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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in March, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The March level of 199.8 (1982-84=100) was 3.4 percent higher than in March 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.6 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March level of 195.3 (1982-84=100) was 3.6 percent higher than in March 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in March on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The March level of 116.1 (December 1999=100) was 3.0 percent higher than in March 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.4 percent in March, following a 0.1 percent rise in February. Energy costs, which declined 1.2 percent in February, increased 1.3 percent in March. Within energy, the index for motor fuels increased 3.6 percent, while the index for household fuels fell 1.0 percent. The food index rose 0.1 percent in March, the same as in February. The index for food at home declined 0.1 percent, reflecting a 1.7 percent decrease in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in March, following a 0.1 percent increase in February; the indexes for apparel and for shelter accounted for about 70 percent of the March increase.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. '06	
	Changes from preceding month						Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Mar. '06		
	2005				2006				
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.			Mar.
All Items	1.2	.3	-.7	-.1	.7	.1	.4	4.3	3.4
Food and beverages	.3	.2	.3	.1	.5	.2	.1	2.7	2.6
Housing	.5	.9	.4	.2	.5	.1	.2	3.2	3.7
Apparel	-.1	-.3	.1	-.3	.3	-1.0	1.0	1.4	-1.2
Transportation	5.0	-1.2	-4.9	-.7	1.8	-.2	.9	10.5	5.1
Medical care	.3	.6	.5	.2	.1	.5	.4	4.2	4.1
Recreation	.4	.2	-.1	.1	.0	.1	.4	1.8	1.5
Education and communication	.6	.0	.4	.2	.4	.2	.2	3.2	2.6
Other goods and services	.2	.1	.3	.4	.3	.1	.2	2.3	2.8
Special Indexes									
Energy	11.8	.0	-8.1	-2.1	5.0	-1.2	1.3	21.8	17.3
Food	.2	.3	.3	.1	.5	.1	.1	2.5	2.6
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	2.8	2.1

For the first three months of 2006, consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 4.3 percent. This compares with an increase of 3.4 percent for all of 2005. The index for energy, which rose 17.1 percent in 2005, advanced at a 21.8 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2006 and accounted for about 42 percent of the first quarter advance in the overall CPI-U. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 36.9 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 7.0 percent annual rate. The food index rose at a 2.5 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2006. The index for grocery store food prices increased at a 1.7 percent annual rate, reflecting increases in each of the six major groups ranging from annual rates of 0.4 percent in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs to 3.0 percent in the index for nonalcoholic beverages.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.8 percent SAAR in the first quarter, following a 2.2 percent rise in all of 2005. While most categories advanced at a faster rate in the first quarter of 2006 than in all of 2005, about two-thirds of the acceleration was accounted for by a larger increase in the index for shelter--up at a 3.6 percent SAAR in the first quarter after increasing 2.6 percent in all of 2005. An upturn in the index for apparel and a larger increase in the index for education and communication also contributed to the acceleration in the first quarter of 2006. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and one-quarter years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 3 mos. ended in March
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All items	2.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	4.3
Food and beverages	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.7
Housing	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.2
Apparel	-.5	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-1.1	1.4
Transportation	5.4	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	10.5
Medical care	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.2
Recreation	.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.8
Education and communication	1.6	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	3.2
Other goods and services	5.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	2.3
Special indexes								
Energy	13.4	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	21.8
Energy commodities	29.5	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	36.9
Energy services	1.2	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	7.0
All items less energy	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.6
Food	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.5
All items less food and energy	1.9	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.8

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in March. The index for food at home declined 0.1 percent, the same as in February. A 1.7 percent decline in the index for fruits and vegetables more than offset small to moderate increases in each of the other six major grocery store food groups. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables decreased 1.2 and 3.4 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 0.3 percent increase in the index for processed fruits and vegetables. Each of the other five major grocery store food groups turned up in March. The index for nonalcoholic beverages registered the largest increase--up 0.7 percent--reflecting a 2.0 percent increase in coffee prices. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs each increased 0.3 percent in March, following a decline of the same magnitude in February. Within the latter group, prices for beef rose 0.5 percent; poultry, 0.4 percent; and pork, 0.2 percent. The indexes for dairy products and for other food at home each increased 0.1 percent. Within the latter group, a 2.6 percent increase in prices for candy and gum more than offset a 1.8 percent decrease in prices for butter and margarine. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.1 percent in February, increased 0.2 percent in March. The index for shelter increased 0.4 percent in March, the same as in February. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.4 percent and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.8 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 5.2 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities declined 0.9 percent, following a 1.1 percent drop in February. Declines in the indexes for natural gas and for fuel oil more than offset a small increase in charges for electricity. The index for natural gas, which declined 4.5 percent in February, fell 4.3 percent in March. The index for fuel oil declined for the sixth consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in March. The index for electricity rose 0.5 percent. During the last 12 months, charges for natural gas and for electricity have increased 21.9 and 14.9 percent, respectively, and fuel oil prices have risen 18.5 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which was unchanged in February, increased 0.1 percent in March.

The transportation index increased 0.9 percent in March after declining 0.2 percent in February, reflecting an upturn in gasoline prices. The index for gasoline, which declined 1.0 percent in February, advanced 3.6 percent in March and accounted for virtually all of the transportation increase in March. The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in March and was 0.2 percent lower than in March 2005. The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.4 percent in March. The index for public transportation declined 0.3 percent in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for public transportation rose 0.6 percent as an increase in airline fares more than offset declines in the index for other intercity transportation.) Airline fares increased 1.1 percent in March, following increases of 1.2 percent in each of the first two months of the year.

The index for apparel rose 1.0 percent in March, following a 1.0 percent decrease in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 4.6 percent, reflecting the continued introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's apparel registered the largest advance--up 9.1 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in March and are 4.1 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services also rose 0.4 percent in March. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which rose 0.1 percent in February, increased 0.4 percent in March. Two-thirds of the March advance was accounted for by a 1.3 percent increase in charges for cable and satellite television and radio service. The index for newspapers and magazines rose 1.5 percent.

The index for education and communication rose 0.2 percent in March. Educational costs increased 0.5 percent, reflecting in part an increase in educational books and supplies. Communication costs declined 0.1 percent, reflecting a decrease in telephone service charges. A 0.1 percent increase in local land-line telephone charges was more than offset by a 0.7 percent decrease in long distance land-line telephone charges. The index for information technology, hardware and services was unchanged as a 1.4 percent increase in the index for internet services and electronic information providers was offset by declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment, for computer software and accessories, and for telephone hardware.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.2 percent in March; increases in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for financial services accounted for over 90 percent of the advance. Prices for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.6 percent. The index for financial services increased 1.6 percent, largely as a result of a 2.4 percent increase in charges for tax return preparation and other accounting fees.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.5 percent in March.

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 Mar. '06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005				2006				
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
All Items	1.4	.2	-.8	-.1	.7	.0	.5	4.6	3.6
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	.1	.1	2.5	2.5
Housing	.6	.9	.4	.1	.5	.1	.2	3.3	4.1
Apparel	-.4	-.2	.0	-.3	.0	-.7	1.1	1.7	-1.1
Transportation	5.3	-1.3	-5.2	-.7	1.8	-.3	1.1	11.1	5.4
Medical care	.3	.6	.6	.2	.1	.3	.5	3.7	4.0
Recreation	.4	.3	-.2	.0	.0	.1	.4	1.9	1.3
Education and communication	.7	-.1	.4	.1	.4	.1	.2	2.9	2.1
Other goods and services	.3	.0	.3	.4	.3	.1	.3	3.0	3.1
Special Indexes									
Energy	12.1	-.3	-8.7	-2.1	5.0	-1.3	1.4	22.1	17.1
Food	.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	.1	.1	2.3	2.5
All Items less food and energy	.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.4	2.9	2.1

Consumer Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

CPI (Old Weights)

For the first six months of 2006, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 2001-02 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 2004 through 2005. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From February to March, the Old Weight CPI-U rose 0.7 percent and the Old Weight CPI-W rose 0.6 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

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

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time 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 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. 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 2006.

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 sharp rises in the price of coffee futures. 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. 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	198.7	199.8	3.4	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	595.2	598.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.051	194.4	194.5	2.6	.1	.5	.2	.1
Food	13.942	194.0	194.0	2.6	.0	.5	.1	.1
Food at home	7.988	192.6	192.3	2.2	-.2	.5	-.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.098	210.3	210.9	1.2	.3	.5	-.3	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.133	185.4	185.9	.9	.3	.1	-.3	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.852	183.4	183.0	.9	-.2	.5	-.2	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	253.4	248.5	6.3	-1.9	1.7	.7	-1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	147.3	148.0	3.1	.5	.3	-.2	.7
Other food at home	1.777	169.1	169.2	2.1	.1	.5	-.1	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	167.3	170.1	4.6	1.7	.2	-1.7	1.9
Fats and oils .....	.231	170.4	168.5	.9	-1.1	1.4	.2	-1.4
Other foods ¹	1.244	184.7	184.5	1.8	-.1	.5	.2	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.328	113.4	113.0	1.0	-.4	.2	.7	-.4
Food away from home ¹	5.953	197.2	197.6	3.1	.2	.3	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.277	134.7	135.2	4.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.109	199.5	200.1	2.2	.3	.8	.8	.3
Housing	42.380	200.5	201.3	3.7	.4	.5	.1	.2
Shelter	32.260	228.3	229.9	2.5	.7	.1	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence ³	5.832	221.6	222.3	3.2	.3	.1	.3	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.611	133.4	140.4	1.5	5.2	.5	.6	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.442	234.1	234.9	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.2	116.2	-2.4	.0	-.2	.3	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.371	194.6	192.3	15.4	-1.2	3.4	-1.1	-9
Fuels	4.494	177.5	174.8	17.8	-1.5	3.8	-1.4	-1.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	230.5	230.4	17.9	.0	-1.2	-2.8	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	182.8	179.9	17.8	-1.6	4.2	-1.3	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	135.0	135.1	4.8	.1	.7	.8	-.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.749	126.8	126.7	.5	-.1	-.3	.0	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	135.0	134.9	5.1	-.1	.6	.7	-.1
Apparel	3.786	116.6	122.0	-1.2	4.6	.3	-1.0	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	112.7	116.2	-2.8	3.1	.2	-1.0	.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.612	106.3	115.0	-1.8	8.2	-.6	-1.3	2.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	116.6	118.7	-.3	1.8	.2	1.7	-.2
Footwear .....	.759	122.8	125.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	-.7	.4
Transportation	17.415	175.8	177.4	5.1	.9	1.8	-.2	.9
Private transportation	16.329	171.9	173.5	5.0	.9	1.8	-.2	1.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.858	96.2	96.0	.4	-.2	.3	.1	-.1
New vehicles	5.155	139.3	138.8	-.2	-.4	.6	.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.799	139.5	140.0	1.7	.4	.1	.1	.4
Motor fuel	4.191	198.1	205.8	17.0	3.9	6.2	-.9	3.6
Gasoline (all types)	4.148	197.0	204.7	17.0	3.9	6.4	-1.0	3.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.362	114.9	115.4	4.1	.4	.4	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.131	212.9	213.4	4.3	.2	.2	.9	.3
Public transportation	1.087	221.3	222.6	5.9	.6	1.3	-.2	-.3
Medical care	6.220	332.1	333.8	4.1	.5	.1	.5	.4
Medical care commodities	1.457	283.1	284.3	4.1	.4	.4	.3	.4
Medical care services	4.764	346.1	348.0	4.1	.5	.0	.5	.4
Professional services	2.815	286.5	287.8	2.9	.5	-.3	.2	.4
Hospital and related services ³	1.576	460.4	463.3	5.9	.6	.7	1.1	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.637	110.2	110.6	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
Video and audio ²	1.783	104.3	105.2	.6	.9	-2	-2	.9
Education and communication ²	6.047	115.7	115.6	2.6	-.1	.4	.2	.2
Education ²	2.967	158.4	158.4	6.1	.0	.7	.3	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	382.0	383.1	6.2	.3	.5	.1	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.771	457.2	457.2	6.1	.0	.7	.3	.5
Communication ²	3.080	84.5	84.4	-.9	-.1	.2	.0	-.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.895	82.0	81.9	-1.4	-.1	-1	-1	-1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.245	95.2	95.0	.0	-.2	.0	.0	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.650	13.0	13.0	-7.1	.0	-8	.0	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.236	11.5	11.4	-14.9	-.9	-9	-9	-9
Other goods and services	3.463	319.1	320.0	2.8	.3	.3	.1	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.710	515.9	519.0	4.5	.6	.4	.2	.6
Personal care	2.752	188.6	189.1	2.4	.3	.2	.1	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.710	155.6	155.2	1.4	-.3	.3	-.1	-.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.675	207.9	208.5	2.6	.3	-.1	.7	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.172	309.3	310.9	3.4	.5	.3	.1	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.790	161.4	162.8	2.9	.9	.9	-.1	.6
Food and beverages	15.051	194.4	194.5	2.6	.1	.5	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	25.739	142.8	144.7	3.1	1.3	1.1	-.3	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.163	169.1	173.3	5.9	2.5	2.3	-1.8	.8
Apparel	3.786	116.6	122.0	-1.2	4.6	.3	-1.0	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.377	205.7	209.3	8.6	1.8	2.5	-.3	1.8
Durables	11.576	115.3	115.1	-.5	-.2	.1	-.1	.0
Services	59.210	235.7	236.6	3.8	.4	.5	.2	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.884	237.8	239.6	2.5	.8	.1	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.2	116.2	-2.4	.0	-2	.3	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	182.8	179.9	17.8	-1.6	4.2	-1.3	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	135.0	135.1	4.8	.1	.7	.8	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	135.0	134.9	5.1	-.1	.6	.7	-.1
Transportation services	5.707	228.7	228.8	2.5	.0	.4	.0	-.1
Medical care services	4.764	346.1	348.0	4.1	.5	.0	.5	.4
Other services	10.669	273.9	274.6	3.2	.3	.3	.2	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.058	199.5	200.8	3.5	.7	.7	.1	.4
All items less shelter	67.740	189.4	190.3	3.9	.5	.9	-.1	.4
All items less medical care	93.780	191.9	193.0	3.3	.6	.7	.0	.4
Commodities less food	26.848	144.9	146.8	3.0	1.3	1.1	-.3	.8
Nondurables less food	15.272	171.0	175.0	5.7	2.3	2.2	-1.7	.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.486	204.2	207.5	8.0	1.6	2.3	-.1	1.6
Nondurables	29.214	182.2	184.4	4.2	1.2	1.5	-.9	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.325	251.0	250.9	5.2	.0	.9	-.1	.0
Services less medical care services	54.446	226.5	227.3	3.7	.4	.5	.0	.2
Energy	8.685	186.4	188.6	17.3	1.2	5.0	-1.2	1.3
All items less energy	91.315	201.6	202.6	2.2	.5	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.373	203.6	204.9	2.1	.6	.2	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.319	140.3	141.5	.3	.9	.2	-.1	.3
Energy commodities	4.530	201.1	208.3	17.0	3.6	5.7	-1.0	3.3
Services less energy services	55.055	241.1	242.4	2.8	.5	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.503	\$.500	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.168	\$.167	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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—		
	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	197.7	199.0	199.1	199.8	1.5	10.1	-1.8	4.3	5.7	1.2
Food and beverages	193.1	194.0	194.3	194.4	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.5
Food	192.7	193.6	193.8	193.9	3.4	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5
Food at home	191.4	192.4	192.3	192.2	3.4	1.3	2.3	1.7	2.4	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	209.9	211.0	210.3	210.9	.0	.2	2.3	1.9	.1	2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.7	185.8	185.3	185.9	2.0	-.9	2.0	.4	.5	1.2
Dairy and related products	182.5	183.4	183.1	183.2	2.4	-2.4	2.0	1.5	.0	1.8
Fruits and vegetables	247.2	251.5	253.2	248.8	10.5	7.0	5.5	2.6	8.7	4.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.1	146.5	146.2	147.2	4.3	3.4	1.4	3.0	3.8	2.2
Other food at home	168.1	169.0	168.8	169.0	3.4	1.7	1.2	2.2	2.6	1.7
Sugar and sweets	169.0	169.3	166.5	169.7	7.9	1.2	7.9	1.7	4.5	4.8
Fats and oils	167.1	169.4	169.8	167.5	-1.7	8.2	-3.5	1.0	3.2	-1.3
Other foods ¹	183.3	184.3	184.7	184.5	3.6	.4	.4	2.6	2.0	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.4	112.6	113.4	113.0	-5.9	4.8	3.3	2.2	-.7	2.7
Food away from home ¹	196.0	196.6	197.2	197.6	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Other food away from home ²	133.9	134.2	134.6	135.2	7.0	4.3	2.7	3.9	5.6	3.3
Alcoholic beverages ¹	196.4	198.0	199.5	200.1	.4	1.4	-.4	7.8	.9	3.6
Housing	199.7	200.6	200.8	201.3	1.7	4.4	6.0	3.2	3.0	4.6
Shelter	227.2	227.4	228.2	229.2	1.1	1.1	4.5	3.6	1.1	4.0
Rent of primary residence ³	220.4	220.7	221.4	222.3	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.4
Lodging away from home ²	132.8	133.4	134.2	135.3	-10.6	-9.5	21.5	7.7	-10.1	14.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	232.7	233.2	233.9	234.9	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.8	2.3	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.1	115.9	116.2	116.2	-3.3	-4.7	-1.7	.3	-4.0	-.7
Fuels and utilities	193.5	200.0	197.9	196.1	8.0	31.0	18.9	5.5	18.9	12.0
Fuels	176.8	183.6	181.0	179.1	8.7	38.0	22.1	5.3	22.5	13.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	230.7	227.9	221.6	222.4	19.0	119.2	-14.2	-13.6	61.5	-13.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	182.1	189.8	187.3	185.2	7.9	32.6	25.9	7.0	19.6	16.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	133.1	134.0	135.1	134.8	4.7	4.1	5.3	5.2	4.4	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.8	126.4	126.4	126.5	.0	.3	2.6	-.9	.2	.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	133.3	134.1	135.0	134.9	5.7	2.8	7.2	4.9	4.3	6.0
Apparel	118.7	119.1	117.9	119.1	-4.2	.0	-2.0	1.4	-2.1	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	114.6	114.8	113.6	114.2	-5.0	-3.4	-1.4	-1.4	-4.2	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel	110.2	109.5	108.1	110.5	-6.9	-2.2	.7	1.1	-4.6	.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	114.8	115.0	117.0	116.8	2.1	-9.8	.0	7.2	-4.1	3.5
Footwear	122.2	124.8	123.9	124.4	2.0	5.7	-6.0	7.4	3.8	.5
Transportation	174.1	177.2	176.9	178.5	.7	44.8	-24.2	10.5	20.8	-8.5
Private transportation	170.2	173.3	172.9	174.6	.0	47.6	-25.5	10.7	21.5	-9.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.4	95.7	95.8	95.7	2.1	.4	-2.1	1.3	1.3	-.4
New vehicles	137.4	138.2	138.3	138.2	.0	-4.3	1.2	2.3	-2.2	1.8
Used cars and trucks ¹	139.2	139.3	139.5	140.0	6.5	4.7	-6.3	2.3	5.6	-2.1
Motor fuel	194.1	206.2	204.4	211.7	-5.0	267.4	-62.1	41.5	86.8	-26.8
Gasoline (all types)	193.0	205.4	203.3	210.6	-5.0	269.7	-62.4	41.8	87.4	-26.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	114.0	114.4	114.9	115.4	1.1	5.5	4.7	5.0	3.3	4.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	210.4	210.8	212.7	213.4	3.4	4.7	3.1	5.8	4.0	4.5
Public transportation	222.3	225.1	224.6	223.9	12.7	5.6	2.7	2.9	9.1	2.8
Medical care	329.4	329.8	331.4	332.8	3.5	3.3	5.3	4.2	3.4	4.7
Medical care commodities	281.1	282.3	283.1	284.3	3.1	3.4	5.1	4.6	3.2	4.9
Medical care services	343.2	343.3	345.1	346.6	3.8	3.3	5.3	4.0	3.5	4.7
Professional services	286.3	285.3	285.9	287.0	3.5	3.2	4.0	1.0	3.3	2.5
Hospital and related services ³	449.7	452.7	457.7	460.5	3.8	2.9	7.2	10.0	3.3	8.5

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—		
	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.0	110.0	110.1	110.5	0.4	3.0	0.7	1.8	1.7	1.3
Video and audio ²	104.4	104.2	104.0	104.9	-4.5	6.4	-1.1	1.9	.8	.4
Education and communication ²	115.0	115.5	115.7	115.9	1.8	2.8	2.5	3.2	2.3	2.8
Education ²	156.8	157.9	158.3	159.1	6.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.4	5.9
Educational books and supplies	376.9	378.9	379.4	381.2	5.7	7.8	6.7	4.6	6.7	5.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	452.7	455.8	457.2	459.5	6.7	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.0
Communication ²	84.3	84.5	84.5	84.4	-2.8	.0	-1.4	.5	-1.4	-.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.2	82.1	82.0	81.9	-3.3	.0	-1.0	-1.5	-1.7	-1.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.0	-1.7	2.1	.4	-.8	.2	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.1	13.0	13.0	13.0	-10.9	-8.5	-5.9	-3.0	-9.8	-4.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	-11.4	-19.9	-18.1	-9.9	-15.7	-14.1
Other goods and services	317.7	318.5	318.8	319.5	1.8	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.8	2.7
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	513.1	515.1	515.9	519.0	1.0	10.3	2.4	4.7	5.5	3.5
Personal care	187.9	188.3	188.5	188.7	2.2	2.0	3.5	1.7	2.1	2.6
Personal care products ¹	155.4	155.8	155.6	155.2	3.4	1.3	1.6	-.5	2.4	.5
Personal care services ¹	206.6	206.4	207.9	208.5	-.6	3.2	4.0	3.7	1.3	3.8
Miscellaneous personal services	307.6	308.5	308.9	310.3	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	160.7	162.1	161.9	162.8	.8	18.9	-11.1	5.3	9.4	-3.2
Food and beverages	193.1	194.0	194.3	194.4	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages	142.3	143.9	143.5	144.7	-.9	30.4	-18.4	6.9	13.7	-6.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	170.0	173.9	170.8	172.1	4.8	46.3	-21.8	5.0	23.8	-9.4
Apparel	118.7	119.1	117.9	119.1	-4.2	.0	-2.0	1.4	-2.1	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	203.4	208.5	207.9	211.6	-.2	84.4	-35.4	17.1	35.7	-13.0
Durables	114.8	114.9	114.8	114.8	.0	-.7	-1.4	.0	-.3	-.7
Services	234.4	235.5	236.0	236.5	2.1	4.1	5.3	3.6	3.1	4.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	236.6	236.9	237.8	238.6	.9	1.2	4.3	3.4	1.0	3.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.1	115.9	116.2	116.2	-3.3	-4.7	-1.7	.3	-4.0	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	182.1	189.8	187.3	185.2	7.9	32.6	25.9	7.0	19.6	16.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	133.1	134.0	135.1	134.8	4.7	4.1	5.3	5.2	4.4	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	133.3	134.1	135.0	134.9	5.7	2.8	7.2	4.9	4.3	6.0
Transportation services	228.3	229.1	229.0	228.8	4.0	4.3	.9	.9	4.2	.9
Medical care services	343.2	343.3	345.1	346.6	3.8	3.3	5.3	4.0	3.5	4.7
Other services	272.4	273.1	273.7	274.7	2.0	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	198.6	199.9	200.0	200.8	1.2	11.4	-2.4	4.5	6.2	1.0
All items less shelter	188.4	190.1	189.9	190.6	2.0	14.4	-4.5	4.8	8.0	.0
All items less medical care	191.0	192.3	192.3	193.0	1.5	10.2	-2.1	4.3	5.8	1.0
Commodities less food	144.4	146.0	145.6	146.8	-.8	29.2	-17.7	6.8	13.2	-6.2
Nondurables less food	171.6	175.4	172.5	173.8	4.4	43.1	-20.8	5.2	22.3	-8.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	202.0	206.6	206.3	209.6	-.2	75.9	-33.0	15.9	32.5	-11.9
Nondurables	181.8	184.6	182.9	183.9	3.9	22.3	-11.2	4.7	12.7	-3.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	249.5	251.7	251.5	251.4	4.6	6.8	6.2	3.1	5.7	4.6
Services less medical care services	225.4	226.6	226.7	227.1	2.6	3.9	5.3	3.1	3.2	4.2
Energy	184.3	193.5	191.2	193.6	1.5	134.3	-34.7	21.8	54.2	-10.8
All items less energy	200.7	201.1	201.5	202.0	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.6	1.6	2.7
All items less food and energy	202.8	203.2	203.5	204.2	1.2	1.8	2.6	2.8	1.5	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.2	140.5	140.3	140.7	-.3	.0	-.3	1.4	-.1	.6
Energy commodities	197.3	208.6	206.5	213.4	-3.7	255.4	-60.0	36.9	85.0	-26.0
Services less energy services	239.8	240.2	241.0	241.8	1.9	2.2	3.9	3.4	2.1	3.7

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 Mar.2006 from—			Percent change to Feb.2006 from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006
U.S. city average	M	196.8	198.3	198.7	199.8	3.4	0.8	0.6	3.6	1.0	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	209.0	211.0	211.6	212.8	3.3	.9	.6	3.9	1.2	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.3	213.2	213.8	215.0	3.1	.8	.6	3.8	1.2	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.6	124.8	125.2	126.0	3.9	1.0	.6	4.2	1.3	.3
Midwest urban	M	189.7	190.8	190.7	192.0	3.1	.6	.7	3.0	.5	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.6	192.7	192.5	193.8	2.9	.6	.7	2.9	.5	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.9	121.6	121.6	122.3	3.0	.6	.6	3.0	.6	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	184.4	185.3	185.2	186.7	3.8	.8	.8	3.3	.4	-.1
South urban	M	190.1	191.5	191.8	192.8	3.7	.7	.5	3.8	.9	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.9	193.6	193.9	194.6	3.6	.5	.4	3.9	1.0	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.2	122.0	122.1	123.0	3.9	.8	.7	3.7	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	189.7	191.0	191.1	192.3	4.2	.7	.6	4.4	.7	.1
West urban	M	200.0	201.7	202.7	203.8	3.4	1.0	.5	3.6	1.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.0	204.7	205.7	206.8	3.5	1.0	.5	3.7	1.3	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.8	122.9	123.7	124.2	3.2	1.1	.4	3.4	1.6	.7
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	180.0	181.4	181.9	182.8	3.3	.8	.5	3.6	1.1	.3
B/C ³	M	121.6	122.5	122.7	123.5	3.6	.8	.7	3.5	.9	.2
D	M	189.3	190.1	190.2	191.6	3.7	.8	.7	3.5	.5	.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	196.4	197.5	197.2	197.6	3.3	.1	.2	3.5	.4	-.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	203.9	206.0	207.5	208.5	4.7	1.2	.5	5.1	1.8	.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	214.2	215.9	216.4	218.2	2.7	1.1	.8	3.6	1.0	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	220.5	-	221.3	3.3	.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	190.3	-	190.7	2.4	.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	188.6	-	188.4	3.9	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	126.3	-	126.8	3.3	.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	188.7	-	189.8	-	-	-	-	2.4	.6	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	192.4	-	194.8	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	177.2	-	178.6	-	-	-	-	2.3	.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	197.4	-	202.2	-	-	-	-	6.1	2.4	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	204.9	-	209.0	-	-	-	-	4.4	2.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	203.4	-	207.1	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	200.9	-	203.6	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.3	-

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	194.2	195.3	3.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.5
All items (1967=100)	-	578.6	581.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.537	193.7	193.8	2.5	.1	.4	.1	.1
Food	15.519	193.3	193.2	2.5	-1	.4	.1	.1
Food at home	9.347	191.7	191.4	2.1	-2	.5	-1	-1
Cereals and bakery products	1.275	210.5	211.1	1.3	.3	.7	-5	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.653	185.1	185.8	.8	.4	-1	-2	.4
Dairy and related products .....	.965	183.3	182.7	.8	-3	.3	.1	-1
Fruits and vegetables	1.338	251.3	245.9	6.3	-2.1	1.5	.9	-2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.087	146.7	147.3	3.0	.4	.3	-3	.8
Other food at home	2.030	168.7	168.7	2.1	.0	.5	.0	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	166.5	169.0	4.4	1.5	.1	-1.5	1.8
Fats and oils .....	.287	171.2	169.4	1.3	-1.1	1.5	.4	-1.3
Other foods ¹	1.406	185.0	184.8	1.7	-1	.4	.3	-1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.370	113.8	113.4	.8	-4	.1	.7	-4
Food away from home ¹	6.172	197.0	197.4	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.275	134.4	134.8	4.4	.3	.1	.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	199.4	200.5	2.3	.6	.9	.7	.6
Housing	40.161	196.1	196.6	4.1	.3	.5	.1	.2
Shelter	30.069	221.2	222.4	2.6	.5	.0	.4	.5
Rent of primary residence ³	7.880	220.8	221.4	3.2	.3	.1	.3	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.412	133.1	140.4	2.4	5.5	-5	1.3	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.429	212.4	213.0	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.5	116.5	-2.4	.0	-2	.3	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.900	193.2	190.8	15.1	-1.2	3.3	-1.1	-9
Fuels	4.984	175.0	172.4	17.4	-1.5	3.8	-1.4	-1.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	229.7	229.8	17.7	.0	-1.6	-2.8	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	181.1	178.3	17.5	-1.5	4.2	-1.4	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	135.3	135.4	4.8	.1	.7	.7	-1
Household furnishings and operations	4.193	122.4	122.5	.5	.1	-2	.2	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	137.5	137.3	5.5	-1	.5	.6	-1
Apparel	4.090	116.1	121.6	-1.1	4.7	.0	-7	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	112.7	115.7	-3.3	2.7	.1	-7	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.689	105.4	114.3	-2.1	8.4	-1.1	-1.0	2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	118.1	120.8	-9	2.3	.3	.8	.8
Footwear .....	.964	122.1	124.7	2.5	2.1	1.8	-6	.9
Transportation	19.669	174.8	176.6	5.4	1.0	1.8	-3	1.1
Private transportation	18.931	172.0	173.8	5.4	1.0	1.9	-3	1.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.944	95.2	95.1	.6	-1	.3	.0	.1
New vehicles	5.380	140.3	139.9	-1	-3	.6	.0	.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.801	140.3	140.8	1.7	.4	.1	.1	.4
Motor fuel	5.244	198.7	206.5	17.0	3.9	6.2	-1.1	3.7
Gasoline (all types)	5.193	197.7	205.6	17.0	4.0	6.2	-1.1	3.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.434	114.3	114.9	4.0	.5	.3	.4	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.130	215.4	215.8	4.3	.2	.2	.8	.3
Public transportation .....	.738	220.4	221.6	6.0	.5	1.3	-1	-3
Medical care	5.171	331.5	333.2	4.0	.5	.1	.3	.5
Medical care commodities	1.140	276.3	277.3	4.0	.4	.4	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.030	346.4	348.3	4.0	.5	.0	.3	.6
Professional services	2.336	288.9	290.2	2.8	.4	-3	.2	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.332	455.4	458.4	5.7	.7	.6	.9	.6

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.097	107.5	107.9	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
Video and audio ²	1.928	103.6	104.4	.5	.8	-2	.0	.7
Education and communication ²	5.635	113.1	113.0	2.1	-.1	.4	.1	.2
Education ²	2.243	156.7	156.8	6.1	.1	.8	.3	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	383.5	384.9	6.2	.4	.6	.3	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.044	443.2	443.1	6.0	.0	.8	.3	.4
Communication ²	3.392	86.3	86.2	-.7	-.1	.1	.0	-.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.244	84.6	84.5	-.9	-.1	.0	.0	-.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.653	95.4	95.2	.1	-.2	.0	.1	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.590	13.5	13.6	-.6	.7	.0	-.7	.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.208	11.3	11.3	-14.4	.0	-1.7	-.9	.0
Other goods and services	3.640	328.4	329.4	3.1	.3	.3	.1	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.137	517.9	520.9	4.7	.6	.4	.2	.6
Personal care	2.504	186.8	187.2	2.3	.2	.3	.1	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.774	155.6	155.2	1.2	-.3	.3	-.1	-.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.616	208.0	208.5	2.4	.2	-.1	.7	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	309.7	311.4	3.5	.5	.3	.2	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.601	162.7	164.3	3.2	1.0	1.0	-.2	.7
Food and beverages	16.537	193.7	193.8	2.5	.1	.4	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	28.064	145.1	147.2	3.5	1.4	1.2	-.3	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.599	174.0	178.7	6.5	2.7	2.5	-1.8	.8
Apparel	4.090	116.1	121.6	-1.1	4.7	.0	-.7	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.509	213.9	218.1	9.4	2.0	2.7	-.3	1.9
Durables	12.465	115.3	115.2	-.1	-.1	.2	.0	.0
Services	55.399	231.2	231.8	3.9	.3	.5	.1	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.721	213.1	214.3	2.6	.6	.0	.4	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.5	116.5	-2.4	.0	-.2	.3	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	181.1	178.3	17.5	-1.5	4.2	-1.4	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	135.3	135.4	4.8	.1	.7	.7	-.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	137.5	137.3	5.5	-.1	.5	.6	-.1
Transportation services	5.659	229.0	229.0	2.2	.0	.2	.0	.0
Medical care services	4.030	346.4	348.3	4.0	.5	.0	.3	.6
Other services	9.726	265.0	265.7	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.481	194.2	195.5	3.7	.7	.8	-.1	.5
All items less shelter	69.931	186.5	187.6	4.0	.6	1.0	-.2	.4
All items less medical care	94.829	188.4	189.5	3.5	.6	.7	.0	.4
Commodities less food	29.082	147.0	149.1	3.5	1.4	1.2	-.3	1.0
Nondurables less food	16.617	175.6	180.1	6.3	2.6	2.4	-1.7	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.527	211.7	215.6	8.7	1.8	2.6	-.3	1.8
Nondurables	32.136	184.5	186.9	4.4	1.3	1.5	-.8	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.679	222.9	222.7	5.2	-.1	1.0	-.2	.0
Services less medical care services	51.369	222.5	223.0	3.9	.2	.5	.0	.1
Energy	10.228	185.9	188.4	17.1	1.3	5.0	-1.3	1.4
All items less energy	89.772	196.1	197.0	2.1	.5	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy	74.253	197.1	198.2	2.1	.6	.2	.2	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.491	140.7	141.9	.4	.9	.1	.0	.3
Energy commodities	5.591	200.9	208.4	17.0	3.7	5.7	-1.2	3.4
Services less energy services	50.762	236.5	237.5	2.8	.4	.1	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.515	\$.512	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.173	\$.172	-	-	-	-	-

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—		
	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	193.3	194.6	194.6	195.5	1.7	11.7	-3.0	4.6	6.6	0.7
Food and beverages	192.5	193.3	193.5	193.7	3.0	1.7	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.6
Food	192.1	192.9	193.1	193.2	3.2	1.7	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.5
Food at home	190.6	191.5	191.4	191.3	3.5	1.1	2.6	1.5	2.3	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	209.9	211.3	210.3	211.1	.6	-4	2.7	2.3	.1	2.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.6	185.4	185.0	185.8	2.0	-9	1.7	.4	.5	1.1
Dairy and related products	182.3	182.9	183.0	182.8	2.4	-2.6	1.8	1.1	-1	1.4
Fruits and vegetables	245.3	249.0	251.2	246.2	10.6	6.9	6.8	1.5	8.7	4.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	145.5	146.0	145.5	146.6	4.6	3.1	1.7	3.1	3.8	2.4
Other food at home	167.6	168.4	168.4	168.5	2.9	1.7	1.4	2.2	2.3	1.8
Sugar and sweets	168.1	168.3	165.7	168.7	7.4	1.5	7.7	1.4	4.4	4.5
Fats and oils	167.4	169.9	170.6	168.4	-2.4	9.0	-3.3	2.4	3.2	-5
Other foods ¹	183.7	184.4	185.0	184.8	3.1	.2	1.1	2.4	1.7	1.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.9	113.0	113.8	113.4	-6.9	5.2	3.6	1.8	-1.1	2.7
Food away from home ¹	195.8	196.4	197.0	197.4	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.1
Other food away from home ²	133.7	133.9	134.4	135.0	7.0	4.3	2.7	3.9	5.7	3.3
Alcoholic beverages ¹	196.3	198.0	199.4	200.5	-6	.6	.6	8.8	.0	4.6
Housing	195.2	196.2	196.4	196.8	2.6	4.9	5.7	3.3	3.7	4.5
Shelter	220.1	220.2	221.0	222.0	1.7	1.5	3.9	3.5	1.6	3.7
Rent of primary residence ³	219.6	219.9	220.5	221.4	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.4
Lodging away from home ²	132.5	131.9	133.6	135.8	-7.9	-12.0	22.7	10.3	-10.0	16.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	211.0	211.5	212.2	213.0	2.3	2.1	2.5	3.8	2.2	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.2	116.5	116.5	-3.6	-4.7	-1.7	.3	-4.1	-7
Fuels and utilities	192.2	198.6	196.4	194.7	8.6	29.8	19.1	5.3	18.7	12.0
Fuels	174.5	181.1	178.5	176.6	9.1	36.1	22.1	4.9	21.8	13.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	230.4	226.8	220.4	221.4	19.6	120.4	-14.8	-14.7	62.4	-14.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	180.5	188.1	185.5	183.4	8.4	30.9	25.6	6.6	19.1	15.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	133.4	134.3	135.3	135.1	4.7	4.0	5.3	5.2	4.4	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	122.2	121.9	122.2	122.2	.3	.0	1.3	.0	.2	.7
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.0	136.7	137.5	137.3	8.2	2.1	7.7	3.9	5.1	5.8
Apparel	118.2	118.2	117.4	118.7	-4.3	-.7	-1.7	1.7	-2.5	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	114.2	114.3	113.5	113.5	-6.3	-3.1	-1.0	-2.4	-4.7	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	109.6	108.4	107.3	109.6	-7.0	-2.9	1.5	.0	-4.9	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.3	117.6	118.5	119.4	-.7	-10.2	1.0	7.4	-5.6	4.1
Footwear	121.5	123.7	123.0	124.1	3.0	4.3	-5.7	8.8	3.7	1.3
Transportation	173.2	176.4	175.9	177.8	.7	48.7	-25.6	11.1	22.4	-9.1
Private transportation	170.3	173.5	173.0	175.0	.2	50.6	-26.6	11.5	22.9	-9.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.5	94.8	94.8	94.9	2.6	1.3	-2.9	1.7	1.9	-6
New vehicles	138.4	139.2	139.2	139.3	.0	-3.7	.9	2.6	-1.9	1.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	140.0	140.1	140.3	140.8	6.5	4.9	-6.6	2.3	5.7	-2.2
Motor fuel	195.1	207.1	204.8	212.3	-4.8	267.8	-61.9	40.2	87.2	-26.9
Gasoline (all types)	194.1	206.1	203.8	211.3	-4.8	267.8	-62.0	40.4	87.1	-26.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	113.6	113.9	114.3	114.9	1.1	5.5	4.7	4.7	3.3	4.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	212.9	213.4	215.2	215.8	3.5	4.9	3.3	5.6	4.2	4.4
Public transportation	220.8	223.6	223.3	222.7	11.1	6.3	3.3	3.5	8.7	3.4
Medical care	329.2	329.5	330.5	332.2	3.8	3.0	5.7	3.7	3.4	4.7
Medical care commodities	274.2	275.3	276.3	277.3	2.7	2.7	6.1	4.6	2.7	5.3
Medical care services	344.0	344.0	345.0	346.9	4.1	3.1	5.5	3.4	3.6	4.5
Professional services	288.7	287.7	288.3	289.3	3.7	2.8	3.7	.8	3.3	2.2
Hospital and related services ³	446.2	448.7	452.7	455.6	4.0	2.3	7.9	8.7	3.1	8.3

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—		
	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	107.3	107.3	107.4	107.8	0.4	2.7	0.4	1.9	1.5	1.1
Video and audio ²	103.6	103.4	103.4	104.1	-4.2	6.0	-1.5	1.9	.8	.2
Education and communication ²	112.4	112.9	113.0	113.2	1.5	2.5	1.8	2.9	2.0	2.3
Education ²	155.0	156.2	156.6	157.3	6.3	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.0
Educational books and supplies	377.9	380.2	381.2	382.9	5.5	7.4	6.3	5.4	6.5	5.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	438.3	442.0	443.2	444.9	6.4	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.0	6.0
Communication ²	86.2	86.3	86.3	86.2	-2.3	.5	-.9	.0	-.9	-.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.5	-2.3	.0	-.9	-.5	-1.2	-.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.3	95.3	95.4	95.2	-1.3	2.1	.0	-.4	.4	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.6	-8.0	-8.2	-8.4	.0	-8.1	-4.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	11.6	11.4	11.3	11.3	-14.3	-17.6	-15.5	-10.0	-16.0	-12.8
Other goods and services	326.8	327.8	328.1	329.2	1.9	4.7	2.7	3.0	3.3	2.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	515.0	517.1	517.9	520.9	1.2	11.1	2.2	4.7	6.0	3.4
Personal care	186.0	186.5	186.6	187.0	2.2	1.8	3.1	2.2	2.0	2.6
Personal care products ¹	155.4	155.8	155.6	155.2	3.2	1.3	1.0	-.5	2.2	.3
Personal care services ¹	206.9	206.6	208.0	208.5	-.6	3.0	4.2	3.1	1.2	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services	308.0	308.9	309.4	310.8	3.8	2.9	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	161.9	163.5	163.2	164.3	.8	20.7	-12.3	6.1	10.3	-3.6
Food and beverages	192.5	193.3	193.5	193.7	3.0	1.7	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages	144.5	146.3	145.9	147.3	-.6	34.1	-20.0	8.0	15.5	-7.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	174.9	179.3	176.0	177.4	5.1	50.6	-23.5	5.8	25.8	-10.0
Apparel	118.2	118.2	117.4	118.7	-4.3	-.7	-1.7	1.7	-2.5	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	211.5	217.2	216.5	220.7	-1.6	95.5	-37.4	18.6	38.7	-13.9
Durables	114.8	115.0	115.0	115.0	.7	-.3	-1.4	.7	.2	-.3
Services	230.0	231.1	231.4	232.0	2.5	4.3	5.2	3.5	3.4	4.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	212.1	212.1	212.9	213.9	1.7	1.7	3.9	3.4	1.7	3.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.2	116.5	116.5	-3.6	-4.7	-1.7	.3	-4.1	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	180.5	188.1	185.5	183.4	8.4	30.9	25.6	6.6	19.1	15.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	133.4	134.3	135.3	135.1	4.7	4.0	5.3	5.2	4.4	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.0	136.7	137.5	137.3	8.2	2.1	7.7	3.9	5.1	5.8
Transportation services	228.5	229.0	228.9	228.9	3.1	3.8	1.4	.7	3.4	1.1
Medical care services	344.0	344.0	345.0	346.9	4.1	3.1	5.5	3.4	3.6	4.5
Other services	263.6	264.3	264.8	265.7	1.6	3.9	3.1	3.2	2.7	3.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	193.3	194.8	194.7	195.7	1.5	13.5	-4.2	5.1	7.3	.3
All items less shelter	185.6	187.4	187.1	187.9	1.8	16.1	-5.8	5.0	8.7	-.5
All items less medical care	187.5	188.9	188.9	189.7	1.8	12.0	-3.5	4.8	6.8	.5
Commodities less food	146.4	148.2	147.8	149.3	-.6	32.2	-19.2	8.2	14.6	-6.5
Nondurables less food	176.3	180.5	177.4	179.0	4.6	47.2	-22.2	6.3	24.1	-9.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	209.2	214.6	214.0	217.8	-.8	85.5	-35.5	17.5	35.6	-12.9
Nondurables	184.1	186.9	185.4	186.3	3.6	23.9	-11.9	4.9	13.3	-3.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	221.7	223.9	223.4	223.3	4.6	7.1	6.4	2.9	5.8	4.6
Services less medical care services	221.4	222.6	222.7	223.0	3.0	4.3	5.0	2.9	3.7	4.0
Energy	183.9	193.1	190.6	193.3	1.2	140.3	-36.9	22.1	55.9	-12.2
All items less energy	195.3	195.7	196.0	196.6	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.7	1.8	2.5
All items less food and energy	196.3	196.6	197.0	197.7	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.9	1.6	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.5	140.7	140.7	141.1	.3	.6	-.8	1.7	.4	.4
Energy commodities	197.6	208.8	206.3	213.4	-3.5	257.8	-60.2	36.0	85.9	-26.4
Services less energy services	235.3	235.6	236.3	237.2	2.1	2.3	3.7	3.3	2.2	3.5

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 Mar.2006 from—			Percent change to Feb.2006 from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006
U.S. city average	M	192.5	194.0	194.2	195.3	3.6	0.7	0.6	3.7	0.9	0.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	205.5	207.5	207.9	209.0	3.6	.7	.5	4.0	1.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	206.4	208.2	208.6	209.7	3.4	.7	.5	3.7	1.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.7	125.2	125.5	126.1	4.0	.7	.5	4.5	1.5	.2
Midwest urban	M	185.1	186.2	185.9	187.0	3.2	.4	.6	3.2	.4	-.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	186.2	187.3	186.9	188.0	3.0	.4	.6	3.1	.4	-.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.3	121.1	121.0	121.7	3.3	.5	.6	3.2	.6	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	182.4	183.5	183.2	184.7	4.2	.7	.8	3.8	.4	-.2
South urban	M	187.2	188.8	188.9	189.9	3.9	.6	.5	4.1	.9	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	189.7	191.6	191.8	192.4	3.8	.4	.3	4.2	1.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	119.8	120.7	120.7	121.6	3.9	.7	.7	3.8	.8	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	189.8	191.0	191.1	192.4	4.5	.7	.7	4.6	.7	.1
West urban	M	194.9	196.3	197.2	198.3	3.3	1.0	.6	3.5	1.2	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.2	197.6	198.6	199.7	3.4	1.1	.6	3.7	1.2	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.3	122.3	123.1	123.6	3.2	1.1	.4	3.4	1.5	.7
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	178.4	179.8	180.0	181.0	3.4	.7	.6	3.6	.9	.1
B/C ³	M	120.7	121.7	121.9	122.6	3.6	.7	.6	3.7	1.0	.2
D	M	187.9	188.7	188.7	190.2	4.0	.8	.8	3.9	.4	.0
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	190.2	191.2	190.6	190.9	3.3	-.2	.2	3.5	.2	-.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	196.5	198.3	199.9	200.8	4.5	1.3	.5	5.0	1.7	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	208.7	210.2	210.6	212.0	3.2	.9	.7	3.6	.9	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	219.5	-	220.5	3.5	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	181.4	-	181.6	2.5	.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	189.9	-	189.7	4.5	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	126.1	-	126.4	3.4	.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	187.2	-	188.5	-	-	-	-	2.8	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	187.9	-	189.6	-	-	-	-	3.8	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	175.1	-	176.7	-	-	-	-	2.9	.9	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	195.5	-	199.9	-	-	-	-	6.2	2.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	205.2	-	209.1	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	199.3	-	202.5	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.6	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	196.1	-	198.0	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.0	-

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, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—	
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	R ¹ 115.5	116.1	3.0	0.5
Food and beverages	15.072	114.9	114.9	2.4	.0
Food	13.943	114.9	114.9	2.5	.0
Food at home	8.029	112.5	112.4	2.2	-.1
Food away from home	5.914	118.2	118.4	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	114.9	115.2	2.1	.3
Housing	42.173	120.4	120.9	3.5	.4
Shelter	32.495	120.7	121.6	2.6	.7
Fuels and utilities	4.702	149.4	147.8	14.2	-1.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.9	96.8	.0	-.1
Apparel	4.076	87.6	91.7	-1.2	4.7
Transportation	17.095	116.6	117.4	4.3	.7
Private transportation	15.988	117.2	118.1	4.2	.8
Public transportation	1.107	108.8	109.5	5.6	.6
Medical care	6.055	129.8	130.4	3.9	.5
Medical care commodities	1.458	119.8	120.3	3.9	.4
Medical care services	4.597	133.2	133.9	4.0	.5
Recreation	5.863	105.3	105.7	1.1	.4
Education and communication	6.190	102.8	102.7	1.6	-.1
Education	2.751	147.1	147.1	6.1	.0
Communication	3.439	76.4	76.3	-1.9	-.1
Other goods and services	3.475	118.8	119.1	2.7	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	122.9	123.4	3.6	.4
Commodities	41.237	106.1	107.0	2.2	.8
Durables	12.340	88.1	87.9	-.9	-.2
Nondurables	28.897	114.9	116.3	3.6	1.2
All items less food and energy	78.707	111.8	112.5	2.0	.6
Energy	7.351	162.0	163.7	16.6	1.0

^R Revised.

Indexes for 2006 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2005 are interim adjustments.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—	
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	198.7	200.0	3.5	0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	595.3	599.0	-	-
Food and beverages	15.127	194.4	194.5	2.6	.1
Food	14.151	194.0	194.0	2.6	.0
Food at home	8.049	192.7	192.5	2.3	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.157	210.4	210.9	1.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.229	185.5	186.0	.9	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.836	183.4	182.9	.8	-.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.242	253.6	248.8	6.5	-1.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.885	147.5	148.2	3.2	.5
Other food at home	1.700	169.1	169.4	2.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.297	167.5	170.2	4.7	1.6
Fats and oils .....	.246	170.5	168.6	1.0	-1.1
Other foods	1.157	184.6	184.7	1.9	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.295	113.2	113.0	1.0	-.2
Food away from home	6.102	197.1	197.5	3.0	.2
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.338	134.5	135.0	4.3	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.976	199.6	200.3	2.4	.4
Housing	42.224	200.5	201.4	3.8	.4
Shelter	32.442	228.4	230.2	2.6	.8
Rent of primary residence ²	6.116	221.6	222.3	3.2	.3
Lodging away from home ¹	3.009	132.6	139.8	1.1	5.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	22.951	234.2	234.9	2.7	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	116.2	116.2	-2.4	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.538	193.9	191.4	14.8	-1.3
Fuels	4.592	176.6	173.9	17.2	-1.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.360	230.4	230.3	17.8	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.233	181.9	178.8	17.1	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.946	135.0	135.1	4.8	.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.243	126.8	126.8	.6	.0
Household operations ¹ .....	.717	134.7	134.8	5.1	.1
Apparel	3.677	116.4	121.9	-1.3	4.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.927	112.5	115.8	-3.2	2.9
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	106.0	114.9	-1.9	8.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	116.9	119.2	.2	2.0
Footwear .....	.747	123.1	125.6	2.3	2.0
Transportation	17.650	175.8	177.6	5.2	1.0
Private transportation	16.595	172.0	173.7	5.1	1.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.519	96.1	96.0	.4	-.1
New vehicles	4.521	139.3	138.8	-2	-4
Used cars and trucks	1.998	139.5	139.9	1.6	.3
Motor fuel	4.460	198.1	205.8	17.0	3.9
Gasoline (all types)	4.418	197.0	204.8	17.0	4.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.366	114.9	115.4	4.1	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.344	213.0	213.5	4.3	.2
Public transportation	1.055	221.2	222.5	5.9	.6
Medical care	6.186	332.2	333.8	4.1	.5
Medical care commodities	1.488	283.4	284.5	4.1	.4
Medical care services	4.698	346.1	347.9	4.1	.5
Professional services	2.776	286.5	287.7	2.9	.4
Hospital and related services ²	1.540	460.2	463.1	5.9	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—	
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.605	110.4	110.8	1.7	0.4
Video and audio ¹	1.637	104.3	105.1	.5	.8
Education and communication ¹	5.791	115.8	115.7	2.7	-.1
Education ¹	3.008	158.5	158.5	6.2	.0
Educational books and supplies .....	.223	381.9	383.1	6.2	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.784	457.4	457.4	6.1	.0
Communication ¹	2.784	84.5	84.5	-.8	.0
Information and information processing ¹	2.612	82.1	82.0	-1.3	-.1
Telephone services ¹	2.123	95.2	95.1	.1	-.1
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴ .....	.489	12.9	13.0	-7.1	.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.156	11.5	11.4	-14.9	-.9
Other goods and services	3.739	319.1	320.1	2.9	.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.824	515.9	518.9	4.5	.6
Personal care	2.916	188.6	189.1	2.4	.3
Personal care products .....	.645	155.3	155.1	1.4	-.1
Personal care services .....	.647	208.0	208.4	2.5	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.449	309.2	310.7	3.3	.5
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	39.974	161.5	163.0	3.0	.9
Food and beverages	15.127	194.4	194.5	2.6	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	24.847	143.0	145.0	3.3	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.289	169.3	173.6	6.0	2.5
Apparel	3.677	116.4	121.9	-1.3	4.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.612	205.9	209.7	8.8	1.8
Durables	10.558	115.4	115.2	-.4	-.2
Services	60.026	235.6	236.6	3.8	.4
Rent of shelter ³	32.076	237.9	239.9	2.7	.8
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	116.2	116.2	-2.4	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.233	181.9	178.8	17.1	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.946	135.0	135.1	4.8	.1
Household operations ¹ .....	.717	134.7	134.8	5.1	.1
Transportation services	6.194	228.6	228.7	2.4	.0
Medical care services	4.698	346.1	347.9	4.1	.5
Other services	10.795	274.1	274.8	3.3	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	85.849	199.6	201.0	3.6	.7
All items less shelter	67.558	189.4	190.4	3.9	.5
All items less medical care	93.814	191.9	193.1	3.4	.6
Commodities less food	25.823	145.1	147.1	3.2	1.4
Nondurables less food	15.265	171.1	175.3	5.9	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.588	204.5	208.0	8.3	1.7
Nondurables	29.416	182.3	184.6	4.3	1.3
Services less rent of shelter ³	27.950	250.8	250.6	5.1	-.1
Services less medical care services	55.328	226.4	227.4	3.7	.4
Energy	9.052	186.1	188.3	17.1	1.2
All items less energy	90.948	201.6	202.7	2.2	.5
All items less food and energy	76.797	203.7	205.0	2.1	.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.004	140.4	141.6	.4	.9
Energy commodities	4.819	201.1	208.4	17.1	3.6
Services less energy services	55.793	241.1	242.5	2.9	.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.503	\$.500	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.168	\$.167	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—	
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	194.3	195.4	3.6	0.6
All items (1967=100)	-	578.8	582.1	-	-
Food and beverages	16.817	193.7	193.8	2.5	.1
Food	15.758	193.3	193.3	2.5	.0
Food at home	9.374	191.7	191.5	2.2	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.310	210.5	210.9	1.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.787	185.2	185.8	.8	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.946	183.4	182.7	.8	-.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.365	251.2	246.1	6.4	-2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.051	146.8	147.5	3.1	.5
Other food at home	1.914	168.7	168.9	2.2	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.312	167.0	169.7	4.9	1.6
Fats and oils .....	.298	170.5	168.6	.8	-1.1
Other foods	1.304	185.0	185.1	1.9	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.335	113.8	113.5	.9	-.3
Food away from home	6.385	196.9	197.3	3.0	.2
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.255	134.4	134.9	4.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.059	199.0	200.2	2.1	.6
Housing	39.247	196.2	196.7	4.1	.3
Shelter	29.666	221.4	222.7	2.7	.6
Rent of primary residence ²	8.000	220.7	221.4	3.2	.3
Lodging away from home ¹	1.739	133.3	140.3	2.3	5.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	19.607	212.4	213.0	2.7	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.321	116.3	116.3	-2.6	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.903	192.7	190.2	14.8	-1.3
Fuels	4.935	174.5	171.8	17.0	-1.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.337	229.9	230.1	17.8	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.598	180.6	177.5	16.9	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.968	135.3	135.5	4.9	.1
Household furnishings and operations	3.677	122.4	122.5	.5	.1
Household operations ¹ .....	.326	137.5	137.5	5.6	.0
Apparel	4.020	116.6	121.5	-1.2	4.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.009	112.3	115.1	-3.8	2.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.582	106.1	114.5	-2.0	7.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.226	120.0	122.0	.1	1.7
Footwear .....	.970	122.4	124.7	2.5	1.9
Transportation	20.141	174.8	176.7	5.4	1.1
Private transportation	19.348	172.0	173.9	5.5	1.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	8.889	95.2	95.1	.6	-.1
New vehicles	4.550	140.3	139.9	-.1	-.3
Used cars and trucks	3.465	140.3	140.8	1.7	.4
Motor fuel	5.443	198.7	206.6	17.1	4.0
Gasoline (all types)	5.396	197.8	205.7	17.1	4.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.451	114.5	115.0	4.1	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.362	215.6	216.1	4.4	.2
Public transportation .....	.793	219.9	220.9	5.7	.5
Medical care	5.059	331.7	333.3	4.1	.5
Medical care commodities	1.127	276.3	277.3	4.0	.4
Medical care services	3.931	346.7	348.4	4.1	.5
Professional services	2.275	288.9	290.2	2.8	.4
Hospital and related services ²	1.297	456.0	458.7	5.8	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2006 from—	
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. 2006
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.408	107.6	108.0	1.4	0.4
Video and audio ¹	1.816	103.5	104.4	.5	.9
Education and communication ¹	5.419	113.1	113.1	2.2	.0
Education ¹	2.416	156.7	156.7	6.0	.0
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	383.3	384.2	6.0	.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.196	443.1	443.1	6.0	.0
Communication ¹	3.003	86.3	86.2	-.7	-.1
Information and information processing ¹	2.861	84.6	84.5	-.9	-.1
Telephone services ¹	2.399	95.4	95.3	-.2	-.1
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴ .....	.462	13.5	13.6	-6.2	.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.140	11.3	11.3	-14.4	.0
Other goods and services	3.889	328.3	329.4	3.1	.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1.275	517.9	520.8	4.7	.6
Personal care	2.614	186.8	187.2	2.3	.2
Personal care products .....	.696	155.4	155.1	1.2	-.2
Personal care services .....	.605	208.1	208.6	2.5	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.154	309.7	311.3	3.5	.5
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	44.564	162.8	164.3	3.2	.9
Food and beverages	16.817	193.7	193.8	2.5	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	27.747	145.3	147.4	3.7	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.719	174.3	178.8	6.6	2.6
Apparel	4.020	116.6	121.5	-1.2	4.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.700	214.0	218.3	9.5	2.0
Durables	12.027	115.3	115.2	-.1	-.1
Services	55.436	231.2	231.9	3.9	.3
Rent of shelter ³	29.345	213.3	214.6	2.8	.6
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.321	116.3	116.3	-2.6	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.598	180.6	177.5	16.9	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.968	135.3	135.5	4.9	.1
Household operations ¹ .....	.326	137.5	137.5	5.6	.0
Transportation services	6.109	229.0	229.0	2.2	.0
Medical care services	3.931	346.7	348.4	4.1	.5
Other services	9.837	265.1	265.8	3.0	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.242	194.3	195.6	3.8	.7
All items less shelter	70.334	186.6	187.6	4.0	.5
All items less medical care	94.941	188.5	189.6	3.5	.6
Commodities less food	28.806	147.2	149.3	3.6	1.4
Nondurables less food	16.778	175.9	180.2	6.3	2.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.759	211.8	215.8	8.8	1.9
Nondurables	32.537	184.6	186.9	4.4	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.091	222.8	222.5	5.2	-.1
Services less medical care services	51.504	222.5	223.1	3.9	.3
Energy	10.378	185.7	188.3	17.0	1.4
All items less energy	89.622	196.2	197.1	2.2	.5
All items less food and energy	73.864	197.2	198.3	2.1	.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.026	140.8	141.9	.4	.8
Energy commodities	5.780	201.0	208.6	17.1	3.8
Services less energy services	50.838	236.7	237.7	2.9	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.515	\$.512	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.173	\$.172	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 2006 from—			Percent change to Feb. 2006 from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006
U.S. city average	M	196.8	198.3	198.7	200.0	3.5	0.9	0.7	3.6	1.0	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	209.0	211.1	211.8	213.3	3.5	1.0	.7	4.0	1.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.3	213.3	214.1	215.4	3.3	1.0	.6	3.9	1.3	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.6	124.9	125.3	126.3	4.1	1.1	.8	4.3	1.4	.3
Midwest urban	M	189.7	190.8	190.7	192.0	3.1	.6	.7	3.0	.5	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.6	192.7	192.5	193.8	2.9	.6	.7	2.9	.5	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.9	121.6	121.6	122.3	3.0	.6	.6	3.0	.6	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	184.4	185.4	185.3	187.0	3.9	.9	.9	3.4	.5	-.1
South urban	M	190.1	191.6	191.8	192.9	3.8	.7	.6	3.8	.9	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.9	193.7	193.8	194.7	3.6	.5	.5	3.9	1.0	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.2	122.0	122.1	123.0	3.9	.8	.7	3.7	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	189.7	191.1	191.3	192.3	4.2	.6	.5	4.5	.8	.1
West urban	M	200.0	201.6	202.7	203.7	3.3	1.0	.5	3.6	1.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.0	204.6	205.7	206.8	3.5	1.1	.5	3.7	1.3	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.8	122.9	123.7	124.2	3.2	1.1	.4	3.4	1.6	.7
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	180.0	181.5	181.9	182.9	3.3	.8	.5	3.6	1.1	.2
B/C ³	M	121.6	122.5	122.8	123.6	3.7	.9	.7	3.6	1.0	.2
D	M	189.3	190.2	190.2	191.8	3.8	.8	.8	3.5	.5	.0
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	196.4	197.6	197.2	197.6	3.3	.0	.2	3.5	.4	-.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	203.9	205.9	207.6	208.5	4.7	1.3	.4	5.2	1.8	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	214.2	215.9	216.6	218.6	2.9	1.3	.9	3.7	1.1	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	221.0	-	221.6	3.5	.3	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	190.3	-	191.0	2.5	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	188.7	-	188.5	4.0	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	126.3	-	127.2	3.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	188.7	-	189.8	-	-	-	-	2.4	.6	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	192.4	-	194.8	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	177.2	-	178.9	-	-	-	-	2.5	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	197.4	-	201.2	-	-	-	-	5.6	1.9	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	204.9	-	209.5	-	-	-	-	4.7	2.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	203.4	-	206.8	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	200.9	-	203.6	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.3	-

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² Regions defined as the four Census regions.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 2006 from—			Percent change to Feb. 2006 from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006
U.S. city average	M	192.5	194.0	194.3	195.4	3.6	0.7	0.6	3.7	0.9	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	205.5	207.6	208.1	209.2	3.7	.8	.5	4.1	1.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	206.4	208.4	208.9	209.9	3.5	.7	.5	3.9	1.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.7	125.1	125.4	126.2	4.1	.9	.6	4.4	1.4	.2
Midwest urban	M	185.1	186.2	185.9	187.2	3.3	.5	.7	3.2	.4	-.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	186.2	187.4	187.0	188.2	3.1	.4	.6	3.1	.4	-.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.3	121.0	121.0	121.8	3.4	.7	.7	3.2	.6	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	182.4	183.5	183.2	184.7	4.2	.7	.8	3.8	.4	-.2
South urban	M	187.2	188.9	188.9	189.9	3.9	.5	.5	4.1	.9	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	189.7	191.8	191.9	192.6	3.9	.4	.4	4.3	1.2	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	119.8	120.7	120.7	121.5	3.8	.7	.7	3.8	.8	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	189.8	191.3	191.3	192.3	4.5	.5	.5	4.7	.8	.0
West urban	M	194.9	196.4	197.4	198.4	3.3	1.0	.5	3.6	1.3	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.2	197.8	198.7	199.9	3.5	1.1	.6	3.7	1.3	.5
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Size classes											
A ⁴	M	178.4	179.9	180.2	181.1	3.5	.7	.5	3.7	1.0	.2
B/C ³	M	120.7	121.7	121.9	122.6	3.6	.7	.6	3.7	1.0	.2
D	M	187.9	188.9	188.8	190.3	4.0	.7	.8	3.9	.5	-.1
Selected local areas⁵											
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Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	219.9	-	220.4	3.4	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	181.5	-	181.9	2.7	.2	-	-	-	-
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Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	187.9	-	190.0	-	-	-	-	4.1	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	175.1	-	176.8	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	195.5	-	199.3	-	-	-	-	5.8	1.9	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	205.2	-	209.2	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	199.3	-	202.6	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	196.1	-	198.5	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.2	-

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