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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: NOVEMBER 2005

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.8 percent in November, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The November level of 197.6 (1982-84=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in November 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.9 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November level of 193.4 was 3.5 percent higher than in November 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.5 percent in November on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The November level of 114.4 (December 1999=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in November 2004. Please note that the indexes for the post-2003 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U decreased 0.6 percent in November, its largest decline since a 0.9 drop in July 1949. The index for energy declined for the second consecutive month, down a record 8.0 percent in November. Within energy, a 15.2 percent decrease in the index for petroleum-based energy more than offset a 2.1 percent increase in the index for energy services. The index for food rose 0.3 percent in November, the same as in each of the preceding two months. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in November, the same as in October, after registering increases of 0.1 percent in each of the preceding five months. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent in November, largely as a result of a 1.3 percent increase in the index for lodging away from home, and accounted for over half of the advance in the index for all items less food and energy.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Nov. '05	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All Items	-.1	.0	.5	.5	1.2	.2	-.6	3.5	3.5
Food and beverages	.1	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	3.2	2.2
Housing	.1	.1	.4	.2	.4	.9	.5	7.6	4.0
Apparel	.0	-.7	-.9	1.0	-.1	-.4	.2	-1.3	-1.2
Transportation	-1.0	-1.1	1.5	2.2	5.1	-1.3	-4.8	-4.9	5.0
Medical care	.3	.2	.4	.0	.3	.5	.6	5.8	4.5
Recreation	.3	-.3	.1	.3	.4	.2	.0	2.2	1.0
Education and communication	.0	.1	.2	-.1	.7	-.1	.4	4.3	2.3
Other goods and services	.4	.0	.6	.2	.1	.1	.3	2.2	3.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	-2.0	-.5	3.8	5.0	12.0	-.2	-8.0	11.6	18.3
Food	.1	.1	.2	.0	.3	.3	.3	3.4	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	2.4	2.1

During the first 11 months of 2005, the CPI-U rose at a 3.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent for all of 2004. The index for energy, which increased 16.6 percent in 2004, advanced at a 21.7 percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 2005. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 22.0 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 21.3 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.4 percent rate thus far in 2005, following a 2.7 percent rise for all of 2004. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.1 percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 2005 after advancing 2.2 percent in 2004.

The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in November. The index for food at home also increased 0.3 percent, the same as in each of the preceding two months. While the overall increases were the same, the composition was markedly different in November. The index for fruits and vegetables, which advanced sharply in September and October, decreased 0.2 percent in November. Declines in the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables--down 0.8 and 0.2 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.5 percent increase in the index for fresh fruits. The index for other food at home, which increased 0.4 percent in October, declined 0.3 percent in November. The indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, for nonalcoholic beverages, and for dairy products each turned up in November. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.7 percent after declining 0.2 percent in October. The indexes for meats, for poultry, and for fish and seafood rose 0.8, 0.6, and 1.0 percent, respectively, while the index for eggs declined 1.9 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages, which declined 0.1 percent in October, rose 0.8 percent in November, reflecting an upturn in prices for carbonated drinks. The index for dairy products rose 0.9 percent, following no change in October. The index for cereals and bakery products rose 0.2 percent, following a 0.6 percent increase in October. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.2 percent.

The index for housing rose 0.5 percent in November, following an increase of 0.9 percent in October. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent in November. The index for lodging away from home increased 1.3 percent, following a 3.5 percent advance in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for lodging away from home declined 3.5 percent.) The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.) The index for fuels and utilities registered its fifth consecutive increase of more than one percent--up 1.4 percent in November. A 3.8 percent increase in the index for electricity more than offset declines in the indexes for fuel oil and natural gas--down 6.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for natural gas increased 2.7 percent in November.) During the last 12 months, charges for natural gas have risen 36.1 percent, fuel oil prices 26.5 percent, and charges for electricity 11.4 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations increased 0.2 percent in November, the same as in October.

The index for apparel increased 0.2 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 1.0 percent, reflecting seasonal discounting on women's and girls' apparel.)

The transportation index declined 4.8 percent in November, reflecting a 16.0 percent decrease in the index for motor fuels. Gasoline prices have fallen 20.1 percent from their peak level recorded in September. The index for new and used motor vehicles declined 0.3 percent in November. The index for new vehicles decreased 0.1 percent. (As of November, about 55 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2006 models. The 2006 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2006 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-05-2199, dated November 15, 2005.) The indexes for used cars and trucks and for leased cars and trucks declined 0.9 and 0.5 percent, respectively, while the index for car and truck rental increased 2.4 percent. Airline fares, which rose 1.5 percent in October, declined 1.5 percent in November to a level 6.4 percent higher than in November 2004.

Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent in November to a level 4.5 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.6 percent, as did the index for medical care services. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 1.1 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation was unchanged in November. Increases in the indexes for recreation services and for pets, pet products and services were offset by declines in the indexes for video and audio, for sporting goods, and for toys.

The index for education and communication rose 0.4 percent in November. Educational costs rose 0.6 percent and the index for communication rose 0.2 percent. Within the communication index, charges for telephone services increased 0.6 percent, reflecting a 2.0 percent rise in land-line long distance charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 1.6 percent in November and has fallen 15.5 percent over the last 12 months.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in November. The indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal care each increased 0.4 percent.

### **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 0.8 percent in November.

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 Nov. '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
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Food and beverages	.1	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	3.4	2.1
Housing	.2	.2	.4	.2	.5	.9	.5	8.0	4.3
Apparel	.1	-.8	-.6	.8	-.3	-.4	.1	-2.7	-1.3
Transportation	-1.0	-.1	1.6	2.4	5.4	-1.4	-5.1	-5.5	5.4
Medical care	.4	.2	.4	.0	.2	.6	.7	6.3	4.6
Recreation	.4	-.4	.0	.3	.4	.3	-.1	2.3	.8
Education and communication	.0	-.1	.2	-.2	.7	-.1	.4	4.4	1.9
Other goods and services	.3	.0	.7	.3	.2	.0	.3	2.2	3.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	-2.1	-.6	4.1	5.1	12.3	-.5	-8.5	9.0	18.0
Food	.1	-.1	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	3.4	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.1	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for December are scheduled for release on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 2006:

Feb. 22  
Mar. 16  
Apr. 19  
May 17  
June 14  
July 19

Aug. 16  
Sep. 15  
Oct. 18  
Nov. 16  
Dec. 15  
Jan. 18, 2007

## **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.

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## **A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data**

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2000 through December 2004 were replaced in January 2005. 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 for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2005.

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

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

For the fuel oil, utility (piped) gas, motor fuels, and educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of labor and supply problems for coffee. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, changes in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk, butter and cheese production levels. For Fresh vegetable series, the method was used to account for the effects of hurricane-related disruptions. For Electricity, it was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than

expected weather, increased rates to conserve supplies, and declining natural gas inventories. For new vehicle series, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

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 Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at [Chow.Daniel@bls.gov](mailto:Chow.Daniel@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 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items .....	100.000	199.2	197.6	3.5	-0.8	1.2	0.2	-0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	-	596.7	592.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.291	192.5	192.8	2.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Food .....	14.295	192.1	192.4	2.2	.2	.3	.3	.3
Food at home .....	8.183	190.8	191.0	1.5	.1	.3	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.185	209.4	209.1	1.1	-1	-4	.6	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.272	184.6	185.8	1.9	.7	.5	-2	.7
Dairy and related products .....	.849	182.6	183.5	1.4	.5	-1.2	.0	.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.276	245.7	246.4	-8	.3	1.5	1.3	-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	145.6	145.5	4.2	-1	.8	-1	.8
Other food at home .....	1.716	168.3	167.3	1.8	-6	.0	.4	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	166.3	166.5	2.1	.1	.9	.5	.7
Fats and oils .....	.258	168.6	166.2	-1.0	-1.4	1.1	-9	.1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.163	184.0	183.0	2.3	-5	-4	.5	-5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.301	112.1	112.7	2.0	.5	-3	.5	.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.113	195.2	195.6	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.332	133.5	133.7	5.5	.1	.3	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	.996	196.8	197.1	1.6	.2	.4	.1	.2
Housing .....	41.993	198.4	198.5	4.0	.1	.4	.9	.5
Shelter .....	32.686	225.7	225.4	2.5	-1	-1	.5	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	6.133	219.3	220.0	3.2	.3	.1	.4	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	3.008	129.7	125.2	2.7	-3.5	-2.5	3.5	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.158	231.7	232.2	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	115.8	115.9	-1.5	.1	-1.0	-7	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.951	192.8	194.6	17.5	.9	4.2	4.4	1.4
Fuels .....	4.021	176.2	178.0	20.4	1.0	5.1	5.2	1.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	241.1	231.5	24.1	-4.0	11.8	.9	-4.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	180.7	183.4	20.1	1.5	4.6	5.6	2.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	131.9	132.5	5.0	.5	.3	.4	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.355	125.9	126.1	.2	.2	-2	.2	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	131.6	132.5	4.3	.7	.2	.5	.7
Apparel .....	3.841	122.7	121.5	-1.2	-1.0	-1	-4	.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	117.2	117.4	-1.3	.2	-1.0	.3	-3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.638	115.1	113.9	-2.5	-1.0	-4	-4	1.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	116.3	115.3	-4.2	-9	-1.0	-6	-7
Footwear .....	.765	126.7	124.3	2.1	-1.9	1.5	-7	-1.7
Transportation .....	17.414	184.0	175.6	5.0	-4.6	5.1	-1.3	-4.8
Private transportation .....	16.385	180.5	171.8	5.0	-4.8	5.4	-1.5	-5.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.744	95.7	95.8	.6	.1	.4	.0	-3
New vehicles .....	4.692	137.1	138.0	.1	.7	.4	.5	-1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.037	140.6	139.4	2.0	-9	-4	-6	-9
Motor fuel .....	3.969	237.1	199.7	16.2	-15.8	17.8	-4.4	-16.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.934	235.9	198.6	16.1	-15.8	17.9	-4.5	-16.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	113.0	113.6	3.4	.5	.3	.3	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.341	209.8	210.5	3.7	.3	.7	.4	.2
Public transportation .....	1.029	222.7	220.8	5.8	-9	.1	1.4	.0
Medical care .....	6.132	326.2	328.1	4.5	.6	.3	.5	.6
Medical care commodities .....	1.484	278.9	280.3	3.4	.5	.3	.5	.6
Medical care services .....	4.649	339.7	341.7	4.8	.6	.3	.5	.6
Professional services .....	2.767	284.0	284.5	3.8	.2	.4	.5	.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.516	443.6	449.6	5.8	1.4	.3	.8	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.733	109.9	109.8	1.0	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.691	104.4	104.2	.2	-2	.5	-1	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.846	115.1	115.3	2.3	.2	.7	-1	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.931	157.4	157.5	6.1	.1	.8	.3	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	373.9	373.6	5.4	-1	1.8	.5	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.712	454.7	455.1	6.2	.1	.7	.2	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.914	84.2	84.4	-1.4	.2	.7	-5	.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.737	82.0	82.2	-1.6	.2	.7	-5	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.187	94.6	95.2	.3	.6	1.1	-5	.6
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.550	13.3	13.1	-8.4	-1.5	-7	.0	-1.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.192	12.2	12.0	-15.5	-1.6	-8	-8	-1.6
Other goods and services .....	3.750	315.3	316.2	3.0	.3	.1	.1	.3
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.804	509.4	511.2	6.1	.4	.7	-1	.4
Personal care .....	2.946	186.4	186.9	2.1	.3	-1	.2	.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.658	155.0	155.0	.8	.0	-3	.1	.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.652	204.8	205.2	2.6	.2	.2	.1	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.454	305.0	305.9	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.239	165.1	161.5	2.7	-2.2	2.4	-5	-2.2
Food and beverages .....	15.291	192.5	192.8	2.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.948	148.9	143.6	3.0	-3.6	3.7	-1.0	-3.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.980	182.0	171.1	5.6	-6.0	5.4	-1.2	-4.9
Apparel .....	3.841	122.7	121.5	-1.2	-1.0	-1	-4	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.139	222.8	205.9	8.3	-7.6	8.5	-1.9	-7.6
Durables .....	10.967	114.9	114.9	-.3	.0	.2	.1	-.3
Services .....	59.761	233.0	233.5	4.0	.2	.4	.7	.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.300	235.1	234.9	2.6	-1	-2	.6	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	115.8	115.9	-1.5	.1	-1.0	-7	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	180.7	183.4	20.1	1.5	4.6	5.6	2.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	131.9	132.5	5.0	.5	.3	.4	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	131.6	132.5	4.3	.7	.2	.5	.7
Transportation services .....	6.235	227.6	228.4	2.5	.4	.4	.0	.2
Medical care services .....	4.649	339.7	341.7	4.8	.6	.3	.5	.6
Other services .....	10.833	271.5	272.1	3.0	.2	.6	.1	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.705	200.4	198.5	3.7	-9	1.4	.2	-7
All items less shelter .....	67.314	191.1	189.0	3.9	-1.1	1.8	.1	-1.0
All items less medical care .....	93.868	192.6	190.9	3.4	-9	1.3	.2	-7
Commodities less food .....	25.943	150.8	145.6	3.0	-3.4	3.6	-1.0	-3.4
Nondurables less food .....	14.976	183.0	172.7	5.4	-5.6	5.3	-1.4	-4.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.135	219.6	204.2	7.6	-7.0	7.8	-1.8	-7.0
Nondurables .....	29.271	188.0	182.4	3.9	-3.0	2.8	-5	-2.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.462	248.2	249.5	5.5	.5	1.0	.9	.7
Services less medical care services .....	55.113	224.1	224.4	3.8	.1	.4	.9	.4
Energy .....	7.991	204.3	187.6	18.3	-8.2	12.0	-2	-8.0
All items less energy .....	92.009	200.1	200.2	2.1	.0	.2	.3	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.714	202.3	202.3	2.1	.0	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.674	141.0	140.8	.1	-1	.1	.0	-1
Energy commodities .....	4.269	238.6	202.7	16.8	-15.0	17.4	-4.1	-15.2
Services less energy services .....	56.040	238.4	238.6	2.9	.1	.1	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.502	\$.506	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.168	\$.169	-	-	-	-	-

<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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	196.1	198.5	198.9	197.8	1.7	4.4	4.2	3.5	3.1	3.8
Food and beverages .....	191.5	191.9	192.5	193.0	.6	3.9	1.1	3.2	2.2	2.1
Food .....	191.0	191.5	192.1	192.6	.6	3.9	1.1	3.4	2.2	2.2
Food at home .....	189.7	190.2	190.8	191.4	-1.7	5.2	-.8	3.6	1.7	1.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	209.3	208.5	209.8	210.3	.4	1.7	.4	1.9	1.1	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	183.9	184.8	184.4	185.7	4.0	3.5	-3.6	4.0	3.8	.1
Dairy and related products .....	183.3	181.1	181.1	182.8	3.4	3.8	.0	-1.1	3.6	-5
Fruits and vegetables .....	240.4	244.1	247.2	246.7	-21.4	14.9	-3.4	10.9	-4.9	3.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	144.5	145.7	145.6	146.8	1.7	9.1	-.3	6.5	5.3	3.1
Other food at home .....	167.6	167.6	168.2	167.7	.7	2.7	3.4	.2	1.7	1.8
Sugar and sweets .....	164.4	165.8	166.6	167.8	-2.9	-.7	3.5	8.5	-1.8	6.0
Fats and oils .....	167.1	168.9	167.4	167.6	-.9	-3.5	-.5	1.2	-2.2	.4
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	183.9	183.1	184.0	183.0	1.8	5.2	4.2	-1.9	3.5	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.8	111.5	112.1	112.7	-.7	1.8	3.7	3.3	.5	3.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	194.2	194.6	195.2	195.6	3.9	2.5	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	132.7	133.1	133.2	133.4	7.1	5.4	7.2	2.1	6.3	4.7
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	195.9	196.6	196.8	197.1	2.5	.6	.8	2.5	1.6	1.6
Housing .....	195.9	196.7	198.5	199.5	2.7	3.4	2.7	7.6	3.0	5.1
Shelter .....	224.9	224.6	225.7	226.4	2.9	2.4	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	218.3	218.6	219.5	220.0	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	128.9	125.7	130.1	131.8	2.8	.9	-1.8	9.3	1.9	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	230.9	231.2	231.5	232.0	2.7	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.7	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.8	116.6	115.8	115.9	3.4	-2.3	-.7	-6.3	.5	-3.5
Fuels and utilities .....	178.0	185.5	193.6	196.4	3.6	11.3	10.8	48.2	7.4	28.1
Fuels .....	160.2	168.4	177.2	180.0	2.7	13.3	12.1	59.4	7.9	33.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	217.1	242.7	245.0	234.5	-20.3	35.2	61.4	36.1	3.8	48.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	164.5	172.0	181.6	185.4	5.0	11.4	9.0	61.4	8.2	32.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	130.9	131.3	131.8	132.5	7.2	3.1	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.0	125.8	126.0	126.3	-.3	2.6	-2.2	1.0	1.1	-.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	130.7	131.0	131.6	132.5	5.1	3.5	3.1	5.6	4.3	4.4
Apparel .....	119.4	119.3	118.8	119.0	-1.3	.7	-2.6	-1.3	-.3	-2.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	115.7	114.6	114.9	114.6	4.9	.7	-6.3	-3.7	2.8	-5.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.2	109.8	109.4	111.0	-9.8	1.8	-3.9	2.9	-4.2	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	115.6	114.4	113.7	112.9	2.4	2.7	-12.1	-9.0	2.6	-10.6
Footwear .....	123.4	125.2	124.3	122.2	11.1	-3.2	4.7	-3.8	3.7	.3
Transportation .....	177.3	186.4	183.9	175.1	-.2	11.0	15.6	-4.9	5.2	4.9
Private transportation .....	173.6	183.0	180.3	171.1	.2	11.0	15.9	-5.6	5.5	4.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.5	95.9	95.9	95.6	2.1	.8	-.8	.4	1.5	-.2
New vehicles .....	136.4	137.0	137.7	137.5	4.7	-1.4	-5.9	3.3	1.6	-1.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	142.0	141.5	140.6	139.4	2.7	3.5	9.5	-7.1	3.1	.9
Motor fuel .....	209.1	246.3	235.5	197.9	-6.4	45.6	66.4	-19.8	16.7	15.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	208.1	245.3	234.3	196.8	-6.2	45.5	66.5	-20.0	16.8	15.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.4	112.7	113.0	113.6	3.7	.4	5.1	4.3	2.0	4.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	207.5	208.9	209.8	210.3	1.8	4.6	3.3	5.5	3.2	4.4
Public transportation .....	220.6	220.9	224.0	224.0	-6.6	15.7	9.4	6.3	3.9	7.8
Medical care .....	324.1	325.0	326.7	328.7	5.2	4.2	2.6	5.8	4.7	4.2
Medical care commodities .....	276.5	277.4	278.9	280.6	2.2	2.2	2.8	6.1	2.2	4.4
Medical care services .....	337.7	338.6	340.4	342.4	6.0	4.9	2.6	5.7	5.5	4.2
Professional services .....	282.1	283.3	284.6	285.4	4.4	4.8	1.1	4.8	4.6	2.9
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	440.0	441.1	444.5	449.6	7.4	5.7	1.3	9.0	6.6	5.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	109.4	109.8	110.0	110.0	-0.4	1.9	0.4	2.2	0.7	1.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.3	104.8	104.7	104.5	-1.9	1.9	.0	.8	.0	.4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	113.6	114.4	114.3	114.8	1.8	2.5	.7	4.3	2.2	2.5
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	153.6	154.8	155.2	156.1	5.3	7.7	4.8	6.7	6.5	5.7
Educational books and supplies .....	365.3	371.7	373.6	375.8	.7	6.4	3.0	12.0	3.5	7.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	443.9	447.0	448.0	450.6	5.6	7.8	5.1	6.2	6.7	5.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.0	84.6	84.2	84.4	-9	-2.3	-4.2	1.9	-1.6	-1.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.8	82.4	82.0	82.2	-1.0	-2.9	-4.3	2.0	-1.9	-1.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	94.1	95.1	94.6	95.2	.8	-1.3	-2.9	4.8	-2	.8
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.1	-8.1	-5.6	-11.1	-8.7	-6.9	-9.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	12.4	12.3	12.2	12.0	-18.3	-8.6	-22.1	-12.3	-13.6	-17.4
Other goods and services .....	314.7	315.0	315.3	316.4	4.4	2.2	3.1	2.2	3.3	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	506.5	510.1	509.4	511.2	12.5	1.5	7.0	3.8	6.9	5.4
Personal care .....	186.3	186.1	186.4	187.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.2	154.8	155.0	155.0	.3	1.3	2.1	-5	.8	.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	204.1	204.6	204.8	205.2	5.9	-2	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	304.2	305.0	305.6	306.5	2.3	4.1	2.7	3.1	3.2	2.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	161.5	165.4	164.6	161.0	.3	6.0	6.2	-1.2	3.1	2.4
Food and beverages .....	191.5	191.9	192.5	193.0	.6	3.9	1.1	3.2	2.2	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	144.3	149.6	148.1	142.9	-3	7.4	9.7	-3.8	3.5	2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	173.2	182.5	180.3	171.5	-5.8	8.0	27.5	-3.9	.9	10.7
Apparel .....	119.4	119.3	118.8	119.0	-1.3	.7	-2.6	-1.3	-3	-2.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	209.2	226.9	222.6	205.7	-3.1	19.3	27.2	-6.5	7.5	9.0
Durables .....	114.9	115.1	115.2	114.9	2.1	-7	-2.4	.0	.7	-1.2
Services .....	230.5	231.4	233.0	234.2	2.9	3.6	2.8	6.6	3.2	4.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	234.3	233.8	235.1	235.8	3.2	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.8	116.6	115.8	115.9	3.4	-2.3	-7	-6.3	.5	-3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	164.5	172.0	181.6	185.4	5.0	11.4	9.0	61.4	8.2	32.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	130.9	131.3	131.8	132.5	7.2	3.1	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	130.7	131.0	131.6	132.5	5.1	3.5	3.1	5.6	4.3	4.4
Transportation services .....	227.1	227.9	228.0	228.4	-9	4.2	4.5	2.3	1.6	3.4
Medical care services .....	337.7	338.6	340.4	342.4	6.0	4.9	2.6	5.7	5.5	4.2
Other services .....	268.6	270.3	270.7	271.7	2.6	3.2	1.5	4.7	2.9	3.1
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	197.0	199.7	200.1	198.6	1.7	4.7	4.8	3.3	3.2	4.0
All items less shelter .....	187.1	190.5	190.7	188.8	1.1	5.6	5.3	3.7	3.3	4.5
All items less medical care .....	189.6	192.0	192.4	191.1	1.5	4.6	4.3	3.2	3.1	3.8
Commodities less food .....	146.2	151.5	150.0	144.9	-3	7.3	9.0	-3.5	3.4	2.5
Nondurables less food .....	174.6	183.8	181.3	173.1	-5.0	7.6	25.1	-3.4	1.1	9.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	207.2	223.4	219.4	204.0	-2.5	17.6	24.6	-6.0	7.1	8.2
Nondurables .....	182.8	188.0	187.1	182.6	-2.3	6.6	12.5	-4	2.1	5.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	243.5	245.9	248.2	250.0	2.2	5.1	3.9	11.1	3.7	7.4
Services less medical care services .....	221.6	222.4	224.3	225.1	2.8	3.5	2.8	6.5	3.2	4.6
Energy .....	182.7	204.6	204.1	187.8	-2.0	28.7	38.2	11.6	12.3	24.2
All items less energy .....	199.0	199.3	199.8	200.3	1.8	2.7	1.2	2.6	2.3	1.9
All items less food and energy .....	201.2	201.4	201.9	202.4	2.4	2.2	1.4	2.4	2.3	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.1	140.3	140.3	140.2	1.1	.6	-1.4	.3	.9	-6
Energy commodities .....	210.7	247.3	237.2	201.2	-7.4	44.8	66.4	-16.9	15.8	17.6
Services less energy services .....	237.2	237.5	238.3	239.2	2.8	2.9	2.4	3.4	2.9	2.9

<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 Nov.2005 from—			Percent change to Oct.2005 from—		
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	196.4	198.8	199.2	197.6	3.5	-0.6	-0.8	4.3	1.4	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	208.7	210.8	211.5	210.0	3.7	-4	-7	4.4	1.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	211.2	213.2	213.8	212.2	3.7	-5	-7	4.5	1.2	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.0	124.5	125.2	124.3	3.5	-2	-7	4.2	1.8	.6
Midwest urban .....	M	189.7	192.5	192.1	190.3	3.0	-1.1	-9	4.1	1.3	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.5	193.8	193.7	192.1	2.8	-9	-8	3.7	1.1	-1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.9	123.1	122.6	121.3	3.1	-1.5	-1.1	4.4	1.4	-4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	184.6	187.2	186.8	185.0	4.1	-1.2	-1.0	5.5	1.2	-2
South urban .....	M	189.4	192.0	192.5	190.7	3.8	-7	-9	4.8	1.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.0	193.9	194.5	192.9	4.3	-5	-8	5.1	1.8	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.9	122.3	122.5	121.4	3.4	-7	-9	4.3	1.3	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	188.6	191.9	193.6	190.7	4.5	-6	-1.5	5.9	2.7	.9
West urban .....	M	199.6	201.7	202.6	201.4	3.2	-1	-6	3.9	1.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	202.4	204.5	205.4	204.2	3.3	-1	-6	4.0	1.5	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.0	123.1	123.6	122.8	2.9	-2	-6	3.7	1.3	.4
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	179.6	181.7	182.1	180.8	3.6	-5	-7	4.3	1.4	.2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.3	122.9	123.1	122.0	3.2	-7	-9	4.2	1.5	.2
D .....	M	188.7	191.5	192.2	190.2	3.9	-7	-1.0	5.1	1.9	.4
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	195.8	198.3	197.9	197.3	3.5	-5	-3	3.7	1.1	-2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	203.1	205.8	206.9	205.6	4.4	-1	-6	5.4	1.9	.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	214.1	215.8	216.6	215.3	3.9	-2	-6	4.5	1.2	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	220.1	-	218.6	3.3	-7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	191.6	-	189.9	3.7	-9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	188.9	-	187.8	4.4	-6	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	126.7	-	125.4	3.7	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	189.5	-	193.9	-	-	-	-	5.4	2.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	192.2	-	195.1	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	175.5	-	179.2	-	-	-	-	4.3	2.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	195.6	-	198.8	-	-	-	-	6.3	1.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	206.6	-	207.5	-	-	-	-	3.6	.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	203.0	-	205.9	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	199.9	-	203.3	-	-	-	-	3.5	1.7	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items .....	100.000	195.2	193.4	3.5	-0.9	1.4	0.1	-0.8
All items (1967=100) .....	-	581.5	576.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.024	191.8	192.1	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Food .....	15.940	191.4	191.7	2.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Food at home .....	9.540	189.9	190.1	1.5	.1	.2	.3	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.342	209.2	208.9	1.0	-1	-3	.7	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.845	184.5	185.8	1.9	.7	.3	-2	.8
Dairy and related products .....	.962	182.4	183.3	1.4	.5	-1.2	.0	.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.407	243.4	243.4	-1.2	.0	1.3	1.4	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	144.9	144.8	4.2	-1	1.0	-2	.9
Other food at home .....	1.934	167.7	166.9	1.9	-5	.0	.4	-2
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	165.6	165.7	2.2	.1	.9	.7	.6
Fats and oils .....	.311	168.6	166.3	-8	-1.4	1.0	-8	.1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.312	184.1	183.4	2.3	-4	-4	.5	-4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.341	112.5	113.2	1.9	.6	-2	.5	.6
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.400	195.1	195.5	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	133.3	133.5	5.3	.2	.1	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.084	196.5	197.0	1.4	.3	.4	.3	.3
Housing .....	38.973	194.1	194.4	4.3	.2	.5	.9	.5
Shelter .....	29.902	218.8	218.9	2.6	.0	-1	.4	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.025	218.4	219.1	3.2	.3	.3	.3	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.742	129.2	124.5	2.2	-3.6	-3.5	3.4	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	19.795	210.2	210.7	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	116.0	116.2	-1.6	.2	-1.0	-8	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.288	191.0	193.0	17.3	1.0	4.1	4.2	1.5
Fuels .....	4.336	173.5	175.5	20.0	1.2	4.9	5.0	1.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	241.2	231.3	24.0	-4.1	11.8	1.3	-4.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	178.8	181.6	19.7	1.6	4.3	5.3	2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	132.2	132.7	5.0	.4	.3	.5	.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.783	121.8	121.8	.2	.0	.0	.2	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	134.5	135.3	4.7	.6	-1	.7	.6
Apparel .....	4.208	121.9	121.0	-1.3	-7	-3	-4	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.063	116.6	116.9	-1.4	.3	-1.0	.4	-4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.664	114.3	113.4	-3.0	-8	-7	-4	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	118.7	117.8	-4.3	-8	-1.4	-2	-6
Footwear .....	.991	125.4	123.2	2.2	-1.8	1.1	-9	-1.7
Transportation .....	19.845	183.7	174.7	5.4	-4.9	5.4	-1.4	-5.1
Private transportation .....	19.072	181.1	171.9	5.3	-5.1	5.6	-1.5	-5.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.146	94.9	94.9	1.0	.0	.3	-1	-4
New vehicles .....	4.725	138.2	139.1	.1	.7	.5	.5	-1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.536	141.4	140.2	2.0	-8	-3	-7	-8
Motor fuel .....	4.843	238.0	200.5	16.4	-15.8	17.8	-4.3	-15.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.803	236.8	199.4	16.2	-15.8	17.7	-4.2	-15.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.449	112.6	113.2	3.5	.5	.4	.3	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.357	212.4	213.1	4.0	.3	.7	.5	.2
Public transportation .....	.773	220.9	219.4	5.9	-7	.3	1.7	-1
Medical care .....	5.014	325.8	327.9	4.6	.6	.2	.6	.7
Medical care commodities .....	1.126	271.8	273.4	3.2	.6	.1	.7	.8
Medical care services .....	3.888	340.4	342.6	5.0	.6	.3	.6	.6
Professional services .....	2.270	286.6	287.1	3.7	.2	.4	.4	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.276	439.8	446.4	6.0	1.5	.3	.9	1.3

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 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.546	107.3	107.2	0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.878	103.7	103.5	.2	-2	.3	.0	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.498	112.4	112.7	1.9	.3	.7	-.1	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.361	155.3	155.5	5.9	.1	.6	.3	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	375.1	374.8	5.3	-1	1.7	.5	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.145	439.7	440.3	5.9	.1	.5	.3	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.137	85.9	86.2	-1.1	.3	.8	-.6	.3
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.990	84.4	84.7	-1.2	.4	.8	-.5	.4
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.473	94.8	95.3	.2	.5	1.1	-.5	.5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.517	13.8	13.7	-8.1	-.7	-.7	-.7	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.171	12.0	11.8	-15.1	-1.7	-.8	-.8	-1.7
Other goods and services .....	3.891	324.5	325.4	3.3	.3	.2	.0	.3
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	511.3	513.2	6.4	.4	.7	-.2	.4
Personal care .....	2.648	184.7	185.1	1.9	.2	.0	.1	.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	155.0	154.9	.4	-1	-.3	.0	-1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.611	205.0	205.5	2.4	.2	.2	.1	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.160	305.4	306.2	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.809	166.8	162.8	3.0	-2.4	2.6	-.5	-2.4
Food and beverages .....	17.024	191.8	192.1	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.786	151.8	145.9	3.5	-3.9	4.0	-1.0	-3.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.322	188.2	176.1	6.1	-6.4	5.8	-1.3	-5.5
Apparel .....	4.208	121.9	121.0	-1.3	-7	-.3	-.4	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.113	233.5	214.2	9.0	-8.3	9.2	-2.0	-8.3
Durables .....	12.464	115.0	114.9	.1	-1	.1	.2	-.3
Services .....	55.191	228.6	229.3	4.0	.3	.5	.7	.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.562	210.8	210.9	2.6	.0	.0	.4	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	116.0	116.2	-1.6	.2	-1.0	-.8	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	178.8	181.6	19.7	1.6	4.3	5.3	2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	132.2	132.7	5.0	.4	.3	.5	.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	134.5	135.3	4.7	.6	-.1	.7	.6
Transportation services .....	6.166	227.5	228.5	2.3	.4	.3	.0	.2
Medical care services .....	3.888	340.4	342.6	5.0	.6	.3	.6	.6
Other services .....	9.907	262.6	263.2	2.7	.2	.6	.2	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.060	195.8	193.5	3.8	-1.2	1.7	.1	-1.0
All items less shelter .....	70.098	188.7	186.2	4.0	-1.3	2.1	.1	-1.3
All items less medical care .....	94.986	189.6	187.7	3.5	-1.0	1.4	.1	-.8
Commodities less food .....	28.870	153.5	147.8	3.4	-3.7	3.8	-1.0	-3.7
Nondurables less food .....	16.406	188.9	177.4	5.8	-6.1	5.5	-1.2	-5.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.197	229.3	211.8	8.4	-7.6	8.5	-1.9	-7.6
Nondurables .....	32.346	190.9	184.7	4.1	-3.2	3.0	-.5	-2.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.628	220.4	221.7	5.7	.6	1.1	1.1	.7
Services less medical care services .....	51.303	220.1	220.7	4.0	.3	.4	.7	.5
Energy .....	9.179	204.8	187.1	18.0	-8.6	12.3	-.5	-8.5
All items less energy .....	90.821	194.8	195.0	2.0	.1	.1	.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.881	195.9	196.1	2.0	.1	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.745	141.3	141.2	.4	-1	.0	.0	-1
Energy commodities .....	5.124	239.0	202.8	16.8	-15.1	17.5	-4.0	-15.3
Services less energy services .....	51.136	234.0	234.4	2.8	.2	.1	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.512	\$.517	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.172	\$.174	-	-	-	-	-

<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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for						
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—			
	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2005	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	192.0	194.7	194.9	193.4	1.7	4.6	4.9	2.9	3.1	3.9	
Food and beverages .....	190.8	191.2	191.8	192.4	.4	3.9	.8	3.4	2.1	2.1	
Food .....	190.4	190.8	191.4	192.0	.4	4.1	.8	3.4	2.2	2.1	
Food at home .....	188.9	189.3	189.8	190.5	-1.7	5.2	-.8	3.4	1.7	1.3	
Cereals and bakery products .....	209.0	208.3	209.7	210.2	.6	1.9	-.6	2.3	1.3	.9	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	184.1	184.7	184.3	185.7	3.8	3.3	-3.0	3.5	3.5	.2	
Dairy and related products .....	183.2	181.0	181.0	182.4	3.1	4.3	-.2	-1.7	3.7	-1.0	
Fruits and vegetables .....	238.2	241.3	244.6	244.5	-22.9	15.1	-3.1	11.0	-5.8	3.7	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	143.7	145.1	144.8	146.1	1.7	9.7	-.8	6.8	5.6	2.9	
Other food at home .....	167.0	167.0	167.6	167.3	1.2	2.2	3.2	.7	1.7	1.9	
Sugar and sweets .....	163.5	164.9	166.0	167.0	-1.0	-2.7	4.3	8.8	-1.8	6.5	
Fats and oils .....	167.3	168.9	167.6	167.7	-1.2	-2.6	-.5	1.0	-1.9	.2	
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	184.0	183.2	184.1	183.4	2.3	4.7	3.8	-1.3	3.5	1.2	
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	112.1	111.9	112.5	113.2	-.7	1.5	2.9	4.0	.4	3.4	
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	194.0	194.4	195.1	195.5	3.6	2.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	132.6	132.7	132.9	133.3	6.1	4.4	8.9	2.1	5.3	5.5	
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	195.3	196.0	196.5	197.0	2.1	.2	.0	3.5	1.1	1.7	
Housing .....	191.4	192.4	194.2	195.1	3.0	3.4	3.0	8.0	3.2	5.4	
Shelter .....	218.1	217.9	218.7	219.4	3.0	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4	
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	217.1	217.7	218.4	219.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.7	2.9	3.4	
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	129.6	125.1	129.4	130.6	5.1	-.9	1.2	3.1	2.0	2.2	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	209.5	209.7	210.0	210.5	3.1	1.9	2.5	1.9	2.5	2.2	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.1	116.9	116.0	116.2	2.7	-2.0	-.7	-6.3	.3	-3.5	
Fuels and utilities .....	177.0	184.2	192.0	194.9	3.9	11.7	10.3	47.0	7.7	27.4	
Fuels .....	158.5	166.2	174.5	177.5	3.0	13.8	11.6	57.3	8.3	32.5	
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	216.5	242.1	245.3	234.8	-23.0	39.2	59.7	38.3	3.5	48.6	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	163.6	170.7	179.7	183.6	5.0	12.4	8.8	58.6	8.6	31.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	131.2	131.6	132.2	132.7	7.8	2.8	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.7	
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.6	121.6	121.9	121.9	.3	2.3	-2.6	1.0	1.3	-.8	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.6	133.5	134.5	135.3	5.0	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.7	4.7	
Apparel .....	119.1	118.7	118.2	118.3	.3	-.7	-2.3	-2.7	-.2	-2.5	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	115.3	114.1	114.6	114.1	4.9	-.3	-5.7	-4.1	2.3	-4.9	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	109.8	109.0	108.6	110.1	-8.9	.7	-4.6	1.1	-4.2	-1.8	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.0	116.4	116.2	115.5	3.4	1.7	-13.1	-8.2	2.5	-10.7	
Footwear .....	122.8	124.2	123.1	121.0	13.1	-3.2	5.4	-5.7	4.6	-.3	
Transportation .....	176.7	186.2	183.6	174.2	-.2	11.6	17.3	-5.5	5.5	5.2	
Private transportation .....	174.0	183.7	180.9	171.3	.0	11.5	17.6	-6.1	5.6	5.1	
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.9	95.2	95.1	94.7	2.1	.9	1.3	-.8	1.5	.2	
New vehicles .....	137.4	138.1	138.8	138.7	4.1	-1.4	-5.6	3.8	1.3	-1.0	
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	142.9	142.4	141.4	140.2	2.6	3.5	9.8	-7.3	3.1	.9	
Motor fuel .....	209.8	247.1	236.5	198.9	-6.4	45.1	67.2	-19.2	16.5	16.2	
Gasoline (all types) .....	208.9	245.8	235.4	197.9	-6.6	46.0	66.5	-19.5	16.7	15.8	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	111.9	112.3	112.6	113.2	3.7	.4	5.2	4.7	2.0	4.9	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	209.9	211.3	212.4	212.9	2.0	4.7	3.5	5.8	3.3	4.7	
Public transportation .....	218.2	218.8	222.5	222.3	-5.6	13.4	9.3	7.7	3.5	8.5	
Medical care .....	323.6	324.4	326.3	328.6	5.2	4.7	2.1	6.3	5.0	4.2	
Medical care commodities .....	269.6	270.0	271.8	273.9	1.7	1.8	2.9	6.5	1.7	4.7	
Medical care services .....	338.2	339.1	341.0	343.2	6.3	5.5	2.0	6.0	5.9	4.0	
Professional services .....	285.0	286.1	287.2	288.3	4.1	4.3	1.8	4.7	4.2	3.3	
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	435.7	436.8	440.6	446.4	7.7	6.0	.6	10.2	6.9	5.3	

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—		
	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	106.8	107.2	107.5	107.4	-0.4	1.9	-0.4	2.3	0.8	0.9
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.7	104.0	104.0	103.8	-1.5	1.6	.4	.4	.0	.4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	111.1	111.9	111.8	112.3	1.8	1.8	-.4	4.4	1.8	2.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	151.9	152.8	153.3	154.3	5.3	6.9	4.9	6.5	6.1	5.7
Educational books and supplies .....	366.6	372.9	374.7	376.7	.8	7.1	2.0	11.5	3.9	6.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	430.0	432.2	433.6	436.4	5.7	7.2	4.9	6.1	6.4	5.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.7	86.4	85.9	86.2	-.9	-2.3	-3.6	2.4	-1.6	-.7
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.1	84.8	84.4	84.7	-.9	-2.3	-4.2	2.9	-1.6	-.7
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	94.3	95.3	94.8	95.3	.8	-1.7	-2.5	4.3	-.4	.8
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.7	-7.8	-8.0	-8.1	-8.3	-7.9	-8.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	12.2	12.1	12.0	11.8	-16.2	-8.7	-22.4	-12.5	-12.5	-17.6
Other goods and services .....	323.8	324.6	324.5	325.6	5.4	1.5	4.1	2.2	3.5	3.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	508.5	512.2	511.3	513.2	12.5	1.5	8.1	3.7	6.8	5.9
Personal care .....	184.6	184.6	184.7	185.3	2.2	1.5	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.4	155.0	155.0	154.9	-.3	.8	2.4	-1.3	.3	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	204.4	204.8	205.0	205.5	5.5	-.4	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	304.6	305.4	306.1	306.8	1.6	5.0	2.3	2.9	3.3	2.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	163.0	167.2	166.3	162.3	.3	6.5	7.2	-1.7	3.3	2.6
Food and beverages .....	190.8	191.2	191.8	192.4	.4	3.9	.8	3.4	2.1	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	146.8	152.6	151.0	145.2	.0	8.2	11.1	-4.3	4.0	3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	178.7	189.0	186.6	176.4	-5.6	8.6	30.2	-5.0	1.2	11.2
Apparel .....	119.1	118.7	118.2	118.3	.3	-.7	-2.3	-2.7	-.2	-2.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	218.0	238.0	233.3	214.0	-3.2	21.0	29.9	-7.1	8.2	9.8
Durables .....	115.0	115.1	115.3	115.0	1.8	-.3	-1.0	.0	.7	-.5
Services .....	226.0	227.1	228.7	229.8	3.1	3.3	2.9	6.9	3.2	4.9
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	210.0	209.9	210.8	211.3	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.1	116.9	116.0	116.2	2.7	-2.0	-.7	-6.3	.3	-3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	163.6	170.7	179.7	183.6	5.0	12.4	8.8	58.6	8.6	31.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	131.2	131.6	132.2	132.7	7.8	2.8	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.6	133.5	134.5	135.3	5.0	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.7	4.7
Transportation services .....	227.2	227.8	227.9	228.3	-.2	3.3	4.2	2.0	1.5	3.0
Medical care services .....	338.2	339.1	341.0	343.2	6.3	5.5	2.0	6.0	5.9	4.0
Other services .....	260.1	261.7	262.1	263.1	2.2	2.8	1.1	4.7	2.5	2.9
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	192.1	195.3	195.4	193.5	1.9	4.8	5.6	2.9	3.4	4.3
All items less shelter .....	184.5	188.3	188.4	186.0	1.1	5.7	5.8	3.3	3.4	4.6
All items less medical care .....	186.4	189.1	189.3	187.7	1.6	4.7	5.1	2.8	3.1	3.9
Commodities less food .....	148.6	154.3	152.7	147.0	.3	7.5	10.9	-4.2	3.8	3.1
Nondurables less food .....	179.8	189.6	187.4	177.8	-5.1	7.7	28.4	-4.4	1.1	10.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	215.2	233.5	229.1	211.6	-2.8	19.4	27.3	-6.5	7.7	9.1
Nondurables .....	185.4	191.0	190.1	184.9	-2.0	6.0	14.1	-1.1	1.9	6.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	216.0	218.3	220.6	222.2	2.5	4.8	3.6	12.0	3.6	7.7
Services less medical care services .....	217.7	218.6	220.1	221.2	2.7	3.2	3.4	6.6	2.9	5.0
Energy .....	183.3	205.8	204.7	187.3	-2.2	30.0	39.7	9.0	12.7	23.4
All items less energy .....	193.9	194.1	194.6	195.0	2.1	2.3	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.9
All items less food and energy .....	195.0	195.2	195.6	196.0	2.5	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.3	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.7	140.7	140.7	140.6	1.7	.6	-.3	-.3	1.1	-.3
Energy commodities .....	210.9	247.8	237.9	201.4	-7.4	44.8	66.7	-16.8	15.8	17.8
Services less energy services .....	232.9	233.2	233.9	234.7	3.0	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.8

<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 Nov.2005 from—			Percent change to Oct.2005 from—			
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Oct. 2004	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	192.1	195.0	195.2	193.4	3.5	-0.8	-0.9	4.7	1.6	0.1	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	204.8	207.9	208.1	206.5	3.6	-7	-8	4.6	1.6	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	206.0	209.0	208.9	207.3	3.5	-8	-8	4.6	1.4	.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.9	124.8	125.4	124.4	3.5	-3	-8	4.4	2.0	.5	
Midwest urban .....	M	185.1	188.2	187.6	185.6	3.2	-1.4	-1.1	4.5	1.4	-3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	186.1	188.7	188.5	186.7	3.0	-1.1	-1.0	4.1	1.3	-1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.5	122.9	122.2	120.6	3.2	-1.9	-1.3	4.8	1.4	-6	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	182.5	185.6	184.9	183.0	4.5	-1.4	-1.0	6.0	1.3	-4	
South urban .....	M	186.6	189.8	190.2	188.0	4.0	-9	-1.2	5.3	1.9	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	189.2	192.6	193.2	191.1	4.7	-8	-1.1	5.9	2.1	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.5	121.3	121.4	120.0	3.4	-1.1	-1.2	4.7	1.6	.1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	188.8	192.6	194.4	191.0	4.8	-8	-1.7	6.6	3.0	.9	
West urban .....	M	194.9	197.1	197.8	196.4	3.3	-4	-7	4.1	1.5	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	196.1	198.4	199.1	197.7	3.4	-4	-7	4.2	1.5	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.6	122.8	123.2	122.4	2.9	-3	-6	3.8	1.3	.3	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	178.1	180.7	180.9	179.3	3.6	-8	-9	4.7	1.6	.1	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.5	122.4	122.4	121.2	3.3	-1.0	-1.0	4.4	1.6	.0	
D .....	M	187.3	190.7	191.3	189.0	4.4	-9	-1.2	5.8	2.1	.3	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	189.2	192.2	191.9	191.1	3.7	-6	-4	4.3	1.4	-2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	196.4	199.0	200.0	198.4	4.3	-3	-8	5.4	1.8	.5	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	208.3	211.0	211.0	209.9	3.8	-5	-5	4.5	1.3	.0	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	220.2	-	217.7	3.2	-1.1	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	183.1	-	180.8	4.0	-1.3	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	190.8	-	188.9	4.7	-1.0	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	127.2	-	125.2	4.0	-1.6	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	188.3	-	193.1	-	-	-	-	6.3	2.5	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	187.7	-	190.5	-	-	-	-	4.1	1.5	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	174.4	-	178.4	-	-	-	-	5.3	2.3	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	193.8	-	197.4	-	-	-	-	6.6	1.9	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	206.0	-	207.6	-	-	-	-	3.9	.8	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	199.5	-	202.6	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.6	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	195.3	-	198.6	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.7	-	

<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, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2005 from—	
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	115.0	114.4	2.8	-0.5
Food and beverages .....	15.076	114.3	114.5	2.2	.2
Food .....	14.086	114.4	114.6	2.2	.2
Food at home .....	8.062	112.4	112.4	1.5	.0
Food away from home .....	6.023	117.1	117.4	3.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	113.6	113.7	1.5	.1
Housing .....	41.793	118.9	118.8	3.4	-.1
Shelter .....	32.380	119.0	118.9	2.5	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.643	146.3	147.3	15.1	.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.771	96.1	96.2	-.2	.1
Apparel .....	4.317	92.1	91.4	-1.5	-.8
Transportation .....	17.315	118.5	115.1	4.1	-2.9
Private transportation .....	16.206	119.1	115.5	3.9	-3.0
Public transportation .....	1.109	110.2	109.2	5.8	-.9
Medical care .....	5.783	127.5	128.2	4.3	.5
Medical care commodities .....	1.466	118.4	119.0	3.2	.5
Medical care services .....	4.317	130.6	131.4	4.7	.6
Recreation .....	5.978	104.0	103.8	.3	-.2
Education and communication .....	6.004	101.1	101.3	.9	.2
Education .....	2.560	144.8	144.9	6.0	.1
Communication .....	3.444	76.1	76.3	-2.7	.3
Other goods and services .....	3.734	117.5	117.8	2.8	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.567	121.1	121.3	3.6	.2
Commodities .....	41.433	107.3	105.8	1.8	-1.4
Durables .....	12.521	87.3	87.2	-.9	-.1
Nondurables .....	28.912	117.1	114.9	3.0	-1.9
All items less food and energy .....	78.985	110.8	110.8	1.7	.0
Energy .....	6.929	174.3	162.0	17.0	-7.1

Indexes for 2005 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2004 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.