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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: AUGUST 2007

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) declined 0.2 percent in August, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The August level of 207.917 (1982-84=100) was 2.0 percent higher than in August 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also decreased 0.2 percent in August prior to seasonal adjustment. The August level of 203.199 (1982-84=100) was 1.8 percent higher than in August 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in August on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The August level of 120.077 (December 1999=100) was 1.8 percent higher than in August 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U declined 0.1 percent in August, the first decline since a 0.4 percent decrease in October 2006. The index for energy declined for the third consecutive month, down 3.2 percent in August. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 4.6 percent. The index for energy services fell 1.3 percent, resulting from a 4.2 percent decline in the index for natural gas. The food index rose 0.4 percent in August. The index for food at home also rose 0.4 percent, reflecting another large increase in the index for dairy products. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Aug. '07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2007								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.4	.6	.4	.7	.2	.1	-.1	.7	2.0
Food and beverages	.8	.3	.4	.3	.5	.3	.4	4.6	4.2
Housing	.4	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.0	2.0	2.9
Apparel	.5	-1.0	-.3	-.3	-.6	.4	-.5	-2.8	-1.4
Transportation	.1	2.8	1.2	2.8	-.2	-.3	-1.2	-6.6	-2.1
Medical care	.5	.1	.4	.3	.2	.6	.5	5.6	4.5
Recreation	.0	.0	.1	.2	.0	-.1	-.1	-.8	-.1
Education and communication	.3	.5	.3	.6	.0	.2	.3	2.3	2.4
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.0	.1	1.5	3.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	.9	5.9	2.4	5.4	-.5	-1.0	-3.2	-17.5	-2.5
Food	.8	.3	.4	.3	.5	.3	.4	4.7	4.3
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.5	2.1

During the first eight months of 2007, the CPI-U rose at a 3.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The larger advance thus far this year was due to larger increases in the energy and food indexes. Despite registering declines in each of the last three months, the index for energy increased at a 12.7 percent SAAR through August. Petroleum-based energy led the acceleration with a 22.7 percent increase at an annual rate. Last year the overall energy index rose 2.9 percent. The food index also increased much more so far this year compared with last year, a 5.6 percent SAAR compared with a 2.1 percent rise for all of 2006. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.3 percent SAAR in the first eight months, following a 2.6 percent rise for all of 2006.

The food and beverages index rose 0.4 percent in August. The index for food at home, which increased 0.1 percent in July, rose 0.4 in August. Another sharp increase in the index for dairy products, coupled with upturns in the indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, accounted for most of the August advance. The index for dairy products increased 1.7 percent, following increases of 3.2 and 2.7 percent in the preceding two months. Milk prices rose 1.0 percent and have risen 18.1 percent since the beginning of the year. The index for nonalcoholic beverages, which fell 0.1 percent in July, rose 1.2 percent in August. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.1 percent after declining 0.4 percent in July. Beef prices, which declined 0.7 percent in July, increased 0.1 percent in August. The indexes for poultry and for pork increased 0.2 and declined 0.8 percent, respectively. The index for eggs rose 2.4 percent in August and was 34.9 percent higher than a year ago. The index for fruits and vegetables declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in August. A 1.7 percent decrease in the indexes for fresh vegetables more than offset increases in the indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables--up 1.0 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home increased 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The index for housing was virtually unchanged in August, following a 0.2 percent increase in July. The index for shelter rose 0.2 percent, the same as in July. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each rose 0.2 percent; while the index for lodging away from home, declined 0.6 percent. The index for household energy decreased 1.2 percent as a 4.2 percent decline in the index for natural gas more than offset an increase of 0.4 percent in the index for fuel oil; the index for electricity was virtually unchanged for the second consecutive month. The index for household furnishings and operations decreased 0.2 percent in August.

The transportation index declined for the third consecutive month--down 1.2 percent in August--reflecting another decline in the index for motor fuels. The index for gasoline declined 4.9 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 5.9 percent in August and were 9.0 percent lower than their peak level recorded in May.) The index for new vehicles rose 0.1 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined for the seventh consecutive month, down 0.2 percent in August.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.8 percent. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have declined 0.9 percent and prices for used cars and trucks, 3.7 percent. The index for public transportation increased 0.5 percent in August, reflecting a 0.6 percent increase in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares declined 1.7 percent.)

The index for apparel, which increased 0.4 percent in July, declined 0.5 percent in August. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.8 percent, as price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear more than offset the decline in prices for discounted spring-summer clothing. Prices for women's and girls' apparel rose 1.9 percent, while prices for men's and boys' apparel declined 0.5 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.5 percent in August. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.5 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.5 percent.

The index for recreation declined 0.1 percent in August. Decreases in the indexes for video and audio, for sporting goods, and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts and sporting events--each down 0.4 percent --more than offset a 0.5 percent increase in the index for pets, pet products and services.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in August. The index for education rose 0.5 percent, reflecting increases of 2.2 percent for college textbooks and 0.4 percent for college tuition and fees. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for college tuition and fees rose 2.6 percent in August and were 6.0 percent higher than a year ago.) The index for communication rose 0.1 percent in August. Within this group, the index for telephone services rose 0.2 percent, reflecting increases for land-line local charges and for land-line long distance charges of 0.4 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for computer software and accessories declined 0.8 and 2.7 percent, respectively, while charges for internet services and electronic information providers rose 0.3 percent.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.1 percent in August. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.2 percent and has increased 6.5 percent during the last 12 months. The index for personal care was virtually unchanged as a decline in prices for personal care products was offset by increases in charges for personal care services and miscellaneous personal services.

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

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

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Aug. '07	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '07
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Transportation	.0	3.0	1.4	3.1	-.2	-.3	-1.4	-7.3	-2.4
Medical care	.5	.1	.4	.3	.2	.7	.5	5.7	4.6
Recreation	.0	-.1	.0	.2	-.1	-.1	-.1	-1.6	-.3
Education and communication	.3	.4	.3	.6	.0	.3	.3	2.1	2.2
Other goods and services	.4	.2	.1	.3	.3	.1	.1	2.0	4.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	.8	6.2	2.6	5.8	-.7	-1.0	-3.4	-18.4	-2.7
Food	.8	.3	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	4.8	4.4
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.3	.2	2.4	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for September are scheduled for release on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected 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 0.06 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 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. 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 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005- December 2005 in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.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 unadjusted 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 2002 through December 2006 were replaced in January 2007. 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: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2007.

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.

In January 2007, BLS adjusted 37 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, fuel oil, motor fuels, vehicles, jewelry, admission to sporting events and educational books and supplies. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the effects of implementing new fuel requirements in the United States.

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 on (202) 691-6968 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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	July 2007	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items .....	100.000	208.299	207.917	2.0	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	623.970	622.827	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	14.992	203.533	204.289	4.2	.4	.5	.3	.4
Food .....	13.885	203.121	203.885	4.3	.4	.5	.3	.4
Food at home .....	7.896	201.401	202.126	4.7	.4	.6	.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.103	223.297	223.981	4.4	.3	.7	.1	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.112	196.690	197.204	5.4	.3	.5	-.4	.1
Dairy and related products .....	.821	197.899	201.739	12.1	1.9	3.2	2.7	1.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.211	254.616	252.845	1.5	-.7	-1.1	-1.1	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	153.384	154.791	5.4	.9	.3	-.1	1.2
Other food at home .....	1.743	174.440	174.686	2.4	.1	.7	.3	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	178.235	178.256	2.7	.0	.6	.6	.1
Fats and oils .....	.227	173.691	174.251	4.0	.3	.6	1.3	.1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.214	189.518	189.781	2.0	.1	.8	.1	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.327	115.017	116.072	2.0	.9	1.2	-.9	.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.989	206.931	207.756	3.8	.4	.3	.5	.4
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.281	144.785	145.376	5.9	.4	.0	1.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.107	207.624	208.264	3.5	.3	.4	.1	.3
Housing .....	42.691	211.286	211.098	2.9	-.1	.3	.2	.0
Shelter .....	32.776	242.067	242.238	3.4	.1	.4	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.930	234.732	235.311	4.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.648	153.016	150.236	6.5	-1.8	2.5	.8	-.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.830	246.149	246.815	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.369	116.577	116.926	.6	.3	.6	-.5	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.264	206.140	204.334	2.7	-.9	.1	.0	-.9
Household energy .....	4.368	187.624	185.453	2.2	-1.2	.1	-.2	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	245.680	246.542	.5	.4	1.9	3.4	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.029	193.184	190.710	2.3	-1.3	-.1	-.5	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.897	144.181	144.972	5.2	.5	.2	1.0	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.651	126.894	126.520	-.5	-.3	.1	-.2	-.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.792	140.691	140.971	2.9	.2	.0	.1	.2
Apparel .....	3.726	113.500	114.439	-1.4	.8	-.6	.4	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	109.568	109.032	-1.6	-.5	-.2	1.4	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.590	101.291	103.237	-2.3	1.9	-1.9	-.2	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	108.759	110.221	-4.7	1.3	.6	-.9	.3
Footwear .....	.749	119.375	120.329	-.2	.8	-.3	1.5	-.6
Transportation .....	17.249	187.690	184.480	-2.1	-1.7	-.2	-.3	-1.2
Private transportation .....	16.188	183.619	180.408	-2.2	-1.7	-.2	-.3	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.581	93.961	94.121	-1.4	.2	.1	.3	.3
New vehicles .....	4.982	135.415	135.204	-.9	-.2	.0	.0	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.716	136.024	137.138	-3.7	.8	.4	.7	.8
Motor fuel .....	4.347	252.909	238.194	-6.4	-5.8	-1.0	-1.7	-4.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.303	251.883	237.108	-6.4	-5.9	-1.1	-1.7	-4.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.370	121.514	121.730	3.0	.2	-.1	.5	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.145	223.487	224.019	3.6	.2	.3	.4	.4
Public transportation .....	1.060	235.767	233.112	-.5	-1.1	.8	-.1	.5
Medical care .....	6.281	351.643	352.961	4.5	.4	.2	.6	.5
Medical care commodities .....	1.446	290.257	291.164	1.2	.3	.0	.6	.4
Medical care services .....	4.834	370.008	371.461	5.5	.4	.3	.6	.5
Professional services .....	2.817	301.131	302.259	4.2	.4	.2	.4	.5
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.630	499.400	501.026	6.4	.3	.3	.9	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

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Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.552	111.347	111.139	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.719	102.779	102.311	-2.3	-5	.2	-.5	-.4	
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.034	119.025	120.311	2.4	1.1	.0	.2	.3	
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	3.076	169.490	172.873	5.5	2.0	.2	.5	.5	
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	418.394	427.425	9.2	2.2	.3	1.1	1.8	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.872	488.382	498.071	5.2	2.0	.2	.5	.4	
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.958	83.553	83.655	-.8	.1	-.2	.0	.1	
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.769	80.840	80.944	-1.0	.1	-.3	.0	.1	
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.225	98.570	98.813	3.0	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.543	10.528	10.487	-16.1	-.4	-1.8	-.7	-.4	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.203	9.601	9.524	-10.2	-.8	-2.7	-1.0	-.8	
Other goods and services .....	3.476	333.415	333.325	3.6	.0	.3	.0	.1	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	553.987	555.217	6.5	.2	.5	.3	.2	
Personal care .....	2.764	195.704	195.521	2.9	-.1	.2	.0	.0	
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.708	158.457	157.788	1.9	-.4	.1	-.2	-.4	
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.677	216.720	217.028	3.3	.1	-.2	.4	.1	
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.188	324.579	325.566	3.6	.3	.3	-.2	.4	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
Commodities .....	40.305	167.938	166.955	.2	-.6	.0	.0	-.5	
Food and beverages .....	14.992	203.533	204.289	4.2	.4	.5	.3	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.313	148.016	146.317	-2.1	-1.1	-.2	-.2	-1.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.191	183.947	180.480	-2.2	-1.9	-.3	-.6	-2.1	
Apparel .....	3.726	113.500	114.439	-1.4	.8	-.6	.4	-.5	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.465	231.983	225.694	-2.4	-2.7	-.6	-.8	-2.4	
Durables .....	11.122	112.177	112.036	-2.0	-.1	-.1	.0	.1	
Services .....	59.695	248.331	248.555	3.2	.1	.3	.2	.1	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.407	252.358	252.530	3.5	.1	.4	.3	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.369	116.577	116.926	.6	.3	.6	-.5	.3	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.029	193.184	190.710	2.3	-1.3	-.1	-.5	-1.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.897	144.181	144.972	5.2	.5	.2	1.0	.5	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.792	140.691	140.971	2.9	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Transportation services .....	5.638	234.632	234.563	1.0	.0	.4	.4	.4	
Medical care services .....	4.834	370.008	371.461	5.5	.4	.3	.6	.5	
Other services .....	10.730	284.859	286.492	2.6	.6	.1	.1	.2	
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less food .....	86.115	209.179	208.607	1.6	-.3	.1	.1	-.2	
All items less shelter .....	67.224	197.408	196.803	1.2	-.3	.1	.1	-.3	
All items less medical care .....	93.719	201.042	200.598	1.8	-.2	.2	.1	-.2	
Commodities less food .....	26.420	150.225	148.591	-1.9	-1.1	-.2	-.2	-1.0	
Nondurables less food .....	15.299	185.382	182.170	-1.8	-1.7	-.3	-.5	-1.9	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.572	228.641	223.057	-1.9	-2.4	-.4	-.7	-2.2	
Nondurables .....	29.183	194.326	192.869	1.0	-.7	.0	-.2	-.8	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.288	262.284	262.588	2.8	.1	.4	.2	.0	
Services less medical care services .....	54.861	238.357	238.507	3.0	.1	.4	.2	.1	
Energy .....	8.715	217.274	209.294	-2.5	-3.7	-.5	-1.0	-3.2	
All items less energy .....	91.285	208.980	209.399	2.4	.2	.3	.2	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	77.401	210.756	211.111	2.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.735	138.757	138.895	-.7	.1	-.1	.1	.0	
Energy commodities .....	4.685	253.696	239.885	-5.9	-5.4	-.9	-1.4	-4.6	
Services less energy services .....	55.666	253.998	254.491	3.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .480	\$ .481	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .160	\$ .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 1982=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2007
All items .....	207.387	207.784	208.028	207.738	-3.7	4.0	7.0	0.7	0.1	3.8
Food and beverages .....	202.227	203.192	203.709	204.528	2.3	5.9	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.4
Food .....	201.794	202.773	203.311	204.143	2.1	6.1	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.5
Food at home .....	200.339	201.525	201.731	202.573	1.9	7.0	5.4	4.5	4.4	5.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	220.379	221.959	222.231	223.047	3.0	7.2	2.4	4.9	5.1	3.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	196.611	197.568	196.783	197.030	2.4	5.2	13.7	.9	3.8	7.1
Dairy and related products .....	187.354	193.257	198.511	201.964	.2	6.5	9.5	35.0	3.3	21.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	263.352	260.558	257.781	257.280	4.8	18.0	-6.0	-8.9	11.2	-7.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	153.191	153.685	153.554	155.469	5.0	3.3	7.3	6.1	4.1	6.7
Other food at home .....	172.559	173.792	174.356	174.576	-2.3	4.2	3.1	4.8	.9	3.9
Sugar and sweets .....	175.236	176.267	177.285	177.514	1.6	.6	3.4	5.3	1.1	4.4
Fats and oils .....	171.038	172.105	174.272	174.376	4.6	2.4	1.2	8.0	3.5	4.6
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	187.921	189.353	189.518	189.781	-4.4	5.2	3.4	4.0	.3	3.7
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.692	116.101	115.017	116.072	.0	4.1	-9	4.9	2.0	2.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	205.233	205.934	206.931	207.756	2.8	4.7	2.6	5.0	3.7	3.8
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	143.226	143.183	144.700	145.278	4.1	9.0	4.7	5.9	6.5	5.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	206.599	207.383	207.624	208.264	.8	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.2	3.8
Housing .....	208.912	209.617	209.959	209.933	3.0	4.2	2.5	2.0	3.6	2.2
Shelter .....	239.550	240.547	241.112	241.475	4.4	3.7	2.6	3.3	4.0	2.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	233.654	234.254	234.903	235.349	4.7	5.1	3.5	2.9	4.9	3.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	141.581	145.059	146.182	145.314	4.2	6.0	4.9	11.0	5.1	7.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	245.277	245.778	246.191	246.761	4.2	3.2	2.1	2.4	3.7	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.386	117.106	116.577	116.926	7.4	-3.3	-3.1	1.9	1.9	-7
Fuels and utilities .....	200.602	200.780	200.791	199.053	-2.0	11.5	4.9	-3.1	4.5	.8
Household energy .....	182.006	182.136	181.795	179.698	-2.9	12.2	5.2	-5.0	4.4	.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	240.264	244.933	253.273	253.876	-32.3	-9.7	33.9	24.7	-21.8	29.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.275	187.119	186.201	183.827	.0	14.3	3.2	-7.2	6.9	-2.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	142.552	142.805	144.181	144.972	3.5	6.9	3.4	7.0	5.2	5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.099	127.183	126.971	126.735	.0	-2	-4	-1.1	-1	-8
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.465	140.527	140.691	140.971	5.7	2.4	2.1	1.4	4.0	1.8
Apparel .....	118.772	118.065	118.585	117.936	-3	4.1	-6.6	-2.8	1.9	-4.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	111.817	111.634	113.150	112.309	-2.4	-3.8	-1.8	1.8	-3.1	.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.951	108.817	108.619	108.533	-4	9.4	-9.1	-8.4	4.4	-8.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	112.180	112.895	111.839	112.203	-4.0	-3.0	-11.4	.1	-3.5	-5.8
Footwear .....	121.648	121.283	123.124	122.326	2.0	-7	-4.3	2.2	.6	-1.1
Transportation .....	187.879	187.592	187.002	184.702	-27.5	3.8	30.6	-6.6	-13.3	10.4
Private transportation .....	184.318	183.924	183.322	180.862	-28.5	3.5	33.2	-7.3	-14.0	11.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.027	94.126	94.380	94.626	-5.3	-2.3	-.5	2.6	-3.8	1.0
New vehicles .....	136.303	136.317	136.361	136.457	-3.4	-9	.3	.5	-2.2	.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	134.481	135.067	136.024	137.138	-13.6	-7.6	-.3	8.1	-10.7	3.8
Motor fuel .....	256.776	254.122	249.813	237.534	-66.5	17.5	166.8	-26.8	-37.3	39.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	255.731	253.031	248.717	236.522	-66.6	17.4	168.2	-26.8	-37.4	40.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	120.990	120.885	121.514	121.730	4.5	2.4	2.7	2.5	3.4	2.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	222.104	222.723	223.624	224.432	3.0	3.7	3.5	4.3	3.4	3.9
Public transportation .....	226.040	227.879	227.627	228.803	-11.0	8.4	-3.3	5.0	-1.8	.8
Medical care .....	348.467	349.272	351.450	353.209	3.2	6.0	3.3	5.6	4.6	4.4
Medical care commodities .....	288.277	288.154	289.810	290.911	-3	1.0	.6	3.7	.4	2.2
Medical care services .....	366.427	367.567	369.912	371.893	4.4	7.5	4.0	6.1	5.9	5.1
Professional services .....	298.929	299.630	300.785	302.356	3.3	7.4	1.3	4.7	5.3	3.0
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	493.924	495.327	499.895	502.604	4.3	6.3	7.6	7.2	5.3	7.4

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—		
	May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2007
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	111.400	111.424	111.335	111.186	0.4	-0.9	0.9	-0.8	-0.3	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.089	103.318	102.766	102.381	-3.0	-3.5	.1	-2.7	-3.3	-1.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	119.491	119.517	119.812	120.182	.3	1.5	5.3	2.3	.9	3.8
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	170.365	170.781	171.682	172.510	6.0	4.9	6.0	5.1	5.4	5.6
Educational books and supplies .....	415.517	416.568	421.161	428.565	6.9	6.6	10.5	13.2	6.7	11.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	491.336	492.532	494.925	496.848	5.8	4.8	5.7	4.6	5.3	5.1
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	83.771	83.594	83.553	83.658	-4.7	-2.2	4.6	-.5	-3.4	2.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.151	80.880	80.840	80.944	-4.8	-2.4	4.2	-1.0	-3.6	1.6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.491	98.485	98.570	98.813	2.5	2.5	5.9	1.3	2.5	3.6
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.787	10.597	10.528	10.487	-30.8	-17.9	-2.4	-10.7	-24.6	-6.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	9.971	9.700	9.601	9.524	-10.8	-4.8	-7.7	-16.8	-7.9	-12.4
Other goods and services .....	332.499	333.375	333.462	333.712	3.3	6.8	3.0	1.5	5.0	2.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	549.703	552.314	553.987	555.217	-1.3	24.7	.6	4.1	11.0	2.3
Personal care .....	195.427	195.833	195.739	195.809	4.5	2.5	3.6	.8	3.5	2.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.594	158.771	158.457	157.788	3.1	5.1	1.4	-2.0	4.1	-3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	216.228	215.860	216.720	217.028	4.3	4.4	3.0	1.5	4.3	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	324.032	325.136	324.498	325.752	5.3	2.1	4.7	2.1	3.7	3.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	168.578	168.620	168.542	167.657	-12.9	4.0	13.6	-2.2	-4.8	5.4
Food and beverages .....	202.227	203.192	203.709	204.528	2.3	5.9	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	149.471	149.116	148.786	147.198	-20.6	3.0	19.5	-5.9	-9.5	6.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	185.615	184.980	183.925	180.059	-23.6	3.2	31.2	-11.4	-11.2	7.8
Apparel .....	118.772	118.065	118.585	117.936	-.3	4.1	-6.6	-2.8	1.9	-4.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	234.300	232.988	231.202	225.615	-39.4	8.5	60.7	-14.0	-18.9	17.5
Durables .....	112.434	112.361	112.376	112.528	-4.1	-2.8	-1.3	.3	-3.4	-.5
Services .....	245.870	246.637	247.174	247.469	3.2	4.3	2.7	2.6	3.7	2.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	249.718	250.724	251.435	251.709	4.2	3.8	2.6	3.2	4.0	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.386	117.106	116.577	116.926	7.4	-3.3	-3.1	1.9	1.9	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.275	187.119	186.201	183.827	.0	14.3	3.2	-7.2	6.9	-2.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	142.552	142.805	144.181	144.972	3.5	6.9	3.4	7.0	5.2	5.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.465	140.527	140.691	140.971	5.7	2.4	2.1	1.4	4.0	1.8
Transportation services .....	231.426	232.372	233.221	234.183	-.7	2.2	-2.1	4.9	.7	1.3
Medical care services .....	366.427	367.567	369.912	371.893	4.4	7.5	4.0	6.1	5.9	5.1
Other services .....	285.213	285.569	285.897	286.386	2.2	1.8	5.0	1.7	2.0	3.3
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	208.336	208.636	208.831	208.356	-4.6	3.8	7.5	.0	-.5	3.7
All items less shelter .....	197.122	197.285	197.405	196.853	-7.4	4.3	9.2	-.5	-1.7	4.2
All items less medical care .....	200.225	200.603	200.770	200.405	-4.2	4.1	7.3	.4	-.2	3.8
Commodities less food .....	151.608	151.287	150.973	149.448	-19.9	3.1	18.8	-5.6	-9.1	5.9
Nondurables less food .....	186.872	186.289	185.359	181.786	-21.9	3.0	29.2	-10.5	-10.3	7.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	230.622	229.586	227.933	222.999	-36.4	8.0	54.6	-12.6	-17.1	16.2
Nondurables .....	194.573	194.630	194.200	192.718	-11.6	4.7	16.6	-3.8	-3.8	5.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	260.009	261.082	261.518	261.644	.2	4.4	4.2	2.5	2.3	3.3
Services less medical care services .....	236.073	237.044	237.457	237.685	2.1	3.9	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.0
Energy .....	216.073	214.911	212.732	205.920	-44.5	14.9	71.0	-17.5	-20.1	18.8
All items less energy .....	208.092	208.656	209.158	209.556	1.8	3.1	2.0	2.8	2.4	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	209.948	210.436	210.933	211.250	1.8	2.6	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.880	139.809	140.013	139.963	-2.5	.7	-1.3	.2	-.9	-.5
Energy commodities .....	257.001	254.792	251.255	239.722	-64.9	15.3	155.3	-24.3	-36.4	39.0
Services less energy services .....	251.880	252.739	253.423	253.985	3.5	3.5	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.0

<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 1982=100 base.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Aug.2007 from—			Percent change to July2007 from—		
		May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	May 2007	June 2007
U.S. city average .....	M	207.949	208.352	208.299	207.917	2.0	-0.2	-0.2	2.4	0.2	0.0
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	220.591	221.579	221.945	221.559	1.6	.0	-2	2.0	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	222.924	224.036	224.229	224.246	1.6	.1	.0	1.9	.6	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.488	130.893	131.391	130.519	1.6	-3	-7	2.5	.7	.4
Midwest urban .....	M	199.194	199.263	198.989	198.551	1.8	-4	-2	2.3	-1	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	200.818	200.666	200.369	199.823	1.5	-4	-3	2.1	-2	-1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.247	127.372	127.111	126.886	2.2	-4	-2	2.4	-1	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	193.467	194.442	194.815	194.716	2.0	.1	-1	2.5	.7	.2
South urban .....	M	200.804	201.675	201.571	201.041	2.0	-3	-3	2.3	.4	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	202.840	204.152	203.953	203.579	2.2	-3	-2	2.5	.5	-1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.893	128.265	128.226	127.833	1.9	-3	-3	2.2	.3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	200.919	201.445	201.576	200.771	1.2	-3	-4	1.8	.3	.1
West urban .....	M	213.063	212.680	212.542	212.406	2.4	-1	-1	2.8	-2	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	216.640	215.901	215.855	215.825	2.4	.0	.0	2.8	-4	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.129	129.262	129.067	128.939	2.2	-2	-1	2.8	.0	-2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	190.327	190.637	190.571	190.382	2.0	-1	-1	2.3	.1	.0
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.347	128.628	128.601	128.216	2.0	-3	-3	2.4	.2	.0
D .....	M	200.118	200.800	200.893	200.311	1.9	-2	-3	2.5	.4	.0
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	205.686	206.092	205.561	205.813	2.7	-1	.1	3.1	-1	-3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	218.596	217.273	217.454	217.330	2.6	.0	-1	2.9	-5	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	227.146	228.258	228.628	228.326	1.9	.0	-1	2.5	.7	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	226.247	-	226.929	-	-	-	-	.8	.3	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	196.216	-	197.010	-	-	-	-	2.0	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	192.779	-	194.286	-	-	-	-	1.3	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	132.982	-	134.442	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.1	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	202.200	-	201.258	2.0	-5	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	201.585	-	199.679	.5	-9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	184.529	-	183.740	.7	-4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	212.820	-	213.127	3.7	.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	217.255	-	218.692	1.1	.7	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	216.123	-	216.240	2.6	.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	215.510	-	215.978	3.0	.2	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	July 2007	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items .....	100.000	203.700	203.199	1.8	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	606.759	605.267	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.475	202.823	203.610	4.3	.4	.5	.2	.4
Food .....	15.457	202.409	203.207	4.4	.4	.5	.3	.4
Food at home .....	9.244	200.569	201.321	4.7	.4	.6	.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.285	223.663	224.220	4.4	.2	.7	.1	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.623	196.323	196.844	5.4	.3	.4	-.3	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.928	198.027	201.598	12.4	1.8	3.2	2.9	1.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.332	252.703	251.575	1.5	-.4	-1.0	-1.2	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.082	152.829	154.152	5.4	.9	.3	.1	1.2
Other food at home .....	1.993	173.727	173.997	2.4	.2	.7	.3	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	176.736	176.664	2.4	.0	.5	.6	.1
Fats and oils .....	.283	174.109	174.872	4.0	.4	.6	1.0	.3
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.373	189.667	189.941	2.0	.1	.7	.1	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.368	115.355	116.348	1.9	.9	1.2	-.9	.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.213	206.657	207.533	3.8	.4	.3	.5	.4
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.279	144.439	144.938	6.0	.3	-.1	1.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.018	207.647	208.253	3.8	.3	.5	-.1	.3
Housing .....	40.463	206.183	206.054	2.9	-.1	.2	.2	.0
Shelter .....	30.570	233.848	234.169	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.021	233.855	234.457	4.1	.3	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.430	153.107	149.919	6.3	-2.1	2.5	.2	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.776	223.093	223.693	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	116.912	117.287	.6	.3	.6	-.5	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.779	204.272	202.397	2.6	-.9	-.1	.0	-.9
Household energy .....	4.842	184.725	182.518	2.2	-1.2	-.2	-.2	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	245.633	246.382	.7	.3	2.0	3.7	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.496	191.010	188.511	2.3	-1.3	-.3	-.5	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.937	144.432	145.259	5.1	.6	.2	.9	.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.114	122.550	122.190	-.4	-.3	.1	.1	-.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.368	143.175	143.526	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.2
Apparel .....	4.041	113.157	114.146	-1.3	.9	-.9	.8	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	109.580	108.556	-2.1	-.9	.0	1.6	-1.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.680	101.709	103.960	-1.4	2.2	-2.1	.5	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	110.906	112.879	-4.1	1.8	.6	-.6	.6
Footwear .....	.954	119.278	119.831	-.4	.5	-.5	1.3	-.7
Transportation .....	19.515	187.606	184.147	-2.4	-1.8	-.2	-.3	-1.4
Private transportation .....	18.793	184.684	181.218	-2.5	-1.9	-.2	-.3	-1.5
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	8.626	93.042	93.229	-1.7	.2	.1	.3	.3
New vehicles .....	5.210	136.663	136.414	-.7	-.2	.0	.1	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.675	136.880	137.999	-3.6	.8	.4	.7	.8
Motor fuel .....	5.441	253.893	239.097	-6.3	-5.8	-1.1	-1.5	-5.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.388	252.957	238.100	-6.3	-5.9	-1.1	-1.6	-5.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.444	121.350	121.584	3.2	.2	.0	.6	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.145	226.090	226.636	3.7	.2	.3	.4	.4
Public transportation .....	.723	233.390	231.082	-.1	-1.0	.8	-.2	.4
Medical care .....	5.228	351.346	352.704	4.6	.4	.2	.7	.5
Medical care commodities .....	1.135	282.662	283.379	1.0	.3	-.2	.6	.3
Medical care services .....	4.094	370.696	372.261	5.6	.4	.3	.7	.6
Professional services .....	2.338	303.481	304.677	4.2	.4	.3	.4	.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.378	493.563	495.191	6.1	.3	.3	.9	.5

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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	July 2007	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.	
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.022	108.403	108.179	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.867	102.358	101.923	-2.1	-4	.2	-.5	-.4	
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.605	115.980	116.981	2.2	.9	.0	.3	.3	
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.329	167.527	170.635	5.5	1.9	.1	.6	.5	
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	421.529	431.089	9.7	2.3	.2	1.1	1.8	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.121	472.395	480.960	5.1	1.8	.1	.6	.3	
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.276	86.015	86.148	-.1	.2	-.2	.0	.2	
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.124	84.111	84.248	-.3	.2	-.2	.0	.2	
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.633	98.721	98.964	3.1	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.492	11.001	10.965	-16.3	-3	-1.6	-.6	-3	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.178	9.495	9.421	-10.3	-8	-2.6	-.9	-8	
Other goods and services .....	3.652	344.221	344.214	4.0	.0	.3	.1	.1	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.139	555.366	556.517	6.4	.2	.5	.3	.2	
Personal care .....	2.513	193.792	193.598	2.9	-.1	.2	.0	.0	
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.771	158.445	157.813	1.8	-.4	.1	-.2	-.4	
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.618	217.040	217.354	3.4	.1	-.1	.4	.1	
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	326.135	327.235	3.9	.3	.4	-.2	.4	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
Commodities .....	44.175	170.252	169.122	.2	-.7	.0	.0	-.6	
Food and beverages .....	16.475	202.823	203.610	4.3	.4	.5	.2	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.700	151.724	149.781	-2.1	-1.3	-3	-.1	-1.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.699	191.603	187.515	-2.2	-2.1	-5	-.5	-2.4	
Apparel .....	4.041	113.157	114.146	-1.3	.9	-.9	.8	-.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.658	244.695	237.329	-2.5	-3.0	-1.0	-.5	-2.6	
Durables .....	12.001	112.425	112.362	-1.9	-.1	.0	.1	.1	
Services .....	55.825	242.901	243.118	3.1	.1	.2	.2	.1	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	30.227	225.455	225.760	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	116.912	117.287	.6	.3	.6	-.5	.3	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.496	191.010	188.511	2.3	-1.3	-3	-.5	-1.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.937	144.432	145.259	5.1	.6	.2	.9	.6	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.368	143.175	143.526	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.2	
Transportation services .....	5.600	233.737	233.831	1.2	.0	.4	.4	.4	
Medical care services .....	4.094	370.696	372.261	5.6	.4	.3	.7	.6	
Other services .....	9.761	274.766	276.015	2.4	.5	.0	.1	.2	
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less food .....	84.543	203.750	203.011	1.3	-.4	.0	.1	-.3	
All items less shelter .....	69.430	194.913	194.109	1.1	-.4	.0	.1	-.4	
All items less medical care .....	94.772	197.504	196.949	1.6	-.3	.1	.1	-.2	
Commodities less food .....	28.718	153.730	151.846	-1.9	-1.2	-3	-.1	-1.1	
Nondurables less food .....	16.717	192.714	188.873	-1.9	-2.0	-4	-.5	-2.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.676	240.471	233.817	-2.0	-2.8	-5	-.8	-2.5	
Nondurables .....	32.174	198.000	196.266	1.0	-.9	-.1	-.2	-.9	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.598	232.367	232.450	2.7	.0	.4	.1	.0	
Services less medical care services .....	51.732	233.415	233.562	2.9	.1	.4	.1	.1	
Energy .....	10.282	217.795	209.441	-2.7	-3.8	-7	-1.0	-3.4	
All items less energy .....	89.718	202.849	203.319	2.4	.2	.2	.3	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	74.261	203.310	203.710	2.0	.2	.2	.3	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.932	139.352	139.557	-.6	.1	-.1	.3	.0	
Energy commodities .....	5.786	254.282	240.247	-5.9	-5.5	-9	-1.3	-4.7	
Services less energy services .....	51.329	248.434	248.977	3.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .491	\$ .492	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .165	\$ .165	-	-	-	-	-	

<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.

- 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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2007
All items .....	203.070	203.289	203.547	203.153	-5.1	4.1	8.5	0.2	-0.6	4.2
Food and beverages .....	201.521	202.484	202.990	203.829	2.3	5.7	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.7
Food .....	201.088	202.040	202.586	203.440	2.5	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.0	4.7
Food at home .....	199.429	200.582	200.860	201.705	2.1	6.2	6.0	4.6	4.1	5.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	220.710	222.309	222.475	223.401	3.4	6.2	3.0	5.0	4.8	4.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	196.102	196.937	196.383	196.683	2.6	4.7	13.8	1.2	3.7	7.3
Dairy and related products .....	187.105	193.100	198.664	201.842	-2	6.9	10.5	35.4	3.3	22.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	261.575	258.830	255.779	255.386	5.7	16.2	-5.0	-9.1	10.8	-7.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	152.510	152.979	153.081	154.886	4.7	2.9	7.6	6.4	3.8	7.0
Other food at home .....	171.900	173.083	173.641	173.908	-1.9	3.5	3.2	4.8	.8	3.9
Sugar and sweets .....	173.743	174.680	175.813	175.909	1.2	.4	3.0	5.1	.8	4.0
Fats and oils .....	171.928	172.917	174.579	175.126	4.8	1.5	2.1	7.7	3.2	4.8
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	188.049	189.456	189.667	189.941	-4.0	4.8	3.4	4.1	.3	3.8
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.035	116.366	115.355	116.348	-3	3.7	-4	4.6	1.7	2.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	205.046	205.691	206.657	207.533	3.0	4.6	2.7	4.9	3.8	3.8
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	143.120	143.004	144.409	144.899	4.2	9.7	5.1	5.1	6.9	5.1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	206.636	207.767	207.647	208.253	2.4	5.5	4.0	3.2	3.9	3.6
Housing .....	204.238	204.709	205.060	205.005	2.6	4.5	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.2
Shelter .....	232.091	232.821	233.328	233.721	4.1	3.7	2.8	2.8	3.9	2.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	232.806	233.368	234.070	234.536	4.5	5.0	3.7	3.0	4.8	3.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	141.776	145.318	145.591	144.594	2.4	5.2	9.4	8.2	3.8	8.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	222.344	222.727	223.171	223.664	3.9	3.3	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.828	117.503	116.912	117.287	7.0	-3.3	-2.7	1.6	1.8	-6
Fuels and utilities .....	199.088	198.891	198.917	197.133	-1.9	12.0	5.0	-3.9	4.8	.4
Household energy .....	179.556	179.274	178.981	176.872	-2.7	13.1	5.3	-5.8	4.9	-4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	239.903	244.615	253.612	253.970	-33.4	-7.4	33.1	25.6	-21.5	29.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.598	185.008	184.154	181.788	.2	14.7	3.5	-8.0	7.2	-2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	142.786	143.086	144.432	145.259	3.2	6.9	3.3	7.1	5.0	5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.542	122.643	122.706	122.415	.0	-6	-6	-4	-3	-5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.780	142.941	143.175	143.526	3.5	2.8	2.5	2.1	3.2	2.3
Apparel .....	118.255	117.216	118.157	117.843	.0	2.2	-5.9	-1.4	1.1	-3.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	111.391	111.352	113.122	111.897	-2.4	-5.9	-1.8	1.8	-4.2	.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.729	108.380	108.877	109.399	-4	8.4	-8.3	-4.7	3.9	-6.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	114.205	114.892	114.249	114.924	-2.0	-2.9	-13.2	2.5	-2.5	-5.7
Footwear .....	121.623	120.984	122.575	121.695	2.0	.1	-3.9	.2	1.1	-1.9
Transportation .....	187.996	187.605	187.060	184.468	-29.8	3.7	34.7	-7.3	-14.7	11.8
Private transportation .....	185.340	184.886	184.340	181.660	-30.5	3.5	36.5	-7.7	-15.2	12.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	93.015	93.140	93.427	93.724	-6.5	-2.8	-.1	3.1	-4.7	1.5
New vehicles .....	137.497	137.508	137.606	137.732	-3.1	-.9	.6	.7	-2.0	.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	135.320	135.917	136.880	137.999	-13.5	-7.6	-.3	8.2	-10.6	3.9
Motor fuel .....	257.662	254.852	250.930	238.460	-66.4	16.9	167.8	-26.6	-37.3	40.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	256.779	253.987	249.916	237.435	-66.6	17.0	169.4	-26.9	-37.4	40.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	120.709	120.666	121.350	121.584	4.8	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.6	2.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	224.729	225.350	226.248	227.106	3.1	3.5	3.7	4.3	3.3	4.0
Public transportation .....	224.919	226.686	226.344	227.314	-8.8	7.9	-3.0	4.3	-8	.6
Medical care .....	348.209	348.922	351.204	353.036	3.5	6.0	3.3	5.7	4.7	4.5
Medical care commodities .....	281.075	280.455	282.230	283.195	-.3	.7	.5	3.1	.2	1.8
Medical care services .....	367.054	368.229	370.659	372.772	4.5	7.5	4.0	6.4	6.0	5.2
Professional services .....	301.184	301.939	303.150	304.885	3.2	7.3	1.2	5.0	5.2	3.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	488.533	489.841	494.151	496.677	4.6	5.9	7.1	6.8	5.2	7.0

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—		
	May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2007
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.634	108.505	108.354	108.201	0.7	-0.8	0.5	-1.6	0.0	-0.5
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	102.693	102.875	102.335	101.959	-2.3	-3.2	.1	-2.8	-2.8	-1.4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	116.328	116.283	116.590	116.935	.4	1.1	5.3	2.1	.7	3.7
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	168.397	168.623	169.643	170.468	6.1	5.0	5.9	5.0	5.5	5.5
Educational books and supplies .....	418.662	419.674	424.475	432.277	7.7	7.3	10.2	13.7	7.5	11.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	475.426	476.013	478.632	480.306	6.0	4.7	5.5	4.2	5.3	4.8
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	86.139	85.998	86.016	86.151	-3.7	-1.4	4.9	.1	-2.5	2.5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.304	84.095	84.111	84.248	-3.7	-1.7	4.7	-.3	-2.7	2.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.610	98.603	98.721	98.964	2.9	2.2	5.8	1.4	2.6	3.6
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	11.243	11.062	11.001	10.965	-31.9	-19.5	-1.0	-9.5	-26.0	-5.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	9.843	9.583	9.495	9.421	-10.9	-7.7	-6.0	-16.1	-9.4	-11.2
Other goods and services .....	342.916	343.960	344.296	344.608	2.1	9.3	2.8	2.0	5.6	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	550.888	553.538	555.366	556.517	-1.4	24.2	.6	4.2	10.7	2.3
Personal care .....	193.446	193.875	193.854	193.923	3.7	3.0	3.8	1.0	3.3	2.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.566	158.739	158.445	157.813	2.6	5.2	1.5	-1.9	3.9	-2
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	216.489	216.174	217.040	217.354	4.4	4.3	3.2	1.6	4.4	2.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	325.230	326.471	325.826	327.281	4.9	2.7	5.3	2.5	3.8	3.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	170.823	170.779	170.814	169.834	-14.5	4.1	15.9	-2.3	-5.7	6.4
Food and beverages .....	201.521	202.484	202.990	203.829	2.3	5.7	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	153.103	152.618	152.445	150.691	-22.9	3.3	23.1	-6.2	-10.8	7.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	193.212	192.248	191.368	186.841	-25.7	2.8	36.9	-12.6	-12.6	9.4
Apparel .....	118.255	117.216	118.157	117.843	.0	2.2	-5.9	-1.4	1.1	-3.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	247.338	244.925	243.756	237.400	-42.8	10.2	68.7	-15.1	-20.6	19.7
Durables .....	112.470	112.454	112.574	112.718	-4.1	-2.7	-1.6	.9	-3.4	-4
Services .....	240.902	241.430	241.916	242.178	2.9	4.3	2.9	2.1	3.6	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	223.723	224.459	224.974	225.280	4.3	3.7	2.9	2.8	4.0	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.828	117.503	116.912	117.287	7.0	-3.3	-2.7	1.6	1.8	-6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.598	185.008	184.154	181.788	.2	14.7	3.5	-8.0	7.2	-2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	142.786	143.086	144.432	145.259	3.2	6.9	3.3	7.1	5.0	5.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.780	142.941	143.175	143.526	3.5	2.8	2.5	2.1	3.2	2.3
Transportation services .....	231.324	232.207	233.079	233.978	.3	1.7	-2.0	4.7	1.0	1.3
Medical care services .....	367.054	368.229	370.659	372.772	4.5	7.5	4.0	6.4	6.0	5.2
Other services .....	275.131	275.263	275.533	275.999	1.8	1.4	5.1	1.3	1.6	3.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	203.249	203.332	203.538	202.914	-6.6	4.0	9.2	-.7	-1.5	4.1
All items less shelter .....	194.686	194.721	194.892	194.208	-9.0	4.5	11.0	-1.0	-2.5	4.9
All items less medical care .....	196.957	197.159	197.352	196.892	-5.7	4.2	8.8	-.1	-.9	4.2
Commodities less food .....	155.051	154.607	154.434	152.735	-22.0	3.1	22.3	-5.8	-10.3	7.3
Nondurables less food .....	194.216	193.378	192.421	188.244	-24.5	3.2	34.6	-11.7	-11.7	9.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	242.814	241.567	239.642	233.632	-39.8	9.1	63.5	-14.3	-19.0	18.4
Nondurables .....	198.318	198.136	197.686	196.000	-12.7	4.4	19.7	-4.6	-4.6	6.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	230.420	231.283	231.603	231.619	.0	4.5	4.3	2.1	2.2	3.2
Services less medical care services .....	231.538	232.397	232.694	232.933	2.0	3.7	3.4	2.4	2.8	2.9
Energy .....	217.017	215.500	213.434	206.267	-46.0	15.0	76.2	-18.4	-21.2	19.9
All items less energy .....	202.235	202.670	203.217	203.660	1.6	3.0	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	202.846	203.171	203.719	204.075	1.4	2.5	1.6	2.4	2.0	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.348	140.228	140.638	140.697	-2.5	.4	-1.1	1.0	-1.1	-.1
Energy commodities .....	257.569	255.141	251.878	240.036	-65.1	15.3	158.1	-24.6	-36.6	39.5
Services less energy services .....	246.851	247.513	248.158	248.736	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.0

<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.

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 Aug.2007 from—			Percent change to July2007 from—		
		May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	May 2007	June 2007
U.S. city average .....	M	203.661	203.906	203.700	203.199	1.8	-0.3	-0.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	217.008	217.794	217.879	217.379	1.5	-2	-2	2.1	.4	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	217.739	218.624	218.523	218.445	1.6	-1	.0	2.0	.4	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.881	131.234	131.521	130.684	1.4	-4	-6	2.3	.5	.2
Midwest urban .....	M	194.553	194.538	194.219	193.663	1.7	-4	-3	2.2	-2	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	195.325	195.105	194.725	194.084	1.5	-5	-3	2.1	-3	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	126.897	126.995	126.738	126.435	2.1	-4	-2	2.4	-1	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.801	192.455	192.804	192.437	1.7	.0	-2	2.2	.5	.2
South urban .....	M	198.175	198.838	198.673	198.063	1.8	-4	-3	2.3	.3	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	201.167	202.215	201.867	201.384	2.0	-4	-2	2.4	.3	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	126.639	126.930	126.878	126.445	1.8	-4	-3	2.2	.2	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	201.358	201.709	201.809	201.006	1.3	-3	-4	1.9	.2	.0
West urban .....	M	207.795	207.311	206.927	206.624	2.0	-3	-1	2.6	-4	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	209.674	208.726	208.388	208.225	2.1	-2	-1	2.5	-6	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.962	129.097	128.840	128.546	2.0	-4	-2	2.7	-1	-2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	188.791	188.909	188.642	188.338	1.7	-3	-2	2.2	-1	-1
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.710	127.942	127.866	127.419	1.9	-4	-3	2.3	.1	-1
D .....	M	198.771	199.237	199.207	198.559	1.6	-3	-3	2.3	.2	.0
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	199.109	199.279	198.700	198.630	2.5	-3	.0	3.1	-2	-3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	211.145	209.614	209.444	209.240	2.1	-2	-1	2.4	-8	-1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	221.396	222.322	222.237	221.905	1.9	-2	-1	2.5	.4	.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	225.395	-	226.465	-	-	-	-	1.1	.5	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	186.889	-	187.344	-	-	-	-	1.7	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	195.216	-	196.198	-	-	-	-	1.2	.5	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	132.330	-	133.766	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.1	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	200.943	-	200.162	2.2	-4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	196.701	-	194.798	.4	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	183.380	-	182.425	.2	-5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	210.938	-	211.041	3.1	.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	216.511	-	217.331	.7	.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	211.422	-	211.620	2.4	.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	210.550	-	210.220	2.5	-2	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2007 from—	
		July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	July 2007
		Expenditure category			
All items <sup>1</sup>	100.000	R120.157	120.077	1.8	-0.1
Food and beverages <sup>2</sup>	15.072	R119.847	120.272	4.1	.4
Food <sup>3</sup>	13.943	R119.871	120.301	4.2	.4
Food at home <sup>4</sup>	8.029	R116.815	117.198	4.5	.3
Food away from home <sup>5</sup>	5.914	R124.002	124.498	3.7	.4
Alcoholic beverages <sup>6</sup>	1.130	R119.804	120.177	3.4	.3
Housing <sup>7</sup>	42.173	R126.149	126.078	2.8	-.1
Shelter <sup>8</sup>	32.495	R127.789	127.938	3.3	.1
Fuels and utilities <sup>9</sup>	4.702	R155.212	153.774	2.7	-.9
Household furnishings and operations <sup>10</sup>	4.977	R95.947	95.600	-1.0	-.4
Apparel <sup>11</sup>	4.076	R85.187	85.888	-1.6	.8
Transportation <sup>12</sup>	17.095	R121.900	120.462	-1.7	-1.2
Private transportation <sup>13</sup>	15.988	R122.487	121.037	-1.8	-1.2
Public transportation <sup>14</sup>	1.107	R115.955	114.645	-.7	-1.1
Medical care <sup>15</sup>	6.055	R136.959	137.430	4.2	.3
Medical care commodities <sup>16</sup>	1.458	R122.712	123.065	1.0	.3
Medical care services <sup>17</sup>	4.597	R141.939	142.452	5.3	.4
Recreation <sup>18</sup>	5.863	R104.984	104.699	-1.1	-.3
Education and communication <sup>19</sup>	6.190	R104.647	105.858	1.3	1.2
Education <sup>20</sup>	2.751	R156.613	160.605	5.4	2.5
Communication <sup>21</sup>	3.439	R74.616	74.658	-1.8	.1
Other goods and services <sup>22</sup>	3.475	R123.762	123.675	3.8	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services <sup>23</sup>	58.763	R129.030	129.206	3.0	.1
Commodities <sup>24</sup>	41.237	R109.199	108.812	.1	-.4
Durables <sup>25</sup>	12.340	R84.723	84.562	-2.5	-.2
Nondurables <sup>26</sup>	28.897	R121.970	121.452	1.2	-.4
All items less food and energy <sup>27</sup>	78.707	R115.066	115.274	1.7	.2
Energy <sup>28</sup>	7.351	R185.944	179.531	-1.9	-3.4

<sup>1</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=120.230, May 2007=120.041, Apr. 2007=119.552, Mar. 2007=118.962, Feb. 2007=118.030, Jan. 2007=117.427, Sep. 2006=117.7, Jan. 2005=111.3.

<sup>2</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=119.507, May 2007=119.140, Apr. 2007=118.585, Mar. 2007=118.355, Feb. 2007=118.065, Jan. 2007=117.393, Nov. 2006=116.2, Mar. 2006=114.7, Aug. 2005=112.9.

<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=119.514, May 2007=119.154, Apr. 2007=118.573, Mar. 2007=118.348, Feb. 2007=118.096, Jan. 2007=117.432, Nov. 2006=116.2, Feb. 2006=114.6, Jan. 2006=114.7, July 2005=112.9.

<sup>4</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=116.622, May 2007=116.305, Apr. 2007=115.532, Mar. 2007=115.415, Feb. 2007=115.058, Jan. 2007=114.241, July 2006=111.9.

<sup>5</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=123.408, May 2007=122.987, Apr. 2007=122.685, Mar. 2007=122.305, Feb. 2007=122.203, Jan. 2007=121.763.

<sup>6</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=119.681, May 2007=119.228, Apr. 2007=119.000, Mar. 2007=118.701, Feb. 2007=117.953, Jan. 2007=117.167, Feb. 2006=115.2, Nov. 2005=113.5, Aug. 2005=112.6.

<sup>7</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=125.846, May 2007=124.902, Apr. 2007=124.720, Mar. 2007=124.470, Feb. 2007=123.957, Jan. 2007=123.297, Sep. 2006=122.7, June 2006=121.9, May 2006=121.1, Mar. 2005=116.5, Feb. 2005=116.0.

<sup>8</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=127.299, May 2007=126.756, Apr. 2007=126.702, Mar. 2007=126.317, Feb. 2007=125.798, Jan. 2007=125.037, Nov. 2005=119.1.

<sup>9</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=155.332, May 2007=149.574, Apr. 2007=147.890, Mar. 2007=147.959, Feb. 2007=146.780, Jan. 2007=146.485, Nov. 2006=143.4, Nov. 2005=144.8, Sep. 2005=144.1.

<sup>10</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=96.331, May 2007=96.309, Apr. 2007=96.416, Mar. 2007=96.645, Feb. 2007=96.594, Jan. 2007=96.238, May 2006=96.8.

<sup>11</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=88.132, May 2007=91.476, Apr. 2007=92.645, Mar. 2007=92.302, Feb. 2007=89.432, Jan. 2007=87.234, Nov. 2006=91.8, Oct. 2006=92.8, June 2006=89.7, May 2006=92.5, Apr. 2006=93.4, Mar. 2006=92.3, Jan. 2006=86.9, Nov. 2005=91.6, June 2005=88.7, Mar. 2005=93.4.

<sup>12</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=122.407, May 2007=122.744, Apr. 2007=120.792, Mar. 2007=118.501, Feb. 2007=115.637, Jan. 2007=115.463, Dec. 2006=116.0, Nov. 2006=115.2, Oct. 2006=115.8, May 2006=122.2, Nov. 2005=116.7, Sep. 2005=123.5, Aug. 2005=118.2, June 2005=114.8, Apr. 2005=115.8.

<sup>13</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=123.120, May 2007=123.671, Apr. 2007=121.594, Mar. 2007=119.192, Feb. 2007=116.182, Jan. 2007=116.087, June 2006=122.7, Jan. 2006=117.1, Oct. 2005=123.4, Sep. 2005=124.7, May 2005=115.7.

<sup>14</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=114.753, May 2007=112.247, Apr. 2007=111.921, Mar. 2007=111.086, Feb. 2007=110.156, Jan. 2007=108.911, Nov. 2005=108.6.

<sup>15</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=136.161, May 2007=136.019, Apr. 2007=135.681, Mar. 2007=135.263, Feb. 2007=135.050, Jan.

2007=133.990, June 2006=131.2, Feb. 2005=124.9.

<sup>16</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=121.981, May 2007=122.054, Apr. 2007=121.916, Mar. 2007=121.280, Feb. 2007=121.623, Jan. 2007=121.956, Oct. 2005=118.2.

<sup>17</sup> Revised index: May 2007=140.897.

<sup>18</sup> Revised indexes: May 2007=105.490, Mar. 2007=105.265, Feb. 2007=105.240, Jan. 2007=105.120.

<sup>19</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=104.758, May 2007=104.927, Apr. 2007=104.522, Mar. 2007=104.435, Feb. 2007=104.243, Jan. 2007=104.138, Nov. 2006=104.5, Oct. 2006=105.0, Sep. 2006=105.1, July 2006=103.5, May 2006=103.1, Apr. 2006=103.3, Aug. 2005=101.7, June 2005=100.9.

<sup>20</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=156.742, May 2007=156.570, Apr. 2007=156.343, Mar. 2007=156.298, Feb. 2007=156.128, Jan. 2007=155.823, Dec. 2006=155.7, June 2006=148.3, Jan. 2006=147.2, July 2005=140.4.

<sup>21</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=74.709, May 2007=74.992, Apr. 2007=74.559, Mar. 2007=74.463, Feb. 2007=74.282, Jan. 2007=74.263, Nov. 2006=74.9.

<sup>22</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=123.990, May 2007=123.790, Apr. 2007=123.428, Mar. 2007=123.184, Feb. 2007=122.953, Jan. 2007=122.497, Dec. 2006=121.7, Nov. 2005=117.9.

<sup>23</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=128.675, May 2007=127.892, Apr. 2007=127.636, Mar. 2007=127.330, Feb. 2007=126.887, Jan. 2007=126.256.

<sup>24</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=109.792, May 2007=110.328, Apr. 2007=109.554, Mar. 2007=108.619, Feb. 2007=107.096, Jan. 2007=106.529, Sep. 2006=107.9, Apr. 2006=108.6, Jan. 2006=106.4, Oct. 2005=108.9, June 2005=105.0.

<sup>25</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=84.915, May 2007=85.156, Apr. 2007=85.459, Mar. 2007=85.617, Feb. 2007=85.685, Jan. 2007=85.716, Aug. 2005=87.2.

<sup>26</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=122.797, May 2007=123.505, Apr. 2007=122.084, Mar. 2007=120.505, Feb. 2007=118.061, Jan. 2007=117.152, Oct. 2006=117.6, Aug. 2006=120.0, July 2006=119.6, Mar. 2006=117.3, Oct. 2005=119.4, Sep. 2005=119.8, Aug. 2005=115.8, Apr. 2005=114.5.

<sup>27</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=115.045, May 2007=115.034, Apr. 2007=115.066, Mar. 2007=114.869, Feb. 2007=114.432, Jan. 2007=113.851.

<sup>28</sup> Revised indexes: June 2007=188.940, May 2007=186.183, Apr. 2007=177.231, Mar. 2007=169.383, Feb. 2007=159.165, Jan. 2007=158.461, Nov. 2006=155.6, Oct. 2006=156.1, July 2006=183.4, May 2006=178.0, Apr. 2006=172.0, Mar. 2006=162.1, Feb. 2006=160.4, Jan. 2006=162.6, July 2005=155.4, June 2005=149.3.

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.

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