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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: APRIL 2002

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.6 percent in April, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 179.8 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 1.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.6 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April level of 175.8 was 1.3 percent higher than the index in April 2001.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.5 percent in April, following a 0.3 percent increase in March. The energy index advanced sharply for the second consecutive month--up 4.5 percent in April. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 9.4 percent, while the index for energy services was unchanged. The food index rose 0.1 percent in April. Grocery store food prices were unchanged after increasing 0.2 percent in each of the preceding two months. Fruit and vegetable prices, which rose sharply in the first three months of 2002, declined 1.8 percent in April. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in April after increasing 0.1 percent in March. A larger increase in the index for shelter and an upturn in the index for tobacco and smoking products accounted for the acceleration in April.

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

				Seas	onally a	adjusted			Un- adjusted			
Expenditure		Char	nges fro	m prece	preceding month Compound annual rate							
Category		2001		•	20	02		3-mos. ended	ended			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr. '02	Apr. '02			
All Items Food and beverages Housing	3 .4 .0	1 1 .3	1 .0 .2	.2 .3 .2	.2 .2 .3	.3 .2 1	.5 .1 .3	4.3 1.8 3.0	1.6 2.5 2.3			
Apparel Transportation	.4 -2.1	6 -1.6	6 9	7 .3	.5 2	1.2	6 1.7	4.6 11.5	-2.4 -1.5			
Medical care Recreation Education and	.4	.4 .3	.3 1	.5 .2	.3 .1	.4 .2	.5 .3	4.4 2.3	4.6 1.4			
communication Other goods and	.6	.0	.2	.3	.2	5	2	-1.9	2.0			
services Special Indexes	8	1.3	-1.0	.3	1.0	6	1.5	8.2	4.1			
Energy Food All Items less	-6.0 .4	-4.9 1	-3.0 .0	.9 .3	8 .2	3.8 .2	4.5 .1	34.1 1.8	-8.2 2.5			
food and energy	.2	.4	.1	.2	.3	.1	.3	2.6	2.5			

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

During the first four months of 2002, the CPI-U rose at a 3.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.6 percent for all of 2001. The index for energy, which declined 13.0 percent in 2001, increased at a 28.0 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2002. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 77.5 percent annual rate, while charges for energy services declined at a 4.4 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.4 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.8 percent rise for all of 2001. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.4 percent SAAR in the first four months, following a 2.7 percent rise in all of 2001

The food and beverages index increased 0.1 percent in April. The index for food at home was unchanged in April, following a 0.2 percent rise in March. The index for fruits and vegetables, which had risen sharply in each of the first three months of 2002, declined 1.8 percent in April. Within the fruits and vegetables group, the indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables declined 2.5 and 2.7 percent, respectively, while prices for processed fruits and vegetables increased 1.0 percent. The indexes for dairy products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs also registered declines in April. Within the latter category, beef prices rose 0.3 percent, while pork and poultry prices fell 0.1 and 0.7 percent, respectively. The index for cereals and bakery products, which fell 0.1 percent in March, increased 0.3 percent in April, reflecting a sharp upturn in prices for flour and prepared flour mixes. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.4 percent and the index for other food at home increased 1.1 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.3 percent in April. Shelter costs, which rose 0.1 percent in March, advanced 0.4 percent in April. Within shelter, the indexes for rent rose 0.2 percent, owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 percent, and the index for lodging away from home advanced 1.6 percent. The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.2 percent in April. The index for fuel oil rose 3.5 percent, following a 2.2 percent increase in March. In April, the index for natural gas rose 2.4 percent, while the index for electricity declined 0.7 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.1 percent in April.

The transportation index, which rose 1.2 percent in March, advanced 1.7 percent in April. The increases in both months reflect the sharp runup in gasoline prices. The index for gasoline rose 8.0 and 10.1 percent in March and April, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 9.7 and 12.8 percent, respectively, in March and April.) In April, the indexes for new vehicles and for used cars and trucks each declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively. During the last 12 months, the index for new vehicles has declined 1.6 percent and the index for used cars and trucks has fallen 4.9 percent. Airline fares increased for the fourth consecutive month--up. 0.9 percent in April--following declines in each of the last six months of 2001.

The index for apparel declined 0.6 percent in April, following increases of 0.5 and 1.2 percent in the preceding two months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.5 percent, reflecting the remaining introduction of spring-summer wear.)

The medical care index rose 0.5 percent in April to a level 4.6 percent above its level a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies-increased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.6 percent in April. Charges for professional services rose 0.3 percent and those for hospital and related services increased 1.1 percent. The latter index has increased at an 11.7 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2002 and is 8.6 percent higher than its level in April 2001.

The index for recreation rose 0.3 percent in April. The index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events rose 1.1 percent in April after advancing 0.9 percent in March.

The index for education and communication declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in April. Education costs rose 0.4 percent, while the index for communication costs declined 0.9 percent. The index for telephone services declined 0.9 percent, reflecting decreases in both local and long distance charges. Prices for personal computers and peripheral equipment continued to decline, down 0.9 percent in April and 27.8 percent during the last 12 months.

The index for other goods and services which declined 0.6 percent in March, rose 1.5 percent in April. Prices for cigarettes, which declined 3.8 percent in March, increased 6.8 percent in April, reflecting the pass

through of a wholesale price increase, selected state tax increases, and a reduction in the discounting of selected major brands.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.6 percent in April.

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

	Seasonally adjusted								
Expenditure		Changes from preceding month Compound annual rate							
Ćategory		2001				02		3-mos. ended	ended
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr. '02	Apr.'02
All Items Food and beverages Housing Apparel Transportation Medical care	4 .4 1 .3 -2.4	1 1 .3 4 -1.8	2 .0 .2 7 9	.2 .3 .2 -1.0 .2	.2 .2 .5 3	.3 .2 .2 1.3 1.4	.6 .0 .2 2 1.9	4.4 1.6 2.6 6.3 12.4 4.1	1.3 2.4 2.2 -2.0 -2.0 4.4
Recreation Education and	.1	.1	1	.3	.1	.2	.3	2.3	1.3
Communication Other goods and	.6	.0	.1	.4	.1	5	4	-3.0	1.7
Services Special Indexes	-1.0	1.7	-1.3	.2	1.5	-1.0	2.2	10.9	4.7
Energy Food All Items less	-6.8 .4	-5.3 .0	-3.0 1	1.0 .3	8 .2	4.1	5.0 1	38.1 1.6	-8.5 2.4
food and energy	.2	.4	.1	.1	.2	.1	.3	2.2	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

CPI (Old Weights)

For the first six months of 2002, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 1993-95 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 1998 through 2001. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From March to April 2002, the Old Weights CPI-U rose 0.6 percent and the Old Weights CPI-W rose 0.7 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

Changes in the Consumer Price Index in 2002

Expenditure Weight Update

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

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

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

Publication of Overlap CPIs

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

Publication of CPI for the Phoenix Area

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

Change to Published Item Structure

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

NOTE ON A NEW, SUPPLEMENTAL INDEX OF CONSUMER PRICE CHANGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Information from this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200, Federal Relay Services: 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of Summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

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

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

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

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

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

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

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

CPI-U	Relative importance, December	importance, indexes December		Unadju percent ch Apr. 2002	nange to	Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	178.8 535.5	179.8 538.6	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5
Food and beverages FoodFood at home	15.719 14.688 8.468	176.6 176.1 176.3	176.7 176.2 176.4	2.5 2.5 2.4	.1 .1 .1	.2 .2 .2	.2 .2 .2	.1 .1 .0
Cereals and bakery products Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs Dairy and related products ¹ Fruits and vegetables	1.298 2.271 .916 1.204	197.0 162.8 169.4 225.8	198.1 162.5 168.7 223.4	2.9 1.1 3.2 4.7	.6 2 4 -1.1	.4 2 .1 2.5	1 .7 4 1.0	.3 1 4 -1.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials Other food at home Sugar and sweets	.967 1.811 .315	140.1 159.9 157.2	140.0 161.5 159.6	.8 2.5 3.6	1 1.0 1.5	4 5 .3	.3 4 8	.4 1.1 2.1
Fats and oils Other foods Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} Food away from home ¹	.265 1.232 .289 6.220	156.4 175.9 107.8 177.1	156.5 177.8 108.0 177.2	3.3 1.9 5 2.6	.1 1.1 .2 .1	4 7 8 .3	3 4 2 .1	1 1.1 .2 .1
Food away from home ¹ Other food away from home ^{1 2} Alcoholic beverages	.383 1.031	116.3 182.5	116.9 182.9	4.6 2.7	.5	.3	.4 .1	.5 .2
Housing Shelter Rent of primary residence ³ Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	40.873 31.522 6.421 2.702	179.1 207.0 198.2 121.9	179.5 207.5 198.5 122.1	2.3 4.2 4.4 .2	.2 .2 .2	.3 .5 .4 1.7	.1 .1 .4 -1.6	.3 .4 .2 1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	22.046 .353 4.511	212.8 106.8 140.2	213.3 107.2 140.3	4.5 1.6 -6.3	.2 .4 .1	.4 .4 -1.0	.3 .0 .4	.3 .4 .2 .2
Fuels Fuel oil and other fuels Gas (piped) and electricity ³ Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	3.654 .188 3.466 .857	123.8 112.8 130.7 112.3	123.8 115.1 130.6 112.6	-8.4 -14.4 -7.8 3.5	.0 2.0 1 .3	-1.3 -1.3 -1.3	.3 1.7 .2 .4	.2 2.9 .0 .4
Household furnishings and operations	4.840 .820	128.7 118.9	128.9 118.4	2 3.8	.2 4	2 .1	.0 .8	1 4
Apparel Men's and boys' apparel Women's and girls' apparel Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹ Footwear	4.399 1.122 1.807 .203 .874	128.2 125.2 121.3 129.9 123.5	128.8 125.6 122.2 128.9 124.6	-2.4 -2.0 -3.8 -1.9 2	.5 .3 .7 8 .9	.5 1 1.4 1.8 1.4	1.2 1.4 .5 2.1 2.0	6 6 5 8 7
Transportation	17.055 15.845	150.5 146.3	153.7 149.6	-1.5 -1.6	2.1 2.3	2 2	1.2 1.4	1.7 1.8
New and used motor vehicles ² New vehicles Used cars and trucks Motor fuel	8.614 5.083 2.195 2.564	99.6 140.7 152.1 107.7	99.3 140.4 151.8 121.4	-2.5 -1.6 -4.9 -9.1	3 2 2 12.7	7 9 7 1	4 3 8 8.5	3 2 5 9.9
Gasoline (all types) Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ Motor vehicle maintenance and repair Public transportation	2.536 .421 1.400 1.211	107.1 106.5 188.5 207.9	120.8 106.8 189.0 209.7	-9.0 2.5 3.9 .7	12.8 .3 .3 .9	4 1 .4 6	8.0 .4 .3 8	10.1 .3 .5 .5
Medical care	5.810 1.377 4.434	282.0 254.1 288.9	283.2 254.8 290.2	4.6 3.7 4.8	.4 .3 .4	.3 .4 .2	.4 .1 .4	.5 .2 .6
Professional services ³	2.784 1.353	251.9 359.4	252.5 362.4	2.8 8.6	.4 .2 .8	.0 .7	.1 1.0	.6 .3 1.1

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

CPI-U	Relative importance, December	Unadju inde:		Unadju percent ch Apr. 2002	nange to		sonally adju nt change fr	
O1 1-0	2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	6.019	106.1	106.5	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3
Video and audio ²	1.645	102.9	102.9	1.2	.0	.4	.0	.1
Education and communication ² Education ²	5.813 2.726	106.6 123.3	106.2 123.3	2.0 6.2	4 .0	.2 .8	5 .3	2 .4
		314.2	314.4	8.1	.0	.o 3.7		. 4 .6
Educational books and supplies Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	.220 2.506	314.2 354.1	354.1	6.0	.0	3. <i>1</i> .5	.3 .3	.6 .4
Communication ^{1 2}	3.087	92.0	91.2	-2.3	.0 9	.3 3	.3 -1.2	.4 9
Information and information processing 1.2	2.903	90.8	90.0	-2.5 -2.5	9	3 2	-1.2	9 9
Information and information processing ¹² Telephone services ¹²	2.324	99.1	98.2	8	9	.0	-1.2	9
Information and information processing other than	2.324	99.1	90.2	0	9	.0	-1.2	9
telephone services ¹⁵	.580	18.8	18.6	-15.8	-1.1	-2.1	-1.1	-1.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	.275	23.1	22.9	-27.8	9	-3.3	-2.9	9
Other goods and services	4.312	288.5	292.9	4.1	1.5	1.0	6	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products 1	.928	433.4	461.4	8.8	6.5	3.8	-3.5	6.5
Personal care 1	3.384	174.1	174.4	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Personal care products 1	.706	155.1	155.4	3	.2	.2	3	.2
Personal care services ¹	.901	187.3	187.9	2.5	.3	.1	.5	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.562	272.9	273.2	5.0	.1	.2	.4	.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	41.300	149.4	151.0	6	1.1	.1	.6	.7
Food and beverages	15.719	176.6	176.7	2.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	25.582	133.7	136.0	-2.6	1.7	.0	.8	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.493	143.6	148.4	-1.7	3.3	.6	2.4	1.6
Apparel	4.399	128.2	128.8	-2.4	.5	.5	1.2	6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.094	157.3	164.7	-1.4	4.7	.5	3.1	2.4
Durables	12.089	122.1	121.9	-2.8	2	6	5	2
Services	58.700	208.0	208.4	3.2	.2	.3	.1	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.169	215.6	216.1	4.2	.2	.5	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance 1 2	.353	106.8	107.2	1.6	.4	.4	.0	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.466	130.7	130.6	-7.8	1	-1.3	.2	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services 2	.857	112.3	112.6	3.5	.3	.1	.4	.4
Household operations 1 2	.820	118.9	118.4	3.8	4	.1	.8	4
Transportation services	6.638	207.3	207.9	3.9	.3	.3	.2	.3
Medical care services	4.434	288.9	290.2	4.8	.4	.2	.4	.6
Other services	10.963	243.6	243.8	3.2	.1	.2	.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.312	179.2	180.4	1.5	.7	.2	.3	.6
All items less shelter	68.478	169.7	170.9	.5	., .7	.1	.4	.5
All items less medical care	94.190	173.3	174.3	1.5	.6	.2	.3	.5
Commodities less food	26.612	135.6	137.8	-2.4	1.6	.0	.7	1.2
Nondurables less food	14.524	145.9	150.4	-1.6	3.1	.6	2.3	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.125	158.7	165.5	-1.1	4.3	.5	2.7	2.2
Nondurables	29.212	160.2	162.7	.4	1.6	.4	1.3	.9
Services less rent of shelter 4	27.531	214.8	215.1	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.2
Services less medical care services	54.266	200.8	201.2	3.1	.2	.4	.2	.4
Energy	6.218	115.6	122.2	-8.2	5.7	8	3.8	4.5
All items less energy	93.782	187.1	187.5	2.5	.2	.3	.1	.3
All items less food and energy	79.094	189.8	190.3	2.5	.3	.3	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.860	144.6	145.1	-1.0	.3	.0	1	.1
Energy commodities	2.752	108.6	121.6	-9.1	12.0	1	8.0	9.4
Services less energy services	55.234	215.9	216.3	4.0	.2	.4	.1	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.559	\$.556	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.187	\$.186	-	-	-	-	-

Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 Data not available.
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Not seasonally adjusted.
 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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

	Seas	sonally adj	usted inde	xes	Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for						
CPI-U					;	3 months	ended—		6 ma ende		
G. 1	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	July 2001	Oct. 2001	Jan. 2002	Apr. 2002	Oct. 2001	Apr. 2002	
Expenditure category											
All items	177.6	178.0	178.6	179.5	1.6	0.7	0.0	4.3	1.1	2.2	
Food and beverages	175.9	176.3	176.6	176.7	4.0	3.0	1.1	1.8	3.5	1.5	
Food	175.4	175.8	176.1	176.2	4.0	3.0	1.1	1.8	3.5	1.5	
Food at home	175.5	175.9	176.3	176.3	4.2	2.8	.7	1.8	3.5	1.3	
Cereals and bakery products	197.0	197.8	197.6	198.1	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.3	3.0	2.8	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.2	161.9	163.1	163.0	2.8	1.2	-1.7	2.0	2.0	.1	
Dairy and related products ¹	169.9	170.1	169.4	168.7	12.5	6.1	-2.1	-2.8	9.3	-2.4	
Fruits and vegetables	218.7	224.1	226.3	222.2	1.9	2.7	8.1	6.6	2.3	7.3	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.1	138.6	139.0	139.6	1.7	2.9	-2.8	1.4	2.3	7	
Other food at home	161.2	160.4	159.7	161.5	6.2	3.0	.0	.7	4.6	.4	
Sugar and sweets	157.5	157.9	156.6	159.9	4.8	1.5	2.3	6.2	3.1	4.3	
Fats and oils Other foods	157.7 177.8	157.0 176.5	156.6 175.8	156.4 177.8	17.1 4.2	3.9 3.2	-3.2 .5	-3.3 .0	10.3 3.7	-3.2 .2	
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	108.9	108.0	107.8	108.0	4.2	-2.5	.0	-3.3	.7	-1.6	
Food away from home 1	176.4	177.0	177.1	177.2	3.3	3.5	.0 1.8	-3.3 1.8	3.4	1.8	
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	115.5	115.8	116.3	116.9	7.3	5.7	.3	4.9	6.5	2.6	
Alcoholic beverages	181.8	182.4	182.5	182.9	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.3	
/ lloonollo beverages	101.0	102.4	102.0	102.0	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	
Housing	178.2	178.7	178.9	179.5	3.5	.5	2.7	3.0	1.9	2.8	
Shelter	205.0	206.0	206.2	207.1	4.3	3.2	5.0	4.2	3.8	4.6	
Rent of primary residence 3	196.8	197.5	198.2	198.5	4.9	4.7	4.4	3.5	4.8	3.9	
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	117.1	119.1	117.2	119.1	1.0	-11.6	5.7	7.0	-5.5	6.3	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 3 4	211.4	212.2	212.8	213.5	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.0	4.7	4.4	
Tenants' and household insurance 1 2	106.4	106.8	106.8	107.2	4.2	1.1	-1.9	3.0	2.7	.6	
Fuels and utilities	143.1	141.6	142.1	142.4	3	-15.4	-5.9	-1.9	-8.1	-4.0	
Fuels	127.1	125.4	125.8	126.0	9	-19.4	-7.8	-3.4	-10.6	-5.6	
Fuel oil and other fuels	109.3	107.9	109.7	112.9	-11.0	-14.4	-38.1	13.8	-12.8	-16.0	
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	134.7	132.9	133.2	133.2	.0	-19.7	-5.2	-4.4	-10.4	-4.8	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	111.7	111.8	112.2	112.6	3.0	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.6	
Household furnishings and operations	128.8	128.6	128.6	128.5	.9	.6	-1.2	9	.8	-1.1	
Household operations ^{1 2}	117.8	117.9	118.9	118.4	6.1	3.1	3.8	2.1	4.6	2.9	
Apparel	124.0	124.6	126.1	125.4	-6.1	.0	-7.7	4.6	-3.1	-1.7	
Men's and boys' apparel	123.1	123.0	124.7	124.0	-4.0	-1.0	-5.9	3.0	-2.5	-1.6	
Women's and girls' apparel	115.3	116.9	117.5	116.9	-10.1	-2.3	-7.6	5.7	-6.3	-1.2	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1	125.0	127.2	129.9	128.9	-19.4	24.5	-18.4	13.1	.2	-3.9	
Footwear	119.3	121.0	123.4	122.5	6	1.6	-11.8	11.2	.5	-1.0	
Transportation	149.2	148.9	150.7	153.3	-4.1	-3.8	-8.4	11.5	-3.9	1.1	
Private transportation	144.9	144.6	146.6	149.2	-5.7	-3.2	-9.1	12.4	-4.4	1.1	
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.6	99.9	99.5	99.2	-2.0	-1.2	8	-5.5	-1.6	-3.1	
New vehicles	141.8	140.5	140.1	139.8	8	.0	.0	-5.5	4	-2.8	
Used cars and trucks	155.6	154.5	153.2	152.4	-4.7	-4.0	-3.3	-8.0	-4.3	-5.7	
Motor fuel	101.1	101.0	109.6	120.4	-24.8	-20.0	-43.9	101.1	-22.4	6.3	
Gasoline (all types)	100.9	100.5	108.5	119.5	-23.2	-19.5	-43.5	96.7	-21.4	5.4	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment 1	106.2	106.1	106.5	106.8	3.5	1.5	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.5	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	187.1	187.8	188.3	189.2	3.8	4.2	3.3	4.6	4.0	3.9	
Public transportation	208.9	207.7	206.1	207.2	14.5	-7.3	.0	-3.2	3.0	-1.6	
Medical care	279.7	280.4	281.4	282.7	3.9	5.1	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.7	
Medical care commodities	252.8	253.9	254.1	254.6	4.1	4.3	3.6	2.9	4.2	3.2	
Medical care services	286.2	286.8	288.0	289.6	3.8	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.6	5.1	
Professional services ³	250.9	250.9	251.1	251.8	2.8	3.8	3.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	
Hospital and related services ³	352.4	355.0	358.6	362.4	5.8	7.9	9.0	11.8	6.8	10.4	

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

	Seas	sonally adj	usted inde	xes	Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for						
CPI-U					;	3 months	ended—		6 mo ende		
	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	July 2001	Oct. 2001	Jan. 2002	Apr. 2002	Oct. 2001	Apr. 2002	
Expenditure category											
Recreation ²	105.8	105.9	106.1	106.4	-0.8	2.3	1.5	2.3	0.8	1.9	
Video and audio ^{1 2}	102.2	102.6	102.6	102.7	.4	.0	2.4	2.0	.2	2.2	
Education and communication ²	107.0	107.2	106.7	106.5	4.3	3.8	1.9	-1.9	4.1	.0	
Education ²	122.2	123.2	123.6	124.1	6.3	7.3	4.7	6.4	6.8	5.5	
Educational books and supplies	301.2	312.2	313.2	315.0	8.5	10.3	-4.8	19.6	9.4	6.7	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	352.1	353.9	355.1	356.6	6.2	7.0	5.6	5.2	6.6	5.4	
Communication ^{1 2} Information and information processing ^{1 2}	93.4	93.1	92.0	91.2	1.3	.0	9	-9.1	.6	-5.1	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	92.2 100.3	92.0 100.3	90.8 99.1	90.0 98.2	.9 2.4	.0 1.2	-1.3 1.6	-9.2 -8.1	.4 1.8	-5.3 -3.4	
Information and information processing other than	100.5	100.5	33.1	30.2	2.4	1.2	1.0	-0.1	1.0	-5.4	
telephone services ^{1 5}	19.4	19.0	18.8	18.6	-13.7	-19.1	-14.9	-15.5	-16.5	-15.2	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	24.6	23.8	23.1	22.9	-27.0	-34.1	-24.6	-24.9	-30.6	-24.8	
Other goods and services	287.2	290.2	288.5	292.9	6.6	3	2.3	8.2	3.1	5.2	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	432.8	449.3	433.4	461.4	17.0	-9.9	2.7	29.2	2.7	15.2	
Personal care 1	173.2	173.7	174.1	174.4	2.6	3.8	2.1	2.8	3.2	2.5	
Personal care products 1	155.2	155.5	155.1	155.4	-1.8	.8	5	.5	5	.0	
Personal care services 1	186.3	186.4	187.3	187.9	3.1	2.4	.9	3.5	2.7	2.2	
Miscellaneous personal services	270.7	271.2	272.4	273.0	5.3	6.1	5.3	3.4	5.7	4.4	
Commodity and service group											
Commodities	148.3	148.4	149.3	150.4	-1.3	-1.3	-5.2	5.8	-1.3	.1	
Food and beverages	175.9	176.3	176.6	176.7	4.0	3.0	1.1	1.8	3.5	1.5	
Commodities less food and beverages	132.5	132.5	133.6	135.2	-4.8	-4.0	-9.1	8.4	-4.4	7	
Nondurables less food and beverages	140.0	140.9	144.3	146.6	-5.8	-6.1	-12.4	20.2	-5.9	2.6	
Apparel	124.0	124.6	126.1	125.4	-6.1	.0	-7.7	4.6	-3.1	-1.7	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	154.2	155.0	159.8	163.7	-5.9	-7.8	-13.9	27.0	-6.9	4.5	
Durables Services	123.2 206.8	122.4 207.4	121.8 207.7	121.6 208.4	-2.2 3.8	-1.9 2.0	-2.2 4.0	-5.1 3.1	-2.1 2.9	-3.7 3.5	
Rent of shelter ⁴	213.5	214.5	215.0	215.9	4.1	3.3	5.0	4.6	3.7	4.8	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	106.4	106.8	106.8	107.2	4.2	1.1	-1.9	3.0	2.7	.6	
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	134.7	132.9	133.2	133.2	.0	-19.7	-5.2	-4.4	-10.4	-4.8	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	111.7	111.8	112.2	112.6	3.0	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.6	
Household operations ^{1 2}	117.8	117.9	118.9	118.4	6.1	3.1	3.8	2.1	4.6	2.9	
Transportation services	205.6	206.3	206.7	207.4	5.7	2.0	4.6	3.5	3.8	4.1	
Medical care services	286.2	286.8	288.0	289.6	3.8	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.6	5.1	
Other services	242.9	243.4	243.6	244.0	2.9	4.4	3.5	1.8	3.7	2.7	
Special indexes											
All items less food	178.0	178.4	179.0	180.1	1.4	.2	2	4.8	.8	2.3	
All items less shelter	168.9	169.0	169.7	170.6	.5	5	-2.1	4.1	.0	.9	
All items less medical care	172.2	172.6	173.1	174.0	1.6	.2	2	4.2	.9	2.0	
Commodities less food	134.4	134.4	135.4	137.0	-4.5	-3.7	-8.7	8.0	-4.1	7	
Nondurables less food	142.5	143.3	146.6	148.8	-5.4	-5.8	-11.2	18.9	-5.6	2.7	
Nondurables less food and apparel	155.9	156.7	161.0	164.5	-5.4	-6.9	-12.7	24.0	-6.1	4.0	
Nondurables	157.8	158.5	160.5	161.9	7 2.7	-2.0	-5.4	10.8	-1.4	2.4	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	214.1	214.3	215.0 200.6	215.5	3.7	.6 1.0	1.7	2.6	2.1	2.2	
Services less medical care services Energy	199.4 114.2	200.2 113.3	200.6 117.6	201.4 122.9	3.7 -12.2	1.8 -19.4	2.9 -25.0	4.1 34.1	2.8 -15.9	3.5 .3	
All items less energy	186.0	186.5	186.6	187.1	2.9	2.4	-25.0 2.4	2.4	2.6	.3 2.4	
All items less food and energy	188.6	189.1	189.3	189.8	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.3	144.3	144.1	144.2	5	8	-2.2	3	7	-1.2	
Energy commodities	102.1	102.0	110.2	120.6	-23.8	-19.7	-42.8	94.7	-21.7	5.5	
Services less energy services	214.1	215.0	215.3	216.1	4.1	3.5	4.6	3.8	3.8	4.2	
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⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Not seasonally adjusted.
 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in

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

All items

CPI-U	Pricing schedule		Inde	xes			ent chanç .2002 fror		Percent change to Mar.2002 from—		
	1	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Mar. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002
U.S. city average	М	177.1	177.8	178.8	179.8	1.6	1.1	0.6	1.5	1.0	0.6
Region and area size ²											
Northeast urban	М	184.9	186.1	187.0	187.8	2.0	.9	.4	1.8	1.1	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M M	186.2 110.5	187.8 110.5	188.6 111.2	189.3 111.9	2.3 1.1	.8 1.3	.4 .6	2.2 .7	1.3 .6	.4 .6
Midwest urban	М	172.1	172.5	173.6	174.7	1.1	1.3	.6	1.1	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	174.1	174.7	176.0	177.3	1.7	1.5	.7	1.6	1.1	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than	M	109.5	109.6	110.2	110.7	.3	1.0	.5	.5	.6	.5
50,000)	М	166.2	166.6	167.1	168.1	.8	.9	.6	.7	.5	.3
South urban	М	170.6	171.0	172.1	173.1	1.0	1.2	.6	.9	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	171.7	172.4	173.3	174.2	1.5	1.0	.5	1.4	.9	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than	М	109.2	109.3	110.0	110.8	.8	1.4	.7	.5	.7	.6
50,000)	М	168.6	168.6	169.9	170.5	1	1.1	.4	.2	.8	.8
West urban	М	182.4	183.2	184.0	185.1	2.6	1.0	.6	2.2	.9	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	184.4	185.4	186.2	187.2	2.6	1.0	.5	2.3	1.0	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	М	111.9	112.4	112.8	113.7	2.8	1.2	.8	1.9	.8	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	М	161.6	162.5	163.4	164.2	2.1	1.0	.5	1.9	1.1	.6
B/C ³	M	109.9	110.1	110.7	111.4	1.1	1.2	.6	.8	.7	.5
D	М	170.5	170.7	171.5	172.4	.7	1.0	.5	.7	.6	.5
Selected local areas ⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	М	177.9	178.7	179.8	180.9	1.4	1.2	.6	1.5	1.1	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA New York-Northern N.JLong Island,	M	178.9	180.1	181.1	182.2	3.2	1.2	.6	2.8	1.2	.6
NY-NJ-CT-PA	М	188.5	189.9	191.1	191.8	2.8	1.0	.4	2.5	1.4	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	192.9	-	194.7	-	-	-	-	2.0	.9	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	171.4	-	173.7	-	-	-	-	.8	1.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	170.6	-	172.1	-	-	-	-	1.9	.9	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	110.9	-	111.9	-	-	-	-	2.0	.9	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	176.1	-	178.6	1.1	1.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	176.2	-	179.0	2.6	1.6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2 2	-	156.6 175.0		158.8 175.0	4 1.3	1.4 .0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,											
PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	182.0		183.1	1.0	.6	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2 2	-	191.3 187.6	-	193.0 188.8	2.1 2.5	.9 .6	-	-	-	-
Seattle- i accilia-dielileitoli, WA	_		101.0		100.0	2.5	.0				

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

Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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.

M - Every month.

^{1 -} January, March, May, July, September, and November.

^{2 -} February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

Data not available.

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

CPI-W	Relative importance, December	Unadji inde:		Apr. 2002 from—			Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	
Expenditure category									
All items	100.000	174.7 520.2	175.8 523.7	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.6	
Food and beverages	17.229 16.228	176.1 175.6	176.1 175.5	2.4 2.4	.0 1	.2	.2 .2	.0 1	
Food at home	9.798	175.5	175.3	2.3	1	.3	.2	1	
	1.468	197.0	197.9	3.0	.5	.3	.1	.2	
	2.831	162.7	162.1	.9	4	1	.7	2	
Dairy and related products ¹	1.021	169.2	168.7	3.2	3	.2	5	3	
Fruits and vegetables	1.307	224.9	222.0	4.9	-1.3	2.6	1.0	-1.9	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.132	139.7	139.4	.9	2	3	.4	.4	
Other food at home	2.038	159.6	161.0	2.5	.9	4	5	1.1	
	.339	157.1	159.4	3.7	1.5	.2	9	1.9	
	.316	156.3	156.2	3.2	1	3	3	2	
Other foods Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} Food away from home ¹	1.383	176.5	178.2	2.1	1.0	6	5	1.2	
	.310	108.3	108.5	.1	.2	7	2	.2	
	6.430	177.0	177.1	2.5	.1	.3	.1	.1	
Food away from home ¹	.275	116.8	117.4	4.8	.5	.2	.7	.5	
	1.001	182.2	182.8	2.9	.3	.3	.1	.4	
Housing Shelter Rept of primary residence ³	38.141	174.4	174.8	2.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	
	29.212	200.6	201.0	4.2	.2	.5	.2	.3	
	8.395	197.5	197.8	4.3	.2	.4	.4	.2	
Rent of primary residence ³	1.523	122.2	122.0	.7	2	2.0	-1.4	1.3	
	18.980	193.3	193.9	4.4	.3	.4	.2	.3	
	.314	106.9	107.2	1.3	.3	.4	.1	.3	
Fuels and utilities Fuels Fuel oil and other fuels	4.829	139.6	139.6	-6.2	.0	-1.1	.4	.1	
	3.955	122.8	122.7	-8.2	1	-1.3	.3	.2	
	.177	112.7	114.7	-14.3	1.8	-1.2	1.3	2.8	
Gas (piped) and electricity ³ Water and sewer and trash collection services ² Household furnishings and operations	3.778 .873 4.101	129.8 112.3 124.9	129.6 112.6 125.1	-7.7 3.4 7	2 .3	-1.3 .2 2	.3 .4 2	.0 .3 .0	
Household operations 1 2	.357	119.5	119.0	3.9	4	.3	.5	4	
Apparel Men's and boys' apparel Women's and girls' apparel	4.831 1.243 1.864	126.9 125.2 119.7 131.7	127.9 125.8 120.9 131.7	-2.0 -1.9 -3.0 -1.1	.8 .5 1.0	.5 .0 1.3	1.3 1.2 .8	2 2 2	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1 Footwear	.256 1.165	122.8	124.4	6	.0 1.3	1.3	2.6 1.7	5	
Private transportation	19.393	149.2	152.7	-2.0	2.3	3	1.4	1.9	
	18.452	146.4	149.8	-2.2	2.3	3	1.5	1.9	
	10.145	99.7	99.5	-2.8	2	8	5	3	
New vehicles Used cars and trucks Motor fuel	4.897	141.8	141.5	-1.6	2	8	3	2	
	4.099	153.0	152.6	-5.2	3	8	9	4	
	3.153	108.0	121.7	-9.2	12.7	2	8.6	10.3	
Gasoline (all types) Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ Motor vehicle maintenance and repair Public transportation	3.120	107.5	121.2	-9.1	12.7	1	8.6	10.1	
	.530	105.7	106.0	2.4	.3	.0	.4	.3	
	1.438	189.9	190.5	3.9	.3	.4	.2	.5	
	.941	203.0	204.5	.9	.7	3	7	.4	
Medical care	4.620	280.9	281.9	4.4	.4	.2	.4	.4	
Medical care commodities Medical care services Professional services ³ Hospital and related services ³	1.006	249.0	249.6	3.6	.2	.4	.1	.2	
	3.614	288.4	289.6	4.7	.4	.2	.4	.5	
	2.245	254.0	254.6	2.7	.2	.0	.2	.1	
	1.092	354.3	357.1	8.5	.8	.6	.9	1.1	

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

CPI-W	Relative importance, December	Unadju inde:		Unadju percent ch Apr. 2002	nange to		sonally adju	
OI I-W	2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.649 1.803	104.6 102.1	105.0 102.2	1.3 1.0	0.4 .1	0.1 .4	0.2 .0	0.3 .1
Education and communication ² Education ² Educational books and supplies	5.637 2.382 .203	106.5 123.3 315.1	106.0 123.3 315.3	1.7 5.9 7.0	5 .0 .1	.1 .7 3.2	5 .5 .3	4 .3 .7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare Communication ^{1 2} Information and information processing ^{1 2} Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.178 3.255 3.107 2.591	347.2 93.3 92.6 99.3	347.2 92.6 91.7 98.4	5.8 -1.9 -2.2 8	.0 8 -1.0 9	.4 2 3 .1	.4 -1.3 -1.2 -1.2	.3 8 -1.0 9
Information and information processing other than telephone services ¹⁵ Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹²	.516 .253	19.5 22.8	19.3 22.5	-15.4 -27.7	-1.0 -1.3	-2.0 -3.3	-1.0 -3.0	-1.0 -1.3
Other goods and services Tobacco and smoking products ¹ Personal care ¹ Personal care products ¹ Personal care services ¹	4.499 1.441 3.059 .815 .900	295.2 434.1 173.7 156.0 188.0	301.7 462.7 173.9 156.2 188.7	4.7 8.9 2.7 .1 2.6	2.2 6.6 .1 .1 .4	1.5 4.0 .3 .3 .1	-1.0 -3.7 .3 2	2.2 6.6 .1 .1 .4
Miscellaneous personal services Commodity and service group	1.161	272.5	272.6	4.8	.0	.4	.4	.2
Commodities Food and beverages Commodities less food and beverages Nondurables less food and beverages Apparel Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	45.559 17.229 28.330 14.685 4.831 9.854	149.8 176.1 134.7 144.8 126.9 159.4	151.7 176.1 137.5 150.5 127.9 168.1	7 2.4 -2.6 -1.7 -2.0 -1.4	1.3 .0 2.1 3.9 .8 5.5	.1 .2 .0 .7 .5	.6 .2 .8 2.7 1.3 3.5	.9 .0 1.5 1.8 2 2.8
Durables Services Rent of shelter ⁴ Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} Gas (piped) and electricity ³ Water and sewer and trash collection services ² Household operations ^{1 2}	13.645 54.441 28.898 .314 3.778 .873 .357	122.3 203.9 193.2 106.9 129.8 112.3	122.1 204.2 193.7 107.2 129.6 112.6	-3.1 3.1 4.3 1.3 -7.7 3.4 3.9	2 .1 .3 .3 2 .3 4	7 .2 .5 .4 -1.3 .2	5 .2 .2 .1 .3 .4	2 .3 .4 .3 .0 .3 4
Transportation services Medical care services Other services	6.573 3.614 10.033	119.5 205.6 288.4 238.8	119.0 206.2 289.6 238.9	4.6 4.7 3.0	.3 .4 .0	.3 .4 .2 .3	.3 .4 .0	.3 .5 .1
Special indexes All items less food	83.772	174.3	175.7	1.1	.8	.2	.4	.7
All items less shelter All items less medical care Commodities less food Nondurables less food Nondurables less food and apparel	70.788 95.380 29.331 15.687 10.855	167.1 170.0 136.5 147.0 160.7	168.5 171.1 139.1 152.5 168.7	.3 1.2 -2.5 -1.4 -1.1	.8 .6 1.9 3.7 5.0	.1 .2 1 .6 .6	.5 .4 .8 2.6 3.2	.7 .6 1.5 1.8 2.6
Nondurables Services less rent of shelter ⁴ Services less medical care services Energy All items less energy	31.915 25.543 50.827 7.109 92.891	160.8 190.5 197.0 114.7 182.9	163.7 190.7 197.4 121.6 183.4	.4 2.0 3.0 -8.5 2.3	1.8 .1 .2 6.0 .3	.5 .1 .3 8 .3	1.3 .3 .3 4.1 .1	.9 .2 .3 5.0 .2
All items less food and energy Commodities less food and energy commodities Energy commodities Services less energy services Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	76.663 26.001 3.330 50.663	184.9 145.0 108.7 212.1 \$.573	185.5 145.8 121.9 212.6 \$.569	2.3 -1.0 -9.2 4.0	.3 .6 12.1 .2	.0 .0 2 .4	.1 2 8.1 .2	.3 .2 10.0 .3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.192	\$.191	-	-	-	-	-

Indexes on a December 1984=100 base
 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 Data not available.
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Not seasonally adjusted.
 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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

	Sea	sonally adj	usted inde	xes	Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for						
CPI-W					:	3 months	ended—		6 ma ende		
	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	July 2001	Oct. 2001	Jan. 2002	Apr. 2002	Oct. 2001	Apr. 2002	
Expenditure category											
All items	173.7	174.0	174.6	175.6	0.9	0.5	-0.5	4.4	0.7	2.0	
Food and beverages	175.3	175.7	176.0	176.0	3.8	3.0	1.1	1.6	3.4	1.4	
Food	174.8	175.2	175.6	175.5	3.8	3.0	1.2	1.6	3.4	1.4	
Food at home	174.5	175.0	175.4	175.3	4.3	2.8	.5	1.8	3.5	1.2	
Cereals and bakery products	196.9	197.5	197.6	197.9	3.2	3.6	3.1	2.0	3.4	2.6	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.0	161.8	163.0	162.6	2.5	1.0	-1.5	1.5	1.7	.0	
Dairy and related products ¹	169.7	170.0	169.2	168.7	12.3	6.1	-2.6	-2.3	9.1	-2.4	
Fruits and vegetables	217.3	223.0	225.3	221.0	1.9	2.7	8.1	7.0	2.3	7.6	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	138.3	137.9	138.4	139.0	1.8	3.2	-3.1	2.0	2.5	6	
Other food at home	160.8	160.1	159.3	161.0	6.5	2.8	.2	.5	4.6	.4	
Sugar and sweets	157.6 157.2	157.9 156.7	156.5	159.5 156.0	5.3	1.3 3.9	3.1	4.9	3.3 10.0	4.0 -3.3	
Fats and oils Other foods	178.1	177.0	156.3 176.1	178.2	16.5 4.7	3.9	-3.5 .5	-3.0 .2	3.8	-s.s .3	
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	109.3	108.5	108.3	108.5	5.7	-1.4	7	-2.9	2.0	-1.8	
Food away from home ¹	176.4	176.9	177.0	177.1	3.0	3.7	1.8	1.6	3.4	1.7	
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	115.8	116.0	116.8	117.4	7.3	6.1	.3	5.6	6.7	3.0	
Alcoholic beverages	181.4	181.9	182.0	182.8	3.4	3.6	1.6	3.1	3.5	2.3	
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Housing	173.8	174.2	174.5	174.9	3.1	.5	2.6	2.6	1.8	2.6	
Shelter	198.9	199.8	200.2	200.8	4.2	4.0	4.8	3.9	4.1	4.3	
Rent of primary residence 3	196.1	196.8	197.5	197.8	4.7	4.4	4.4	3.5	4.6	4.0	
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	117.4	119.8	118.1	119.6	7	-10.4	6.7	7.7	-5.6	7.2	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4} Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	192.1 106.4	192.9 106.8	193.3	193.9 107.2	4.4 3.4	5.0 1.1	4.5 -2.2	3.8 3.0	4.7 2.3	4.1	
Fuels and utilities	142.6	141.1	106.9 141.6	141.8	.0	-15.7	-2.2 -5.4	-2.2	-8.2	.4 -3.8	
Fuels	126.2	124.5	124.9	125.1	3	-13.7	-7.3	-3.4	-10.5	-5.6 -5.4	
Fuel oil and other fuels	109.4	108.1	109.5	112.6	-12.5	-10.6	-38.6	12.2	-11.5	-17.0	
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	133.8	132.0	132.4	132.4	.3	-20.1	-4.9	-4.1	-10.5	-4.5	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	111.7	111.9	112.3	112.6	2.6	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.6	
Household furnishings and operations	125.2	125.0	124.8	124.8	.3	3	-1.3	-1.3	.0	-1.3	
Household operations ^{1 2}	118.5	118.9	119.5	119.0	8.3	2.8	3.1	1.7	5.5	2.4	
Appeal	100.0	400 F	105.1	1010	F 0	2	0.0	6.0	2.0	4.4	
Apparel	122.9	123.5	125.1 124.6	124.8 124.3	-5.8	.3	-8.0 5.3	6.3 4.0	-2.8 -3.1	-1.1 8	
Men's and boys' apparel	123.1 113.7	123.1 115.2	116.1	115.9	-3.7 -9.4	-2.5 -1.7	-5.3 -7.7	8.0	-5.1 -5.6	o 2	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1	126.7	128.4	131.7	131.7	-19.4	25.2	-18.9	16.7	-5.0 .5	-2.7	
Footwear	119.9	120.9	122.9	122.3	-1.0	1.0	-10.0	8.3	.0	-1.3	
Transportation	148.0	147.6	149.6	152.4	-6.0	-3.6	-9.4	12.4	-4.8	.9	
Private transportation	145.1	144.7	146.8	149.6	-6.9	-3.7	-9.4 -9.6	13.0	-5.3	1.1	
New and used motor vehicles ²	101.0	100.2	99.7	99.4	-2.3	-1.6	-1.2	-6.2	-3.3 -1.9	-3.7	
New vehicles	142.8	141.6	141.2	140.9	8	.0	3	-5.2	4	-2.8	
Used cars and trucks	156.5	155.3	153.9	153.3	0 -5.1	-4.2	-3.3	-7.9	-4.6	-5.6	
Motor fuel	101.3	101.1	109.8	121.1	-28.0	-18.2	-43.4	104.2	-23.2	7.5	
Gasoline (all types)	100.7	100.6	109.3	120.3	-27.7	-18.0	-43.6	103.7	-23.0	7.2	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	105.3	105.3	105.7	106.0	3.1	1.5	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.5	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	188.6	189.3	189.7	190.7	3.8	4.2	3.2	4.5	4.0	3.9	
Public transportation	203.6	202.9	201.4	202.3	13.2	-5.9	2	-2.5	3.2	-1.4	
Medical care	278.6	279.2	280.2	281.4	3.6	5.3	4.9	4.1	4.4	4.5	
Medical care commodities Medical care services	247.9 285.7	248.8	249.0	249.4 289.0	3.9	4.0 5.6	4.0 5.1	2.4 4.7	3.9 4.5	3.2 4.9	
Professional services 3	253.1 253.1	286.3 253.0	287.5 253.5	253.8	3.5 2.9	5.6 3.7	3.2	1.1	3.3	4.9 2.2	
Hospital and related services ³	253.1 347.9	253.0 350.0	253.5 353.2	253.6 357.1	2.9 5.8	3.7 8.3	3.2 8.9	11.0	3.3 7.0	2.2 9.9	
1 loopital and folated services	U-11.U	550.0	555.2	557.1	5.0	0.5	0.5	11.0	7.0	3.3	

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

	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for						
CPI-W					3 months ended—				6 ma ende			
	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	July 2001	Oct. 2001	Jan. 2002	Apr. 2002	Oct. 2001	Apr. 2002		
Expenditure category												
Recreation ²	104.3	104.4	104.6	104.9	0.0	1.6	1.2	2.3	0.8	1.7		
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.5	101.9	101.9	102.0	.0	4	2.4	2.0	2	2.2		
Education and communication 2	107.0	107.1	106.6	106.2	3.9	3.8	1.9	-3.0	3.9	6		
Education ²	122.2	123.0	123.6	124.0	6.7	7.3	4.0	6.0	7.0	5.0		
Educational books and supplies	302.1	311.8	312.6	314.7	11.2	12.5	-10.9	17.8	11.8	2.5		
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	345.2	346.7	348.2	349.3	6.2	6.9	5.4	4.8	6.5	5.1		
Communication 1 2	94.7	94.5	93.3	92.6	1.7	.4	8	-8.6	1.1	-4.8		
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	94.0	93.7	92.6	91.7	.9	.9	8	-9.4	.9	-5.2		
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.4	100.5	99.3	98.4	2.0	1.6	1.2	-7.7	1.8	-3.4		
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5}	20.4	10.7	10 F	10.0	10.0	170	16.1	15.0	15.0	45.5		
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	20.1 24.3	19.7 23.5	19.5 22.8	19.3 22.5	-13.3 -27.5	-17.0 -31.6	-16.1 -24.9	-15.0 -26.5	-15.2 -29.6	-15.5 -25.7		
Other goods and services	294.0	298.3	295.2	301.7	8.0	-1.9	2.2	10.9	2.9	6.5		
Tobacco and smoking products 1	433.5	450.7	434.1	462.7	17.1	-9.6	2.4	29.8	2.9	15.3		
Personal care ¹	172.7	173.2	173.7	173.9	2.9	3.1	1.9	2.8	3.0	2.3		
Personal care products 1	155.9	156.3	156.0	156.2	3	.5	5	.8	.1	.1		
Personal care services 1	187.0	187.1	188.0	188.7	3.3	2.4	1.1	3.7	2.8	2.4		
Miscellaneous personal services	269.8	270.9	271.9	272.4	5.8	5.3	4.6	3.9	5.5	4.2		
Commodity and service group												
Commodities	148.8	148.9	149.8	151.2	-2.1	-1.3	-5.7	6.6	-1.7	.3		
Food and beverages	175.3	175.7	176.0	176.0	3.8	3.0	1.1	1.6	3.4	1.4		
Commodities less food and beverages	133.6	133.6	134.7	136.7	-5.6	-4.3	-9.6	9.6	-4.9	4		
Nondurables less food and beverages	141.1	142.1	146.0	148.7	-6.7	-6.8	-13.0	23.3	-6.8	3.6		
Apparel	122.9	123.5	125.1	124.8	-5.8	.3	-8.0	6.3	-2.8	-1.1		
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel Durables	155.9 123.7	157.0	162.5 122.2	167.0 122.0	-7.6 -2.2	-8.4	-15.1 -2.5	31.7	-8.0	5.7 -4.0		
Services	202.9	122.8 203.4	203.8	204.4	3.9	-1.9 1.8	3.8	-5.4 3.0	-2.1 2.8	3.4		
Rent of shelter ⁴	191.6	192.5	192.8	193.5	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.4		
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	106.4	106.8	106.9	107.2	3.4	1.1	-2.2	3.0	2.3	.4		
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	133.8	132.0	132.4	132.4	.3	-20.1	-4.9	-4.1	-10.5	-4.5		
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	111.7	111.9	112.3	112.6	2.6	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.6		
Household operations ^{1 2}	118.5	118.9	119.5	119.0	8.3	2.8	3.1	1.7	5.5	2.4		
Transportation services	203.5	204.4	205.1	205.8	5.4	3.0	5.3	4.6	4.2	4.9		
Medical care services	285.7	286.3	287.5	289.0	3.5	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.9		
Other services	238.2	238.8	238.9	239.1	3.3	4.2	3.1	1.5	3.7	2.3		
Special indexes												
All items less food	173.3	173.6	174.3	175.5	.5	.0	9	5.2	.2	2.1		
All items less shelter	166.3	166.4	167.2	168.3	.0	-1.0	-2.6	4.9	5	1.1		
All items less medical care	169.0	169.3	169.9	170.9	1.0	.2	9	4.6	.6	1.8		
Commodities less food	135.4	135.3	136.4	138.4	-5.2	-3.9	-9.2	9.2	-4.6	4		
Nondurables less food	143.5	144.4	148.2	150.8	-5.9	-6.2	-12.1	22.0	-6.1	3.5		
Nondurables less food and apparel	157.4	158.4	163.5	167.7	-6.9	-7.0	-13.9	28.9	-7.0	5.3		
Nondurables	158.3	159.1	161.2	162.7	-1.5	-1.7	-6.1	11.6	-1.6	2.4		
Services less rent of shelter 4	190.0	190.1	190.7	191.1	3.5	.2	1.7	2.3	1.8	2.0		
Services less medical care services	195.9	196.5	197.0	197.6	3.8	1.9	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.2		
Energy	113.0	112.1	116.7	122.5	-14.9	-18.8	-26.2	38.1	-16.9	1.0		
All items less energy	182.0	182.5	182.7	183.0	2.7	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.0		
All items less food and energy	184.0	184.4	184.5	185.0	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2		
Commodities less food and energy commodities	145.0	145.0	144.7	145.0	5	-1.4	-2.2	.0	-1.0	-1.1		
Energy commodities	102.1 210.6	101.9 211.4	110.2 211.8	121.2 212.4	-27.3 4.2	-17.5 3.9	-42.8 4.5	98.6 3.5	-22.5 4.1	6.6 4.0		
Services less energy services	Z 1U.0	Z11.4	211.0	Z1Z.4	4.2	3.9	4.5	ა.ა	4.1	4.0		

January, 1999.

Indexes on a December 1984=100 base
 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Not seasonally adjusted.
 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in

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

All items

CPI-W	Pricing schedule						ent chang .2002 fror		Percent change to Mar.2002 from—			
	1	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Mar. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	
U.S. city average	М	173.2	173.7	174.7	175.8	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.6	
Region and area size ²												
Northeast urban	М	181.4	182.3	183.1	184.2	1.8	1.0	.6	1.6	.9	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³		181.6 110.1	182.8 110.1	183.6 110.8	184.5 111.7	2.1 1.4	.9 1.5	.5 .8	1.9 .9	1.1 .6	.4 .6	
Midwest urban	М	167.7	168.1	169.1	170.3	.8	1.3	.7	.8	.8	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M M	168.8 109.2	169.4 109.2	170.6 109.7	172.2 110.2	1.5 4	1.7 .9	.9 .5	1.2 .1	1.1 .5	.7 .5	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	М	163.9	164.3	164.8	166.0	.5	1.0	.7	.3	.5	.3	
South urban	М	168.3	168.6	169.6	170.8	.7	1.3	.7	.5	.8	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M M	169.0 108.6	169.5 108.7	170.5 109.3	171.7 110.2	1.4 .5	1.3 1.4	.7 .8	1.2 .2	.9 .6	.6 .6	
50,000)	М	169.2	168.9	170.2	171.2	3	1.4	.6	1	.6	.8	
West urban	M	177.4	178.1	179.0	180.0	2.4	1.1	.6	2.1 2.3	.9	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M M	177.7 111.4	178.6 111.8	179.5 112.2	180.5 112.9	2.6 2.3	1.1 1.0	.6 .6	1.6	1.0 .7	.5 .4	
Size classes												
A 4	М	159.7	160.5	161.3	162.4	1.9	1.2	.7	1.7	1.0	.5	
B/C ³	M M	109.4 169.2	109.5 169.3	110.1 170.2	110.9 171.3	.7 .5	1.3 1.2	.7 .6	.5 .4	.6 .6	.5 .5	
Selected local areas ⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M M	171.6 171.5	172.4 172.8	173.5 173.8	174.8 174.8	1.3 3.1	1.4 1.2	.7 .6	1.2 2.8	1.1 1.3	.6 .6	
New York-Northern N.JLong Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	М	183.5	184.7	185.6	186.6	2.6	1.0	.5	2.1	1.1	.5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	191.8	-	193.2	-	-	-	-	2.1	.7	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	162.8	-	164.1	-	-	-	-	.1	.8	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1 1	170.0 110.5	-	171.4 111.4	-	-	-	-	1.7 1.8	.8 .8	-	
Atlanta, GA	2 2	-	173.2	-	175.5	1.0	1.3	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX		-	170.5 154.3	-	173.4 156.8	2.5 6	1.7 1.6	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		-	172.3	-	172.5	1.2	.1	-	-	-	-	
PA-NJ-DE-MD		-	181.4	-	182.3	.9	.5	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2 2	-	186.8 182.5	-	188.8 183.6	2.1 2.3	1.1 .6	-	-	-	-	

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

Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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.

M - Every month.

^{1 -} January, March, May, July, September, and November.

^{2 -} February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

Data not available.

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

Item and group	Relative importance, December	Unadju index		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2002 from—		
	2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	
Expenditure category						
All items (1967=100)	100.000	178.8 535.7	179.9 538.9	1.7	0.6	
Food and beverages	16.393	176.7	176.8	2.6	.1	
Food	15.403	176.2	176.2	2.5	.0	
Food at home	9.661	176.4	176.5	2.5	.1	
Cereals and bakery products	1.535	197.1	198.1	2.9	.5 2	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs Dairy and related products	2.620 1.093	162.9 169.1	162.5 168.5	1.1 3.1	2 4	
Fruits and vegetables	1.427	225.2	223.4	4.7		
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.023	140.3	140.4	1.1	0	
Other food at home	1.961	160.1	161.8	2.7	1.1	
Sugar and sweets	.364	157.2	159.8	3.8	1.7	
Fats and oils	.297	156.2	156.6	3.4	.3	
Other foods	1.301	176.4	178.2	2.2	1.0	
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	.307	108.3	108.7	.2	.4	
Food away from home Other food away from home ¹	5.743 .182	177.1 116.2	177.1 116.3	2.5 4.0	.0 1.	
Alcoholic beverages	.990	182.7	183.2	2.9	.3	
Housing	40.516	179.0	179.4	2.3	.4	
Shelter Rent of primary residence ²	31.037 7.300	206.7 198.2	207.2 198.5	4.0 4.4	.2	
Lodging away from home ^{1 2}	2.306	121.7	121.9	.1	.2	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	21.064	212.8	213.3	4.5	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance 1	.366	106.9	107.2	1.6	.3	
Fuels and utilities	4.934	140.3	140.6	-6.1	.2	
Fuels	3.998	123.9	124.2	-8.1	.2	
Fuel oil and other fuels	.276	112.9	115.6	-14.0	2.4	
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.722	130.8	130.9	-7.6	.1	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	.936	112.3	112.5	3.4	.2	
Household furnishings and operations Household operations 1	4.545 .959	129.0 118.7	129.2 118.2	.1 3.6	.2 4	
Apparel	4.242	127.6	128.0	-3.0	.3	
Men's and boys' apparel	1.187	125.2	125.8	-1.9	.5	
Women's and girls' apparel	1.687 .250	120.5 129.0	120.7 128.4	-5.0 -2.3	.2 5	
Footwear	.769	123.4	124.5	3	.9	
Transportation	16.639	151.0	154.3	-1.2	2.2	
Private transportation	15.281	146.8	150.2	-1.2	2.3	
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.328 4.604	99.5 140.6	99.3 140.3	-2.5 -1.7	2 2	
Used cars and trucks	1.824	152.0	151.7	-5.0	2 2	
Motor fuel	2.578	107.9	121.6	-9.0	12.	
Gasoline (all types)	2.559	107.2	120.9	-9.0	12.8	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.533	106.6	106.9	2.6	.3	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair Public transportation	1.656 1.357	188.4 207.8	188.8 209.4	3.8 .5	.2 .8	
Medical care	5.995	282.3	283.5	4.7		
Medical care commodities	1.295	254.4	255.0	3.8	.2	
Medical care services	4.700	289.1	290.4	4.9	.4	
Professional services ²	2.933	252.0	252.6	2.9	.2	
Hospital and related services ²	1.502	359.6	362.6	8.7	3.	

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

Item and group	Relative importance, December	Unadji inde		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2002 from—		
	2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	
Expenditure category						
Recreation ¹ Video and audio ¹	5.909 1.629	106.2 102.8	106.5 102.9	1.4 1.2	0.3 .1	
Education and communication ¹ Education ¹	5.397 2.914	107.1	106.7 123.3	2.5 6.2	4 .0	
Education Educat	.215	123.3 314.4	314.7	8.2	.0 .1	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.699	354.2	354.2	6.0	.0	
Communication ¹	2.483	92.6	91.8	-1.6	9	
Information and information processing ¹	2.279	91.4	90.5	-2.0	-1.0	
Telephone services ¹	2.146	99.0	98.1	9	9	
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁴	.133	18.9	18.8	-14.9	5	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	.054	23.2	22.9	-27.8	-1.3	
Other goods and services	4.909	288.2	294.1	4.6	2.0	
Tobacco and smoking products	1.402	433.0	461.5	8.8	6.6	
Personal care	3.507	174.0	174.4	2.8	.2	
Personal care products	.719	155.0	155.4	3	.3	
Personal care services	1.000	187.2	187.9	2.5	.4	
Miscellaneous personal services	1.562	272.8	273.3	5.0	.2	
Commodity and service group						
Commodities	40.624	149.6	151.3	4	1.1	
Food and beverages	16.393	176.7	176.8	2.6	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages	24.231	134.0	136.6	-2.2	1.9	
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.948 4.242	143.2 127.6	148.2 128.0	-1.9 -3.0	3.5 .3	
Apparel Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.706	157.0	164.6	-3.0	.3 4.8	
Durables	10.283	122.3	122.1	-2.6	2	
Services	59.376	207.9	208.3	3.2	.2	
Rent of shelter ³	30.671	215.3	215.8	4.1	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance 1	.366	106.9	107.2	1.6	.3	
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.722 .936	130.8 112.3	130.9 112.5	-7.6 3.4	.1 .2	
Household operations ¹	.959	112.3	118.2	3.6	.2 4	
Transportation services	7.010	207.7	208.4	4.1	.3	
Medical care services	4.700	289.1	290.4	4.9	.4	
Other services	11.012	243.7	243.8	3.2	.0	
Special indexes						
All items less food	84.597	179.3	180.6	1.6	.7	
All items less shelter	68.963	169.9	171.2	.6	.8	
All items less medical care	94.005 25.221	173.3 135.8	174.4 138.4	1.5 -2.0	.6 1.9	
Nondurables less food	14.938	145.6	150.3	-1.6	3.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.696	158.6	165.5	-1.1	4.4	
Nondurables	30.341	160.0	162.6	.4	1.6	
Services less rent of shelter ³	28.705	214.9	215.3	2.2	.2	
Services less medical care services	54.676	200.7	201.1	3.0	.2	
EnergyAll items less energy	6.576 93.424	115.5 187.1	121.8 187.6	-8.5 2.6	5.5 .3	
All items less food and energy	78.020	189.8	190.4	2.6	.3 .3	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.366	144.8	145.5	8	.5	
Energy commodities	2.855	108.4	121.2	-9.4	11.8	
Services less energy services	55.654	215.8	216.2	3.9	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.559	\$.556	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	, ,	\$.187	\$.186			

Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 Data not available.
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator.
All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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

Item and group	Relative importance,	Unadju index		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2002 from—		
	December 2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	
Expenditure category						
All items	100.000	174.7	176.0	1.4	0.7	
All items (1967=100)	-	520.5	524.3	-	-	
Food and beverages	18.048	176.0	176.1	2.4	.1	
Food	16.993	175.5	175.6	2.5	.1	
Food at home	10.838	175.4	175.4	2.4	.0	
Cereals and bakery products	1.682	196.7	197.7	2.9	.5	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs		162.8	162.4	1.1	2	
Dairy and related products	1.202	168.8	168.2	2.9	4	
Fruits and vegetables	1.483	223.9	222.2	5.0	8	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.162	139.9	139.8	1.2	1	
Other food at home	2.183	159.7	161.3	2.7	1.0	
Sugar and sweetsFats and oils	.406 .340	156.9 155.8	159.4 156.2	3.7 3.2	1.6 .3	
Other foods	1.437	176.7	178.5	2.2	1.0	
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	.343	108.5	108.8	.4	.3	
Food away from home	6.155	177.0	177.0	2.5	.0	
Other food away from home ¹	.224	116.5	116.7	4.2	.2	
Alcoholic beverages	1.055	182.6	183.3	3.2	.4	
Housing		174.3	174.7	2.2	.2	
Shelter	28.251	200.4	200.9	4.1	.2	
Rent of primary residence ² Lodging away from home ^{1 2}	8.858	197.5	197.8	4.3	.2	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	1.340 17.737	121.6 193.3	122.4 193.8	1.0 4.4	.7 .3	
Tenants' and household insurance 1	.316	106.9	107.2	1.3	.3	
Fuels and utilities	5.046	139.7	139.9	-6.0	.3	
Fuels	4.121	122.9	123.1	-7.9	.2	
Fuel oil and other fuels	.243	113.1	115.5	-13.7	2.1	
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.877	129.9	129.9	-7.5	.0	
Water and sewer and trash collection services 1	.925	112.3	112.6	3.4	.3	
Household furnishings and operations	4.051	125.2	125.4	5	.2	
Household operations ¹	.426	119.0	118.4	3.4	5	
Apparel	4.577	126.3	126.8	-2.8	.4	
Men's and boys' apparel		125.5	125.9	-1.9	.3	
Women's and girls' apparel	1.698	117.8	118.5	-5.0	.6	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.318	131.3	130.8	-1.8	4	
Footwear	.928	123.8	125.1	1	1.1	
Transportation	18.798	149.8	153.4	-1.5	2.4	
Private transportation	17.737	146.9	150.7	-1.6	2.6	
New and used motor vehicles ¹	8.672	99.7	99.6	-2.7	1	
New vehicles	4.836	141.7	141.6	-1.5	1	
Used cars and trucks	3.061 3.192	152.9 108.2	152.6	-5.2 -9.1	2 12.6	
Gasoline (all types)	3.192	108.2	121.8 121.2	-9.1 -9.1	12.6	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	.661	105.6	105.8	2.2	.2	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.727	189.9	190.3	3.8	.2	
Public transportation	1.061	202.8	204.3	.8	.7	
Medical care	4.906	281.1	282.1	4.5	.4	
Medical care commodities	.956	249.1	249.7	3.6	.2	
Medical care services	3.950	288.6	289.7	4.8	.4	
Professional services ²		254.1	254.7	2.8	.2	
Hospital and related services ²	1.238	354.8	357.3	8.6	.7	

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

Item and group	Relative importance,	Unadji inde:		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2002 from—		
	December 2001	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Mar. 2002	
Expenditure category						
Recreation ¹ Video and audio ¹	5.670	104.6	104.9	1.2	0.3	
video and audio ·	1.810	102.1	102.2	1.0	.1	
Education and communication ¹	5.277	107.1	106.6	2.3	5	
Education ¹	2.684	123.5	123.5	6.1	.0	
Educational books and supplies	.213	318.6	318.9	8.2	.1	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.471	347.6	347.6	5.9	.0	
Communication 1	2.593	93.9	93.0	-1.5	-1.0	
Information and information processing ¹ Telephone services ¹	2.442	93.1 99.2	92.2	-1.7 -1.0	-1.0 -1.0	
Information and information processing other than telephone	2.329	99.2	98.2	-1.0	-1.0	
services ⁴ Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	.113 .044	19.6 22.7	19.4 22.4	-14.9 -28.0	-1.0 -1.3	
Other goods and services	5.376	294.9	302.7	5.0	2.6	
Tobacco and smoking products	2.053	433.8	462.5	8.9	6.6	
Personal care Personal care products	3.323 .813	173.6 155.6	173.9 155.8	2.7 1	.2 .1	
Personal care services	1.006	187.9	188.6	2.6	.1	
Miscellaneous personal services	1.314	272.5	273.0	5.0	.2	
Commodity and service group						
Commodities	45.337	150.0	152.1	5	1.4	
Food and beverages	18.048	176.0	176.1	2.4	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.289	135.0	138.0	-2.3	2.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.269	144.4	150.1	-2.0	3.9	
Apparel	4.577	126.3	126.8	-2.8	.4	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.692	159.1	167.8	-1.6	5.5	
Durables	12.020 54.663	122.7 203.9	122.5 204.3	-2.8 3.2	2 .2	
Rent of shelter ³	27.936	193.1	193.6	4.2	.3	
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	.316	106.9	107.2	1.3	.3	
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	3.877	129.9	129.9	-7.5	.0	
Water and sewer and trash collection services 1	.925	112.3	112.6	3.4	.3	
Household operations ¹	.426	119.0	118.4	3.4	5	
Transportation services	6.882	206.1	206.8	4.9	.3	
Medical care services	3.950	288.6	289.7	4.8	.4	
Other services	10.351	238.9	238.9	3.0	.0	
Special indexes						
All items less food	83.007	174.5	176.0	1.3	.9	
All items less shelter	71.749	167.3	168.8	.5	.9	
All items less medical care	95.094	170.0	171.3	1.3	.8	
Commodities less food	28.344	136.8 146.7	139.7 152.2	-2.1 -1.6	2.1 3.7	
Nondurables less food	16.324 11.747	146.7	168.4	-1.6 -1.2	3.7 5.0	
Nondurables	33.317	160.5	163.6	.4	1.9	
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.728	190.7	191.0	2.1	.2	
Services less medical care services	50.713	197.0	197.4	3.0	.2	
Energy	7.312	114.8	121.6	-8.5	5.9	
All items less energy	92.688	183.0	183.6	2.5	.3	
All items less food and energy	75.695	185.0	185.7	2.4	.4	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.909	145.3	146.2	7	.6	
Energy commodities	3.435	108.7	121.6	-9.4	11.9	
Services less energy services	50.786	212.1	212.6	4.0	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	- 1	\$.572	\$.568	- 1	-	

Indexes on a December 1984=100 base
 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 Data not available.
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator.
All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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

	All items											
Area	Pricing						ent chang 2002 fro		Percent change to Mar. 2002 from—			
	schedule 1	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Mar. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	
U.S. city average	М	177.2	177.9	178.8	179.9	1.7	1.1	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.5	
Region and area size ²												
Northeast urban	М	185.0	186.1	187.0	187.8	2.0	.9	.4	1.8	1.1	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	М	186.3	187.8	188.5	189.2	2.3	.7	.4	2.1	1.2	.4	
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.5	110.6	111.4	112.1	1.3	1.4	.6	.9	.8	.7	
Midwest urban	М	172.2	172.7	173.7	174.8	1.2	1.2	.6	1.2	.9	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	174.2	174.9	175.7	174.3	1.7	1.4	.7	1.6	1.0	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.5	109.7	110.3	110.9	.5	1.1	.5	.5	.7	.5	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than												
50,000)	М	165.9	166.5	167.0	168.0	.8	.9	.6	.7	.7	.3	
South urban	М	170.7	171.1	172.2	173.4	1.2	1.3	.7	.9	.9	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000		171.6	172.2	173.3	174.5	1.7	1.3	.7	1.4	1.0	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.2	109.4	110.2	111.0	1.0	1.5	.7	.7	.9	.7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than												
50,000)	M	168.6	168.6	169.8	170.5	1	1.1	.4	.2	.7	.7	
West urban	М	182.4	183.3	184.0	185.1	2.6	1.0	.6	2.2	.9	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000		184.4	185.3	186.1	187.2	2.6	1.0	.6	2.3	.9	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	М	112.0	112.6	112.9	113.7	2.8	1.0	.7	2.0	.8	.3	
Size classes												
A ⁴	М	161.6	162.5	163.3	164.3	2.1	1.1	.6	1.9	1.1	.5	
B/C ³	M	110.0	110.2	110.8	111.6	1.3	1.3	.7	.9	.7	.5	
D	M	170.4	170.7	171.5	172.5	.8	1.1	.6	.7	.6	.5	
Selected local areas ⁵												
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Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WILos Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M M	178.1 178.6	178.6 179.9	179.7 180.8	180.7 181.9	1.3 3.0	1.2 1.1	.6 .6	1.5 2.6	.9 1.2	.6 .5	
New York-Northern N.JLong Island,	IVI	170.0	173.3	100.0	101.3	3.0	1	.0	2.0	1.2	.5	
NY-NJ-CT-PA	М	188.5	189.9	190.9	191.7	2.7	.9	.4	2.4	1.3	.5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	193.0	_	194.6	_	_	_	_	1.9	.8	_	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1 1	171.7	-	173.4	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.0	_	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	li	170.7	-	172.2	-	-	-	-	2.0	.9	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV 6	1	110.7	-	111.7	-	-	-	-	1.8	.9	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	175.4	_	178.7	1.2	1.9	_	_	_	_	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI		-	176.4	-	179.1	2.6	1.4	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	156.5	-	158.8	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	175.1	-	175.5	1.6	.2	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,		_	4004	_	100 4	10	_	_	_	_	_	
PA-NJ-DE-MDSan Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		_	182.1 191.0	_	183.1 193.2	1.0 2.2	.5 1.2	_	_	_	_	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA		-	187.2	-	188.5	2.2	.7	-	-	-	-	

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Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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December 1986=100 base.

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Data not available.

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

	All items										
Area	Pricing Indexes						ent chang 2002 fro		Percent change to Mar. 2002 from—		
	schedule 1	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Mar. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002
U.S. city average	М	173.2	173.8	174.7	176.0	1.4	1.3	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.5
Region and area size ²											
Northeast urban	М	181.4	182.4	183.2	184.3	1.9	1.0	.6	1.6	1.0	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	181.7	183.0	183.7	184.5	2.1	.8	.4	1.9	1.1	.4
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	110.0	110.1	110.8	111.8	1.5	1.5	.9	.9	.7	.6
Size B/C 30,000 to 1,300,000	IVI	110.0	110.1	110.0	111.0	1.5	1.5	.5		.,	.0
Midwesturben	М	167.7	168.2	169.3	170.6	.9	1.4	.8	.9	1.0	.7
Midwest urban	M	169.0	169.6	170.7	170.6	1.5	1.4	.o .9	1.3	1.0	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	109.0	109.6	170.7	112.2	1.5	1.5	.9 .6	.3	1.0	.5
	IVI	109.1	109.5	109.9	110.0	.0	1.2	.0		.,	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50.000)	М	163.6	164.1	164.5	165.8	.4	1.0	.8	.1	.6	.2
30,000)	IVI	103.0	104.1	104.5	105.6		1.0	.0		.0	ے. ا
South urban	М	168.4	168.7	169.8	171.2	.9	1.5	.8	.7	.8	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	168.9	169.2	170.2	171.6	1.4	1.4	.8	1.1	.8	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	108.7	103.2	109.6	110.6	.8	1.6	.9	.5	.8	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than	IVI	100.7	100.9	109.0	110.0	.0	1.0	.5		.0	.0
50.000)	М	169.4	169.4	170.7	171.7	1	1.4	.6	.2	.8	.8
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Size A - More than 1,500,000	М	177.7	178.4	179.2	180.2	2.4	1.0	.6	2.2	.8	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	М	111.6	112.1	112.4	113.3	2.6	1.1	.8	1.8	.7	.3
Size classes											
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A 4	М	159.7	160.5	161.3	162.4	1.9	1.2	.7	1.7	1.0	.5
B/C ³	М	109.5	109.7	110.3	111.2	1.0	1.4	.8	.7	.7	.5
D	M	169.2	169.5	170.3	171.4	.5	1.1	.6	.5	.7	.5
Selected local areas ⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	М	171.7	172.2	173.2	174.4	1.0	1.3	.7	1.1	.9	.6
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NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	183.5	184.7	185.6	186.6	2.6	1.0	.5	2.1	1.1	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	191.8	_	193.2	-	_	-	-	2.1	.7	_
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	163.3	_	164.8	_	_	_	_	.5	.9	_
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	170.3	_	171.6	_	_	_	_	1.8	.9	_
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	110.3	_	111.1	_	_	_	_	1.6	.6	_
Washington-Daitinote, DO-MD-VA-WV	'	110.3		111.1					1.0	.,	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	172.7	-	175.5	1.0	1.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	171.1	-	173.6	2.7	1.5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	153.8	-]	156.4	9	1.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	172.0	-	172.9	1.5	.5	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,			.,2.0		2.3	".5	.5				
PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	181.4	-]	182.4	.9	.6	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	186.8	-	188.9	2.2	1.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	182.2	-	183.4	2.2	.7	-	-	-	-
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