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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: AUGUST 2006**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent in August, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The August level of 203.9 (1982-84=100) was 3.8 percent higher than in August 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.2 percent in August, prior to seasonal adjustment. The August level of 199.6 (1982-84=100) was 3.9 percent higher than in August 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in August on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The August level of 117.9 (December 1999=100) was 3.4 percent higher than in August 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 0.2 percent in August, following a 0.4 percent rise in July. Energy prices, which advanced 2.9 percent in July, rose 0.3 percent in August. Within energy, the index for petroleum based energy increased 0.4 percent and the index for energy services rose 0.2 percent. (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Aug. '06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.1	.4	.6	.4	.2	.4	.2	3.6	3.8
Food and beverages	.2	.1	.0	.2	.3	.2	.3	3.1	2.5
Housing	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	.3	.2	3.4	4.2
Apparel	-1.0	1.0	.6	.2	.0	-1.2	.9	-1.0	.3
Transportation	-2	.9	2.4	1.5	-2	1.6	.2	6.6	6.1
Medical care	.5	.4	.4	.3	.3	.2	.4	3.5	4.3
Recreation	.1	.4	.3	.2	.1	.3	-.1	1.1	1.8
Education and communication	.2	.2	.3	.0	.3	.3	.3	3.8	3.3
Other goods and services	.1	.2	.0	.1	.6	-2	.3	2.9	2.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	-1.2	1.3	3.9	2.4	-9	2.9	.3	9.4	15.1
Food	.1	.1	.0	.1	.3	.2	.4	3.5	2.4
All Items less food and energy	.1	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	3.0	2.8

Effective with release of the January 2007 CPI, BLS will publish index levels to three decimal places. Percent changes based on these more precise indexes will continue to be published to one decimal place. See page 4 for more details.

The food index increased 0.4 percent in August. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July. A sharp upturn in the index for apparel was largely offset by a smaller increase in shelter costs, which rose 0.2 percent in August after increasing 0.4 percent in July.

During the first eight months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 4.6 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). 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 22.3 percent SAAR in the first eight months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 45.7 percent annual rate, while charges for energy services fell at a 2.0 percent annual rate. The food index increased at a 2.4 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.3 percent rise for all of 2005. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.0 percent SAAR in the first eight months, following a 2.2 percent rise for all of 2005.

The food and beverages index increased 0.3 percent in August. The index for food at home rose 0.4 percent in August, following a 0.2 percent increase in July. The indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for fruits and vegetables each increased 1.0 percent in August. Within the former category, prices for beef, poultry, fish and seafood, and eggs all turned up in August, each advancing more than 1.0 percent, and pork prices rose for the second consecutive month. Increases in the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables--up 3.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.6 percent drop in the index for fresh fruits. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.8 percent in August after declining 0.5 percent in July, reflecting an upturn in prices for carbonated drinks. The index for cereal and bakery products was unchanged in August, while the indexes for dairy products and other food at home declined 0.8 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 percent and were virtually unchanged, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.3 percent in July, increased 0.2 percent in August. The index for shelter rose 0.2 percent, following a 0.4 percent rise in July. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively, while the index for lodging away from home fell 0.4 percent. The index for fuels and utilities--up 0.3 percent in August--increased for the second consecutive month after registering declines in each of the preceding five months. The index for natural gas rose 0.7 percent in August, its first increase since January. The index for electricity decreased 0.1 percent. The index for fuel oil rose for the fifth consecutive month--up 2.0 percent in August. During the last 12 months, the indexes for fuel oil, for electricity, and for natural gas have increased 16.8, 12.0, and 2.8 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations, which was unchanged in the two preceding months, rose 0.2 percent in August.

The transportation index increased 0.2 percent in August. The index for gasoline rose 0.2 percent, following a 5.3 percent increase in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices declined 0.5 percent from their peak level registered in July.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in August but was 1.0 percent higher than a year ago. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices fell 0.4 percent.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.2 percent in August and was 0.3 percent higher than in August 2005. Within the index for public transportation, airline fares declined 1.9 percent in August after advancing 12.6 percent in the first seven months of the year,

The index for apparel, which declined 1.2 percent in July, increased 0.9 percent in August. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices advanced 2.0 percent, as price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear more than offset the decline in prices for discounted spring-summer clothing. Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for women's clothing, which declined 7.4 percent in July, increased 3.3 percent in August.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in July and were 4.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent in August. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation declined 0.1 percent in August, largely reflecting a decline in the index for video and audio. Within this category, the index for televisions declined 2.2 percent.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in August. Educational costs rose 0.7 percent, reflecting increases of 1.2 percent in the index for college textbooks and 0.6 percent in the index for

college tuition. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for college tuition and fees rose 2.9 percent in August and were 7.1 percent higher than a year ago.) The index for communication was unchanged. Within this group, the index for telephone services rose 0.3 percent, as increases in charges for local and long distance land-line telephone services--up 0.4 and 0.9 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.2 percent decline in wireless telephone services. The index for information technology, hardware, and services declined 1.6 percent in August.

The index for other goods and services, which declined 0.2 percent in July, rose 0.3 percent in August. Declines in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal care products--each down 0.1 percent--were more than offset by increases in personal care services. The index for legal services rose 1.2 percent in August.

### **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 0.4 percent in August.

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 Aug.'06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.0	.5	.6	.5	.2	.5	.4	4.1	3.9
Food and beverages	.1	.1	-.1	.2	.3	.2	.4	3.1	2.4
Housing	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.4	3.7	4.2
Apparel	-.7	1.1	.7	.1	-.2	-1.2	1.2	-.7	.2
Transportation	-.3	1.1	2.6	1.5	-.2	1.8	.2	7.3	6.5
Medical care	.3	.5	.4	.3	.2	.3	.4	3.8	4.3
Recreation	.1	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	-.2	.7	1.6
Education and communication	.1	.2	.3	.0	.2	.3	.4	3.6	3.1
Other goods and services	.1	.3	-.1	.0	.6	-.1	.2	3.1	2.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	-1.3	1.4	4.2	2.5	-.9	3.1	.3	10.0	15.0
Food	.1	.1	-.1	.1	.3	.2	.4	3.4	2.4
All Items less food and energy	.2	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	3.1	2.7

Consumer Price Index data for September are scheduled for release on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

## **Consumer Price Index Levels to be Published to Three Decimal Places**

Effective with the release of the January 2007 Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Bureau of Labor Statistics will display CPI index values to three decimal places in all paper and electronic publications. This change will apply to the All Items Consumer Price Index and all component indexes for the CPI-U, CPI-W, and C-CPI-U, for the U.S. City Average and for all other published areas. In addition, percent changes will be computed based upon the three decimal place indexes rather than the current one decimal place indexes. Percent changes will continue to be rounded to one decimal place.

This change in procedure addresses a rounding issue that has resulted in published percent changes that are 0.1 percentage point higher or lower than the same percent changes based on unrounded index values (i.e., indexes to three or more decimal places). These differences can be particularly important when percent changes are very small. Publishing the index values to three decimal places, and using these values to compute percent changes, will essentially eliminate the rounding differences. This change will only affect the presentation of the index data. The index values will continue to be calculated from underlying price data in the same manner as in the past, and no systematic upward or downward effect on the data will be introduced. The levels of future indexes will be affected only in that they will be published to three decimal places rather than one. Official CPI data previously published will not be revised.

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## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. 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](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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	July 2006	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items .....	100.000	203.5	203.9	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	609.6	610.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.051	195.6	196.0	2.5	.2	.3	.2	.3
Food .....	13.942	195.0	195.5	2.4	.3	.3	.2	.4
Food at home .....	7.988	192.6	193.1	1.9	.3	.4	.2	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.098	214.6	214.6	2.1	.0	.3	.9	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.133	185.1	187.1	1.5	1.1	.4	-6	1.0
Dairy and related products .....	.852	180.8	180.0	-1.6	-4	.1	.1	-8
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.219	249.1	249.2	5.3	.0	1.3	.9	1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	146.3	146.9	1.8	.4	.1	-5	.8
Other food at home .....	1.777	171.0	170.6	1.7	-2	.1	.5	-2
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	173.3	173.5	5.3	.1	.2	.7	.2
Fats and oils .....	.231	166.9	167.5	-1	.4	-2	-5	.1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	186.9	186.1	1.2	-4	.1	.7	-4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.328	115.0	113.8	1.8	-1.0	.1	.5	-1.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.953	199.7	200.2	3.1	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.277	136.8	137.3	3.5	.4	.1	.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.109	201.3	201.2	2.7	.0	.4	-1	.0
Housing .....	42.380	204.7	205.1	4.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Shelter .....	32.260	233.6	234.2	3.8	.3	.4	.4	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.832	225.2	226.2	3.8	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.611	142.8	141.1	5.1	-1.2	.3	.6	-4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.442	238.8	239.7	3.9	.4	.4	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	116.4	116.2	-1.4	-2	.1	.0	-2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.371	198.5	199.0	9.5	.3	-7	.4	.3
Fuels .....	4.494	181.1	181.5	10.4	.2	-9	.3	.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	241.9	245.3	16.9	1.4	1.4	3.1	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	186.2	186.4	9.9	.1	-1.1	.1	.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	137.1	137.8	5.0	.5	.5	.6	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.749	127.1	127.1	1.0	.0	.0	.0	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	136.6	137.0	4.8	.3	.4	.2	.3
Apparel .....	3.786	113.8	116.1	.3	2.0	.0	-1.2	.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	110.3	110.8	-1.4	.5	-4	-4	.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.612	102.3	105.7	.6	3.3	.4	-2.1	1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	114.4	115.6	1.9	1.0	-5	1.5	-2
Footwear .....	.759	119.1	120.6	-9	1.3	-8	-1.1	-1
Transportation .....	17.415	189.0	188.5	6.1	-3	-2	1.6	.2
Private transportation .....	16.329	184.9	184.5	6.2	-2	-3	1.7	.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.858	95.6	95.5	.5	-1	.1	.2	.0
New vehicles .....	5.155	136.9	136.4	1.0	-4	-1	.1	-1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.799	142.1	142.4	.3	.2	.4	.4	.2
Motor fuel .....	4.191	255.6	254.4	19.6	-5	-1.0	5.1	.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.148	254.6	253.2	19.6	-5	-1.0	5.3	.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.362	117.9	118.2	5.2	.3	.0	.8	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.131	216.7	216.2	4.3	-2	.2	.6	-1
Public transportation .....	1.087	237.4	234.3	4.9	-1.3	1.2	.4	.3
Medical care .....	6.220	337.0	337.7	4.3	.2	.3	.2	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.457	287.1	287.6	3.9	.2	-1	.3	.3
Medical care services .....	4.764	351.2	352.1	4.4	.3	.4	.2	.4
Professional services .....	2.815	289.8	290.2	2.8	.1	.2	.2	.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.576	469.3	471.1	7.2	.4	.3	.2	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	July 2006	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.637	111.3	111.3	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.783	105.0	104.7	.4	-3	.1	-1	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.047	116.3	117.5	3.3	1.0	.3	.3	.3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.967	160.3	163.9	6.5	2.2	.5	.6	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	386.3	391.3	7.3	1.3	.5	.3	1.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.771	462.9	473.4	6.4	2.3	.5	.6	.7
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.080	84.3	84.3	.4	.0	.1	.0	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.895	81.9	81.8	.0	-1	.1	.1	-1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.245	95.6	95.9	1.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.650	12.7	12.5	-6.7	-1.6	-8	.0	-1.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.236	10.6	10.6	-14.5	.0	-9	-9	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.463	321.2	321.7	2.3	.2	.6	-2	.3
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	521.5	521.1	2.9	-1	.8	.0	-1
Personal care .....	2.752	189.7	190.1	2.1	.2	.5	-2	.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	155.0	154.9	-2	-1	.4	-1	-1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.675	209.5	210.1	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.172	312.9	314.4	3.4	.5	.4	-1	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.790	166.4	166.6	3.4	.1	.0	.7	.2
Food and beverages .....	15.051	195.6	196.0	2.5	.2	.3	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.739	149.3	149.4	4.0	.1	-1	.9	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.163	183.8	184.5	7.4	.4	.1	1.2	-4
Apparel .....	3.786	113.8	116.1	.3	2.0	.0	-1.2	.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.377	231.6	231.2	9.9	-2	.0	2.3	.4
Durables .....	11.576	114.6	114.3	-1	-3	-1	.3	.0
Services .....	59.210	240.2	240.9	4.2	.3	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	31.884	243.4	244.1	3.9	.3	.3	.5	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	116.4	116.2	-1.4	-2	.1	.0	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	186.2	186.4	9.9	.1	-1.1	.1	.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	137.1	137.8	5.0	.5	.5	.6	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	136.6	137.0	4.8	.3	.4	.2	.3
Transportation services .....	5.707	232.7	232.2	2.3	-2	.3	.2	.3
Medical care services .....	4.764	351.2	352.1	4.4	.3	.4	.2	.4
Other services .....	10.669	277.2	279.1	3.9	.7	.3	.3	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	86.058	204.9	205.4	4.1	.2	.1	.5	.2
All items less shelter .....	67.740	194.0	194.4	3.9	.2	.1	.5	.3
All items less medical care .....	93.780	196.6	197.1	3.8	.3	.2	.5	.3
Commodities less food .....	26.848	151.3	151.4	3.9	.1	-1	.9	.3
Nondurables less food .....	15.272	184.9	185.5	7.0	.3	.1	1.1	-3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.486	227.6	227.3	9.1	-1	.0	2.1	.4
Nondurables .....	29.214	190.4	191.0	4.9	.3	.2	.7	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.325	254.6	255.4	4.5	.3	.4	.2	.2
Services less medical care services .....	54.446	231.0	231.6	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Energy .....	8.685	215.1	214.7	15.1	-2	-9	2.9	.3
All items less energy .....	91.315	203.9	204.4	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.373	206.2	206.7	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.319	139.6	139.9	.6	.2	.1	-1	.2
Energy commodities .....	4.530	256.0	255.0	19.4	-4	-9	5.0	.4
Services less energy services .....	55.055	245.8	246.5	3.7	.3	.4	.4	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.491	\$.490	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.164	\$.164	-	-	-	-	-

<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—		
	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	201.9	202.3	203.2	203.7	3.3	2.7	5.7	3.6	3.0	4.7
Food and beverages .....	194.7	195.3	195.7	196.2	3.0	2.9	.8	3.1	2.9	2.0
Food .....	194.1	194.7	195.1	195.8	3.0	2.7	.6	3.5	2.8	2.1
Food at home .....	191.8	192.5	192.8	193.5	2.8	2.3	-1.0	3.6	2.5	1.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	211.3	211.9	213.8	213.8	1.5	.4	1.9	4.8	1.0	3.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	185.3	186.0	184.9	186.8	3.5	-.9	.0	3.3	1.3	1.6
Dairy and related products .....	181.0	181.2	181.3	179.8	.7	.2	-4.5	-2.6	.4	-3.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	246.4	249.5	251.7	254.1	7.3	13.1	-10.3	13.1	10.2	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	146.9	147.1	146.3	147.5	3.9	.0	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.8
Other food at home .....	169.9	170.1	171.0	170.6	.0	2.6	2.6	1.7	1.3	2.1
Sugar and sweets .....	171.2	171.5	172.7	173.1	7.5	-2.1	11.8	4.5	2.6	8.1
Fats and oils .....	168.6	168.2	167.4	167.5	.2	5.4	-2.8	-2.6	2.8	-2.7
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	185.4	185.6	186.9	186.1	-1.9	3.8	1.5	1.5	.9	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.3	114.4	115.0	113.8	3.3	2.5	3.2	-1.7	2.9	.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	198.7	199.2	199.7	200.2	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	136.2	136.3	136.8	137.3	3.1	3.0	4.8	3.3	3.0	4.1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	200.8	201.6	201.3	201.2	2.5	5.0	2.6	.8	3.7	1.7
Housing .....	202.3	202.8	203.5	204.0	7.6	2.8	3.0	3.4	5.2	3.2
Shelter .....	231.0	232.0	232.9	233.4	2.9	3.0	5.0	4.2	3.0	4.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	223.6	224.6	225.4	226.2	3.3	2.8	4.0	4.7	3.0	4.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	135.4	135.8	136.6	136.1	7.0	7.5	3.6	2.1	7.2	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	237.1	238.1	239.0	239.7	2.3	3.1	5.6	4.5	2.7	5.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.3	116.4	116.4	116.2	-6.3	1.0	.3	-.3	-2.7	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	193.9	192.6	193.3	193.9	48.7	3.9	-7.8	.0	24.3	-4.0
Fuels .....	176.5	174.9	175.4	176.0	60.0	3.2	-9.6	-1.1	28.5	-5.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	238.2	241.5	248.9	253.2	34.2	-18.2	33.5	27.7	4.8	30.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	181.3	179.3	179.4	179.7	62.7	4.8	-12.2	-3.5	30.6	-8.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	135.7	136.4	137.2	137.5	5.0	7.8	1.8	5.4	6.4	3.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.1	127.1	127.1	127.4	.3	.6	2.2	.9	.5	1.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.7	136.3	136.6	137.0	5.6	7.8	2.1	3.9	6.7	3.0
Apparel .....	120.0	120.0	118.6	119.7	-1.3	-3.6	7.3	-1.0	-2.5	3.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.1	113.7	113.3	114.3	-3.1	-4.4	1.8	.7	-3.8	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.3	111.8	109.4	111.1	1.1	-8.7	12.4	-.7	-3.9	5.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	117.0	116.4	118.2	118.0	-6.7	11.3	.0	3.5	1.9	1.7
Footwear .....	124.8	123.8	122.4	122.3	-2.2	4.0	2.9	-7.8	.8	-2.6
Transportation .....	185.5	185.2	188.2	188.5	-5.1	3.5	20.9	6.6	-.9	13.5
Private transportation .....	181.8	181.3	184.4	184.7	-5.6	3.3	22.2	6.5	-1.3	14.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.8	95.9	96.1	96.1	.4	.8	.0	1.3	.6	.6
New vehicles .....	137.7	137.6	137.8	137.7	3.9	2.1	-1.7	.0	3.0	-.9
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	140.9	141.5	142.1	142.4	-7.1	.3	4.1	4.3	-3.5	4.2
Motor fuel .....	241.7	239.3	251.6	252.3	-20.2	10.4	95.5	18.7	-6.2	52.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	240.4	238.0	250.6	251.2	-20.5	10.3	95.5	19.2	-6.4	52.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	117.0	117.0	117.9	118.2	4.3	4.7	7.5	4.2	4.5	5.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	215.2	215.7	216.9	216.6	4.7	5.0	4.8	2.6	4.9	3.7
Public transportation .....	226.7	229.5	230.5	231.1	5.9	2.2	3.8	8.0	4.0	5.9
Medical care .....	335.1	336.0	336.6	338.0	5.7	3.3	4.5	3.5	4.5	4.0
Medical care commodities .....	286.3	286.0	286.8	287.6	5.6	3.8	4.6	1.8	4.7	3.2
Medical care services .....	349.0	350.3	350.9	352.4	5.8	3.1	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.3
Professional services .....	288.1	288.6	289.3	290.2	4.6	.4	3.1	2.9	2.5	3.0
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	467.0	468.5	469.3	473.0	6.8	8.3	8.4	5.2	7.5	6.8

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—		
	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	111.0	111.1	111.4	111.3	1.8	0.7	3.3	1.1	1.3	2.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	105.1	105.2	105.1	104.9	.0	-1.5	4.3	-8	-8	1.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	116.3	116.6	117.0	117.4	4.3	3.2	2.1	3.8	3.7	3.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	160.7	161.5	162.4	163.6	6.4	5.8	6.2	7.4	6.1	6.8
Educational books and supplies .....	385.1	387.1	388.2	392.9	10.2	4.9	6.1	8.4	7.5	7.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	464.2	466.3	469.0	472.5	5.9	6.1	6.3	7.3	6.0	6.8
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.2	84.3	84.3	84.3	1.9	.5	-1.4	.5	1.2	-5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.7	81.8	81.9	81.8	2.0	-1.0	-1.5	.5	.5	-5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.2	95.4	95.6	95.9	4.8	.0	.0	3.0	2.4	1.5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.5	-8.7	-3.0	-6.0	-9.1	-5.9	-7.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.6	-12.3	-15.7	-22.2	-7.2	-14.0	-15.0
Other goods and services .....	319.7	321.5	321.0	322.0	2.4	2.9	1.1	2.9	2.7	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	517.5	521.5	521.5	521.1	3.8	3.7	1.2	2.8	3.7	2.0
Personal care .....	189.0	189.9	189.5	190.3	2.2	2.8	1.1	2.8	2.5	1.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	154.6	155.2	155.0	154.9	-5	1.6	-2.5	.8	.5	-9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	208.7	209.1	209.5	210.1	2.2	5.4	1.5	2.7	3.8	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	311.8	313.0	312.6	314.4	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	165.7	165.7	166.9	167.3	-1.2	1.7	9.7	3.9	.2	6.8
Food and beverages .....	194.7	195.3	195.7	196.2	3.0	2.9	.8	3.1	2.9	2.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	148.7	148.5	149.9	150.2	-3.8	1.1	15.3	4.1	-1.4	9.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	183.3	183.5	185.7	185.0	-2.5	-9	32.6	3.8	-1.7	17.3
Apparel .....	120.0	120.0	118.6	119.7	-1.3	-3.6	7.3	-1.0	-2.5	3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	225.4	225.3	230.4	231.4	-9.2	4.6	38.2	11.1	-2.5	23.9
Durables .....	114.7	114.6	114.9	114.9	-3	-3	-3	.7	-3	.2
Services .....	237.8	238.5	239.2	239.9	6.6	3.3	3.1	3.6	4.9	3.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	240.7	241.5	242.7	243.3	2.8	3.3	5.0	4.4	3.0	4.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.3	116.4	116.4	116.2	-6.3	1.0	.3	-3	-2.7	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	181.3	179.3	179.4	179.7	62.7	4.8	-12.2	-3.5	30.6	-8.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	135.7	136.4	137.2	137.5	5.0	7.8	1.8	5.4	6.4	3.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.7	136.3	136.6	137.0	5.6	7.8	2.1	3.9	6.7	3.0
Transportation services .....	230.2	231.0	231.5	232.2	2.1	1.2	2.1	3.5	1.7	2.8
Medical care services .....	349.0	350.3	350.9	352.4	5.8	3.1	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.3
Other services .....	276.5	277.4	278.2	279.1	4.4	3.1	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.0
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	203.2	203.5	204.6	205.1	3.3	2.6	6.6	3.8	3.0	5.2
All items less shelter .....	192.8	192.9	193.9	194.4	3.5	2.4	6.2	3.4	2.9	4.8
All items less medical care .....	195.1	195.4	196.4	196.9	3.2	2.5	6.0	3.7	2.9	4.8
Commodities less food .....	150.7	150.5	151.8	152.2	-3.8	1.4	14.8	4.0	-1.2	9.3
Nondurables less food .....	184.3	184.5	186.6	186.0	-2.3	-7	30.3	3.7	-1.5	16.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	222.0	222.0	226.7	227.5	-8.4	4.6	34.1	10.3	-2.1	21.6
Nondurables .....	189.7	190.0	191.4	191.4	.0	1.1	15.7	3.6	.5	9.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	252.5	253.4	253.8	254.4	10.0	3.2	1.6	3.0	6.6	2.3
Services less medical care services .....	228.6	229.5	230.1	230.7	5.9	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.6	3.6
Energy .....	206.1	204.2	210.2	210.8	11.4	6.3	35.0	9.4	8.8	21.6
All items less energy .....	203.1	203.7	204.1	204.6	2.4	2.4	3.2	3.0	2.4	3.1
All items less food and energy .....	205.4	206.0	206.4	206.9	2.6	2.0	3.8	3.0	2.3	3.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.9	141.0	140.8	141.1	.0	.3	1.7	.6	.1	1.1
Energy commodities .....	242.7	240.6	252.7	253.6	-17.4	8.1	90.8	19.2	-5.5	50.8
Services less energy services .....	243.6	244.5	245.4	246.0	3.4	3.0	4.4	4.0	3.2	4.2

<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 Aug.2006 from—			Percent change to July2006 from—			
		May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	May 2006	June 2006	
U.S. city average .....	M	202.5	202.9	203.5	203.9	3.8	0.5	0.2	4.1	0.5	0.3	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	215.7	216.7	217.5	218.1	4.5	.6	.3	4.6	.8	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	218.1	219.3	220.1	220.7	4.5	.6	.3	4.7	.9	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.4	127.7	128.2	128.5	4.5	.6	.2	4.2	.6	.4	
Midwest urban .....	M	193.6	194.1	194.6	195.1	2.8	.5	.3	3.3	.5	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	195.1	195.6	196.3	196.9	2.8	.7	.3	3.3	.6	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.7	124.0	124.1	124.1	2.6	.1	.0	3.2	.3	.1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	188.1	189.3	190.1	190.9	3.4	.8	.4	3.9	1.1	.4	
South urban .....	M	195.5	196.3	197.0	197.1	4.1	.4	.1	4.5	.8	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	197.4	198.2	198.9	199.2	4.3	.5	.2	4.5	.8	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.6	125.0	125.5	125.4	3.7	.3	-.1	4.4	.7	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	195.9	196.7	198.0	198.3	5.1	.8	.2	5.6	1.1	.7	
West urban .....	M	206.9	206.4	206.7	207.5	4.0	.5	.4	4.1	-.1	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	210.3	209.5	210.0	210.7	4.1	.6	.3	4.3	-.1	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.7	125.6	125.6	126.2	3.4	.5	.5	3.5	-.1	.0	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	185.3	185.6	186.2	186.7	4.0	.6	.3	4.3	.5	.3	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.0	125.3	125.6	125.7	3.6	.3	.1	4.0	.5	.2	
D .....	M	194.4	195.3	196.0	196.6	4.2	.7	.3	4.7	.8	.4	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	198.4	199.0	199.3	200.4	2.3	.7	.6	2.6	.5	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	212.4	211.1	211.4	211.9	4.3	.4	.2	5.0	-.5	.1	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	221.6	222.6	223.1	224.1	4.7	.7	.4	5.0	.7	.2	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	222.9	-	225.1	-	-	-	-	3.6	1.0	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	192.4	-	193.1	-	-	-	-	2.8	.4	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	191.2	-	191.7	-	-	-	-	4.0	.3	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	128.8	-	130.7	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.5	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	196.0	-	197.3	4.1	.7	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	196.8	-	198.6	3.3	.9	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	182.4	-	182.5	4.0	.1	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	203.8	-	205.6	5.1	.9	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	213.9	-	216.4	4.7	1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	209.1	-	210.7	3.8	.8	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	208.2	-	209.6	4.9	.7	-	-	-	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	July 2006	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items .....	100.000	199.2	199.6	3.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	593.2	594.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.537	194.6	195.2	2.4	.3	.3	.2	.4
Food .....	15.519	194.1	194.7	2.4	.3	.3	.2	.4
Food at home .....	9.347	191.6	192.2	1.9	.3	.3	.1	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.275	214.9	214.8	2.3	.0	.3	.7	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.653	184.7	186.7	1.2	1.1	.2	-5	1.1
Dairy and related products .....	.965	180.3	179.4	-1.9	-5	.1	-1	-9
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.338	247.0	247.9	5.6	.4	1.0	.8	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.087	145.6	146.3	2.0	.5	.2	-6	.9
Other food at home .....	2.030	170.4	170.0	1.7	-2	.1	.5	-2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	172.5	172.5	5.3	.0	.2	.8	.2
Fats and oils .....	.287	167.9	168.2	.4	.2	-2	-2	-1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.406	187.0	186.2	1.2	-4	.2	.6	-4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.370	115.2	114.2	1.9	-9	.5	.2	-9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.172	199.4	199.9	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.275	136.3	136.7	3.2	.3	-1	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.018	200.8	200.7	2.8	.0	.2	-1	.0
Housing .....	40.161	199.7	200.3	4.2	.3	.3	.3	.4
Shelter .....	30.069	225.8	226.5	3.7	.3	.4	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	7.880	224.3	225.3	3.8	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.412	142.6	141.1	4.9	-1.1	.7	.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.429	216.5	217.3	3.8	.4	.4	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.7	116.6	-1.3	-1	.1	.0	-1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.900	196.7	197.2	9.0	.3	-7	.3	.3
Fuels .....	4.984	178.3	178.6	9.8	.2	-1.0	.3	.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	241.3	244.6	17.1	1.4	1.3	3.3	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	184.1	184.3	9.2	.1	-1.2	.0	.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	137.4	138.2	5.1	.6	.6	.5	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.193	122.7	122.7	1.0	.0	.1	.1	.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	139.3	139.7	4.6	.3	.5	.2	.3
Apparel .....	4.090	113.2	115.7	.2	2.2	-2	-1.2	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	110.3	110.9	-8	.5	-5	.0	.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.689	101.3	105.4	.9	4.0	.1	-2.5	2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	115.9	117.7	1.5	1.6	-7	1.3	.4
Footwear .....	.964	119.1	120.3	-7	1.0	-6	-9	-2
Transportation .....	19.669	189.0	188.6	6.5	-2	-2	1.8	.2
Private transportation .....	18.931	186.1	185.8	6.5	-2	-2	1.8	.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	8.944	94.9	94.8	.4	-1	.1	.2	.0
New vehicles .....	5.380	137.9	137.4	1.0	-4	-1	.1	-1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.801	143.0	143.2	.2	.1	.4	.4	.1
Motor fuel .....	5.244	256.2	255.1	19.5	-4	-9	5.2	.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.193	255.3	254.1	19.6	-5	-9	5.2	.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.434	117.5	117.8	5.3	.3	.1	.8	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.130	219.1	218.6	4.2	-2	.4	.4	-1
Public transportation .....	.738	234.1	231.4	4.8	-1.2	1.2	.1	.2
Medical care .....	5.171	336.5	337.3	4.3	.2	.2	.3	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.140	280.3	280.6	4.0	.1	.0	.3	.2
Medical care services .....	4.030	351.6	352.5	4.3	.3	.3	.3	.5
Professional services .....	2.336	292.1	292.5	2.6	.1	.1	.3	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.332	464.8	466.7	7.2	.4	.3	.3	.7

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 Aug. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	July 2006	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.097	108.7	108.5	1.6	-0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.928	104.3	104.1	.5	-2	.2	-1	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.635	113.5	114.5	3.1	.9	.2	.3	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.243	158.4	161.7	6.4	2.1	.4	.5	.9
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	387.6	393.0	7.4	1.4	.5	.3	1.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.044	448.0	457.7	6.3	2.2	.4	.5	.8
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.392	86.2	86.2	.6	.0	.1	.1	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.244	84.5	84.5	.5	.0	.1	.1	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.653	95.7	96.0	1.8	.3	.2	.2	.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.590	13.3	13.1	-6.4	-1.5	.0	.0	-1.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.208	10.4	10.5	-13.9	1.0	-1.9	-1.0	1.0
Other goods and services .....	3.640	330.7	331.0	2.3	.1	.6	-1	.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.137	523.3	522.9	2.8	-1	.8	.0	-1
Personal care .....	2.504	187.9	188.2	2.1	.2	.5	-1	.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.774	155.0	155.0	-3	.0	.3	-1	.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.616	209.7	210.2	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	313.9	315.1	3.4	.4	.4	.0	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.601	168.5	168.8	3.7	.2	.0	.8	.2
Food and beverages .....	16.537	194.6	195.2	2.4	.3	.3	.2	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.064	152.8	153.0	4.5	.1	-1	1.1	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.599	191.1	191.8	8.2	.4	.2	1.2	-3
Apparel .....	4.090	113.2	115.7	.2	2.2	-2	-1.2	1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.509	243.8	243.4	10.9	-2	-5	2.8	.3
Durables .....	12.465	114.8	114.5	-2	-3	.1	.2	.0
Services .....	55.399	235.2	235.9	4.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.721	217.6	218.3	3.8	.3	.3	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.7	116.6	-1.3	-1	.1	.0	-1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	184.1	184.3	9.2	.1	-1.2	.0	.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	137.4	138.2	5.1	.6	.6	.5	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	139.3	139.7	4.6	.3	.5	.2	.3
Transportation services .....	5.659	231.4	231.1	1.9	-1	.3	.1	.3
Medical care services .....	4.030	351.6	352.5	4.3	.3	.3	.3	.5
Other services .....	9.726	268.1	269.6	3.6	.6	.3	.3	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.481	199.9	200.4	4.2	.3	.1	.6	.3
All items less shelter .....	69.931	191.6	192.0	4.0	.2	.0	.6	.3
All items less medical care .....	94.829	193.3	193.8	3.9	.3	.2	.5	.3
Commodities less food .....	29.082	154.6	154.8	4.5	.1	-1	1.0	.3
Nondurables less food .....	16.617	191.9	192.5	7.8	.3	.1	1.3	-4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.527	239.1	238.7	10.3	-2	-2	2.5	.4
Nondurables .....	32.136	193.8	194.4	5.3	.3	.2	.8	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.679	225.8	226.3	4.3	.2	.3	.1	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.369	226.4	227.0	4.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
Energy .....	10.228	215.7	215.3	15.0	-2	-9	3.1	.3
All items less energy .....	89.772	198.0	198.6	2.6	.3	.3	.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	74.253	199.2	199.8	2.7	.3	.3	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.491	140.0	140.4	.6	.3	.1	-1	.2
Energy commodities .....	5.591	256.2	255.4	19.3	-3	-8	5.1	.3
Services less energy services .....	50.762	240.6	241.4	3.6	.3	.4	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.502	\$.501	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.169	\$.168	-	-	-	-	-

<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—		
	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	197.6	197.9	198.9	199.6	2.9	2.3	6.3	4.1	2.6	5.2
Food and beverages .....	193.9	194.4	194.7	195.4	3.0	2.7	.8	3.1	2.9	2.0
Food .....	193.3	193.9	194.2	194.9	3.0	2.7	.4	3.4	2.9	1.9
Food at home .....	190.9	191.5	191.7	192.6	2.8	2.3	-1.0	3.6	2.6	1.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	211.6	212.3	213.8	214.0	1.7	.6	2.5	4.6	1.2	3.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	185.0	185.4	184.4	186.4	3.5	-1.5	.0	3.1	1.0	1.5
Dairy and related products .....	180.7	180.9	180.8	179.2	.2	.4	-4.9	-3.3	.3	-4.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	244.7	247.1	249.2	252.6	7.2	13.8	-10.0	13.6	10.5	1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	146.2	146.5	145.6	146.9	4.2	.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9
Other food at home .....	169.3	169.5	170.4	170.0	.2	2.9	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.9
Sugar and sweets .....	170.2	170.6	172.0	172.3	7.5	-2.1	11.3	5.0	2.6	8.1
Fats and oils .....	168.9	168.5	168.2	168.0	.5	7.1	-3.9	-2.1	3.7	-3.0
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	185.5	185.9	187.0	186.2	-1.3	3.5	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.4	115.0	115.2	114.2	4.0	2.1	2.1	-.7	3.1	.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	198.4	198.9	199.4	199.9	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	136.1	136.0	136.3	136.7	2.7	3.3	5.2	1.8	3.0	3.5
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	200.6	201.0	200.8	200.7	3.5	5.0	2.4	.2	4.2	1.3
Housing .....	197.6	198.1	198.7	199.4	8.0	2.7	2.5	3.7	5.3	3.1
Shelter .....	223.7	224.6	225.5	226.3	2.6	2.8	5.0	4.7	2.7	4.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	222.7	223.7	224.5	225.3	3.4	2.8	4.1	4.8	3.1	4.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	134.4	135.4	135.9	136.1	3.7	8.2	2.4	5.2	5.9	3.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	215.0	215.9	216.7	217.6	2.3	3.1	5.4	4.9	2.7	5.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	116.7	116.7	116.6	-6.3	1.0	.3	.0	-2.7	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	192.3	190.9	191.5	192.0	48.1	3.8	-8.1	-.6	24.0	-4.4
Fuels .....	173.9	172.2	172.7	173.1	58.3	3.2	-9.9	-1.8	27.8	-6.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	237.5	240.7	248.7	252.6	34.5	-19.1	34.8	28.0	4.3	31.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	179.5	177.4	177.4	177.7	60.3	4.9	-12.3	-4.0	29.7	-8.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	136.0	136.8	137.5	137.8	5.0	7.4	2.1	5.4	6.2	3.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.6	122.7	122.8	122.9	.3	1.0	1.3	1.0	.7	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	138.3	139.0	139.3	139.7	5.2	6.7	2.3	4.1	5.9	3.2
Apparel .....	119.6	119.4	118.0	119.4	-2.3	-3.7	7.7	-.7	-3.0	3.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.0	113.4	113.4	114.4	-3.1	-3.4	1.8	1.4	-3.3	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.0	111.1	108.3	111.0	-.7	-9.1	14.5	.0	-5.0	7.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.9	118.1	119.6	120.1	-6.3	7.4	1.4	4.1	.3	2.7
Footwear .....	124.0	123.3	122.2	121.9	-3.5	4.3	3.3	-6.6	.3	-1.8
Transportation .....	185.3	185.0	188.3	188.6	-5.7	3.2	23.2	7.3	-1.4	15.0
Private transportation .....	182.6	182.2	185.5	185.8	-6.5	3.3	24.1	7.2	-1.7	15.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.0	95.1	95.3	95.3	-.8	.4	.8	1.3	-.2	1.1
New vehicles .....	138.8	138.7	138.9	138.8	3.8	1.7	-1.1	.0	2.8	-.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	141.8	142.4	143.0	143.2	-7.3	.3	4.3	4.0	-3.6	4.2
Motor fuel .....	241.8	239.7	252.2	252.8	-19.5	9.1	94.3	19.5	-6.3	52.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	240.9	238.7	251.2	251.8	-19.8	9.3	95.2	19.4	-6.4	52.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	116.5	116.6	117.5	117.8	4.7	3.9	7.9	4.5	4.3	6.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	217.6	218.4	219.3	219.1	4.8	5.0	4.5	2.8	4.9	3.7
Public transportation .....	225.0	227.7	228.0	228.5	6.8	3.1	3.1	6.4	4.9	4.7
Medical care .....	334.4	335.1	336.2	337.5	6.1	2.3	4.8	3.8	4.2	4.3
Medical care commodities .....	279.2	279.1	280.0	280.6	5.8	3.9	4.3	2.0	4.8	3.1
Medical care services .....	349.3	350.2	351.3	352.9	6.2	1.9	5.1	4.2	4.0	4.6
Professional services .....	290.5	290.9	291.8	292.5	4.4	.1	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.9
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	462.1	463.7	465.3	468.6	7.8	6.6	8.6	5.7	7.2	7.1

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—		
	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.3	108.5	108.7	108.5	1.9	0.4	3.4	0.7	1.1	2.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.3	104.5	104.4	104.2	.0	-1.2	3.5	-4	-6	1.6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	113.5	113.7	114.0	114.5	4.4	2.5	1.8	3.6	3.4	2.7
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	158.8	159.5	160.3	161.7	6.2	6.4	5.7	7.5	6.3	6.6
Educational books and supplies .....	386.6	388.5	389.5	394.5	9.9	5.6	5.8	8.4	7.8	7.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	449.4	451.1	453.5	457.2	5.9	6.5	5.7	7.1	6.2	6.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	86.0	86.1	86.2	86.2	2.4	.5	-1.4	.9	1.4	-2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.3	84.4	84.5	84.5	2.9	-.5	-1.4	1.0	1.2	-2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.3	95.5	95.7	96.0	4.3	.4	-.4	3.0	2.3	1.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.1	-8.3	-5.7	-5.8	-5.9	-7.0	-5.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.5	-12.5	-15.9	-19.6	-7.3	-14.2	-13.7
Other goods and services .....	328.8	330.8	330.5	331.3	2.4	3.1	.9	3.1	2.7	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	519.4	523.5	523.3	522.9	3.7	3.7	1.2	2.7	3.7	1.9
Personal care .....	187.0	187.9	187.7	188.4	1.7	2.8	.9	3.0	2.3	1.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	154.7	155.1	155.0	155.0	-1.3	1.8	-2.3	.8	.3	-8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	208.6	209.2	209.7	210.2	2.2	5.0	1.2	3.1	3.6	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	312.4	313.5	313.6	315.1	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	167.6	167.6	168.9	169.3	-1.7	1.7	11.2	4.1	.0	7.6
Food and beverages .....	193.9	194.4	194.7	195.4	3.0	2.7	.8	3.1	2.9	2.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	151.8	151.6	153.3	153.7	-4.5	1.4	17.2	5.1	-1.6	11.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	190.1	190.5	192.8	192.2	-3.1	-.7	36.1	4.5	-1.9	19.3
Apparel .....	119.6	119.4	118.0	119.4	-2.3	-3.7	7.7	-.7	-3.0	3.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	237.0	235.9	242.6	243.4	-9.5	4.6	43.6	11.2	-2.7	26.4
Durables .....	114.7	114.8	115.0	115.0	-1.0	.3	-1.0	1.1	-.3	.0
Services .....	233.0	233.6	234.3	235.1	6.9	2.8	2.8	3.7	4.8	3.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	215.6	216.3	217.2	217.9	2.9	2.7	5.2	4.3	2.8	4.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	116.7	116.7	116.6	-6.3	1.0	.3	.0	-2.7	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	179.5	177.4	177.4	177.7	60.3	4.9	-12.3	-4.0	29.7	-8.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	136.0	136.8	137.5	137.8	5.0	7.4	2.1	5.4	6.2	3.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	138.3	139.0	139.3	139.7	5.2	6.7	2.3	4.1	5.9	3.2
Transportation services .....	229.9	230.5	230.8	231.5	1.8	1.2	1.8	2.8	1.5	2.3
Medical care services .....	349.3	350.2	351.3	352.9	6.2	1.9	5.1	4.2	4.0	4.6
Other services .....	267.3	268.1	268.8	269.6	4.4	2.8	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.7
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	198.3	198.5	199.6	200.2	2.9	2.3	7.6	3.9	2.6	5.7
All items less shelter .....	190.3	190.3	191.4	192.0	3.1	2.2	7.0	3.6	2.6	5.3
All items less medical care .....	191.8	192.1	193.1	193.7	2.6	2.6	6.3	4.0	2.6	5.1
Commodities less food .....	153.7	153.5	155.1	155.5	-4.2	1.4	16.9	4.8	-1.5	10.7
Nondurables less food .....	190.9	191.1	193.6	192.9	-3.1	-.2	34.1	4.3	-1.7	18.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	232.6	232.2	238.1	239.0	-8.7	4.4	39.6	11.5	-2.4	24.7
Nondurables .....	192.9	193.2	194.7	194.8	-.4	1.5	17.2	4.0	.5	10.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	223.9	224.6	224.9	225.4	10.6	3.1	.9	2.7	6.8	1.8
Services less medical care services .....	224.2	225.1	225.7	226.4	6.2	3.1	2.7	4.0	4.6	3.4
Energy .....	206.4	204.5	210.8	211.4	8.8	5.9	37.5	10.0	7.3	23.0
All items less energy .....	197.4	198.0	198.3	199.0	2.3	2.1	2.9	3.3	2.2	3.1
All items less food and energy .....	198.7	199.2	199.6	200.2	2.1	2.1	3.5	3.1	2.1	3.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.3	141.4	141.3	141.6	-.3	.3	1.7	.9	.0	1.3
Energy commodities .....	242.4	240.5	252.8	253.6	-17.4	7.3	90.6	19.8	-5.8	51.1
Services less energy services .....	238.8	239.7	240.4	241.3	3.1	2.8	4.3	4.3	2.9	4.3

<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 Aug.2006 from—			Percent change to July2006 from—			
		May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	May 2006	June 2006	
U.S. city average .....	M	198.2	198.6	199.2	199.6	3.9	0.5	0.2	4.3	0.5	0.3	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	212.1	213.0	213.5	214.2	4.6	.6	.3	4.7	.7	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	212.8	214.0	214.3	215.1	4.4	.5	.4	4.6	.7	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.0	128.1	128.6	128.9	4.9	.6	.2	4.7	.5	.4	
Midwest urban .....	M	189.0	189.5	190.0	190.4	2.9	.5	.2	3.5	.5	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	189.7	190.1	190.7	191.3	2.8	.6	.3	3.4	.5	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.3	123.6	123.8	123.8	2.7	.2	.0	3.3	.4	.2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	186.4	187.6	188.6	189.3	3.7	.9	.4	4.5	1.2	.5	
South urban .....	M	192.9	193.5	194.3	194.5	4.2	.5	.1	4.7	.7	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	195.7	196.3	197.1	197.5	4.4	.6	.2	4.8	.7	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.3	123.7	124.2	124.2	3.9	.4	.0	4.6	.7	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	196.3	196.9	198.1	198.5	5.1	.8	.2	5.8	.9	.6	
West urban .....	M	201.9	201.5	201.7	202.5	3.9	.5	.4	4.1	-.1	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	203.6	203.0	203.3	204.0	4.0	.5	.3	4.3	-.1	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.6	125.4	125.5	126.0	3.6	.5	.4	3.8	-.1	.1	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	183.7	184.0	184.5	185.1	3.9	.6	.3	4.2	.4	.3	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.1	3.8	.4	.1	4.3	.5	.3	
D .....	M	193.3	194.1	194.8	195.4	4.3	.7	.3	5.0	.8	.4	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	192.0	192.4	192.8	193.8	2.4	.7	.5	2.9	.4	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	205.0	204.2	204.5	205.0	4.4	.4	.2	5.1	-.2	.1	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	215.5	216.7	216.8	217.8	4.6	.5	.5	5.0	.6	.0	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	222.9	-	223.9	-	-	-	-	3.7	.4	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	183.8	-	184.3	-	-	-	-	3.1	.3	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	192.9	-	193.9	-	-	-	-	4.6	.5	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	128.2	-	129.8	-	-	-	-	4.3	1.2	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	194.4	-	195.8	4.0	.7	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	192.0	-	194.0	3.4	1.0	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	181.4	-	182.0	4.4	.3	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	202.5	-	204.6	5.6	1.0	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	213.2	-	215.8	4.8	1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	205.2	-	206.7	3.6	.7	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	203.8	-	205.1	5.0	.6	-	-	-	-	

<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)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2006 from—	
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	July 2006
		Expenditure category			
All items .....	100.000	117.6	117.9	3.4	0.3
Food and beverages .....	15.072	115.5	115.7	2.4	.2
Food .....	13.943	115.5	115.7	2.4	.2
Food at home .....	8.029	112.4	112.6	1.8	.2
Food away from home .....	5.914	119.7	120.0	3.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.130	115.9	115.8	2.8	-.1
Housing .....	42.173	122.8	123.1	4.0	.2
Shelter .....	32.495	123.4	123.8	3.9	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	4.702	152.7	153.2	8.5	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.977	96.9	96.9	.6	.0
Apparel .....	4.076	85.3	86.8	-.2	1.8
Transportation .....	17.095	123.1	122.8	5.0	-.2
Private transportation .....	15.988	123.6	123.4	4.9	-.2
Public transportation .....	1.107	116.8	115.3	4.6	-1.3
Medical care .....	6.055	131.6	131.9	4.1	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.458	121.5	121.7	3.8	.2
Medical care services .....	4.597	135.1	135.4	4.2	.2
Recreation .....	5.863	106.1	105.9	1.2	-.2
Education and communication .....	6.190	103.0	103.9	2.5	.9
Education .....	2.751	148.9	152.1	6.4	2.1
Communication .....	3.439	76.0	75.9	-.5	-.1
Other goods and services .....	3.475	118.9	119.1	1.7	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.763	125.2	125.6	4.1	.3
Commodities .....	41.237	108.2	108.4	2.7	.2
Durables .....	12.340	87.3	87.1	-.3	-.2
Nondurables .....	28.897	118.5	118.9	3.8	.3
All items less food and energy .....	78.707	113.0	113.3	2.7	.3
Energy .....	7.351	185.1	184.8	14.0	-.2

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.