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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MAY 2005**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in May, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The May level of 194.4 (1982-84=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in May 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.1 percent in May, prior to seasonal adjustment. The May level of 190.0 was 2.9 percent higher than in May 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) was unchanged in May on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The May level of 113.1 (December 1999=100) was 2.5 percent higher than in May 2004. Please note that the indexes for the post-2003 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U declined 0.1 percent in May, following an increase of 0.5 percent in April. Energy costs, which advanced sharply in each of the preceding three months, declined 2.0 percent in May. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy decreased 4.2 percent while the index for energy services increased 0.8 percent. The index for food rose 0.1 percent, following a 0.7 percent increase in April. The index for all items less food and energy, which was virtually unchanged in April, increased 0.1 percent in May. Shelter costs were virtually unchanged for the second consecutive month as a decline in the index for lodging while away from home offset increases in the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004		2005						
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	.3	.0	.1	.4	.6	.5	-.1	4.4	2.8
Food and beverages	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	.6	.1	3.9	2.5
Housing	.3	.2	.1	.4	.5	.3	.1	3.4	3.0
Apparel	.2	-.4	.3	-.2	.8	-.6	.0	.7	-.8
Transportation	.2	-.7	-.2	.8	1.9	1.8	-1.0	11.0	4.2
Medical care	.3	.3	.4	.6	.5	.2	.3	4.2	4.3
Recreation	.1	.0	.1	-.2	.0	.2	.3	1.9	.6
Education and communication	.4	.1	.1	.3	.2	.4	.0	2.5	1.9
Other goods and services	.1	.4	.4	.3	.1	.0	.4	2.2	2.9
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.0	-1.3	-1.1	2.0	4.0	4.5	-2.0	28.7	9.9
Food	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	.7	.1	3.9	2.4
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.3	.4	.0	.1	2.2	2.2

During the first five months of 2005, the CPI-U rose at a 3.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent for all of 2004. The index for energy, which rose 16.6 percent in 2004, advanced at an 18.7 percent SAAR in the first five months of 2005. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 27.4 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 9.0 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.7 percent SAAR thus far this year, the same as for all of 2004. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.4 percent SAAR in the first five months, following a 2.2 percent rise for all of 2004.

The food and beverages index increased 0.1 percent in May. The index for food at home, which advanced 1.1 percent in April, rose 0.1 percent in May. The indexes for fruits and vegetables, for nonalcoholic beverages, and for other food at home, which had accounted for five-sixths of the advance in the April food at home index, each decelerated sharply in May. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose 3.4 percent in April, increased 0.6 percent in May. In May, the indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables rose 1.7 and 0.4 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables decreased 1.0 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.1 percent after increasing 1.1 percent in April. The deceleration reflected a decline in prices for carbonated drinks and a much smaller increase in coffee prices. Downturns in the indexes for snacks, for sugar and sweets, and for butter and margarine, whose advances were largely responsible for the 1.3 percent increase in the April index for other food at home, accounted for the May decline of 0.8 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs also advanced less in May than in April--up 0.2 percent after increasing 0.4 percent in April. A sharp increase in beef prices--up 1.5 percent--was largely offset by declines in the indexes for pork and poultry. The index for dairy products increased 0.4 percent, the same as in April, and the index for cereals and bakery products, which was virtually unchanged in April, increased 0.1 percent in May. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and declined 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.1 percent in May. For the second consecutive month, shelter costs were virtually unchanged, again largely as a result of a decline in the index for lodging away from home. The index for lodging away from home declined 2.4 percent in May, following a 1.2 percent decrease in April. In May, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.6 percent, following a 2.1 percent increase in April. Declines in the indexes for fuel oil and for natural gas--down 2.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively--were more than offset by a 1.4 percent increase in the index for electricity. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity rose 3.0 percent, reflecting the switch to seasonal rates in some areas.) The index for household furnishings and operations, which was unchanged in the preceding two months, rose 0.5 percent in May. Within this group, the index for moving, storage, and freight expenses registered the largest advance--up 2.9 percent.

The transportation index declined 1.0 percent in May, largely reflecting a 4.4 percent decrease in the index for gasoline. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the price of gasoline was 2.9 percent lower than its peak level of last month, but 10.3 percent higher than a year earlier.) The index for new vehicles rose 0.1 percent in May, following declines in each of the preceding two months. The index for used cars and trucks rose 0.5 percent in May to a level 5.3 percent above May 2004. The index for public transportation increased 0.7 percent in May, largely reflecting an increase in the index for airline fares. Airline fares registered their fourth consecutive advance, up 2.2 percent in May. With the recent advances, airline fares are 4.1 percent higher than a year ago, but are 1.8 percent lower than in the month prior to the terrorist attacks in 2001.

The index for apparel was unchanged in May, following a 0.6 percent decline in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 1.1 percent, reflecting discounting of women's and girls' apparel--down 2.1 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in May to a level 4.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.5 percent in May. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in May, with the indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services each up 0.3 percent.

The index for recreation increased 0.3 percent in May. The index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events rose 1.4 percent in May after declining 0.8 percent in April, accounting for about 55 percent of the advance in the overall recreation index. Upturns in the indexes for televisions and for toys--up 0.7 and 0.9 percent, respectively--also contributed to the May advance.

The index for education and communication was unchanged in May. The education index rose 0.7 percent while the index for communication costs decreased 0.5 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services declined 0.5 percent, reflecting decreases in both local and long distance land-line telephone charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 1.5 percent in May to a level 15.9 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in May. The index for personal care products rose 0.7 percent. Charges for legal services increased 1.1 percent, their largest advance since a similar increase in March 2003. The index for tobacco and smoking products increased 0.2 percent in May.

### **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 May.

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 May '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May '05
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	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
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Transportation	.1	-.5	-.3	.8	2.1	1.8	-1.0	11.6	4.5
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.6	.4	.3	.4	4.7	4.4
Recreation	.1	-.1	.2	-.2	.0	.1	.4	1.9	.4
Education and communication	.3	.1	.1	.3	.1	.4	.0	1.8	1.3
Other goods and services	.2	.4	.5	.4	.0	.0	.3	1.5	3.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.0	4.4	4.6	-2.1	30.0	9.8
Food	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	.7	.1	4.1	2.4
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	2.1	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2000 through December 2004 were replaced in January 2005. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2005.

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

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

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

For additional information on seasonal adjustment in the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or contact Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at [Chow.Daniel@bls.gov](mailto:Chow.Daniel@bls.gov). If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Apr. 2005	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	194.6	194.4	2.8	-0.1	0.6	0.5	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	582.9	582.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.291	190.7	191.1	2.5	.2	.2	.6	.1
Food .....	14.295	190.2	190.6	2.4	.2	.2	.7	.1
Food at home .....	8.183	189.8	190.3	2.0	.3	.2	1.1	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.185	209.1	209.7	1.7	.3	.2	.0	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.272	184.7	185.0	2.2	.2	.2	.4	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.849	182.2	183.3	-1.4	.6	.2	.4	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.276	240.1	244.7	5.6	1.9	-5	3.4	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	144.8	144.3	3.1	-3	1.0	1.1	.1
Other food at home .....	1.716	167.5	166.3	.5	-7	.2	1.3	-8
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	164.9	163.3	-1	-1.0	-9	1.9	-1.2
Fats and oils .....	.258	169.4	167.8	-9	-9	-1.3	1.8	-1.4
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.163	183.0	182.0	1.1	-5	.9	.9	-5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.301	110.8	110.8	.0	.0	1.5	-1.0	.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.113	192.1	192.6	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.332	129.6	130.3	4.4	.5	.5	.2	.6
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	.996	195.9	195.5	2.0	-2	.3	.1	-2
Housing .....	41.993	194.4	194.5	3.0	.1	.5	.3	.1
Shelter .....	32.686	224.4	224.0	2.4	-2	.6	.0	.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	6.133	216.0	216.4	2.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	3.008	136.2	131.7	2.7	-3.3	3.9	-1.2	-2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.158	229.0	229.4	2.3	.2	.3	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	118.2	118.0	1.6	-2	.3	-7	-2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.951	169.6	171.7	8.6	1.2	.1	2.1	.6
Fuels .....	4.021	151.5	153.7	9.5	1.5	.1	2.5	.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	199.5	193.9	28.9	-2.8	4.6	4.8	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	155.9	158.7	8.1	1.8	-3	2.3	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	129.1	129.5	5.0	.3	.2	.2	.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.355	126.3	126.7	1.0	.3	.0	.0	.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	129.1	129.7	4.6	.5	-2	.6	.5
Apparel .....	3.841	123.7	122.4	-8	-1.1	.8	-6	.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	120.4	119.7	-5	-6	.4	.0	-3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.638	116.6	114.2	-2.3	-2.1	2.0	-1.3	-2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	121.3	119.8	1.4	-1.2	-1.3	2.6	-6
Footwear .....	.765	123.8	123.2	2.4	-5	-9	-1	.2
Transportation .....	17.414	173.2	172.1	4.2	-6	1.9	1.8	-1.0
Private transportation .....	16.385	169.6	168.3	4.2	-8	2.0	1.7	-1.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.744	95.6	95.7	1.8	.1	-1	.0	.3
New vehicles .....	4.692	138.8	138.7	.9	-1	-4	-1	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.037	138.1	138.8	5.3	.5	.1	.3	.5
Motor fuel .....	3.969	193.9	188.2	10.4	-2.9	8.0	6.4	-4.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.934	192.9	187.3	10.3	-2.9	7.9	6.4	-4.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	110.8	111.0	2.9	.2	.0	-1	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.341	205.0	205.6	3.3	.3	.6	.2	.3
Public transportation .....	1.029	215.0	218.0	3.5	1.4	1.3	1.7	.7
Medical care .....	6.132	321.5	322.2	4.3	.2	.5	.2	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.484	273.5	274.6	2.0	.4	.0	.0	.5
Medical care services .....	4.649	335.2	335.9	5.0	.2	.6	.3	.3
Professional services .....	2.767	281.0	281.6	3.9	.2	.4	.4	.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.516	437.1	437.3	5.5	.0	.7	.4	.3

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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Apr. 2005	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.733	109.2	109.5	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.691	104.8	104.6	.0	-2	.5	.2	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.846	112.9	112.7	1.9	-2	.2	.4	.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.931	149.5	149.9	6.4	.3	.5	.6	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	361.3	362.3	3.6	.3	.4	.6	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.712	431.4	432.7	6.7	.3	.6	.6	.7
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.914	85.4	84.9	-2.3	-6	-2	.1	-5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.737	83.2	82.7	-2.5	-6	-2	.1	-6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.187	95.3	94.8	-1.1	-5	-1	.3	-5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.550	13.9	13.8	-7.4	-7	.0	-7	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.192	13.4	13.2	-15.9	-1.5	-7	.0	-1.5
Other goods and services .....	3.750	311.6	312.5	2.9	.3	.1	.0	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.804	497.0	498.0	5.2	.2	.1	.1	.2
Personal care .....	2.946	184.9	185.5	2.3	.3	.1	.0	.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.658	153.4	154.4	-1	.7	-6	.3	.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.652	203.3	202.8	3.2	-2	.2	.0	-2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.454	301.4	302.8	3.3	.5	.2	.3	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.239	160.3	159.8	2.4	-3	.9	.9	-4
Food and beverages .....	15.291	190.7	191.1	2.5	.2	.2	.6	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.948	142.9	142.0	2.5	-6	1.4	1.1	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.980	168.9	167.0	3.8	-1.1	1.7	2.2	-1.9
Apparel .....	3.841	123.7	122.4	-8	-1.1	.8	-6	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.139	201.0	198.6	5.5	-1.2	3.2	2.9	-1.6
Durables .....	10.967	115.6	115.7	.8	.1	-3	-2	.3
Services .....	59.761	228.6	228.8	3.1	.1	.4	.3	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.300	233.7	233.2	2.4	-2	.6	.1	-1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	118.2	118.0	1.6	-2	.3	-7	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	155.9	158.7	8.1	1.8	-3	2.3	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	129.1	129.5	5.0	.3	.2	.2	.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	129.1	129.7	4.6	.5	-2	.6	.5
Transportation services .....	6.235	224.4	225.1	2.3	.3	.4	.4	.3
Medical care services .....	4.649	335.2	335.9	5.0	.2	.6	.3	.3
Other services .....	10.833	266.7	266.9	2.8	.1	.2	.3	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.705	195.3	195.1	2.9	-1	.7	.5	-1
All items less shelter .....	67.314	185.1	185.0	3.0	-1	.7	.8	-1
All items less medical care .....	93.868	188.1	187.9	2.7	-1	.6	.5	-1
Commodities less food .....	25.943	144.9	144.0	2.4	-6	1.4	1.1	-6
Nondurables less food .....	14.976	170.6	168.7	3.6	-1.1	1.5	2.0	-1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.135	199.7	197.5	5.2	-1.1	3.0	2.6	-1.4
Nondurables .....	29.271	180.3	179.4	3.0	-5	.9	1.5	-8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.462	239.8	240.7	3.9	.4	.3	.7	.3
Services less medical care services .....	55.113	219.7	219.9	2.9	.1	.4	.3	.2
Energy .....	7.991	170.9	169.4	9.9	-9	4.0	4.5	-2.0
All items less energy .....	92.009	198.6	198.6	2.2	.0	.4	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.714	200.9	200.8	2.2	.0	.4	.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.674	141.2	141.1	.6	-1	.0	-1	.2
Energy commodities .....	4.269	195.2	189.4	11.3	-3.0	7.8	6.3	-4.2
Services less energy services .....	56.040	236.0	235.9	2.7	.0	.5	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.514	\$.514	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.172	\$.172	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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

- Data not available.

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



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2004	May 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	192.0	193.2	194.2	194.1	1.1	4.1	1.7	4.4	2.6	3.1
Food and beverages .....	189.2	189.6	190.8	191.0	1.9	3.2	.6	3.9	2.6	2.2
Food .....	188.7	189.0	190.3	190.5	1.9	3.2	.6	3.9	2.6	2.2
Food at home .....	187.7	188.0	190.0	190.1	1.1	3.5	-1.7	5.2	2.3	1.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	208.2	208.7	208.8	209.1	1.4	3.3	.4	1.7	2.3	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	184.0	184.4	185.2	185.6	3.3	-2.4	4.0	3.5	.4	3.8
Dairy and related products .....	181.6	181.9	182.6	183.3	-1.5	-10.6	3.4	3.8	-6.1	3.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	234.2	233.1	241.0	242.5	-3.1	42.6	-21.4	14.9	17.5	-4.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	141.5	142.9	144.5	144.6	1.1	1.1	1.7	9.1	1.1	5.3
Other food at home .....	165.1	165.5	167.6	166.2	1.7	-2.9	.7	2.7	-.6	1.7
Sugar and sweets .....	163.3	161.9	165.0	163.0	2.0	1.2	-2.9	-.7	1.6	-1.8
Fats and oils .....	168.8	166.6	169.6	167.3	.5	.0	-.9	-3.5	.2	-2.2
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	179.7	181.3	183.0	182.0	1.8	-4.3	1.8	5.2	-1.3	3.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.3	111.9	110.8	110.8	2.6	-3.5	-.7	1.8	-.5	.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	191.4	191.7	192.1	192.6	3.7	2.6	3.9	2.5	3.1	3.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	128.7	129.4	129.6	130.4	1.9	2.9	7.1	5.4	2.4	6.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	195.2	195.7	195.9	195.5	1.7	3.2	2.5	.6	2.4	1.6
Housing .....	193.0	193.9	194.4	194.6	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.4	3.0	3.0
Shelter .....	222.4	223.7	223.8	223.7	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.4	2.2	2.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	214.8	215.3	216.0	216.4	3.5	2.1	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	129.2	134.3	132.7	129.5	-2.5	9.9	2.8	.9	3.5	1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	228.1	228.7	229.0	229.6	2.3	1.4	2.7	2.7	1.9	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.7	119.0	118.2	118.0	.7	4.9	3.4	-2.3	2.8	.5
Fuels and utilities .....	168.9	169.0	172.5	173.5	10.9	8.6	3.6	11.3	9.7	7.4
Fuels .....	150.9	151.0	154.7	155.7	12.0	9.9	2.7	13.3	11.0	7.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	178.6	186.9	195.8	192.6	41.7	80.8	-20.3	35.2	60.0	3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	156.7	156.2	159.8	161.0	10.3	5.6	5.0	11.4	7.9	8.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	128.5	128.7	129.0	129.5	5.6	4.2	7.2	3.1	4.9	5.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.9	125.9	125.9	126.7	-1.0	3.2	-.3	2.6	1.1	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.6	128.3	129.1	129.7	6.9	2.9	5.1	3.5	4.9	4.3
Apparel .....	120.0	120.9	120.2	120.2	-3.6	1.0	-1.3	.7	-1.3	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.4	117.9	117.9	117.6	-3.3	-4.0	4.9	-.7	-3.7	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.8	113.0	111.5	111.3	-4.8	4.0	-9.8	1.8	-.5	-4.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.6	117.1	120.1	119.4	-2.4	2.8	2.4	2.7	.2	2.6
Footwear .....	123.0	121.9	121.8	122.0	-.3	2.7	11.1	-3.2	1.2	3.7
Transportation .....	166.6	169.7	172.7	171.0	-3.6	10.2	-.2	11.0	3.1	5.2
Private transportation .....	163.0	166.2	169.1	167.3	-3.7	10.2	.2	11.0	3.0	5.5
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.5	95.4	95.4	95.7	.0	4.8	2.1	.8	2.4	1.5
New vehicles .....	139.0	138.5	138.4	138.5	-3.2	3.6	4.7	-1.4	.1	1.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	137.6	137.7	138.1	138.8	6.2	9.0	2.7	3.5	7.6	3.1
Motor fuel .....	167.6	181.0	192.5	184.1	-17.2	31.3	-6.4	45.6	4.2	16.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	166.8	180.0	191.6	183.2	-17.3	31.1	-6.2	45.5	4.1	16.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.9	110.9	110.8	111.0	4.1	3.3	3.7	.4	3.7	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	203.5	204.7	205.2	205.8	3.7	3.2	1.8	4.6	3.4	3.2
Public transportation .....	208.0	210.8	214.3	215.7	-2.5	8.8	-6.6	15.7	3.0	3.9
Medical care .....	318.7	320.2	320.9	322.0	3.8	3.9	5.2	4.2	3.9	4.7
Medical care commodities .....	273.1	273.2	273.3	274.6	1.0	2.8	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.2
Medical care services .....	331.5	333.6	334.6	335.5	4.7	4.3	6.0	4.9	4.5	5.5
Professional services .....	278.0	279.2	280.4	281.3	3.7	2.8	4.4	4.8	3.3	4.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	432.6	435.5	437.1	438.6	3.2	5.7	7.4	5.7	4.4	6.6

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—		
	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2004	May 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.8	108.8	109.0	109.3	-0.7	1.5	-0.4	1.9	0.4	0.7
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.8	104.3	104.5	104.3	-.8	.8	-1.9	1.9	.0	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	112.7	112.9	113.4	113.4	1.1	2.2	1.8	2.5	1.6	2.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	149.0	149.8	150.7	151.8	6.3	6.5	5.3	7.7	6.4	6.5
Educational books and supplies .....	357.0	358.5	360.6	362.6	4.8	2.7	.7	6.4	3.7	3.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	430.2	432.6	435.3	438.4	6.6	6.9	5.6	7.8	6.7	6.7
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.4	85.2	85.3	84.9	-3.6	-2.3	-.9	-2.3	-3.0	-1.6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	83.3	83.1	83.2	82.7	-3.7	-2.4	-1.0	-2.9	-3.0	-1.9
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.1	95.0	95.3	94.8	-3.7	-.4	.8	-1.3	-2.1	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.0	14.0	13.9	13.8	-5.3	-10.4	-8.1	-5.6	-7.9	-6.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	13.5	13.4	13.4	13.2	-14.4	-21.8	-18.3	-8.6	-18.2	-13.6
Other goods and services .....	310.6	311.0	311.1	312.3	3.1	2.1	4.4	2.2	2.6	3.3
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	496.1	496.6	497.0	498.0	7.0	.1	12.5	1.5	3.5	6.9
Personal care .....	184.3	184.5	184.5	185.3	2.0	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.9	153.0	153.4	154.4	-4.6	2.6	.3	1.3	-1.0	.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	202.9	203.3	203.3	202.8	4.8	2.2	5.9	-.2	3.5	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	299.2	299.9	300.8	302.2	3.5	3.3	2.3	4.1	3.4	3.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	156.8	158.2	159.7	159.1	-1.8	5.5	.3	6.0	1.8	3.1
Food and beverages .....	189.2	189.6	190.8	191.0	1.9	3.2	.6	3.9	2.6	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	138.5	140.4	142.0	141.0	-4.0	6.9	-.3	7.4	1.3	3.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	159.9	162.6	166.1	163.0	.5	13.0	-5.8	8.0	6.6	.9
Apparel .....	120.0	120.9	120.2	120.2	-3.6	1.0	-1.3	.7	-1.3	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	188.5	194.6	200.2	197.0	-6.9	15.2	-3.1	19.3	3.6	7.5
Durables .....	115.8	115.5	115.3	115.6	-1.4	3.5	2.1	-.7	1.0	.7
Services .....	226.9	227.9	228.6	228.9	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.0	3.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	231.7	233.0	233.2	233.0	1.9	2.1	3.2	2.3	2.0	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.7	119.0	118.2	118.0	.7	4.9	3.4	-2.3	2.8	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	156.7	156.2	159.8	161.0	10.3	5.6	5.0	11.4	7.9	8.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	128.5	128.7	129.0	129.5	5.6	4.2	7.2	3.1	4.9	5.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.6	128.3	129.1	129.7	6.9	2.9	5.1	3.5	4.9	4.3
Transportation services .....	222.3	223.1	224.0	224.6	2.6	3.5	-.9	4.2	3.0	1.6
Medical care services .....	331.5	333.6	334.6	335.5	4.7	4.3	6.0	4.9	4.5	5.5
Other services .....	265.5	266.0	266.8	267.6	2.3	3.2	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.9
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	192.5	193.9	194.9	194.7	.8	4.3	1.7	4.7	2.6	3.2
All items less shelter .....	182.2	183.4	184.8	184.7	.4	5.0	1.1	5.6	2.7	3.3
All items less medical care .....	185.5	186.7	187.7	187.6	.9	4.0	1.5	4.6	2.4	3.1
Commodities less food .....	140.6	142.5	144.0	143.1	-3.9	7.1	-.3	7.3	1.4	3.4
Nondurables less food .....	162.1	164.6	167.9	165.1	.3	12.6	-5.0	7.6	6.2	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	188.3	193.9	198.9	196.1	-6.3	14.0	-2.5	17.6	3.4	7.1
Nondurables .....	174.7	176.3	179.0	177.5	.9	7.4	-2.3	6.6	4.1	2.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	238.2	238.9	240.5	241.2	4.2	4.0	2.2	5.1	4.1	3.7
Services less medical care services .....	218.2	219.0	219.7	220.1	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.7	3.2
Energy .....	158.2	164.6	172.0	168.5	-3.9	20.0	-2.0	28.7	7.4	12.3
All items less energy .....	197.1	197.8	198.1	198.4	1.5	2.9	1.8	2.7	2.2	2.3
All items less food and energy .....	199.4	200.1	200.2	200.5	1.4	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.4	140.4	140.3	140.6	-1.7	2.6	1.1	.6	.4	.9
Energy commodities .....	169.1	182.3	193.7	185.5	-14.5	34.1	-7.4	44.8	7.1	15.8
Services less energy services .....	234.1	235.2	235.6	235.8	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.9

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May2005 from—			Percent change to Apr.2005 from—		
		Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	191.8	193.3	194.6	194.4	2.8	0.6	-0.1	3.5	1.5	0.7
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	203.6	206.0	206.9	206.2	3.2	.1	-3	3.8	1.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	206.0	208.6	209.3	208.6	3.3	.0	-3	3.9	1.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.1	121.3	122.0	121.6	2.8	.2	-3	3.3	1.6	.6
Midwest urban .....	M	185.2	186.3	187.7	187.4	2.5	.6	-2	3.4	1.3	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	187.1	188.3	189.6	189.4	2.4	.6	-1	3.2	1.3	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	118.1	118.7	119.6	119.3	2.5	.5	-3	3.5	1.3	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	179.2	179.9	181.7	181.6	3.2	.9	-1	4.5	1.4	1.0
South urban .....	M	184.7	185.9	187.3	187.3	2.9	.8	.0	3.5	1.4	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	186.6	187.9	189.1	189.2	3.2	.7	.1	3.6	1.3	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.7	118.4	119.3	119.4	2.6	.8	.1	3.2	1.4	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	183.1	184.5	187.2	186.6	4.0	1.1	-3	4.8	2.2	1.5
West urban .....	M	195.7	197.1	198.6	198.8	2.8	.9	.1	3.3	1.5	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	198.3	199.8	201.3	201.5	2.9	.9	.1	3.4	1.5	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.6	120.4	121.4	121.3	2.6	.7	-1	3.1	1.5	.8
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	175.5	177.0	178.1	178.0	2.9	.6	-1	3.5	1.5	.6
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	118.5	119.2	120.1	120.0	2.6	.7	-1	3.3	1.4	.8
D .....	M	183.7	184.8	186.9	186.9	3.3	1.1	.0	4.2	1.7	1.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	190.5	191.3	193.2	193.3	2.4	1.0	.1	3.2	1.4	1.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	197.4	199.2	201.1	201.5	4.2	1.2	.2	4.8	1.9	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	208.9	212.4	212.5	211.4	3.4	-5	-5	4.2	1.7	.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	214.2	-	214.6	2.8	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	186.3	-	186.8	3.0	.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	181.3	-	183.5	2.5	1.2	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	122.7	-	123.6	4.0	.7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	185.3	-	188.0	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.5	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	187.8	-	189.8	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	174.6	-	175.0	-	-	-	-	3.1	.2	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	190.6	-	193.2	-	-	-	-	4.3	1.4	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	200.1	-	203.3	-	-	-	-	4.4	1.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	201.2	-	202.5	-	-	-	-	2.1	.6	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	197.6	-	201.3	-	-	-	-	3.6	1.9	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Apr. 2005	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	190.2	190.0	2.9	-0.1	0.6	0.6	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	566.4	566.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.024	190.1	190.4	2.4	.2	.2	.6	.1
Food .....	15.940	189.6	190.0	2.4	.2	.2	.7	.1
Food at home .....	9.540	188.9	189.4	1.9	.3	.2	1.0	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.342	209.0	209.7	1.8	.3	.2	.0	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.845	184.5	184.9	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.962	182.1	183.1	-1.6	.5	.2	.4	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.407	237.5	242.2	5.8	2.0	-4	3.2	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	144.1	143.7	3.2	-3	1.1	1.3	-1
Other food at home .....	1.934	167.0	165.8	.4	-7	.2	1.2	-8
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	163.9	162.3	-4	-1.0	-1.0	1.9	-1.5
Fats and oils .....	.311	169.4	168.0	-8	-8	-1.1	1.7	-1.2
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.312	183.4	182.3	1.0	-6	.8	.9	-6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.341	111.1	111.3	.1	.2	1.4	-1.2	.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.400	192.0	192.4	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	129.2	129.6	4.0	.3	.6	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.084	196.2	195.3	1.7	-5	.4	.1	-5
Housing .....	38.973	189.4	189.7	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Shelter .....	29.902	216.9	216.8	2.4	.0	.4	.1	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.025	215.2	215.5	2.9	.1	.3	.3	.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.742	135.2	131.1	2.3	-3.0	2.9	-1.1	-2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	19.795	207.7	208.0	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	118.5	118.3	1.6	-2	.4	-8	-2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.288	168.6	170.7	8.4	1.2	.1	2.1	.6
Fuels .....	4.336	149.8	152.1	9.2	1.5	.1	2.5	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	199.2	193.6	29.4	-2.8	4.9	4.8	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	155.0	157.7	7.9	1.7	-3	2.3	.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	129.4	129.7	5.0	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.783	122.1	122.5	1.2	.3	-1	.1	.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	131.3	132.2	5.0	.7	-5	.8	.7
Apparel .....	4.208	123.2	121.9	-7	-1.1	.5	-7	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.063	119.9	119.2	-9	-6	.6	-4	-3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.664	116.1	113.9	-2.4	-1.9	1.7	-1.6	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	124.1	122.5	1.3	-1.3	-1.4	2.1	-2
Footwear .....	.991	122.7	122.4	2.9	-2	-8	-2	.2
Transportation .....	19.845	172.2	171.0	4.5	-7	2.1	1.8	-1.0
Private transportation .....	19.072	169.5	168.2	4.5	-8	2.1	1.8	-1.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.146	94.5	94.7	2.4	.2	-1	.1	.2
New vehicles .....	4.725	139.7	139.6	.8	-1	-4	-1	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.536	138.9	139.6	5.3	.5	.1	.3	.5
Motor fuel .....	4.843	194.5	188.7	10.3	-3.0	8.0	6.3	-4.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.803	193.7	187.9	10.3	-3.0	8.0	6.3	-4.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.449	110.4	110.5	2.8	.1	.1	-1	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.357	207.2	207.9	3.5	.3	.6	.2	.3
Public transportation .....	.773	213.3	215.8	3.4	1.2	1.4	1.5	.3
Medical care .....	5.014	321.1	321.9	4.4	.2	.4	.3	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.126	266.9	267.9	1.7	.4	.0	.0	.4
Medical care services .....	3.888	335.8	336.5	5.2	.2	.5	.4	.4
Professional services .....	2.270	283.6	284.3	3.9	.2	.3	.4	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.276	433.4	433.7	5.6	.1	.7	.3	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Apr. 2005	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.546	106.8	107.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.878	104.0	103.9	.0	-1	.4	.1	-1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.498	110.8	110.6	1.3	-2	.1	.4	.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.361	148.0	148.5	6.1	.3	.5	.5	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	363.1	364.0	3.9	.2	.4	.6	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.145	418.5	419.8	6.4	.3	.5	.5	.7
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.137	87.0	86.5	-2.1	-6	-2	.2	-6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.990	85.5	85.0	-2.3	-6	-2	.2	-6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.473	95.4	94.9	-1.2	-5	-2	.3	-5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.517	14.5	14.3	-7.1	-1.4	-7	.0	-1.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.171	13.2	13.0	-15.6	-1.5	-8	.0	-1.5
Other goods and services .....	3.891	319.9	320.8	3.0	.3	.0	.0	.3
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	497.8	498.7	5.1	.2	.1	.1	.2
Personal care .....	2.648	183.2	183.8	2.0	.3	-1	.0	.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	153.6	154.5	-4	.6	-6	.2	.6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.611	203.6	203.1	3.0	-2	.1	.0	-2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.160	301.5	303.2	3.4	.6	.2	.3	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.809	161.5	160.9	2.7	-4	1.0	1.0	-4
Food and beverages .....	17.024	190.1	190.4	2.4	.2	.2	.6	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.786	145.0	144.0	2.9	-7	1.5	1.2	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.322	173.6	171.5	4.1	-1.2	1.8	2.3	-2.0
Apparel .....	4.208	123.2	121.9	-7	-1.1	.5	-7	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.113	208.9	206.0	5.9	-1.4	3.6	2.9	-1.6
Durables .....	12.464	115.3	115.5	1.4	.2	-3	.0	.2
Services .....	55.191	223.8	224.2	3.0	.2	.3	.4	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.562	208.9	208.8	2.4	.0	.4	.1	.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	118.5	118.3	1.6	-2	.4	-8	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	155.0	157.7	7.9	1.7	-3	2.3	.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	129.4	129.7	5.0	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	131.3	132.2	5.0	.7	-5	.8	.7
Transportation services .....	6.166	224.8	225.3	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.2
Medical care services .....	3.888	335.8	336.5	5.2	.2	.5	.4	.4
Other services .....	9.907	258.7	258.9	2.5	.1	.2	.3	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.060	190.1	189.9	3.0	-1	.7	.6	-1
All items less shelter .....	70.098	182.4	182.3	3.1	-1	.7	.8	-2
All items less medical care .....	94.986	184.6	184.4	2.8	-1	.6	.7	-1
Commodities less food .....	28.870	146.8	145.9	2.9	-6	1.5	1.1	-8
Nondurables less food .....	16.406	175.1	173.0	4.0	-1.2	1.7	2.1	-2.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.197	206.9	204.2	5.5	-1.3	3.5	2.5	-1.5
Nondurables .....	32.346	182.5	181.5	3.2	-5	1.0	1.5	-1.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.628	212.7	213.6	3.8	.4	.2	.7	.3
Services less medical care services .....	51.303	215.4	215.7	2.9	.1	.2	.4	.1
Energy .....	9.179	171.4	169.6	9.8	-1.1	4.4	4.6	-2.1
All items less energy .....	90.821	193.3	193.4	2.2	.1	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.881	194.5	194.5	2.2	.0	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.745	141.4	141.3	1.0	-1	.0	-1	.2
Energy commodities .....	5.124	195.5	189.7	11.1	-3.0	7.9	6.2	-4.2
Services less energy services .....	51.136	231.4	231.5	2.7	.0	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.526	\$.526	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.177	\$.177	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2004	May 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	187.6	188.7	189.9	189.7	1.1	4.2	1.7	4.6	2.6	3.1
Food and beverages .....	188.6	189.0	190.2	190.4	2.2	3.0	.4	3.9	2.6	2.1
Food .....	188.1	188.5	189.8	190.0	2.2	3.0	.4	4.1	2.6	2.2
Food at home .....	186.9	187.3	189.2	189.3	1.1	3.3	-1.7	5.2	2.2	1.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	208.3	208.7	208.8	209.3	1.4	3.5	.6	1.9	2.4	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	184.0	184.4	185.0	185.5	3.6	-2.2	3.8	3.3	.7	3.5
Dairy and related products .....	181.4	181.7	182.4	183.3	-1.9	-11.0	3.1	4.3	-6.5	3.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	231.8	230.9	238.4	240.1	-2.1	44.9	-22.9	15.1	19.1	-5.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	140.7	142.2	144.1	144.0	.6	.9	1.7	9.7	.7	5.6
Other food at home .....	164.8	165.1	167.1	165.7	1.7	-3.3	1.2	2.2	-.8	1.7
Sugar and sweets .....	162.9	161.3	164.3	161.8	2.5	-.5	-1.0	-2.7	1.0	-1.8
Fats and oils .....	168.6	166.7	169.6	167.5	1.2	-.9	-1.2	-2.6	.1	-1.9
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	180.2	181.7	183.4	182.3	2.0	-4.8	2.3	4.7	-1.4	3.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.9	112.5	111.1	111.3	2.9	-3.2	-.7	1.5	-.2	.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	191.2	191.6	192.0	192.4	3.5	2.8	3.6	2.5	3.1	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	128.4	129.2	129.4	129.8	1.9	3.6	6.1	4.4	2.7	5.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	195.2	196.0	196.2	195.3	1.7	2.9	2.1	.2	2.3	1.1
Housing .....	188.4	189.0	189.6	190.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.2
Shelter .....	215.6	216.4	216.6	216.8	2.3	2.1	3.0	2.2	2.2	2.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	214.0	214.6	215.2	215.5	3.1	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.9
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	129.5	133.3	131.8	129.2	1.6	3.8	5.1	-.9	2.7	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	207.2	207.4	207.7	208.2	2.0	1.6	3.1	1.9	1.8	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.9	119.4	118.5	118.3	.3	5.6	2.7	-2.0	2.9	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	168.0	168.1	171.6	172.7	11.0	7.5	3.9	11.7	9.2	7.7
Fuels .....	149.3	149.4	153.1	154.2	12.1	8.2	3.0	13.8	10.2	8.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	177.3	186.0	194.9	192.6	41.9	84.2	-23.0	39.2	61.6	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	155.6	155.2	158.8	160.2	10.4	4.5	5.0	12.4	7.4	8.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	128.8	129.0	129.3	129.7	5.6	3.9	7.8	2.8	4.8	5.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.7	121.6	121.7	122.4	-1.3	3.4	.3	2.3	1.0	1.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	130.8	130.2	131.3	132.2	6.8	3.8	5.0	4.4	5.3	4.7
Apparel .....	120.0	120.6	119.7	119.8	-3.3	1.0	.3	-.7	-1.2	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.1	117.8	117.3	117.0	-4.0	-4.0	4.9	-.3	-4.0	2.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.9	112.8	111.0	111.1	-4.8	4.0	-8.9	.7	-.5	-4.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	121.7	120.0	122.5	122.2	-3.0	3.7	3.4	1.7	.3	2.5
Footwear .....	122.2	121.2	120.9	121.2	.3	2.1	13.1	-3.2	1.2	4.6
Transportation .....	165.2	168.6	171.6	169.8	-3.6	10.8	-.2	11.6	3.3	5.5
Private transportation .....	162.6	166.0	169.0	167.1	-3.5	10.8	.0	11.5	3.4	5.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.4	94.3	94.4	94.6	.9	5.3	2.1	.9	3.0	1.5
New vehicles .....	139.9	139.4	139.3	139.4	-2.9	3.2	4.1	-1.4	.1	1.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	138.4	138.5	138.9	139.6	6.2	8.9	2.6	3.5	7.5	3.1
Motor fuel .....	168.1	181.6	193.0	184.5	-17.2	31.5	-6.4	45.1	4.3	16.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	167.3	180.7	192.1	183.9	-17.4	31.6	-6.6	46.0	4.2	16.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.4	110.5	110.4	110.5	3.4	3.7	3.7	.4	3.6	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	205.7	206.9	207.4	208.1	4.0	3.4	2.0	4.7	3.7	3.3
Public transportation .....	206.8	209.6	212.8	213.4	-1.9	8.4	-5.6	13.4	3.1	3.5
Medical care .....	318.2	319.5	320.5	321.9	3.5	4.2	5.2	4.7	3.9	5.0
Medical care commodities .....	266.5	266.6	266.7	267.7	.8	2.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7
Medical care services .....	332.0	333.8	335.1	336.5	4.4	4.5	6.3	5.5	4.5	5.9
Professional services .....	280.7	281.5	282.7	283.7	4.2	3.1	4.1	4.3	3.6	4.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	428.7	431.9	433.4	435.0	2.9	5.6	7.7	6.0	4.3	6.9

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—		
	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	May 2005	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	May 2005	Nov. 2004	May 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	106.4	106.4	106.5	106.9	-0.7	1.1	-0.4	1.9	0.2	0.8
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.2	103.6	103.7	103.6	.0	.4	-1.5	1.6	.2	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	110.7	110.8	111.2	111.2	.4	1.5	1.8	1.8	.9	1.8
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	147.6	148.3	149.1	150.1	6.1	6.3	5.3	6.9	6.2	6.1
Educational books and supplies .....	358.6	360.2	362.3	364.8	5.1	2.8	.8	7.1	4.0	3.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	417.6	419.7	421.9	424.9	6.3	6.6	5.7	7.2	6.4	6.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	87.0	86.8	87.0	86.5	-3.6	-1.8	-.9	-2.3	-2.7	-1.6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	85.5	85.3	85.5	85.0	-3.6	-2.3	-.9	-2.3	-3.0	-1.6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.3	95.1	95.4	94.9	-3.7	-.4	.8	-1.7	-2.1	-.4
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.3	-2.6	-10.1	-7.8	-8.0	-6.4	-7.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	13.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	-12.4	-24.3	-16.2	-8.7	-18.5	-12.5
Other goods and services .....	319.4	319.4	319.5	320.6	3.1	1.9	5.4	1.5	2.5	3.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	496.9	497.4	497.8	498.7	7.1	-.1	12.5	1.5	3.4	6.8
Personal care .....	182.9	182.8	182.8	183.6	1.3	2.9	2.2	1.5	2.1	1.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	154.2	153.3	153.6	154.5	-5.1	3.2	-.3	.8	-1.0	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	203.3	203.6	203.6	203.1	5.0	2.2	5.5	-.4	3.6	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	299.2	299.9	300.9	302.9	3.6	3.7	1.6	5.0	3.7	3.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	157.7	159.3	160.9	160.2	-1.5	5.8	.3	6.5	2.1	3.3
Food and beverages .....	188.6	189.0	190.2	190.4	2.2	3.0	.4	3.9	2.6	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	140.2	142.3	144.0	143.0	-4.0	7.8	.0	8.2	1.7	4.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	163.9	166.8	170.7	167.3	.0	14.7	-5.6	8.6	7.1	1.2
Apparel .....	120.0	120.6	119.7	119.8	-3.3	1.0	.3	-.7	-1.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	194.7	201.8	207.6	204.2	-7.8	16.6	-3.2	21.0	3.7	8.2
Durables .....	115.4	115.1	115.1	115.3	-1.1	5.4	1.8	-.3	2.1	.7
Services .....	222.6	223.2	224.0	224.4	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	207.5	208.4	208.7	208.8	2.4	1.6	3.1	2.5	2.0	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.9	119.4	118.5	118.3	.3	5.6	2.7	-2.0	2.9	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	155.6	155.2	158.8	160.2	10.4	4.5	5.0	12.4	7.4	8.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	128.8	129.0	129.3	129.7	5.6	3.9	7.8	2.8	4.8	5.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	130.8	130.2	131.3	132.2	6.8	3.8	5.0	4.4	5.3	4.7
Transportation services .....	223.1	223.8	224.4	224.9	2.6	3.3	-.2	3.3	2.9	1.5
Medical care services .....	332.0	333.8	335.1	336.5	4.4	4.5	6.3	5.5	4.5	5.9
Other services .....	257.6	258.1	258.8	259.4	1.7	3.0	2.2	2.8	2.4	2.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	187.3	188.6	189.7	189.5	.7	4.4	1.9	4.8	2.5	3.4
All items less shelter .....	179.4	180.7	182.2	181.9	.5	5.1	1.1	5.7	2.7	3.4
All items less medical care .....	182.0	183.1	184.3	184.1	.9	4.1	1.6	4.7	2.5	3.1
Commodities less food .....	142.2	144.3	145.9	144.8	-3.6	7.4	.3	7.5	1.7	3.8
Nondurables less food .....	165.8	168.7	172.3	168.9	.5	13.7	-5.1	7.7	6.9	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	193.8	200.5	205.6	202.6	-7.3	15.2	-2.8	19.4	3.4	7.7
Nondurables .....	176.8	178.5	181.2	179.4	.9	8.0	-2.0	6.0	4.4	1.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	211.6	212.0	213.4	214.1	4.1	3.9	2.5	4.8	4.0	3.6
Services less medical care services .....	214.2	214.7	215.6	215.9	3.3	2.5	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.9
Energy .....	157.9	164.8	172.3	168.6	-4.9	20.1	-2.2	30.0	6.9	12.7
All items less energy .....	192.1	192.5	192.9	193.2	1.5	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	193.3	193.7	193.9	194.3	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.6	140.6	140.5	140.8	-.9	2.6	1.7	.6	.9	1.1
Energy commodities .....	169.2	182.5	193.8	185.6	-14.9	33.8	-7.4	44.8	6.7	15.8
Services less energy services .....	230.0	230.7	231.1	231.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.8

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

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

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

**Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to May2005 from—			Percent change to Apr.2005 from—			
		Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	187.3	188.6	190.2	190.0	2.9	0.7	-0.1	3.7	1.5	0.8	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	200.0	201.8	202.9	202.5	3.1	.3	-2	3.7	1.5	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	201.1	202.8	203.8	203.5	3.2	.3	-1	3.8	1.3	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.1	121.2	122.1	121.6	2.7	.3	-4	3.4	1.7	.7	
Midwest urban .....	M	180.2	181.2	182.8	182.4	2.6	.7	-2	3.7	1.4	.9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	181.3	182.5	184.1	183.8	2.5	.7	-2	3.5	1.5	.9	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.2	117.8	118.8	118.5	2.6	.6	-3	3.7	1.4	.8	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	176.5	177.3	179.1	178.8	3.2	.8	-2	4.6	1.5	1.0	
South urban .....	M	181.5	182.7	184.3	184.2	3.0	.8	-1	3.8	1.5	.9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	184.0	185.3	186.7	186.8	3.3	.8	.1	3.9	1.5	.8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	116.3	117.0	117.9	117.9	2.7	.8	.0	3.4	1.4	.8	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	182.7	184.1	186.7	186.2	4.0	1.1	-3	5.0	2.2	1.4	
West urban .....	M	190.5	192.0	193.7	193.9	2.8	1.0	.1	3.4	1.7	.9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.6	193.2	194.9	195.2	3.0	1.0	.2	3.6	1.7	.9	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.0	119.8	120.8	120.8	2.5	.8	.0	3.1	1.5	.8	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	173.7	175.0	176.3	176.3	3.0	.7	.0	3.7	1.5	.7	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.5	118.3	119.2	119.1	2.7	.7	-1	3.4	1.4	.8	
D .....	M	181.7	182.9	185.1	185.0	3.5	1.1	-1	4.5	1.9	1.2	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	184.2	184.8	186.9	186.8	2.5	1.1	-1	3.5	1.5	1.1	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	190.3	192.1	194.2	194.6	4.2	1.3	.2	4.9	2.0	1.1	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	203.3	205.5	206.0	205.6	3.3	.0	-2	3.8	1.3	.2	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	213.1	-	214.0	2.9	.4	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	177.2	-	177.9	3.1	.4	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	181.6	-	184.1	2.6	1.4	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	122.3	-	123.2	4.1	.7	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	183.4	-	186.0	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.4	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	182.6	-	185.2	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.4	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	171.8	-	172.8	-	-	-	-	3.6	.6	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	188.3	-	191.2	-	-	-	-	4.7	1.5	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	200.0	-	202.9	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.5	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	197.3	-	199.3	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.0	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	192.4	-	196.2	-	-	-	-	3.8	2.0	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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



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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2005 from—	
		Apr. 2005	May 2005	May 2004	Apr. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	113.1	113.1	2.5	0.0
Food and beverages .....	15.076	113.3	113.5	2.3	.2
Food .....	14.086	113.4	113.6	2.3	.2
Food at home .....	8.062	111.8	112.0	1.8	.2
Food away from home .....	6.023	115.3	115.5	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	113.1	112.8	1.9	-.3
Housing .....	41.793	117.0	117.1	2.8	.1
Shelter .....	32.380	118.3	118.2	2.4	-.1
Fuels and utilities <sup>1</sup> .....	4.643	130.9	132.8	8.0	1.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.771	96.6	96.9	.6	.3
Apparel .....	4.317	93.2	92.2	-1.2	-1.1
Transportation .....	17.315	113.7	113.3	3.7	-.4
Private transportation .....	16.206	114.3	113.7	3.6	-.5
Public transportation .....	1.109	106.3	107.9	3.5	1.5
Medical care .....	5.783	125.7	126.0	4.1	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.466	116.2	116.6	1.8	.3
Medical care services .....	4.317	129.0	129.2	4.9	.2
Recreation .....	5.978	103.6	103.8	.0	.2
Education and communication .....	6.004	100.2	99.9	.5	-.3
Education .....	2.560	137.7	138.1	6.2	.3
Communication .....	3.444	77.7	77.2	-3.5	-1.6
Other goods and services .....	3.734	116.2	116.5	2.6	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.567	119.1	119.2	2.8	.1
Commodities .....	41.433	105.5	105.2	1.8	-.3
Durables .....	12.521	88.1	88.1	.3	.0
Nondurables .....	28.912	113.9	113.5	2.4	-.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.985	110.3	110.2	1.8	-.1
Energy .....	6.929	148.1	147.5	9.5	-.4

<sup>1</sup> Revised index: Mar. 2005=129.0.

Indexes for 2005 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2004 are interim adjustments.

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