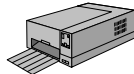


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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U.S. CITY AVERAGE AND REGIONS

Aug-02

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			MIDWEST REGION			WEST REGION		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84 = 100)	180.7	1.8	0.3	175.8	1.6	0.3	185.3	1.9	0.3
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	176.6	1.3	0.0	173.0	0.9	0.2	181.8	1.6	0.0
HOUSING	181.7	2.1	0.3	173.3	1.9	0.2	192.9	2.4	0.4
APPAREL	120.5	-1.7	1.5	115.3	-3.2	1.9	111.0	-2.1	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	153.9	0.4	0.1	154.3	0.2	0.0	157.6	0.6	0.1
MEDICAL CARE	287.3	4.7	0.2	282.2	4.6	0.1	288.3	5.4	0.6
RECREATION/1	106.3	1.1	0.1	108.6	2.1	0.8	103.9	1.7	-0.3
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	108.9	2.9	1.2	110.5	3.6	1.1	106.8	2.4	1.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	295.9	4.4	0.5	289.5	4.9	0.1	291.7	2.1	0.0
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	541.2								

URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			MIDWEST REGION			WEST REGION		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	176.6	1.6	0.3	171.3	1.4	0.3	180.3	1.9	0.3
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	175.9	1.2	-0.1	173.1	1.0	0.2	181.2	1.5	-0.1
HOUSING	176.9	2.0	0.2	167.2	1.6	0.2	188.3	2.6	0.3
APPAREL	119.6	-1.6	1.4	115.1	-2.4	2.0	112.2	-1.7	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	153.0	0.3	0.2	153.2	-0.1	0.0	155.2	1.2	0.2
MEDICAL CARE	286.3	4.7	0.2	282.7	4.7	0.1	287.4	5.5	0.7
RECREATION/1	104.7	0.8	0.1	106.6	1.6	0.7	102.2	1.1	-0.3
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	108.6	2.6	1.1	110.1	3.3	1.0	107.4	2.3	1.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	306.0	5.5	0.8	299.8	6.3	0.2	294.7	2.5	0.0
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	526.0								

Notes:
 (1) December 1997 = 100 base
 (-) Data not available

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