | 1                     | -         | 141.155   | -         | 141.782   | 3.1                              | .4        | -         | -                                | -         | -         |
| Atlanta, GA .....  | 2                     | 199.331   | -         | 201.407   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 2.0                              | 1.0       | -         |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....                        | 2                     | 199.614   | -         | 198.913   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 1.4                              | -.4       | -         |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....                     | 2                     | 188.842   | -         | 190.351   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 2.9                              | .8        | -         |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....                          | 2                     | 221.067   | -         | 221.074   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 1.6                              | .0        | -         |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..... | 2                     | 224.732   | -         | 226.539   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 3.3                              | .8        | -         |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....                 | 2                     | 220.121   | -         | 222.049   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 2.4                              | .9        | -         |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....                       | 2                     | 220.905   | -         | 221.215   | -         | -                                | -         | -         | 1.1                              | .1        | -         |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

| C-CPI-U                                    | Relative importance, 2007-2008 | Unadjusted indexes   |           | Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from— |           |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
|  |                                | Feb. 2010            | Mar. 2010 | Mar. 2009                                    | Feb. 2010 |
|  |                                | Expenditure category |           |  |           |
| All items .....                            | 100.000                        | 125.602              | 126.160   | 2.5  | 0.4       |
| Food and beverages .....                   | 14.519                         | 127.923              | 128.059   | .1   | .1        |
| Food .....                                 | 13.493                         | 127.895              | 128.042   | .0   | .1        |
| Food at home .....                         | 7.780                          | 122.940              | 123.224   | -8   | .2        |
| Food away from home .....                  | 5.712                          | 134.648              | 134.591   | 1.2  | .0        |
| Alcoholic beverages .....                  | 1.027                          | 128.745              | 128.735   | 1.0  | .0        |
| Housing .....                              | 42.074                         | 128.235              | 128.346   | -.7  | .1        |
| Shelter .....                              | 32.119                         | 130.840              | 130.877   | -.6  | .0        |
| Fuels and utilities .....                  | 5.231                          | 157.419              | 158.452   | .9   | .7        |
| Household furnishings and operations ..... | 4.724                          | 94.268               | 94.131    | -2.5   | -.1       |
| Apparel .....                              | 3.772                          | 88.474               | 90.965    | -.7  | 2.8       |
| Transportation .....                       | 17.199                         | 129.375              | 131.306   | 15.4   | 1.5       |
| Private transportation .....               | 16.013                         | 130.185              | 132.155   | 16.2   | 1.5       |
| Public transportation .....                | 1.186                          | 118.725              | 120.161   | 6.0  | 1.2       |
| Medical care .....                         | 6.294                          | 149.521              | 149.981   | 3.4  | .3        |
| Medical care commodities .....             | 1.570                          | 131.864              | 132.364   | 3.4  | .4        |
| Medical care services .....                | 4.723                          | 156.001              | 156.442   | 3.4  | .3        |
| Recreation .....                           | 6.625                          | 103.267              | 103.246   | -2.8   | .0        |
| Education and communication .....          | 6.288                          | 111.783              | 111.902   | 1.6  | .1        |
| Education .....                            | 2.804                          | 181.011              | 181.331   | 4.7  | .2        |
| Communication .....                        | 3.484                          | 73.285               | 73.321    | -.9  | .0        |
| Other goods and services .....             | 3.229                          | 137.103              | 137.391   | 3.9  | .2        |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>         |                                |                      |           |  |           |
| Services .....                             | 59.383                         | 134.769              | 134.976   | .5   | .2        |
| Commodities .....                          | 40.617                         | 114.347              | 115.341   | 5.4  | .9        |
| Durables .....                             | 10.376                         | 81.503               | 81.460    | 1.3  | -.1       |
| Nondurables .....                          | 30.241                         | 131.435              | 132.997   | 6.8  | 1.2       |
| All items less food and energy .....       | 76.901                         | 119.518              | 119.777   | .8   | .2        |
| Energy .....                               | 9.606                          | 181.882              | 186.899   | 20.9   | 2.8       |

Indexes for 2010 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2009 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.