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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in July, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The July level of 189.4 (1982-84=100) was 3.0 percent higher than in July 2003.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also decreased 0.2 percent in July, prior to seasonal adjustment. The July level of 184.9 was 3.0 percent higher than in July 2003.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in July on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The July level of 110.3 (December 1999=100) was 2.4 percent higher than in July 2003. Please note that the indexes for the post-2002 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 July, following a 0.3 percent increase in June. Energy costs declined 1.9 percent in July after advancing sharply in the first half of the year. Within energy, the index for motor fuels decreased 4.0 percent, while the index for household fuels rose 0.4 percent. The index for food, which rose 0.2 percent in June, increased 0.3 percent in July. The index for all items less food and energy registered a 0.1 percent increase for the second consecutive month. Declines in the indexes for apparel, for recreation, and for education and communication were largely offset by an increase in the lodging away from home component of shelter.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended July '04	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended July '04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.5	.3	.5	.2	.6	.3	-.1	3.7	3.0
Food and beverages	-.1	.2	.2	.2	.9	.2	.2	5.1	3.8
Housing	.4	.2	.3	.4	.4	.3	.2	3.4	2.7
Apparel	-.3	-.1	.9	.0	.3	.2	-.8	-1.3	-.3
Transportation	1.7	.7	1.1	.1	1.7	.8	-.8	6.9	4.6
Medical care	.2	.6	.6	.4	.3	.3	.3	3.7	4.5
Recreation	.0	.3	.3	.2	-.2	.3	-.2	-.4	.9
Education and communication	.1	.3	.1	.3	.0	.2	-.1	.4	1.8
Other goods and services	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	2.0	2.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.7	1.7	1.9	.1	4.6	2.6	-1.9	22.9	14.3
Food	.0	.2	.2	.2	.9	.2	.3	5.5	4.0
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.4	.3	.2	.1	.1	1.6	1.8

During the first seven months of 2004, the CPI-U rose at a 4.1 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.9 percent for all of 2003. The index for energy, which increased 6.9 percent in 2003, increased at a 25.9 percent SAAR in the first seven months of 2004. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 44.5 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at an 8.9 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 3.2 percent rate thus far in 2004, following a 3.6 percent rise for all of 2003. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.4 percent SAAR in the first seven months of 2004 after advancing 1.1 percent in 2003.

The food and beverages index increased 0.2 percent in July. The index for food at home increased 0.2 percent, following a 0.1 percent rise in June. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.8 percent in July. The index for beef and veal, which declined sharply in each of the first three months of 2004 before turning back up in April, increased 0.9 percent in July and is 15.4 percent higher than a year ago. The indexes for pork and for poultry rose 1.0 and 0.4 percent, respectively. Egg prices declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 1.7 percent in July--but were still 6.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for dairy products turned down in July, declining 0.6 percent. Prices for fresh whole milk fell 2.2 percent, but remain 26.0 percent higher than in July 2003. The index for fruits and vegetables decreased 0.2 percent in July. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables declined 0.3 and 0.7 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables increased 0.7 percent. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for nonalcoholic beverages, for other food at home, and for cereals and bakery products, rose 0.3, 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.4 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.2 percent in July, following an increase of 0.3 percent in June. Shelter costs, which rose 0.1 percent in June, increased 0.2 percent in July. The index for lodging away from home, which declined 0.9 percent in June, increased 1.1 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home rose 2.4 percent in July and was 5.9 percent higher than a year ago.) The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.4 percent in July after advancing 1.9 percent in June. The indexes for fuel oil and for natural gas increased 3.7 and 1.0 percent, respectively, while the index for electricity declined 0.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity increased 0.6 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.3 percent in July. Substantial price declines were recorded in the indexes for furniture and bedding, for appliances, and for window and floor coverings and other linens.

The transportation index decreased 0.8 percent in July, reflecting declines in the indexes for motor fuels and for new vehicles. Gasoline prices fell 4.7 percent from their peak level registered in June. Reflecting increased incentives by some manufacturers, the index for new vehicles declined 0.7 percent in July, following small increases in each of the preceding two months. Partially offsetting these declines was a 1.1 percent increase in the index for used cars and trucks. Despite the advance in July, used car and truck prices were 9.3 percent lower than a year ago. The index for public transportation increased 0.4 percent, reflecting a 0.5 percent increase in airline fares. While airline fares have risen 4.6 percent in the first seven months of 2004, they remain 3.5 percent lower than in July 2003 and 4.5 percent lower than in the month prior to the terrorist attacks in 2001.

The index for apparel decreased 0.8 percent in July, following a 0.2 percent rise in June. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 3.5 percent, reflecting the seasonal discounting of spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in July to a level 4.5 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent in June. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation declined 0.2 percent in July, following an increase of 0.3 percent in June. In July, the indexes for sporting goods and for toys declined 1.3 and 1.0 percent, respectively.

The index for education and communication decreased 0.1 percent in July. The education index rose 0.4 percent, while the index for communication costs declined 0.6 percent. Within the latter group, the index for

telephone services declined 0.2 percent, reflecting a 2.2 percent decrease in long distance charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 1.3 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in July, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the preceding three months. A 0.9 percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products was responsible for about two-thirds of the July advance.

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 0.1 percent in July.

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 July '04	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended July '04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.6	.3	.5	.2	.7	.3	-.1	4.0	3.0
Food and beverages	-.1	.2	.2	.2	.9	.2	.3	5.5	4.0
Housing	.5	.2	.2	.3	.3	.4	.3	3.8	2.6
Apparel	-.1	.0	.8	-.1	.2	.0	-.7	-1.7	.3
Transportation	1.8	.6	1.3	-.1	2.1	.7	-.9	8.0	4.3
Medical care	.3	.7	.6	.4	.3	.3	.3	3.6	4.6
Recreation	-.1	.4	.3	.0	.0	.2	-.3	-.4	.7
Education and communication	.1	.2	.1	.2	-.2	.2	-.1	-.4	1.1
Other goods and services	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.4	2.3	1.9
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.9	1.6	2.2	-.1	5.0	2.7	-2.0	24.6	14.9
Food	-.1	.2	.2	.1	1.0	.1	.3	5.8	4.0
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	1.5	1.4

Consumer Price Index data for August are scheduled for release on Thursday, September 16, 2004, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time 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. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1999 through 2003 were replaced at the end of 2003. 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: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2004.

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

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

For the fuel oil, natural gas, motor fuels, and educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of labor and supply problems for coffee. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, decreases in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly and dry weather in California. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk production levels and higher demand for cheese. 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 vehicles, New cars, and New trucks, 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. 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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	189.7	189.4	3.0	-0.2	0.6	0.3	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	568.2	567.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.384	186.8	187.2	3.8	.2	.9	.2	.2
Food	14.383	186.3	186.8	4.0	.3	.9	.2	.3
Food at home	8.256	186.8	187.1	4.6	.2	1.4	.1	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.202	206.8	207.2	1.3	.2	.2	.1	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.320	182.3	183.7	9.2	.8	1.6	.3	.8
Dairy and related products .....	.842	188.8	187.7	14.0	-6	6.8	1.7	-6
Fruits and vegetables	1.221	226.7	224.5	-9	-1.0	.7	-8	-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.905	139.8	140.5	1.5	.5	.4	.0	.3
Other food at home	1.765	165.8	166.0	2.0	.1	.4	-1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.305	162.8	163.8	.7	.6	.3	-3	.4
Fats and oils .....	.251	171.3	171.9	10.0	.4	1.7	1.8	-2
Other foods	1.210	180.5	180.3	.7	-1	.2	-6	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.308	110.9	109.4	-1.7	-1.4	.3	.1	-1.4
Food away from home ¹	6.127	187.0	187.8	3.0	.4	.3	.2	.4
Other food away from home ² .....	.332	124.8	125.1	3.1	.2	.2	.0	-1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.001	192.4	192.2	2.7	-1	-1	.4	-1
Housing	42.089	190.3	190.9	2.7	.3	.4	.3	.2
Shelter	32.878	219.2	220.0	2.9	.4	.2	.1	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	6.157	210.7	211.2	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.2
Lodging away from home ²	2.954	129.1	132.2	5.9	2.4	.2	-9	1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.383	224.7	225.1	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.385	116.2	116.1	.4	-1	.3	.1	-1
Fuels and utilities	4.741	165.5	166.6	4.5	.7	1.1	1.9	.4
Fuels	3.830	148.5	149.5	4.1	.7	1.1	2.3	.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.231	150.7	151.1	15.8	.3	3.1	3.2	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.599	155.8	156.9	3.5	.7	1.1	2.1	.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.910	123.6	124.4	6.3	.6	.8	.5	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.470	125.6	125.2	-7	-3	.2	.1	-3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.704	124.7	125.5	3.1	.6	.2	.6	.6
Apparel	3.975	120.1	115.9	-3	-3.5	.3	.2	-8
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	117.7	115.2	1.2	-2.1	.3	.3	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.704	112.3	106.1	.0	-5.5	.6	.2	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.195	116.2	114.5	-2.9	-1.5	-1.6	.3	.4
Footwear .....	.778	118.4	115.1	-2.0	-2.8	-3	.0	-1.8
Transportation	16.881	165.7	164.0	4.6	-1.0	1.7	.8	-8
Private transportation	15.817	161.9	160.0	5.0	-1.2	2.0	.8	-9
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.912	93.6	93.5	-3.1	-1	.0	-1	.0
New vehicles	4.817	137.2	135.9	-6	-9	.1	.2	-7
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.007	130.6	132.1	-9.3	1.1	.4	-9	1.1
Motor fuel	3.249	173.3	165.2	26.5	-4.7	8.0	3.0	-4.0
Gasoline (all types)	3.222	172.7	164.5	26.5	-4.7	8.1	3.1	-4.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.369	108.2	108.8	1.1	.6	.0	.3	.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.349	199.7	200.3	2.2	.3	.2	.5	.4
Public transportation	1.064	212.3	214.4	-1.1	1.0	-1.3	.0	.4
Medical care	6.074	310.0	311.0	4.5	.3	.3	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.499	269.6	269.9	2.4	.1	.2	.1	.0
Medical care services	4.575	321.0	322.3	5.2	.4	.3	.4	.4
Professional services	2.749	271.6	272.3	4.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.489	416.9	419.1	6.2	.5	.5	.6	.6

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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.872	108.9	108.7	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.736	104.4	104.4	.7	.0	-2	.1	.1
Education and communication ²	5.948	110.8	110.9	1.8	.1	.0	.2	-.1
Education ²	2.841	141.6	142.1	7.2	.4	.6	.5	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	350.6	349.5	4.3	-3	.3	.1	-.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.623	407.6	409.4	7.4	.4	.6	.5	.4
Communication ²	3.107	86.8	86.5	-3.2	-3	-6	.0	-6
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.925	84.7	84.5	-3.4	-2	-7	-.1	-2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.315	95.8	95.6	-2.5	-2	-6	-.1	-2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.610	14.9	14.8	-7.5	-7	-7	.0	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.230	15.5	15.3	-11.0	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Other goods and services	3.776	304.1	305.1	2.0	.3	.1	.1	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.806	476.0	480.5	2.4	.9	.0	.5	.9
Personal care	2.970	181.4	181.7	1.8	.2	.1	.0	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.680	153.8	153.4	-.5	-3	.1	-.5	-3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.650	196.9	197.5	2.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.448	293.6	294.4	3.6	.3	.1	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.117	155.8	154.5	3.0	-.8	1.2	.4	-.5
Food and beverages	15.384	186.8	187.2	3.8	.2	.9	.2	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	24.733	138.2	136.1	2.4	-1.5	1.3	.5	-.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.458	160.5	156.7	6.9	-2.4	2.3	.2	-.3
Apparel	3.975	120.1	115.9	-3	-3.5	.3	.2	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.483	189.5	185.8	9.8	-2.0	3.6	1.2	-1.9
Durables	11.275	114.5	114.1	-2.8	-3	-.1	-.2	-.3
Services	59.883	223.3	224.1	3.0	.4	.2	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.494	228.3	229.2	3.0	.4	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.385	116.2	116.1	.4	-.1	.3	.1	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.599	155.8	156.9	3.5	.7	1.1	2.1	.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.910	123.6	124.4	6.3	.6	.8	.5	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.704	124.7	125.5	3.1	.6	.2	.6	.6
Transportation services	6.319	220.5	221.6	1.7	.5	.0	.2	.5
Medical care services	4.575	321.0	322.3	5.2	.4	.3	.4	.4
Other services	10.896	260.2	260.5	2.7	.1	.1	.3	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.617	190.3	189.9	2.9	-.2	.5	.4	-.1
All items less shelter	67.122	180.2	179.6	3.1	-3	.8	.4	-.2
All items less medical care	93.926	183.5	183.2	2.9	-.2	.7	.3	-.1
Commodities less food	25.734	140.3	138.2	2.4	-1.5	1.2	.5	-.9
Nondurables less food	14.459	162.4	158.8	6.6	-2.2	2.2	.2	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.484	189.0	185.6	9.2	-1.8	3.1	1.1	-1.7
Nondurables	28.842	174.0	172.2	5.3	-1.0	1.5	.5	-.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.389	234.2	235.0	3.1	.3	.3	.6	.1
Services less medical care services	55.308	215.0	215.8	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.2
Energy	7.080	159.7	156.3	14.3	-2.1	4.6	2.6	-1.9
All items less energy	92.920	194.4	194.5	2.1	.1	.3	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	78.537	196.6	196.6	1.8	.0	.2	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.254	139.4	138.2	-1.2	-.9	.1	.0	-.3
Energy commodities	3.480	172.8	165.1	25.7	-4.5	7.7	3.0	-3.7
Services less energy services	56.283	230.2	231.0	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.527	\$.528	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.176	\$.176	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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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—		
	Apr. 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Oct. 2003	Jan. 2004	Apr. 2004	July 2004	Jan. 2004	July 2004
Expenditure category										
All items	187.6	188.8	189.4	189.3	2.4	2.0	3.9	3.7	2.2	3.8
Food and beverages	185.0	186.6	186.9	187.3	4.3	3.6	2.4	5.1	3.9	3.7
Food	184.4	186.1	186.4	186.9	4.5	3.8	2.0	5.5	4.2	3.7
Food at home	184.1	186.7	186.9	187.3	6.2	3.8	1.5	7.1	5.0	4.3
Cereals and bakery products	205.3	205.7	206.0	206.2	.0	1.6	2.0	1.8	.8	1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	179.2	182.0	182.5	183.9	14.3	15.8	-2.8	10.9	15.0	3.8
Dairy and related products	174.9	186.8	189.9	188.7	14.0	1.4	7.9	35.5	7.5	20.9
Fruits and vegetables	227.7	229.3	227.5	227.0	-3	-4.8	2.9	-1.2	-2.6	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.4	139.9	139.9	140.3	6.2	.6	-2.8	2.6	3.4	-1
Other food at home	165.0	165.7	165.5	165.8	1.7	-1.2	6.0	2.0	.2	4.0
Sugar and sweets	162.7	163.2	162.7	163.3	1.2	-1.7	1.7	1.5	-2	1.6
Fats and oils	166.2	169.0	172.0	171.7	5.2	6.2	14.7	13.9	5.7	14.3
Other foods	180.4	180.7	179.7	180.2	1.1	-2.7	5.5	-4	-8	2.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.5	110.8	110.9	109.4	-2.1	-5.7	5.2	-3.9	-3.9	.6
Food away from home ¹	186.2	186.7	187.0	187.8	2.2	3.5	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.2
Other food away from home ²	124.9	125.2	125.2	125.1	2.3	6.4	3.3	.6	4.3	1.9
Alcoholic beverages ¹	191.8	191.7	192.4	192.2	1.9	2.8	5.2	.8	2.4	3.0
Housing	188.4	189.1	189.6	190.0	1.5	2.2	3.5	3.4	1.8	3.5
Shelter	218.1	218.6	218.8	219.3	2.7	1.7	4.7	2.2	2.2	3.5
Rent of primary residence ³	209.7	210.4	210.9	211.4	2.4	2.1	3.1	3.3	2.2	3.2
Lodging away from home ²	126.4	126.7	125.6	127.0	4.7	.7	16.4	1.9	2.7	8.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	224.1	224.6	225.0	225.3	2.6	1.6	3.5	2.2	2.1	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.7	116.1	116.2	116.1	1.4	-4.1	3.2	1.4	-1.4	2.3
Fuels and utilities	157.9	159.7	162.7	163.3	-1.5	5.5	1.0	14.4	1.9	7.5
Fuels	140.5	142.1	145.3	145.9	-3.1	5.3	.0	16.3	1.0	7.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	144.1	148.5	153.3	157.9	-2.3	32.2	-3.5	44.2	13.6	17.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	147.3	148.9	152.1	152.4	-3.2	3.9	.0	14.6	.3	7.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	122.3	123.3	123.9	124.6	5.6	5.8	6.1	7.7	5.7	6.9
Household furnishings and operations	125.2	125.4	125.5	125.1	-2.2	.6	-6	-3	-8	-5
Household operations ^{1 2}	123.8	124.0	124.7	125.5	3.0	.3	3.6	5.6	1.7	4.6
Apparel	120.8	121.2	121.4	120.4	2.0	-4.5	3.4	-1.3	-1.3	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	118.0	118.3	118.6	118.6	3.1	.0	.0	2.0	1.5	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	113.3	114.0	114.2	113.0	3.2	-7.2	5.9	-1.1	-2.1	2.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	119.3	117.4	117.7	118.2	2.0	-8.8	-.7	-3.6	-3.6	-2.2
Footwear	119.3	119.0	119.0	116.9	1.3	-5.6	4.5	-7.8	-2.2	-1.9
Transportation	160.9	163.7	165.0	163.6	3.1	.5	7.8	6.9	1.8	7.4
Private transportation	156.9	160.0	161.3	159.8	3.5	.8	8.0	7.6	2.1	7.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.9	93.9	93.8	93.8	-7.6	-4.1	.0	-.4	-5.9	-2
New vehicles	137.2	137.3	137.6	136.7	-.9	-.9	.9	-1.4	-.9	-3
Used cars and trucks ¹	131.3	131.8	130.6	132.1	-26.1	-12.1	1.5	2.5	-19.4	2.0
Motor fuel	152.7	164.9	169.9	163.1	31.0	10.9	35.6	30.2	20.5	32.9
Gasoline (all types)	151.9	164.2	169.3	162.2	31.6	11.2	34.7	30.0	21.0	32.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	107.9	107.9	108.2	108.8	1.1	.4	-.4	3.4	.7	1.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	198.6	199.0	199.9	200.7	.8	2.7	1.2	4.3	1.7	2.7
Public transportation	211.5	208.8	208.8	209.6	.4	-3.5	2.7	-3.5	-1.6	-5
Medical care	308.1	309.0	309.9	310.9	4.0	4.2	6.3	3.7	4.1	5.0
Medical care commodities	268.5	269.1	269.4	269.3	2.9	1.2	4.3	1.2	2.1	2.7
Medical care services	318.9	319.8	321.0	322.3	4.2	5.1	7.1	4.3	4.7	5.7
Professional services	270.1	270.6	271.3	272.0	2.5	3.4	7.1	2.8	2.9	5.0
Hospital and related services ³	413.6	415.5	418.1	420.4	5.5	7.4	5.2	6.7	6.4	6.0

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—		
	Apr. 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Oct. 2003	Jan. 2004	Apr. 2004	July 2004	Jan. 2004	July 2004
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.8	108.6	108.9	108.7	0.0	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.6	1.3
Video and audio ²	104.4	104.2	104.3	104.4	.8	-1.1	3.1	.0	-2	1.6
Education and communication ²	111.4	111.4	111.6	111.5	2.2	1.8	2.6	.4	2.0	1.5
Education ²	141.8	142.6	143.3	143.9	8.9	6.9	6.8	6.1	7.9	6.4
Educational books and supplies	349.9	351.0	351.3	350.9	2.2	7.0	7.0	1.1	4.6	4.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	408.6	410.9	413.0	414.8	9.5	7.1	6.7	6.2	8.3	6.5
Communication ²	87.5	87.0	87.0	86.5	-4.0	-3.1	-1.4	-4.5	-3.5	-2.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.4	84.8	84.7	84.5	-4.9	-1.4	-3.2	-4.1	-3.2	-3.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.5	95.9	95.8	95.6	-4.0	-.4	-2.0	-3.7	-2.2	-2.9
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	15.0	14.9	14.9	14.8	-9.6	-7.5	-7.6	-5.2	-8.6	-6.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	15.9	15.7	15.5	15.3	-15.3	-7.1	-7.2	-14.3	-11.3	-10.8
Other goods and services	303.3	303.6	303.9	304.8	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	2.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	473.3	473.5	476.0	480.5	.3	3.0	.3	6.2	1.7	3.2
Personal care	181.1	181.3	181.3	181.5	1.8	1.8	2.7	.9	1.8	1.8
Personal care products ¹	154.5	154.6	153.8	153.4	-1.5	.5	1.8	-2.8	-.5	-.5
Personal care services ¹	196.1	196.6	196.9	197.5	5.1	-2.0	3.1	2.9	1.5	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services	292.4	292.8	293.6	294.4	3.1	4.1	4.6	2.8	3.6	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	153.4	155.2	155.8	155.0	1.9	1.3	4.6	4.2	1.6	4.4
Food and beverages	185.0	186.6	186.9	187.3	4.3	3.6	2.4	5.1	3.9	3.7
Commodities less food and beverages	135.7	137.4	138.1	136.9	.6	-.3	6.1	3.6	.1	4.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	154.6	158.1	158.4	158.0	6.1	6.3	6.5	9.1	6.2	7.8
Apparel	120.8	121.2	121.4	120.4	2.0	-4.5	3.4	-1.3	-1.3	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	179.7	186.2	188.4	184.9	9.3	4.5	13.5	12.1	6.9	12.8
Durables	114.8	114.7	114.5	114.2	-7.0	-2.4	.3	-2.1	-4.7	-9
Services	221.6	222.1	222.8	223.4	2.8	2.0	3.9	3.3	2.4	3.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	227.0	227.7	228.1	228.7	2.7	1.3	4.9	3.0	2.0	4.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.7	116.1	116.2	116.1	1.4	-4.1	3.2	1.4	-1.4	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	147.3	148.9	152.1	152.4	-3.2	3.9	.0	14.6	.3	7.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	122.3	123.3	123.9	124.6	5.6	5.8	6.1	7.7	5.7	6.9
Household operations ^{1 2}	123.8	124.0	124.7	125.5	3.0	.3	3.6	5.6	1.7	4.6
Transportation services	219.7	219.6	220.1	221.1	3.4	.0	.9	2.6	1.7	1.7
Medical care services	318.9	319.8	321.0	322.3	4.2	5.1	7.1	4.3	4.7	5.7
Other services	260.1	260.3	261.0	261.3	3.5	2.2	3.3	1.9	2.9	2.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	188.2	189.2	189.9	189.8	2.2	1.5	4.4	3.4	1.9	3.9
All items less shelter	177.8	179.2	180.0	179.7	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	2.1	4.1
All items less medical care	181.4	182.6	183.2	183.1	2.5	1.6	3.8	3.8	2.0	3.8
Commodities less food	137.7	139.4	140.1	138.9	.6	-.3	6.0	3.5	.1	4.8
Nondurables less food	156.6	160.1	160.5	159.9	5.4	5.9	6.1	8.7	5.7	7.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	180.6	186.2	188.2	185.0	8.3	2.6	16.3	10.1	5.4	13.2
Nondurables	170.0	172.5	173.3	172.9	5.0	5.2	4.3	7.0	5.1	5.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	231.5	232.2	233.5	233.8	3.4	2.5	2.3	4.0	2.9	3.2
Services less medical care services	213.2	213.8	214.5	214.9	2.9	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	3.3
Energy	145.7	152.4	156.4	153.4	11.5	7.8	16.0	22.9	9.6	19.4
All items less energy	193.7	194.2	194.5	194.7	1.7	1.5	3.2	2.1	1.6	2.6
All items less food and energy	196.0	196.4	196.6	196.8	1.2	.8	3.3	1.6	1.0	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.6	139.7	139.7	139.3	-3.4	-1.7	1.4	-.9	-2.5	.3
Energy commodities	152.9	164.7	169.7	163.5	28.8	11.7	32.9	30.7	20.0	31.8
Services less energy services	229.2	229.6	230.0	230.6	3.1	2.0	4.1	2.5	2.5	3.3

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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 July2004 from—			Percent change to June2004 from—			
		Apr. 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	May 2004	June 2004	June 2003	Apr. 2004	May 2004	
U.S. city average	M	188.0	189.1	189.7	189.4	3.0	0.2	-0.2	3.3	0.9	0.3	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	199.4	199.9	201.1	201.0	3.9	.6	.0	4.3	.9	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	201.4	202.0	203.3	203.0	3.8	.5	-.1	4.3	.9	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.1	118.3	118.7	119.2	4.1	.8	.4	4.2	.5	.3	
Midwest urban	M	181.5	182.9	183.3	183.2	2.9	.2	-.1	2.7	1.0	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	183.7	185.0	185.3	185.4	2.7	.2	.1	2.5	.9	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	115.6	116.4	116.8	116.3	2.8	-.1	-.4	3.2	1.0	.3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	173.9	176.0	176.9	177.1	3.3	.6	.1	2.5	1.7	.5	
South urban	M	180.9	182.0	182.9	182.6	3.0	.3	-.2	3.2	1.1	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	182.5	183.4	184.3	183.7	2.6	.2	-.3	3.0	1.0	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	115.6	116.4	117.0	116.9	3.4	.4	-.1	3.4	1.2	.5	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	178.7	179.4	180.5	180.1	2.9	.4	-.2	3.2	1.0	.6	
West urban	M	192.3	193.4	193.3	192.9	2.4	-.3	-.2	2.8	.5	-.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.6	195.9	195.9	195.4	2.4	-.3	-.3	2.6	.7	.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	117.8	118.2	117.9	117.9	2.4	-.3	.0	3.1	.1	-.3	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	172.0	172.9	173.4	173.1	2.9	.1	-.2	3.1	.8	.3	
B/C ³	M	116.3	117.0	117.3	117.3	3.3	.3	.0	3.4	.9	.3	
D	M	179.3	180.9	181.8	181.3	3.0	.2	-.3	3.1	1.4	.5	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	187.2	188.7	189.1	189.2	2.8	.3	.1	2.7	1.0	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	191.9	193.3	193.7	193.4	3.8	.1	-.2	4.0	.9	.2	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	204.0	204.4	206.0	205.5	3.9	.5	-.2	4.6	1.0	.8	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	208.7	-	208.9	2.9	.1	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	181.3	-	181.7	3.2	.2	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	179.1	-	179.1	1.5	.0	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	118.9	-	120.2	2.9	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	182.3	-	185.7	-	-	-	-	2.3	1.9	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	184.7	-	185.8	-	-	-	-	1.6	.6	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	169.7	-	169.3	-	-	-	-	4.2	-.2	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	185.2	-	185.6	-	-	-	-	3.5	.2	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	194.8	-	198.0	-	-	-	-	4.4	1.6	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	198.3	-	199.0	-	-	-	-	1.4	.4	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	194.3	-	195.3	-	-	-	-	1.9	.5	-	

¹ 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.

² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ 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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	185.3	184.9	3.0	-0.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	551.9	550.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.151	186.4	186.8	4.0	.2	.9	.2	.3
Food	16.061	185.9	186.3	4.0	.2	1.0	.1	.3
Food at home	9.637	186.1	186.3	4.7	.1	1.5	.2	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.364	206.7	207.2	1.4	.2	.0	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.908	182.4	183.7	9.2	.7	1.6	.4	.6
Dairy and related products .....	.955	189.0	187.8	14.2	-6	7.2	1.7	-8
Fruits and vegetables	1.344	224.3	222.3	-1.3	-9	.9	-9	-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.076	139.3	139.8	1.7	.4	.4	.1	.2
Other food at home	1.991	165.5	165.6	2.0	.1	.6	-2	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	162.2	162.9	.4	.4	.3	-4	.4
Fats and oils .....	.303	171.4	172.0	10.1	.4	1.7	1.8	-1
Other foods	1.366	180.8	180.7	.7	-1	.4	-6	.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.350	111.4	109.7	-1.7	-1.5	.2	.2	-1.5
Food away from home ¹	6.424	186.8	187.6	3.0	.4	.3	.1	.4
Other food away from home ² .....	.252	124.7	124.9	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.090	192.7	192.2	2.8	-3	-1	.4	-3
Housing	39.114	185.6	186.2	2.6	.3	.3	.4	.3
Shelter	30.151	212.2	213.0	2.8	.4	.2	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	8.065	209.9	210.3	2.7	.2	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	1.722	128.8	133.0	6.4	3.3	-8	-7	1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.026	203.9	204.2	2.4	.1	.3	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.337	116.5	116.3	.8	-2	.3	.1	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.079	165.0	166.1	4.5	.7	1.1	1.9	.4
Fuels	4.146	147.4	148.4	4.2	.7	1.1	2.2	.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.216	149.8	150.2	15.9	.3	2.9	3.3	3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.930	155.1	156.2	3.7	.7	1.0	2.2	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.933	123.7	124.5	6.3	.6	.9	.4	.6
Household furnishings and operations	3.884	121.3	120.7	-1.0	-5	.0	.2	-6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.318	127.0	127.5	3.9	.4	.2	.9	.4
Apparel	4.357	119.6	115.6	.3	-3.3	.2	.0	-7
Men's and boys' apparel	1.120	117.8	115.2	1.6	-2.2	-1	.1	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.727	112.2	106.0	1.0	-5.5	.6	.0	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.250	118.8	117.0	-2.7	-1.5	-1.5	.1	.2
Footwear	1.011	117.0	114.4	-2.1	-2.2	-2	.1	-1.3
Transportation	19.145	164.0	162.2	4.3	-1.1	2.1	.7	-9
Private transportation	18.348	161.3	159.3	4.5	-1.2	2.2	.8	-9
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.305	92.1	92.1	-4.4	.0	.1	-3	.2
New vehicles	4.864	138.2	137.0	-5	-9	.1	.1	-6
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.487	131.4	133.0	-9.2	1.2	.4	-9	1.2
Motor fuel	3.967	173.8	165.6	26.5	-4.7	8.5	3.1	-4.0
Gasoline (all types)	3.936	173.2	165.0	26.5	-4.7	8.4	3.2	-4.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.456	107.8	108.2	1.1	.4	.0	.3	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.365	201.5	202.1	2.3	.3	.2	.4	.3
Public transportation .....	.797	210.0	212.1	-3	1.0	-1.4	-1	.6
Medical care	4.969	309.4	310.4	4.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.142	263.8	263.7	2.1	.0	.3	.0	.0
Medical care services	3.827	321.2	322.4	5.3	.4	.3	.4	.4
Professional services	2.256	274.1	274.8	4.1	.3	.2	.2	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.254	413.0	415.2	6.2	.5	.5	.6	.5

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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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.697	106.7	106.3	0.7	-0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.3
Video and audio ²	1.928	103.7	103.7	.8	.0	-1	.1	.1
Education and communication ²	5.645	109.4	109.4	1.1	.0	-2	.2	-1
Education ²	2.299	140.6	141.0	6.6	.3	.4	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.215	351.5	350.4	4.2	-3	.3	.1	-1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.084	396.7	398.1	6.8	.4	.4	.5	.5
Communication ²	3.345	88.4	88.1	-3.1	-3	-6	-1	-5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.194	86.9	86.7	-3.2	-2	-6	-1	-2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.622	96.1	95.8	-2.5	-3	-6	.0	-3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.572	15.4	15.3	-7.3	-6	-6	.0	-6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.205	15.2	15.0	-11.2	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Other goods and services	3.923	311.8	313.2	1.9	.4	.1	.1	.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.248	476.9	481.6	2.4	1.0	.1	.5	1.0
Personal care	2.675	180.0	180.3	1.6	.2	.1	-1	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.737	154.3	153.9	-6	-3	.0	-5	-3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.610	197.5	198.1	2.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.152	293.5	294.7	3.8	.4	.1	.2	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.582	156.6	155.2	3.0	-9	1.3	.3	-4
Food and beverages	17.151	186.4	186.8	4.0	.2	.9	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	27.430	139.6	137.5	2.5	-1.5	1.5	.5	-9
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.671	164.4	160.4	7.9	-2.4	2.6	.1	-4
Apparel	4.357	119.6	115.6	.3	-3.3	.2	.0	-7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.315	196.0	191.8	10.9	-2.1	4.1	1.2	-2.0
Durables	12.759	113.5	113.2	-3.7	-3	.0	-3	-3
Services	55.418	219.0	219.7	2.9	.3	.2	.4	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.813	204.4	205.1	2.8	.3	.2	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.337	116.5	116.3	.8	-2	.3	.1	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.930	155.1	156.2	3.7	.7	1.0	2.2	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.933	123.7	124.5	6.3	.6	.9	.4	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.318	127.0	127.5	3.9	.4	.2	.9	.4
Transportation services	6.241	220.7	221.6	1.9	.4	.0	.2	.4
Medical care services	3.827	321.2	322.4	5.3	.4	.3	.4	.4
Other services	10.020	253.3	253.5	2.3	.1	.0	.3	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.939	185.0	184.5	2.7	-3	.7	.4	-1
All items less shelter	69.849	177.5	176.7	3.0	-5	.9	.5	-2
All items less medical care	95.031	180.0	179.6	2.9	-2	.7	.4	-1
Commodities less food	28.520	141.5	139.4	2.4	-1.5	1.4	.5	-8
Nondurables less food	15.761	166.2	162.3	7.5	-2.3	2.4	.1	-2
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.405	194.8	191.0	10.1	-2.0	3.6	1.0	-1.9
Nondurables	31.823	175.9	174.0	5.7	-1.1	1.8	.2	-2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.605	208.2	208.9	3.0	.3	.2	.6	.2
Services less medical care services	51.592	211.1	211.8	2.7	.3	.2	.4	.2
Energy	8.114	159.9	156.2	14.9	-2.3	5.0	2.7	-2.0
All items less energy	91.886	189.3	189.3	1.8	.0	.3	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	75.825	190.3	190.3	1.4	.0	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.337	139.0	138.0	-1.6	-7	.1	-1	-2
Energy commodities	4.183	173.3	165.5	26.0	-4.5	8.3	3.1	-3.6
Services less energy services	51.488	226.0	226.7	2.8	.3	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.540	\$.541	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.181	\$.182	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ 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—		
	Apr. 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Oct. 2003	Jan. 2004	Apr. 2004	July 2004	Jan. 2004	July 2004
Expenditure category										
All items	183.1	184.4	185.0	184.9	2.2	1.8	3.8	4.0	2.0	3.9
Food and beverages	184.4	186.1	186.4	186.9	4.8	3.6	2.2	5.5	4.2	3.9
Food	183.8	185.7	185.9	186.4	4.8	3.6	2.0	5.8	4.2	3.9
Food at home	183.2	185.9	186.3	186.5	6.4	3.8	1.3	7.4	5.1	4.3
Cereals and bakery products	205.5	205.6	205.9	206.3	-4	1.2	3.0	1.6	.4	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	179.1	182.0	182.7	183.8	13.7	16.1	-2.9	10.9	14.9	3.8
Dairy and related products	174.5	187.0	190.2	188.7	14.3	1.4	7.4	36.7	7.6	21.2
Fruits and vegetables	224.8	226.9	224.9	224.4	-4	-6.2	2.2	-7	-3.3	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	138.8	139.3	139.4	139.7	6.6	.6	-2.6	2.6	3.5	.0
Other food at home	164.4	165.4	165.1	165.3	1.7	-1.2	5.5	2.2	.2	3.9
Sugar and sweets	162.1	162.6	161.9	162.5	1.5	-2.2	1.5	1.0	-4	1.2
Fats and oils	166.3	169.2	172.3	172.2	4.7	6.5	15.0	15.0	5.6	15.0
Other foods	180.4	181.1	180.1	180.4	1.1	-2.6	4.6	.0	-8	2.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	111.0	111.2	111.4	109.7	-1.4	-5.6	5.2	-4.6	-3.6	.2
Food away from home ¹	186.1	186.6	186.8	187.6	2.7	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1
Other food away from home ²	124.5	124.8	125.0	125.0	2.0	5.3	2.6	1.6	3.7	2.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	192.1	192.0	192.7	192.2	2.4	3.0	5.6	.2	2.7	2.9
Housing	183.8	184.3	185.0	185.5	1.6	2.4	2.9	3.8	2.0	3.3
Shelter	211.3	211.7	212.1	212.7	2.5	2.3	3.5	2.7	2.4	3.1
Rent of primary residence ³	208.9	209.4	210.1	210.6	2.4	2.0	3.3	3.3	2.2	3.3
Lodging away from home ²	127.4	126.4	125.5	127.8	5.8	4.0	14.3	1.3	4.9	7.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	203.1	203.8	204.1	204.6	2.4	2.0	2.4	3.0	2.2	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.0	116.4	116.5	116.3	2.1	-3.7	3.9	1.0	-9	2.5
Fuels and utilities	157.4	159.1	162.1	162.7	-1.3	5.3	1.3	14.2	1.9	7.5
Fuels	139.5	141.1	144.2	144.7	-2.6	5.0	.3	15.8	1.2	7.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	143.4	147.5	152.4	157.4	-1.2	30.4	-3.5	45.2	13.5	18.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	146.7	148.2	151.4	151.6	-2.7	3.9	.5	14.0	.5	7.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	122.4	123.5	124.0	124.7	5.6	5.8	6.1	7.7	5.7	6.9
Household furnishings and operations	121.0	121.0	121.2	120.5	-2.3	.7	-7	-1.6	-8	-1.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	125.6	125.9	127.0	127.5	3.3	.0	6.3	6.2	1.6	6.2
Apparel	120.4	120.7	120.7	119.9	3.0	-3.0	3.0	-1.7	.0	.7
Men's and boys' apparel	118.3	118.2	118.3	118.3	3.5	2.1	.7	.0	2.8	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	113.2	113.9	113.9	112.8	5.1	-5.9	6.6	-1.4	-5	2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	121.9	120.1	120.2	120.5	2.6	-7.2	-1.6	-4.5	-2.4	-3.1
Footwear	117.7	117.5	117.6	116.1	1.4	-4.6	.0	-5.3	-1.7	-2.7
Transportation	158.8	162.1	163.3	161.9	1.6	.0	7.7	8.0	.8	7.8
Private transportation	155.9	159.4	160.7	159.2	1.6	.0	7.8	8.7	.8	8.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.4	92.5	92.2	92.4	-11.1	-5.4	.0	.0	-8.3	.0
New vehicles	138.3	138.5	138.6	137.8	-3	-9	.6	-1.4	-6	-4
Used cars and trucks ¹	132.1	132.6	131.4	133.0	-25.7	-12.1	1.5	2.8	-19.2	2.1
Motor fuel	152.5	165.5	170.6	163.8	30.1	10.8	33.4	33.1	20.1	33.2
Gasoline (all types)	152.0	164.8	170.0	163.2	30.2	10.9	33.5	32.9	20.1	33.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	107.5	107.5	107.8	108.2	1.9	.4	-4	2.6	1.1	1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	200.4	200.8	201.7	202.3	1.0	2.6	1.4	3.8	1.8	2.6
Public transportation	209.8	206.9	206.7	207.9	1.5	-2.6	3.7	-3.6	-6	.0
Medical care	307.5	308.4	309.3	310.2	4.1	4.2	6.5	3.6	4.2	5.0
Medical care commodities	262.5	263.3	263.3	263.2	2.8	.9	3.9	1.1	1.9	2.5
Medical care services	319.0	320.0	321.2	322.4	4.4	5.1	7.2	4.3	4.8	5.8
Professional services	272.7	273.3	273.8	274.5	2.4	3.5	7.5	2.7	3.0	5.1
Hospital and related services ³	409.8	411.9	414.2	416.4	6.0	7.4	4.7	6.6	6.7	5.7

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Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	106.4	106.4	106.6	106.3	-0.4	0.8	2.7	-0.4	0.2	1.1
Video and audio ²	103.6	103.5	103.6	103.7	1.2	-1.9	3.6	.4	-4	2.0
Education and communication ²	110.0	109.8	110.0	109.9	1.5	1.1	1.8	-4	1.3	.7
Education ²	140.8	141.4	142.0	142.7	7.7	6.9	6.2	5.5	7.3	5.9
Educational books and supplies	350.8	351.8	352.2	351.8	2.3	5.9	7.6	1.1	4.1	4.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	397.3	399.0	401.1	403.3	8.3	7.0	6.0	6.2	7.7	6.1
Communication ²	89.1	88.6	88.5	88.1	-3.5	-3.5	-.9	-4.4	-3.5	-2.7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	87.5	87.0	86.9	86.7	-4.8	-1.3	-3.1	-3.6	-3.1	-3.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.7	96.1	96.1	95.8	-4.0	-.4	-2.0	-3.7	-2.2	-2.9
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	15.5	15.4	15.4	15.3	-7.1	-9.5	-7.4	-5.1	-8.3	-6.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	15.6	15.4	15.2	15.0	-15.6	-9.5	-5.0	-14.5	-12.6	-9.9
Other goods and services	311.1	311.3	311.6	312.9	.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.4	2.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	474.1	474.4	476.9	481.6	.2	2.7	.3	6.5	1.4	3.3
Personal care	179.9	180.0	179.9	180.1	1.4	1.6	2.9	.4	1.5	1.7
Personal care products ¹	155.1	155.1	154.3	153.9	-1.8	.5	2.1	-3.1	-6	-5
Personal care services ¹	196.6	197.1	197.5	198.1	5.0	-2.4	3.1	3.1	1.2	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services	292.6	292.8	293.5	294.4	3.0	3.8	5.7	2.5	3.4	4.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	153.9	155.9	156.4	155.7	1.6	1.1	4.5	4.8	1.3	4.7
Food and beverages	184.4	186.1	186.4	186.9	4.8	3.6	2.2	5.5	4.2	3.9
Commodities less food and beverages	136.6	138.7	139.4	138.2	.0	-.6	5.8	4.8	-.3	5.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	157.7	161.8	162.0	161.3	7.1	7.6	6.9	9.4	7.3	8.2
Apparel	120.4	120.7	120.7	119.9	3.0	-3.0	3.0	-1.7	.0	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	184.6	192.2	194.6	190.8	10.4	4.1	14.9	14.1	7.2	14.5
Durables	113.8	113.8	113.5	113.2	-8.9	-3.8	.0	-2.1	-6.4	-1.1
Services	217.3	217.8	218.6	219.2	2.5	2.3	3.2	3.5	2.4	3.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	203.5	203.9	204.4	204.9	2.4	2.0	3.8	2.8	2.2	3.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.0	116.4	116.5	116.3	2.1	-3.7	3.9	1.0	-.9	2.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	146.7	148.2	151.4	151.6	-2.7	3.9	.5	14.0	.5	7.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	122.4	123.5	124.0	124.7	5.6	5.8	6.1	7.7	5.7	6.9
Household operations ^{1 2}	125.6	125.9	127.0	127.5	3.3	.0	6.3	6.2	1.6	6.2
Transportation services	220.0	220.0	220.5	221.4	3.7	.4	1.1	2.6	2.0	1.8
Medical care services	319.0	320.0	321.2	322.4	4.4	5.1	7.2	4.3	4.8	5.8
Other services	253.3	253.2	253.9	254.1	2.8	2.1	2.9	1.3	2.4	2.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	182.7	183.9	184.7	184.5	1.6	1.3	4.0	4.0	1.5	4.0
All items less shelter	174.8	176.4	177.2	176.8	1.9	1.6	4.0	4.7	1.8	4.3
All items less medical care	177.7	179.0	179.7	179.6	2.1	1.6	3.4	4.3	1.8	3.9
Commodities less food	138.6	140.6	141.3	140.1	-.3	-.3	6.0	4.4	-.3	5.2
Nondurables less food	159.7	163.5	163.7	163.3	7.0	6.6	6.8	9.3	6.8	8.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	185.3	191.9	193.9	190.2	9.6	2.5	17.7	11.0	6.0	14.3
Nondurables	171.4	174.5	174.9	174.5	5.7	5.4	4.3	7.4	5.5	5.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	205.8	206.2	207.4	207.9	3.0	2.4	2.6	4.1	2.7	3.4
Services less medical care services	209.5	209.9	210.7	211.2	2.6	2.1	2.9	3.3	2.3	3.1
Energy	145.3	152.6	156.7	153.5	12.2	8.1	16.0	24.6	10.1	20.2
All items less energy	188.6	189.1	189.4	189.7	1.3	1.3	2.6	2.4	1.3	2.5
All items less food and energy	190.0	190.2	190.5	190.7	.4	.9	2.8	1.5	.6	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.3	139.4	139.3	139.0	-4.7	-2.3	1.4	-.9	-3.5	.3
Energy commodities	152.6	165.2	170.3	164.1	28.4	11.7	31.1	33.7	19.8	32.4
Services less energy services	225.1	225.5	226.0	226.7	2.9	2.2	3.3	2.9	2.6	3.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ 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 July2004 from—			Percent change to June2004 from—			
		Apr. 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	May 2004	June 2004	June 2003	Apr. 2004	May 2004	
U.S. city average	M	183.5	184.7	185.3	184.9	3.0	0.1	-0.2	3.2	1.0	0.3	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	195.7	196.4	197.5	197.3	3.8	.5	-1	4.4	.9	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.3	197.1	198.3	198.0	3.8	.5	-2	4.4	1.0	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.1	118.4	118.8	119.1	4.0	.6	.3	4.3	.6	.3	
Midwest urban	M	176.3	177.8	178.2	178.0	2.7	.1	-1	2.6	1.1	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	177.9	179.4	179.4	179.5	2.7	.1	.1	2.5	.8	.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	114.6	115.5	116.0	115.5	2.7	.0	-4	2.9	1.2	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	171.2	173.2	174.1	173.7	2.7	.3	-2	2.4	1.7	.5	
South urban	M	177.6	178.8	179.7	179.3	2.9	.3	-2	3.1	1.2	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	179.7	180.8	181.9	181.2	2.8	.2	-4	3.2	1.2	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	114.0	114.8	115.3	115.2	2.9	.3	-1	2.9	1.1	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	177.8	179.0	180.0	179.4	2.7	.2	-3	3.0	1.2	.6	
West urban	M	187.3	188.6	188.6	188.0	2.5	-3	-3	2.9	.7	.0	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.2	189.6	189.7	188.9	2.5	-4	-4	2.8	.8	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	117.2	117.8	117.6	117.4	2.4	-3	-2	3.1	.3	-2	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	170.0	171.2	171.7	171.3	3.0	.1	-2	3.2	1.0	.3	
B/C ³	M	115.3	116.0	116.4	116.2	2.9	.2	-2	3.2	1.0	.3	
D	M	177.2	178.8	179.7	179.0	2.6	.1	-4	2.7	1.4	.5	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	180.6	182.2	182.5	182.4	2.6	.1	-1	2.5	1.1	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	185.2	186.8	187.4	186.8	4.0	.0	-3	4.3	1.2	.3	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	198.5	199.1	200.4	200.1	3.8	.5	-1	4.4	1.0	.7	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	207.9	-	207.9	2.8	.0	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	172.6	-	172.8	3.5	.1	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	179.5	-	179.4	2.0	-1	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	118.4	-	119.7	3.0	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	180.0	-	184.0	-	-	-	-	3.0	2.2	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	179.3	-	180.4	-	-	-	-	2.1	.6	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	166.8	-	167.6	-	-	-	-	4.3	.5	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	182.6	-	183.4	-	-	-	-	3.7	.4	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	194.0	-	197.3	-	-	-	-	5.1	1.7	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	194.7	-	195.4	-	-	-	-	1.7	.4	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	189.1	-	190.4	-	-	-	-	2.5	.7	-	

¹ 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.

² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ 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, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2004 from—	
		June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	110.4	110.3	2.4	-0.1
Food and beverages	15.076	111.3	111.6	3.6	.3
Food	14.086	111.3	111.6	3.7	.3
Food at home	8.062	110.6	110.8	4.1	.2
Food away from home	6.023	112.1	112.6	3.0	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	111.5	111.3	2.6	-.2
Housing	41.793	114.5	114.9	2.4	.3
Shelter	32.380	115.9	116.3	2.6	.3
Fuels and utilities	4.643	127.3	128.1	4.2	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.771	95.8	95.4	-1.4	-.4
Apparel	4.317	90.8	87.5	-.1	-3.6
Transportation	17.315	109.0	108.1	3.1	-.8
Private transportation	16.206	109.2	108.2	3.5	-.9
Public transportation	1.109	105.4	106.5	-1.1	1.0
Medical care	5.783	121.3	121.7	4.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.466	114.9	115.0	2.3	.1
Medical care services	4.317	123.6	124.1	5.2	.4
Recreation	5.978	103.8	103.5	.0	-.3
Education and communication	6.004	98.9	98.8	.5	-.1
Education	2.560	130.3	130.8	7.1	.4
Communication	3.444	79.5	79.2	-4.1	-.4
Other goods and services	3.734	113.8	114.1	1.9	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.567	116.4	116.8	2.6	.3
Commodities	41.433	102.8	102.0	2.1	-.8
Durables	12.521	86.6	86.3	-3.4	-.3
Nondurables	28.912	110.5	109.4	4.6	-1.0
All items less food and energy	78.985	108.0	108.0	1.3	.0
Energy	6.929	139.6	137.1	13.6	-1.8

Indexes for 2004 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2003 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.