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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: APRIL 2009

### CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent in April before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. This index has fallen 0.7 percent over the last 12 months, due primarily to a 25.2 percent drop in energy prices. The year-over-year declines in March and April are the first since 1955.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was unchanged in April after declining 0.1 percent in March. The energy index declined for the second straight month, falling 2.4 percent after declining 3.0 percent in March. The indexes for motor fuel, fuel oil, natural gas, and electricity all declined in April. The food index declined as well, falling 0.2 percent in April after a 0.1 percent decrease in March. The index for food away from home increased, but the food at home index fell 0.6 percent with none of the six major grocery store food groups posting an increase. Over the past year, the food index has risen 3.3 percent while the energy index has declined 25.2 percent.

Offsetting the declines in the food and energy indexes was a 0.3 percent increase in the index for all items less food and energy. Over 40 percent of the increase was due to a second consecutive large increase in the tobacco index. The index rose 9.3 percent in April as an increase in the federal excise tax on cigarettes went into effect. A larger increase in the index for medical care, an increase in the index for new vehicles, and an upturn in the lodging away from home index also contributed to the April increase. The index for all items less food and energy has risen 1.9 percent over the past year.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. 2009	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009		
All items .....	-0.8	-1.7	-0.8	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.9	-0.7
Food and beverages .....	.4	.2	.1	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-1.6	3.3
Housing .....	.0	-.1	.0	.0	.0	-.1	-.1	-.9	1.0
Apparel .....	-.7	.1	-.6	.3	1.3	-.2	-.2	3.5	.9
Transportation .....	-4.8	-9.7	-5.0	1.3	1.9	-1.1	-.4	1.8	-13.4
Medical care .....	.2	.2	.3	.4	.3	.2	.4	3.7	3.0
Recreation .....	.2	.0	-.2	.0	.4	.0	-.4	.0	1.2
Education and communication .....	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	2.8	3.4
Other goods and services ...	.3	.0	.0	.3	.2	2.7	2.6	24.2	7.9
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	-7.8	-16.9	-9.3	1.7	3.3	-3.0	-2.4	-8.5	-25.2
Food .....	.4	.2	.0	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-1.7	3.3
All items less food and energy .....	.0	.1	.0	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.5	1.9

The food and beverages index declined 0.2 percent in April following a 0.1 percent decrease in March. A 0.3 percent increase in the food away from home index was more than offset by a 0.6 percent decline in the food at home index and a 0.1 percent fall in the index for alcoholic beverages. This was the fifth consecutive decline in the food at home index and it has declined 1.6 percent since its November peak. The dairy and related products index had the largest decline among the major grocery store food groups for the third month in a row. It decreased 1.3 percent in April and has fallen 5.1 percent over the past year. The index for cereals and bakery products, other food at home, and nonalcoholic beverages also declined in April. The index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs was unchanged in April, as was the fruits and vegetables index. The food index has risen 3.3 percent over the past year, with the food at home index up 2.3 percent.

The housing index fell 0.1 percent in April, the same decline as in March. The shelter index, however, rose 0.2 percent in April after being unchanged the previous two months. The index for lodging away from home turned up in April, rising 0.5 percent after falling in each of the six previous months. The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent rose 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. In contrast, the index for household energy fell 2.2 percent in April after declining 1.8 percent in March. The index for natural gas declined sharply, falling 7.0 percent, while the index for fuel oil fell 0.3 percent and the electricity index decreased 0.6 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in April. Over the past year, the housing index has risen 1.0 percent with the shelter index up 1.6 percent and the index for household energy down 4.7 percent.

The index for transportation fell 0.4 percent in April after declining 1.1 percent in March. Following a 4.0 percent decrease in March, the gasoline index declined 2.8 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 5.3 percent in April.) The index for new and used motor vehicles rose 0.4 percent in April. The new vehicles index rose 0.4 percent, while the used cars and trucks index declined only 0.1 percent in April after falling 1.7 percent in March. The index for public transportation declined for the eighth straight month, falling 0.8 percent as the airline fare index declined 1.5 percent. The transportation index has decreased 13.4 percent since April 2008, with several of its components declining over the period. The index for gasoline fell 39.5 percent and the index for public transportation decreased 5.9 percent, while the indexes for new vehicles and for used cars and trucks declined 0.2 percent and 11.4 percent, respectively.

Among other CPI groups, the index for medical care rose 0.4 percent in April after a 0.2 percent increase in March as the indexes for prescription drugs and hospital services posted larger increases. The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in April with education index up 0.4 percent and the index for communication rising 0.1 percent. The index for other goods and services posted another sharp increase due to higher tobacco prices, rising 2.6 percent in April. The 9.3 percent increase in the tobacco index followed an 11.0 percent increase in March and the index has risen 28.8 percent over the past year. The indexes for recreation and apparel both declined in April, falling 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

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

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The index value of 207.925 was 1.3 percent lower than in April 2008. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-W was unchanged in April.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. 2009	
	Changes from preceding month								
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009		
All items .....	-1.0	-2.1	-1.0	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	1.1	-1.3
Food and beverages .....	.4	.2	.1	.0	-.2	-.1	-.2	-1.9	3.4
Housing .....	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1	-.1	-.1	-.7	1.3
Apparel .....	-1.0	.0	-.6	.6	1.0	-.3	-.3	1.3	.7
Transportation .....	-5.3	-10.9	-5.6	1.5	2.0	-1.3	-.5	.6	-15.5
Medical care .....	.1	.2	.3	.4	.4	.2	.4	3.8	3.1
Recreation .....	.1	.0	-.1	.0	.4	.0	-.3	.6	1.3
Education and communication .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.3	3.1
Other goods and services ...	.3	.1	.1	.4	.2	3.9	3.8	36.8	11.3
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	-8.2	-17.8	-9.7	1.9	3.6	-3.1	-2.4	-7.9	-26.1
Food .....	.4	.2	.1	.0	-.2	-.1	-.2	-2.0	3.4
All items less food and energy .....	.0	.1	.0	.2	.2	.2	.3	3.0	2.0

## Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U)

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in April on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The index has decreased 1.1 percent over the past year. Please note that the indexes for the post-2007 period are subject to revision.

### Upcoming release

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.04 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 2004 through December 2008 were replaced in January 2009. 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: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2009.

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 2009, BLS adjusted 29 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 Jeff Wilson at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at [Wilson.Jeff@bls.gov](mailto:Wilson.Jeff@bls.gov). If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	212.709	213.240	-0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	-	637.182	638.771	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.757	218.794	218.364	3.3	-2	-1	-1	-2
Food .....	14.629	218.600	218.162	3.3	-2	-1	-1	-2
Food at home .....	8.156	217.110	215.783	2.3	-6	-4	-4	-6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.150	253.698	252.709	5.3	-4	-5	-2	-7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.898	206.348	205.699	2.5	-3	-1	-9	.0
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.910	199.687	197.124	-5.1	-1.3	-2.4	-2.4	-1.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.194	274.759	274.297	.6	-2	.4	.2	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.982	165.656	162.889	2.0	-1.7	-4	1.0	-1.0
Other food at home .....	2.022	192.234	191.352	5.3	-5	-3	.0	-8
Sugar and sweets .....	.300	197.137	197.301	6.7	.1	.0	.2	-5
Fats and oils .....	.241	204.776	200.464	5.2	-2.1	-1.1	.1	-1.4
Other foods .....	1.481	206.367	205.734	5.0	-3	-2	.0	-8
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.433	122.402	122.883	3.7	.4	-1.2	-1	.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.474	222.216	222.905	4.6	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.314	154.414	155.099	4.3	.4	.9	-2	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.127	219.999	219.671	2.9	-1	-2	.1	-1
Housing .....	43.421	217.374	217.126	1.0	-1	.0	-1	-1
Shelter .....	33.200	249.597	249.855	1.6	.1	.0	.0	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.957	248.639	248.899	3.1	.1	.1	.2	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.478	137.715	137.700	-5.9	.0	-1.8	-2.4	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	24.433	256.321	256.622	2.1	.1	.1	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.333	120.737	120.675	1.9	-1	.2	.0	-1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.431	210.501	207.175	-2.9	-1.6	-1	-1.4	-1.7
Household energy .....	4.460	188.736	184.903	-4.7	-2.0	-2	-1.8	-2.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.301	230.837	228.107	-33.5	-1.2	-1.8	-7.7	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.159	194.752	190.686	-1.9	-2.1	.0	-1.4	-2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.971	158.052	158.698	6.1	.4	.1	.4	.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.790	129.669	129.654	1.8	.0	.2	.3	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.781	150.914	150.809	3.4	-1	-2	.5	-1
Apparel .....	3.691	122.545	123.208	.9	.5	1.3	-2	-2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.923	117.748	117.195	.5	-5	2.8	-3	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.541	111.079	111.871	.6	.7	.8	-7	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	115.548	117.084	.6	1.3	-1.1	.6	1.3
Footwear .....	.688	126.707	128.057	1.5	1.1	.7	.2	.4
Transportation .....	15.314	169.647	171.987	-13.4	1.4	1.9	-1.1	-4
Private transportation .....	14.189	165.023	167.516	-13.9	1.5	2.2	-1.1	-3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	6.931	92.109	92.381	-1.7	.3	.5	.0	.4
New vehicles .....	4.480	134.611	134.863	-2	.2	.8	.6	.4
Used cars and trucks .....	1.628	121.061	121.213	-11.4	.1	-1.7	-1.7	-1
Motor fuel .....	3.164	168.404	177.272	-39.8	5.3	7.6	-4.4	-2.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.964	167.826	176.704	-39.5	5.3	8.3	-4.0	-2.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.382	134.484	134.640	6.8	.1	.5	.3	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.188	242.118	242.649	5.3	.2	.3	.2	.2
Public transportation .....	1.125	230.735	229.827	-5.9	-4	-1.9	-1.0	-8
Medical care .....	6.390	373.189	374.170	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.625	302.908	303.979	2.4	.4	.6	.2	.3
Medical care services .....	4.765	394.837	395.753	3.3	.2	.3	.2	.4
Professional services .....	2.702	317.460	317.661	2.7	.1	.1	.0	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.545	560.995	564.785	6.5	.7	.8	.6	.9

See footnotes at end of table.



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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.741	114.625	114.261	1.2	-0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.822	102.000	102.300	-1.1	.3	.0	.0	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.301	126.187	126.273	3.4	.1	.2	.2	.3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	3.107	187.298	187.416	5.4	.1	.4	.5	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.221	472.185	472.507	6.9	.1	.3	.5	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.886	538.813	539.149	5.3	.1	.5	.5	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.194	84.922	84.985	1.6	.1	.0	.0	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.022	82.022	82.090	1.4	.1	.0	.0	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.408	101.991	102.072	2.6	.1	.0	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.614	9.872	9.881	-2.8	.1	.1	-.5	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.214	86.213	85.714	-13.3	-.6	-.9	-1.7	-.6
Other goods and services .....	3.386	361.156	370.606	7.9	2.6	.2	2.7	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.776	679.078	742.443	28.8	9.3	.7	11.0	9.3
Personal care .....	2.610	204.117	204.896	1.9	.4	.0	.2	.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.651	162.696	163.777	2.7	.7	.0	.1	.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.647	227.982	227.913	2.3	.0	.1	.9	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.074	341.570	342.641	1.5	.3	.1	.0	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	39.556	166.645	167.816	-4.6	.7	.9	-.3	-.1
Food and beverages .....	15.757	218.794	218.364	3.3	-.2	-.1	-.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	23.799	139.962	141.753	-9.0	1.3	1.5	-.4	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.289	170.200	173.855	-13.5	2.1	2.8	-1.2	-.7
Apparel .....	3.691	122.545	123.208	.9	.5	1.3	-.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.598	203.557	209.177	-17.8	2.8	3.3	-1.6	-.6
Durables .....	10.510	109.264	109.404	-2.0	.1	.1	.0	.2
Services .....	60.444	258.597	258.466	2.0	-.1	.1	.0	.0
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.867	260.197	260.469	1.6	.1	-.1	-.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.333	120.737	120.675	1.9	-.1	.2	.0	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.159	194.752	190.686	-1.9	-2.1	.0	-1.4	-2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.971	158.052	158.698	6.1	.4	.1	.4	.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.781	150.914	150.809	3.4	-.1	-.2	.5	-.1
Transportation services .....	5.567	247.912	248.696	3.6	.3	.4	-.1	.3
Medical care services .....	4.765	394.837	395.753	3.3	.2	.3	.2	.4
Other services .....	11.002	302.024	301.668	3.0	-.1	.3	.2	-.1
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.371	211.775	212.464	-1.4	.3	.5	-.1	.0
All items less shelter .....	66.800	200.626	201.271	-1.8	.3	.6	-.2	-.1
All items less medical care .....	93.610	204.766	205.275	-1.0	.2	.4	-.2	.0
Commodities less food .....	24.926	142.728	144.464	-8.5	1.2	1.4	-.4	.0
Nondurables less food .....	14.416	173.167	176.587	-12.4	2.0	2.6	-1.2	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.726	204.159	209.195	-16.2	2.5	3.0	-1.5	-.6
Nondurables .....	29.046	194.105	195.864	-5.4	.9	1.2	-.7	-.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.577	276.407	275.752	2.5	-.2	.2	-.1	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	55.679	247.675	247.490	1.9	-.1	.0	-.1	.0
Energy .....	7.624	177.454	179.704	-25.2	1.3	3.3	-3.0	-2.4
All items less energy .....	92.376	218.033	218.388	2.1	.2	.1	.1	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.746	218.639	219.143	1.9	.2	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.461	141.662	142.489	.9	.6	.4	.4	.5
Energy commodities .....	3.465	172.787	181.102	-39.4	4.8	6.9	-4.7	-2.6
Services less energy services .....	56.285	265.147	265.399	2.3	.1	.1	.1	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$. 470	\$. 469	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$. 157	\$. 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 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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	Oct. 2008	Apr. 2009
All items .....	212.174	213.007	212.714	212.671	8.9	-3.1	-8.4	0.9	2.7	-3.9
Food and beverages .....	219.309	219.076	218.792	218.401	7.8	6.0	1.4	-1.6	6.9	-2
Food .....	219.193	218.970	218.651	218.254	8.1	6.1	1.1	-1.7	7.1	-3
Food at home .....	218.879	217.968	217.202	215.948	9.6	6.6	-9	-5.2	8.1	-3.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	255.719	254.347	253.863	252.062	15.7	8.1	4.0	-5.6	11.9	-9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	208.536	208.389	206.465	206.480	7.4	10.3	-3.2	-3.9	8.8	-3.6
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	209.632	204.537	199.687	197.124	12.7	-2.3	-5.7	-21.8	4.9	-14.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	274.270	275.374	275.843	275.810	16.6	-1.1	-13.3	2.3	7.4	-5.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	163.804	163.173	164.813	163.084	-6	9.8	.8	-1.7	4.5	-5
Other food at home .....	192.914	192.419	192.431	190.826	8.1	9.9	8.0	-4.3	9.0	1.7
Sugar and sweets .....	197.086	196.990	197.299	196.398	4.7	11.4	12.7	-1.4	8.0	5.4
Fats and oils .....	205.904	203.729	204.029	201.213	20.8	14.4	-3.0	-8.8	17.6	-5.9
Other foods .....	207.193	206.838	206.741	205.037	6.8	8.8	8.9	-4.1	7.8	2.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	124.012	122.580	122.402	122.883	7.0	7.5	4.3	-3.6	7.2	.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	221.319	221.968	222.216	222.905	6.3	5.5	3.8	2.9	5.9	3.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.402	154.726	154.414	155.099	6.8	6.6	-4	4.5	6.7	2.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	219.504	219.141	219.315	218.994	2.9	5.3	4.4	-9	4.1	1.7
Housing .....	217.646	217.621	217.335	217.180	6.0	-4	-3	-9	2.7	-6
Shelter .....	248.938	248.881	248.899	249.334	2.6	1.6	1.4	.6	2.1	1.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	247.744	248.087	248.490	248.916	3.6	3.6	3.1	1.9	3.6	2.5
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	139.122	136.561	133.328	134.000	6.0	-5.1	-9.5	-13.9	.3	-11.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	255.349	255.687	256.257	256.627	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.402	120.683	120.737	120.675	1.2	3.9	1.6	.9	2.5	1.3
Fuels and utilities .....	217.515	217.260	214.254	210.702	31.3	-14.1	-9.8	-12.0	6.2	-10.9
Household energy .....	196.727	196.415	192.927	188.753	36.8	-18.2	-12.4	-15.3	5.8	-13.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	256.210	251.478	232.191	227.355	56.4	-48.7	-60.6	-38.0	-10.4	-50.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	202.120	202.043	199.289	194.967	35.0	-14.5	-6.6	-13.4	7.5	-10.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	157.027	157.141	157.817	158.802	6.7	9.7	3.6	4.6	8.2	4.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.759	129.008	129.436	129.434	2.4	3.1	-2	2.1	2.7	.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.438	150.156	150.914	150.809	7.1	4.8	1.0	1.0	5.9	1.0
Apparel .....	118.523	120.039	119.744	119.537	3.6	-2.4	-9	3.5	.6	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	113.210	116.328	116.007	114.062	-1.3	-2.1	2.3	3.0	-1.7	2.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	106.470	107.374	106.592	106.771	6.9	-3.0	-2.3	1.1	1.8	-6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	114.014	112.796	113.510	115.025	-4.6	2.0	1.7	3.6	-1.4	2.7
Footwear .....	124.324	125.209	125.517	126.039	5.0	-5.2	.8	5.6	-2	3.2
Transportation .....	169.489	172.759	170.903	170.259	25.3	-21.3	-43.0	1.8	-7	-23.8
Private transportation .....	164.414	168.067	166.252	165.676	25.0	-21.9	-44.4	3.1	-1.2	-24.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	91.534	91.997	92.016	92.400	-1.2	-6.5	-2.7	3.8	-3.9	.5
New vehicles .....	132.132	133.199	134.020	134.580	.8	-6.9	-1.9	7.6	-3.1	2.8
Used cars and trucks .....	125.893	123.757	121.704	121.616	-7.7	-14.1	-10.7	-12.9	-11.0	-11.8
Motor fuel .....	169.176	182.030	173.947	169.373	80.2	-46.8	-86.3	.5	-2.1	-62.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	166.839	180.685	173.498	168.696	79.9	-46.4	-86.7	4.5	-1.8	-62.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.414	134.108	134.484	134.640	10.1	9.0	4.6	3.7	9.5	4.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	241.076	241.689	242.118	242.649	7.6	6.0	4.9	2.6	6.8	3.7
Public transportation .....	239.071	234.648	232.294	230.470	30.1	-12.8	-19.9	-13.6	6.5	-16.8
Medical care .....	369.914	371.175	371.902	373.257	2.0	2.6	3.9	3.7	2.3	3.8
Medical care commodities .....	299.887	301.710	302.464	303.357	-1.9	1.7	5.1	4.7	-1	4.9
Medical care services .....	391.533	392.512	393.210	394.734	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.4
Professional services .....	316.115	316.299	316.416	316.667	4.5	2.5	3.3	.7	3.5	2.0
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	550.035	554.315	557.588	562.843	4.9	5.9	5.8	9.6	5.4	7.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	Oct. 2008	Apr. 2009
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	114.022	114.492	114.511	114.030	2.3	3.2	-0.5	0.0	2.7	-0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	101.677	101.630	101.640	101.741	-2.2	-5	-2.1	.3	-1.4	-9
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	125.900	126.187	126.461	126.783	5.6	2.1	3.3	2.8	3.8	3.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	186.426	187.249	188.119	188.943	5.5	5.9	4.8	5.5	5.7	5.2
Educational books and supplies .....	466.752	468.101	470.674	472.682	5.7	11.8	4.9	5.2	8.7	5.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	536.592	539.023	541.493	543.870	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.2
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.926	84.944	84.924	84.988	5.7	-1.4	1.9	.3	2.1	1.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	82.030	82.052	82.022	82.090	5.3	-1.5	1.9	.3	1.8	1.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.880	101.895	101.991	102.072	7.6	.3	1.9	.8	3.9	1.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	9.919	9.926	9.872	9.881	-3.2	-8.2	1.8	-1.5	-5.7	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	88.522	87.696	86.213	85.714	-15.7	-18.7	-6.2	-12.1	-17.2	-9.2
Other goods and services .....	350.529	351.139	360.782	370.031	4.9	2.6	1.5	24.2	3.8	12.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	607.403	611.549	679.078	742.443	14.9	2.0	5.2	123.2	8.3	53.2
Personal care .....	203.284	203.328	203.836	204.462	2.2	2.8	.4	2.3	2.5	1.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	162.588	162.508	162.696	163.777	-1.0	2.1	7.1	3.0	.5	5.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	225.734	225.895	227.982	227.913	1.7	3.3	.3	3.9	2.5	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	341.123	341.519	341.437	342.001	4.1	3.1	-2.2	1.0	3.6	-6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	165.772	167.199	166.703	166.603	13.2	-8.5	-20.8	2.0	1.8	-10.1
Food and beverages .....	219.309	219.076	218.792	218.401	7.8	6.0	1.4	-1.6	6.9	-2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	138.547	140.611	140.043	140.066	16.4	-15.9	-31.9	4.5	-1.1	-15.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	168.119	172.896	170.758	169.626	34.9	-28.6	-43.8	3.6	-1.9	-23.7
Apparel .....	118.523	120.039	119.744	119.537	3.6	-2.4	-9	3.5	.6	1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	202.707	209.390	206.003	204.807	42.5	-33.9	-53.6	4.2	-2.9	-30.5
Durables .....	108.857	108.993	109.006	109.203	-7	-5.0	-3.6	1.3	-2.8	-1.2
Services .....	258.406	258.654	258.590	258.599	5.9	.9	1.0	.3	3.4	.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	259.773	259.487	259.349	259.854	2.6	1.8	1.8	.1	2.2	1.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.402	120.683	120.737	120.675	1.2	3.9	1.6	.9	2.5	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	202.120	202.043	199.289	194.967	35.0	-14.5	-6.6	-13.4	7.5	-10.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	157.027	157.141	157.817	158.802	6.7	9.7	3.6	4.6	8.2	4.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.438	150.156	150.914	150.809	7.1	4.8	1.0	1.0	5.9	1.0
Transportation services .....	247.648	248.567	248.393	249.193	9.8	2.0	.1	2.5	5.9	1.3
Medical care services .....	391.533	392.512	393.210	394.734	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.4
Other services .....	300.534	301.506	302.251	302.016	4.8	2.9	2.2	2.0	3.8	2.1
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	211.055	212.061	211.773	211.787	9.0	-4.5	-9.9	1.4	2.0	-4.4
All items less shelter .....	200.133	201.331	200.911	200.676	12.0	-5.3	-12.8	1.1	3.0	-6.1
All items less medical care .....	204.338	205.148	204.820	204.724	9.4	-3.5	-9.2	.8	2.8	-4.3
Commodities less food .....	141.335	143.336	142.788	142.801	15.8	-15.2	-30.7	4.2	-9	-15.0
Nondurables less food .....	171.218	175.672	173.638	172.529	32.7	-26.9	-41.3	3.1	-1.5	-22.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	203.422	209.425	206.340	205.196	39.0	-31.4	-50.0	3.5	-2.4	-28.0
Nondurables .....	193.462	195.833	194.522	193.911	19.6	-13.5	-23.4	.9	1.7	-12.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	277.056	277.608	277.380	276.815	9.4	.2	1.0	-3	4.7	.3
Services less medical care services .....	247.839	247.947	247.779	247.685	5.8	1.0	1.1	-2	3.3	.4
Energy .....	181.938	187.901	182.254	177.924	60.3	-36.0	-65.4	-8.5	1.3	-43.8
All items less energy .....	216.970	217.276	217.539	217.941	3.9	1.9	1.0	1.8	2.9	1.4
All items less food and energy .....	217.265	217.670	218.042	218.594	3.1	1.1	.9	2.5	2.1	1.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.745	140.300	140.893	141.583	1.1	-1.7	-9	5.4	-3	2.2
Energy commodities .....	174.862	186.872	178.146	173.528	78.6	-46.9	-85.3	-3.0	-2.6	-62.2
Services less energy services .....	264.221	264.500	264.698	265.129	3.9	2.2	1.6	1.4	3.1	1.5

<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 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr.2009 from—			Percent change to Mar.2009 from—		
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009
U.S. city average .....	M	211.143	212.193	212.709	213.240	-0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.7	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	225.436	226.754	227.309	227.840	-.1	.5	.2	.2	.8	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	227.852	229.262	229.749	230.400	.2	.5	.3	.3	.8	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.308	133.967	134.411	134.547	-.9	.4	.1	-.1	.8	.3
Midwest urban .....	M	200.815	201.453	202.021	202.327	-1.5	.4	.2	-.8	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	202.001	202.639	203.240	203.463	-1.5	.4	.1	-.9	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.636	129.057	129.334	129.604	-1.4	.4	.2	-.6	.5	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	195.843	196.421	197.267	197.644	-1.6	.6	.2	-1.1	.7	.4
South urban .....	M	204.288	205.343	206.001	206.657	-.7	.6	.3	-.3	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	207.035	207.929	208.529	208.934	-.5	.5	.2	-.3	.7	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.615	130.380	130.873	131.370	-.9	.8	.4	-.4	1.0	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	205.766	206.671	206.927	207.898	-.4	.6	.5	.0	.6	.1
West urban .....	M	215.923	217.095	217.357	217.910	-.7	.4	.3	-.5	.7	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	219.806	220.955	221.124	221.790	-.4	.4	.3	-.4	.6	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.682	131.636	131.775	131.912	-1.3	.2	.1	-.8	.8	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	193.412	194.354	194.750	195.207	-.5	.4	.2	-.3	.7	.2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.135	130.855	131.230	131.557	-1.1	.5	.2	-.5	.8	.3
D .....	M	203.409	203.999	204.672	205.421	-.9	.7	.4	-.5	.6	.3
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	207.616	207.367	207.462	207.886	-2.2	.3	.2	-1.9	-.1	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	220.719	221.439	221.376	221.693	-1.3	.1	.1	-1.0	.3	.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	233.402	234.663	235.067	235.582	.8	.4	.2	.8	.7	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	230.806	-	232.155	-	-	-	-	-.4	.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	198.232	-	199.457	-	-	-	-	-1.5	.6	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	198.623	-	200.039	-	-	-	-	.7	.7	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	137.598	-	138.620	-	-	-	-	.4	.7	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	199.190	-	199.210	-3.5	.0	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	201.913	-	202.373	-1.4	.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	187.972	-	189.701	.5	.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	220.589	-	220.740	-3	.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	220.262	-	221.686	-.9	.6	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	222.166	-	223.854	.8	.8	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	224.737	-	225.918	1.2	.5	-	-	-	-

<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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	207.218	207.925	-1.3	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	-	617.239	619.344	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.942	218.119	217.653	3.4	-2	-2	-1	-2
Food .....	15.865	217.855	217.376	3.4	-2	-2	-1	-2
Food at home .....	9.201	215.922	214.654	2.4	-6	-5	-3	-5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.249	254.395	253.556	5.4	-3	-6	-1	-7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.315	206.094	205.527	2.6	-3	.0	-9	.0
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.992	198.048	195.714	-5.5	-1.2	-2.6	-2.5	-1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.266	271.727	271.771	.6	.0	.2	.1	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.167	165.437	162.464	2.3	-1.8	-3	1.2	-1.1
Other food at home .....	2.212	191.594	190.650	5.2	-5	-3	.0	-9
Sugar and sweets .....	.304	196.015	195.858	6.6	-1	.0	.4	-6
Fats and oils .....	.274	205.693	201.474	5.2	-2.1	-9	-1	-1.2
Other foods .....	1.634	206.468	205.820	5.0	-3	-3	.0	-9
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.472	122.837	123.112	3.7	.2	-1.2	-1	.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.664	222.336	222.957	4.8	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.233	154.054	154.414	4.8	.2	.7	-3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.077	220.500	220.243	3.1	-1	-2	.1	-1
Housing .....	41.313	213.213	212.885	1.3	-2	.1	-1	-1
Shelter .....	31.224	242.605	242.857	1.9	.1	.1	.1	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.279	247.285	247.517	2.9	.1	.1	.2	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.209	138.008	138.008	-5.4	.0	-1.6	-2.3	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	21.430	232.235	232.503	2.0	.1	.1	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.306	121.099	121.084	2.0	.0	.2	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	6.030	209.400	205.840	-2.4	-1.7	.0	-1.4	-1.8
Household energy .....	4.996	186.809	182.795	-4.1	-2.1	.0	-1.8	-2.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.283	236.237	232.068	-31.5	-1.8	-2.3	-7.0	-2.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.713	192.922	188.735	-1.9	-2.2	.1	-1.5	-2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.035	158.460	159.073	6.2	.4	.1	.4	.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.059	125.337	125.458	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.360	153.239	152.980	3.1	-2	-1	.7	-2
Apparel .....	3.979	122.162	122.709	.7	.4	1.0	-3	-3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.024	118.735	117.834	.6	-8	2.8	-5	-1.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.568	110.380	110.990	.0	.6	.4	-8	-2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.249	117.944	119.873	.6	1.6	-8	.4	1.7
Footwear .....	.840	126.858	128.312	1.7	1.1	.6	.4	.4
Transportation .....	17.067	165.978	168.539	-15.5	1.5	2.0	-1.3	-5
Private transportation .....	16.284	162.659	165.299	-15.9	1.6	2.1	-1.3	-5
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.627	89.418	89.620	-3.8	.2	.0	-3	.3
New vehicles .....	4.057	135.744	135.911	-.4	.1	.7	.7	.3
Used cars and trucks .....	2.863	121.669	121.850	-11.5	.1	-1.7	-1.7	.0
Motor fuel .....	4.029	169.060	177.982	-39.8	5.3	7.5	-4.4	-2.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.770	168.574	177.510	-39.5	5.3	8.2	-3.9	-2.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.482	134.485	134.614	6.8	.1	.5	.2	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.242	244.650	245.180	5.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Public transportation .....	.784	229.034	228.525	-5.6	-2	-2.0	-7	-7
Medical care .....	5.355	373.541	374.599	3.1	.3	.4	.2	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.320	294.728	295.699	2.4	.3	.6	.3	.3
Medical care services .....	4.035	396.489	397.553	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.4
Professional services .....	2.234	320.231	320.407	2.8	.1	.1	.1	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.338	557.167	561.516	6.7	.8	.7	.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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.454	111.436	111.182	1.3	-0.2	0.4	0.0	-0.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.982	102.153	102.516	-9	.4	.1	-1	.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.221	122.087	122.152	3.1	.1	.2	.2	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.527	184.824	184.892	5.3	.0	.4	.5	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	474.880	474.950	6.8	.0	.5	.4	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.308	520.146	520.348	5.2	.0	.4	.5	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.694	87.615	87.671	1.7	.1	.0	.0	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.568	85.595	85.655	1.6	.1	.1	.0	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.965	101.977	102.048	2.5	.1	.0	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.604	10.378	10.385	-2.7	.1	.2	-1	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.202	86.004	85.406	-13.6	-.7	-.6	-1.8	-.7
Other goods and services .....	3.668	380.208	394.902	11.3	3.9	.2	3.9	3.8
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.267	682.115	747.906	29.3	9.6	.7	10.9	9.6
Personal care .....	2.401	202.099	203.010	2.1	.5	.0	.2	.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.662	162.516	163.911	2.7	.9	-1	.0	.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.580	228.201	228.119	2.3	.0	.1	.9	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.947	344.021	345.016	1.8	.3	.0	.0	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	42.689	167.514	169.005	-5.5	.9	.8	-.3	.0
Food and beverages .....	16.942	218.119	217.653	3.4	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.747	141.615	143.871	-10.4	1.6	1.5	-.4	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.587	174.838	179.415	-14.8	2.6	3.1	-1.2	-.6
Apparel .....	3.979	122.162	122.709	.7	.4	1.0	-.3	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.609	211.287	218.502	-19.2	3.4	3.7	-1.4	-.3
Durables .....	11.160	108.413	108.596	-3.2	.2	-.1	-.2	.2
Services .....	57.311	253.591	253.403	2.2	-.1	.1	.0	.0
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	30.918	233.903	234.148	1.9	.1	.0	.1	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.306	121.099	121.084	2.0	.0	.2	.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.713	192.922	188.735	-1.9	-2.2	.1	-1.5	-2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.035	158.460	159.073	6.2	.4	.1	.4	.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.360	153.239	152.980	3.1	-.2	-.1	.7	-.2
Transportation services .....	5.512	247.862	248.809	4.1	.4	.4	.0	.4
Medical care services .....	4.035	396.489	397.553	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.4
Other services .....	10.432	290.043	289.738	2.8	-.1	.3	.3	-.1
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.135	205.167	206.081	-2.1	.4	.6	-.1	.0
All items less shelter .....	68.776	196.551	197.432	-2.7	.4	.6	-.3	-.1
All items less medical care .....	94.645	200.421	201.112	-1.6	.3	.4	-.2	.0
Commodities less food .....	26.824	144.172	146.371	-9.9	1.5	1.4	-.4	.1
Nondurables less food .....	15.664	177.487	181.815	-13.8	2.4	2.9	-1.1	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.686	211.094	217.649	-17.7	3.1	3.4	-1.3	-.3
Nondurables .....	31.530	196.174	198.408	-6.3	1.1	1.4	-.7	-.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	26.392	244.413	243.718	2.4	-.3	.2	-.1	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	53.275	243.223	242.980	2.1	-.1	.1	.0	-.1
Energy .....	9.024	175.947	178.485	-26.1	1.4	3.6	-3.1	-2.4
All items less energy .....	90.976	211.989	212.472	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	75.111	211.178	211.857	2.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.513	142.077	143.237	.8	.8	.2	.5	.7
Energy commodities .....	4.311	172.563	181.021	-39.4	4.9	7.0	-4.5	-2.6
Services less energy services .....	52.598	260.158	260.439	2.5	.1	.1	.1	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.483	\$.481	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.162	\$.161	-	-	-	-	-

<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—		
	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	Oct. 2008	Apr. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	206.778	207.692	207.401	207.352	9.9	-4.1	-10.5	1.1	2.7	-4.9
Food and beverages .....	218.714	218.371	218.079	217.672	8.1	6.3	1.2	-1.9	7.2	-3
Food .....	218.536	218.207	217.881	217.462	8.4	6.4	1.0	-2.0	7.4	-5
Food at home .....	217.690	216.694	215.965	214.802	9.8	6.9	-1.3	-5.2	8.3	-3.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	256.432	254.813	254.555	252.843	15.8	8.4	3.8	-5.5	12.1	-9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	208.092	208.151	206.190	206.191	7.6	10.7	-3.4	-3.6	9.1	-3.5
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	208.530	203.023	198.048	195.714	13.0	-3.3	-6.0	-22.4	4.6	-14.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	272.072	272.522	272.783	273.381	18.2	-1.0	-14.2	1.9	8.2	-6.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	163.227	162.689	164.563	162.761	-6	11.0	.4	-1.1	5.0	-4
Other food at home .....	192.226	191.629	191.720	190.049	8.4	9.8	7.7	-4.5	9.1	1.4
Sugar and sweets .....	195.556	195.485	196.202	195.060	4.7	11.3	11.9	-1.0	8.0	5.3
Fats and oils .....	206.547	204.738	204.559	202.186	20.1	14.8	-3.3	-8.2	17.4	-5.8
Other foods .....	207.338	206.781	206.801	204.983	7.3	8.7	8.9	-4.5	8.0	2.0
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	124.477	122.994	122.837	123.112	7.8	6.8	4.8	-4.3	7.3	.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	221.497	222.101	222.336	222.957	6.5	5.7	4.2	2.7	6.1	3.4
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.397	154.520	154.054	154.414	8.1	7.3	1.3	2.7	7.7	2.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	219.832	219.285	219.507	219.265	3.5	5.1	4.9	-1.0	4.3	1.9
Housing .....	213.570	213.680	213.463	213.190	6.4	-.3	.1	-.7	3.0	-.3
Shelter .....	241.879	242.000	242.257	242.595	2.5	2.0	2.1	1.2	2.2	1.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	246.440	246.739	247.150	247.522	3.5	3.4	3.0	1.8	3.4	2.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	139.451	137.170	133.991	134.472	4.6	-3.8	-8.0	-13.5	.3	-10.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	231.392	231.675	232.200	232.489	1.9	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.715	120.960	121.099	121.084	1.1	4.3	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.4
Fuels and utilities .....	216.117	216.077	213.084	209.329	31.1	-12.8	-9.2	-12.0	6.9	-10.6
Household energy .....	194.348	194.282	190.862	186.541	36.4	-16.6	-11.6	-15.1	6.6	-13.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	261.002	255.111	237.288	231.388	51.7	-45.6	-56.9	-38.2	-9.2	-48.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	200.013	200.210	197.294	192.851	35.2	-13.9	-7.3	-13.6	7.9	-10.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	157.447	157.531	158.223	159.211	6.4	10.4	3.6	4.6	8.4	4.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	124.546	124.754	125.029	125.303	2.7	3.2	-.6	2.5	2.9	.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.273	152.168	153.239	152.980	8.0	3.5	-.9	1.9	5.8	.5
Apparel .....	118.677	119.854	119.478	119.065	2.8	-1.6	.3	1.3	.6	.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.105	117.255	116.702	114.576	-1.5	-1.2	3.4	1.7	-1.3	2.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	106.642	107.054	106.208	106.000	5.4	-1.0	-1.7	-2.4	2.1	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.306	115.319	115.748	117.751	-4.9	.8	1.6	5.1	-2.1	3.3
Footwear .....	124.556	125.352	125.880	126.391	4.3	-4.4	1.2	6.0	-1	3.6
Transportation .....	166.362	169.627	167.435	166.620	26.5	-23.4	-46.8	.6	-1.6	-26.8
Private transportation .....	162.806	166.302	164.112	163.332	26.3	-23.8	-47.7	1.3	-1.9	-27.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	89.682	89.662	89.419	89.667	-2.7	-8.3	-3.9	-.1	-5.6	-2.0
New vehicles .....	133.378	134.277	135.162	135.612	.5	-7.2	-1.2	6.9	-3.4	2.7
Used cars and trucks .....	126.534	124.356	122.304	122.256	-7.8	-14.2	-10.8	-12.9	-11.1	-11.8
Motor fuel .....	169.900	182.697	174.688	170.137	79.4	-46.6	-86.4	.6	-2.2	-63.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	167.678	181.433	174.331	169.566	79.4	-46.5	-86.6	4.6	-2.1	-62.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.645	134.264	134.485	134.614	9.7	9.9	4.8	2.9	9.8	3.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	243.594	244.219	244.650	245.180	7.7	5.8	4.9	2.6	6.7	3.8
Public transportation .....	236.685	231.991	230.256	228.536	31.6	-14.1	-19.1	-13.1	6.4	-16.1
Medical care .....	370.068	371.397	372.188	373.540	2.0	2.8	3.8	3.8	2.4	3.8
Medical care commodities .....	291.485	293.339	294.284	295.047	-1.9	1.9	4.8	5.0	.0	4.9
Medical care services .....	393.024	394.081	394.779	396.348	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
Professional services .....	318.623	318.961	319.150	319.449	4.2	2.6	3.3	1.0	3.4	2.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	546.425	550.509	553.960	559.368	5.2	5.9	5.8	9.8	5.5	7.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	Oct. 2008	Apr. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	110.813	111.309	111.324	110.976	2.3	2.7	-0.5	0.6	2.5	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	101.794	101.852	101.751	102.023	-2.0	-4	-2.0	.9	-1.2	-6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	121.817	122.064	122.270	122.505	5.7	1.8	2.8	2.3	3.7	2.5
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	183.869	184.662	185.499	186.203	5.5	6.3	4.3	5.2	5.9	4.7
Educational books and supplies .....	469.011	471.367	473.276	475.206	5.9	12.0	4.2	5.4	8.9	4.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	517.817	520.014	522.397	524.365	5.5	5.8	4.3	5.2	5.6	4.7
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	87.598	87.639	87.616	87.673	5.9	-1.2	1.7	.3	2.3	1.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	85.581	85.624	85.595	85.655	5.6	-1.3	1.7	.3	2.1	1.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.876	101.890	101.977	102.048	7.5	.2	1.7	.7	3.8	1.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.418	10.442	10.378	10.385	-2.6	-8.2	1.7	-1.3	-5.5	.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	88.178	87.622	86.004	85.406	-15.7	-19.5	-6.6	-12.0	-17.6	-9.3
Other goods and services .....	364.631	365.470	379.874	394.363	6.6	2.6	2.5	36.8	4.6	18.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	610.503	615.012	682.115	747.906	15.2	2.3	5.4	125.2	8.6	54.1
Personal care .....	201.461	201.381	201.817	202.554	2.3	2.8	1.0	2.2	2.6	1.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	162.683	162.543	162.516	163.911	-9	1.7	7.1	3.1	.4	5.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	225.951	226.088	228.201	228.119	1.6	3.3	.3	3.9	2.4	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	343.462	343.601	343.711	344.376	4.6	3.1	-1.4	1.1	3.8	-2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	166.831	168.242	167.715	167.690	14.6	-9.9	-23.7	2.1	1.7	-11.8
Food and beverages .....	218.714	218.371	218.079	217.672	8.1	6.3	1.2	-1.9	7.2	-3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	140.426	142.519	141.910	142.044	18.4	-17.8	-35.8	4.7	-1.3	-18.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	172.433	177.755	175.626	174.600	40.1	-31.5	-47.8	5.1	-2.0	-25.9
Apparel .....	118.677	119.854	119.478	119.065	2.8	-1.6	.3	1.3	.6	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	209.548	217.299	214.185	213.527	47.5	-36.8	-57.7	7.8	-3.4	-32.4
Durables .....	108.637	108.475	108.251	108.461	-1.2	-6.2	-4.7	-6	-3.7	-2.7
Services .....	253.417	253.785	253.811	253.695	6.1	.9	1.3	.4	3.5	.9
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	233.312	233.328	233.478	233.802	2.4	2.2	2.2	.8	2.3	1.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.715	120.960	121.099	121.084	1.1	4.3	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	200.013	200.210	197.294	192.851	35.2	-13.9	-7.3	-13.6	7.9	-10.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	157.447	157.531	158.223	159.211	6.4	10.4	3.6	4.6	8.4	4.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.273	152.168	153.239	152.980	8.0	3.5	-.9	1.9	5.8	.5
Transportation services .....	247.099	248.087	248.145	249.142	8.6	2.6	1.9	3.3	5.6	2.6
Medical care services .....	393.024	394.081	394.779	396.348	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
Other services .....	288.590	289.415	290.152	289.907	4.8	2.6	2.0	1.8	3.7	1.9
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	204.532	205.662	205.378	205.393	10.2	-5.8	-12.5	1.7	1.8	-5.7
All items less shelter .....	196.211	197.425	196.931	196.739	13.2	-6.6	-15.6	1.1	2.9	-7.6
All items less medical care .....	200.078	200.971	200.650	200.558	10.3	-4.4	-11.2	1.0	2.7	-5.3
Commodities less food .....	142.991	145.025	144.434	144.560	17.9	-17.1	-34.6	4.5	-1.1	-17.3
Nondurables less food .....	175.208	180.246	178.203	177.208	37.7	-29.9	-45.4	4.6	-1.7	-24.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	209.514	216.564	213.688	213.033	44.1	-34.6	-54.5	6.9	-2.9	-30.3
Nondurables .....	195.377	198.015	196.725	196.298	22.0	-15.6	-26.6	1.9	1.5	-13.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	245.075	245.607	245.340	244.695	10.0	-.2	.9	-.6	4.8	.1
Services less medical care services .....	243.374	243.578	243.498	243.313	6.0	1.1	1.4	-.1	3.5	.7
Energy .....	180.037	186.446	180.751	176.359	61.2	-36.3	-67.3	-7.9	1.3	-45.2
All items less energy .....	210.987	211.226	211.602	212.088	3.8	1.9	1.2	2.1	2.9	1.6
All items less food and energy .....	209.834	210.188	210.707	211.378	2.9	1.0	1.2	3.0	1.9	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.375	140.675	141.363	142.367	1.0	-2.3	-1.0	5.8	-.7	2.4
Energy commodities .....	174.341	186.476	178.042	173.415	78.1	-46.6	-85.5	-2.1	-2.5	-62.4
Services less energy services .....	259.134	259.521	259.892	260.282	3.7	2.5	2.2	1.8	3.1	2.0

<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 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr.2009 from—			Percent change to Mar.2009 from—		
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009
U.S. city average .....	M	205.700	206.708	207.218	207.925	-1.3	0.6	0.3	-0.9	0.7	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	221.704	222.945	223.626	224.252	-2	.6	.3	.2	.9	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	222.707	224.084	224.597	225.214	.0	.5	.3	.4	.8	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.345	133.908	134.558	134.951	-9	.8	.3	-2	.9	.5
Midwest urban .....	M	195.245	195.813	196.453	196.933	-1.9	.6	.2	-1.3	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	195.621	196.147	196.855	197.192	-1.9	.5	.2	-1.3	.6	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.768	128.167	128.468	128.968	-1.8	.6	.4	-1.1	.5	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	192.907	193.527	194.393	194.651	-2.3	.6	.1	-1.8	.8	.4
South urban .....	M	200.067	201.150	201.737	202.619	-1.5	.7	.4	-1.1	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	203.519	204.501	205.066	205.733	-1.3	.6	.3	-1.1	.8	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.529	128.276	128.686	129.309	-1.6	.8	.5	-1.2	.9	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	204.316	205.337	205.744	206.921	-1.3	.8	.6	-.9	.7	.2
West urban .....	M	209.367	210.492	210.661	211.386	-1.4	.4	.3	-1.2	.6	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	211.857	212.890	212.965	213.646	-1.1	.4	.3	-.9	.5	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.639	130.649	130.674	131.103	-1.8	.3	.3	-1.5	.8	.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	191.023	191.927	192.327	192.861	-1.0	.5	.3	-.7	.7	.2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.783	129.488	129.833	130.361	-1.6	.7	.4	-1.1	.8	.3
D .....	M	200.057	200.681	201.485	202.351	-1.7	.8	.4	-1.4	.7	.4
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	200.222	199.944	200.218	200.607	-2.6	.3	.2	-2.2	.0	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	212.454	213.234	213.013	213.405	-2.1	.1	.2	-1.6	.3	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	227.503	228.653	229.064	229.639	.6	.4	.3	.9	.7	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	230.095	-	231.884	-	-	-	-	-.3	.8	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	188.798	-	190.107	-	-	-	-	-1.5	.7	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	199.416	-	200.770	-	-	-	-	-.6	.7	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	136.359	-	137.539	-	-	-	-	.0	.9	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	197.528	-	197.676	-3.9	.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	196.191	-	197.239	-1.9	.5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	185.015	-	186.970	-.8	1.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	217.635	-	217.900	-7	.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	219.356	-	220.732	-1.1	.6	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	216.797	-	218.587	.3	.8	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	218.752	-	220.208	.8	.7	-	-	-	-

<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)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2009 from—	
		Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	122.182	122.506	-1.1	0.3
Food and beverages .....	14.726	128.292	128.063	3.2	-.2
Food .....	13.648	128.378	128.147	3.2	-.2
Food at home .....	7.557	124.782	124.068	2.2	-.6
Food away from home .....	6.091	132.990	133.403	4.6	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.077	127.568	127.359	2.8	-.2
Housing .....	42.421	128.865	128.666	.9	-.2
Shelter .....	32.409	131.493	131.630	1.5	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.004	155.178	152.236	-3.5	-1.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	5.008	96.311	96.247	1.2	-.1
Apparel .....	3.988	90.588	91.148	.5	.6
Transportation .....	17.393	113.432	115.183	-12.9	1.5
Private transportation .....	16.285	113.571	115.477	-13.4	1.7
Public transportation .....	1.108	112.767	112.313	-6.1	-.4
Medical care .....	6.085	144.929	145.294	2.8	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.615	127.992	128.434	2.2	.3
Medical care services .....	4.470	151.174	151.505	3.0	.2
Recreation .....	5.935	105.740	105.284	.0	-.4
Education and communication .....	6.196	109.639	109.709	2.9	.1
Education .....	2.771	173.200	173.305	5.4	.1
Communication .....	3.425	74.141	74.190	.9	.1
Other goods and services .....	3.257	130.478	133.394	4.6	2.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.427	133.731	133.605	1.7	-.1
Commodities .....	41.573	108.187	109.023	-4.8	.8
Durables .....	11.817	80.852	80.935	-2.7	.1
Nondurables .....	29.756	122.155	123.424	-5.5	1.0
All items less food and energy .....	77.561	118.459	118.688	1.4	.2
Energy .....	8.790	149.828	152.229	-25.5	1.6

Indexes for 2009 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2008 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.