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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.2 percent in September, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The September level of 198.8 (1982=100) was 4.7 percent higher than in September 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.5 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September level of 195.0 was 5.2 percent higher than in September 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent in September on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The September level of 114.7 (December 1999=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in September 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 increased 1.2 percent in September. Energy costs increased sharply for the third consecutive month--up 12.0 percent in September--and accounted for over 90 percent of the advance in the September CPI-U. Within energy, the index for energy commodities (petroleum-based energy)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un-Adjusted 12-mos. Ended Sep. '05	
	Changes from preceding month								Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep. '05
	2005								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.6	.5	-.1	.0	.5	.5	1.2	9.4	4.7
Food and beverages	.2	.6	.1	.0	.2	.1	.2	1.9	2.5
Housing	.5	.3	.1	.1	.4	.2	.4	4.0	3.1
Apparel	.8	-.6	.0	-.7	-.9	1.0	-.1	.0	-.6
Transportation	1.9	1.8	-1.0	-.1	1.5	2.2	5.1	41.5	14.5
Medical care	.5	.2	.3	.2	.4	.0	.3	2.8	3.9
Recreation	.0	.2	.3	-.3	.1	.3	.4	3.0	1.0
Education and communication	.2	.4	.0	.1	.2	-.1	.7	3.2	2.1
Other goods and services	.1	.0	.4	.0	.6	.2	.1	3.5	2.8
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.0	4.5	-2.0	-.5	3.8	5.0	12.0	122.1	34.8
Food	.2	.7	.1	.1	.2	.0	.3	1.9	2.5
All Items less food and energy	.4	.0	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	1.4	2.0

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita had a very small effect on survey response rates in September. Response rates in those affected areas were lower than usual, but the missing prices accounted for less than 1 percent of the overall CPI sample.

increased 17.4 percent and the index for energy services rose 4.6 percent. The index for food, which was unchanged in August, rose 0.3 percent in September, largely reflecting an upturn in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for all items less food and energy registered a 0.1 percent increase for the fifth consecutive month. Shelter costs, which were virtually unchanged in August, declined 0.1 percent in September, largely as a result of a 2.5 percent decrease in the index for lodging away from home. The index for apparel, which increased 1.0 percent in August, declined 0.1 percent in September. These declines were more than offset by upturns in the indexes for new vehicles, for medical care services, and for communication.

Consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 9.4 percent in the third quarter of 2005, following increases in the first and second quarters at annual rates of 4.3 and 1.9 percent, respectively. This brings the year-to-date annual rate to 5.1 percent and compares with an increase of 3.3 percent in all of 2004. The index for energy, which advanced at annual rates of 21.1 and 7.5 percent in the first two quarters, increased at a 122.1 percent rate in the third quarter of 2005. Thus far this year, energy costs have risen at a 42.5 percent SAAR after increasing 16.6 percent in all of 2004. In the first nine months of 2005, petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 67.9 percent rate and charges for energy services increased at a 14.6 percent rate. The food index rose at a 2.2 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 2005. The index for grocery store food prices increased at a 1.3 percent rate. Among the six major grocery store food groups, the index for nonalcoholic beverages registered the largest increase during this span--up at a 4.3 percent rate--while the index for fruits and vegetables recorded the only decline--down at a 1.7 percent annual rate.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 1.4 percent SAAR in the third quarter, following increases at rates of 3.3 and 1.2 percent in the first two quarters of 2005. The advance at a 2.0 percent SAAR for the first nine months of 2005 compares with a 2.2 percent rise in all of 2004. Each of the major groups--including alcoholic beverages and the non-energy portion of the housing and transportation groups--registered a rate of change in the first 9 months of 2005 within one percent of that for all of 2004. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and three-quarter years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 9 mos. ended in Sep.
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All items	1.6	2.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	5.1
Food and beverages	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.1
Housing	2.3	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	3.2
Apparel	-.7	-.5	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-.7
Transportation	-1.7	5.4	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	17.1
Medical care	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.0
Recreation	1.2	.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1
Education and communication	.7	1.6	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.5
Other goods and services	8.8	5.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	2.8
Special indexes								
Energy	-8.8	13.4	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	42.5
Energy commodities	-15.1	29.5	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	67.9
Energy services	-3.3	1.2	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	14.6
All items less energy	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.0
Food	2.3	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.2
All items less food and energy	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.0

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in September. The index for food at home increased 0.3 percent, following a 0.2 percent decline in August. The index for fruits and vegetables, which fell 1.3 percent in August, advanced 1.5 percent in September. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables increased 1.1 and 1.8 percent, respectively, and the index for processed fruits and vegetables increased 1.8 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.5 percent in September. The index for pork turned up in September, following declines in each of the four preceding months. Prices for beef and veal declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 0.5 percent in September. Poultry prices rose 1.1 percent. The index for eggs, which fell 4.2 percent in August, rose 9.7 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages, which was unchanged in August, rose 0.8 percent in September, reflecting an upturn in prices for carbonated drinks. The index for other food at home was unchanged. The other two major grocery store food groups, the indexes for dairy products and for cereals and bakery products, declined 1.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.4 percent in September, following an increase of 0.2 percent in July. A sharp increase in the index for fuels and utilities more than offset declines in the indexes for shelter and for household furnishings and operations. Shelter costs, which were virtually unchanged in August, declined 0.1 percent in September. A 2.5 percent decline in the index for lodging away from home more than offset increases of 0.1 percent each in the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home declined 7.1 percent, while the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.) The index for fuels and utilities rose 4.2 percent in September. The index for fuel oil increased 12.7 percent in September and was 55.9 percent higher than a year ago. The index for natural gas also increased sharply for the third consecutive month--up 12.1 percent in September. During the last 12 months, charges for natural gas have risen 28.1 percent. The index for electricity rose 0.7 percent in September and was 6.4 percent higher than a year ago. The index for household furnishings and operations, which increased 0.2 percent in August, declined 0.2 percent in September.

The transportation index increased 5.1 percent in September, reflecting a 17.8 percent increase in the index for motor fuels. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 17.4 percent from their previous peak level registered in August.) The index for new and used motor vehicles increased 0.4 percent in September. The index for new vehicles rose 0.4 percent in September, following substantial declines in each of the preceding two months. (About 17 percent of the new car sample was represented by 2006 models.) The index for used cars and trucks declined 0.4 percent, while the indexes for leased cars and trucks and for car and truck rental increased 2.5 and 1.4 percent, respectively. Airline fares declined for the second consecutive month--down 1.4 percent in September--but were 9.0 percent higher than in September 2004.

The index for apparel, which rose 1.0 percent in August, declined 0.1 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 4.1 percent, reflecting seasonal price increases associated with the continued introduction of fall-winter wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in September to a level 3.9 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services also rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation increased 0.4 percent in September. The indexes for video and audio and for club membership dues and fees for participant sports--up 0.5 and 1.4 percent, respectively--accounted for over 70 percent of the September advance in the recreation component.

The index for education and communication increased 0.7 percent in September. Educational costs rose 0.8 percent, reflecting increases in the indexes for tuition and for educational books and supplies--up 0.7 and 1.8 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, educational costs advanced 2.1 percent, reflecting in part a 2.4 percent rise in college tuition costs and a 2.1 percent increase in college textbooks. During the last 12 months, the cost of college tuition has risen 6.8 percent.) The index for communication costs, which declined 0.5 percent in August, rose 0.7 percent in September. Within the communication index, charges for telephone services increased 1.1 percent, reflecting a 3.4 percent rise in land-line long distance charges.

Partially offsetting this increase was a 0.8 percent decline in the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.1 percent in September. A 0.7 percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products was partially offset by a decline in the index for personal care.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 1.4 percent in September.

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 Sep. '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.6	.6	-.1	.0	.6	.6	1.4	11.0	5.2
Food and beverages	.2	.6	.1	.0	.2	.1	.2	1.7	2.3
Housing	.3	.3	.2	.2	.4	.2	.5	4.5	3.4
Apparel	.5	-.7	.1	-.8	-.6	.8	-.3	-.7	-.8
Transportation	2.1	1.8	-1.0	-.1	1.6	2.4	5.4	44.9	15.3
Medical care	.4	.3	.4	.2	.4	.0	.2	2.5	3.9
Recreation	.0	.1	.4	-.4	.0	.3	.4	2.7	.8
Education and communication	.1	.4	.0	-.1	.2	-.2	.7	2.9	1.6
Other goods and services	.0	.0	.3	.0	.7	.3	.2	5.0	3.2
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.4	4.6	-2.1	-.6	4.1	5.1	12.3	127.3	35.7
Food	.2	.7	.1	-.1	.2	.1	.2	1.9	2.4
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	1.7	1.9

Consumer Price Index data for October are scheduled for release on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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 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. 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 Sep. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	196.4	198.8	4.7	1.2	0.5	0.5	1.2
All items (1967=100)	-	588.2	595.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.291	191.3	191.8	2.5	.3	.2	.1	.2
Food	14.295	190.9	191.4	2.5	.3	.2	.0	.3
Food at home	8.183	189.5	190.0	2.1	.3	.3	-.2	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.185	210.1	208.3	.9	-.9	-.1	.4	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.272	184.4	185.2	1.0	.4	-.4	-.3	.5
Dairy and related products .....	.849	182.9	181.8	.1	-.6	.4	.0	-1.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.276	236.6	240.8	6.5	1.8	1.6	-1.3	1.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	144.3	145.2	3.5	.6	.3	.0	.8
Other food at home	1.716	167.7	167.7	1.5	.0	.4	.1	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	164.7	165.8	1.4	.7	.5	-1.2	.9
Fats and oils .....	.258	167.6	169.4	-.6	1.1	1.4	-.1	1.1
Other foods ¹	1.163	183.9	183.1	2.1	-.4	.1	.5	-.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.301	111.8	111.5	.9	-.3	1.2	.3	-.3
Food away from home ¹	6.113	194.2	194.6	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.332	132.6	133.2	5.8	.5	.3	.4	.3
Alcoholic beverages ¹ .....	.996	195.9	196.6	1.7	.4	-.1	.1	.4
Housing	41.993	196.9	197.0	3.1	.1	.4	.2	.4
Shelter	32.686	225.6	224.4	1.9	-.5	.3	.0	-.1
Rent of primary residence ³	6.133	218.0	218.6	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.1
Lodging away from home ²	3.008	134.3	124.7	-2.0	-7.1	1.2	-1.6	-2.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.158	230.7	231.2	2.3	.2	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.387	117.8	116.6	.0	-1.0	.1	-.3	-1.0
Fuels and utilities	4.951	181.8	188.9	13.3	3.9	1.3	1.2	4.2
Fuels	4.021	164.4	172.1	15.3	4.7	1.5	1.4	5.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	209.8	235.9	46.0	12.4	6.2	2.9	11.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.722	169.6	176.4	13.1	4.0	1.1	1.3	4.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.930	131.2	131.4	4.5	.2	.5	.1	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.355	125.8	125.7	.6	-.1	-.1	.2	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.707	130.7	131.0	3.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
Apparel	3.841	115.8	120.5	-.6	4.1	-.9	1.0	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	112.4	114.0	-1.9	1.4	-1.4	1.1	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.638	105.1	112.3	-1.8	6.9	-1.1	.6	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	113.5	115.5	-3.3	1.8	-1.6	-.7	-1.0
Footwear .....	.765	121.7	126.0	3.5	3.5	-.4	1.3	1.5
Transportation	17.414	177.7	186.5	14.5	5.0	1.5	2.2	5.1
Private transportation	16.385	173.8	183.1	14.9	5.4	1.5	2.4	5.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.744	95.0	95.4	1.6	.4	-.3	.0	.4
New vehicles	4.692	135.0	135.8	.7	.6	-1.0	-.5	.4
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.037	142.0	141.5	3.7	-.4	.8	.7	-.4
Motor fuel	3.969	212.7	249.5	54.8	17.3	6.1	8.2	17.8
Gasoline (all types)	3.934	211.7	248.5	54.8	17.4	6.1	8.3	17.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.364	112.4	112.7	3.1	.3	.6	.4	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.341	207.3	208.7	4.0	.7	.3	.2	.7
Public transportation	1.029	223.3	220.7	7.5	-1.2	1.0	.1	.1
Medical care	6.132	323.9	324.6	3.9	.2	.4	.0	.3
Medical care commodities	1.484	276.8	277.7	2.5	.3	.1	.3	.3
Medical care services	4.649	337.3	337.9	4.4	.2	.4	.0	.3
Professional services	2.767	282.4	283.0	3.5	.2	.2	-.1	.4
Hospital and related services ³	1.516	439.6	439.8	4.6	.0	.6	-.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	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.733	109.3	109.7	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4
Video and audio ²	1.691	104.3	104.4	.4	.1	.1	1.3	.5
Education and communication ²	5.846	113.7	115.3	2.1	1.4	.2	-.1	.7
Education ²	2.931	153.9	157.1	6.2	2.1	.6	-.2	.8
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	364.6	372.4	5.6	2.1	.6	-.1	1.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.712	444.8	454.1	6.2	2.1	.6	-.2	.7
Communication ²	2.914	84.0	84.6	-1.9	.7	-.2	-.5	.7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.737	81.8	82.4	-2.0	.7	-.2	-.5	.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.187	94.1	95.1	-.2	1.1	-.2	-.3	1.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.550	13.4	13.3	-9.5	-.7	.0	-1.5	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.192	12.4	12.3	-18.0	-.8	-1.5	-3.1	-.8
Other goods and services	3.750	314.4	315.0	2.8	.2	.6	.2	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.804	506.5	510.1	5.6	.7	1.1	.6	.7
Personal care	2.946	186.1	186.1	2.1	.0	.4	.1	-.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.658	155.2	154.8	.8	-.3	.5	.1	-.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.652	204.1	204.6	2.8	.2	.4	.1	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.454	304.2	304.7	3.0	.2	.4	.1	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.239	161.1	165.6	6.9	2.8	.6	1.1	2.4
Food and beverages	15.291	191.3	191.8	2.5	.3	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	24.948	143.7	149.9	9.7	4.3	.9	1.7	3.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.980	171.8	184.4	16.9	7.3	3.4	2.9	5.4
Apparel	3.841	115.8	120.5	-6	4.1	-9	1.0	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.139	210.4	228.0	23.6	8.4	2.8	3.8	8.5
Durables	10.967	114.4	114.6	.4	.2	-.3	-.2	.2
Services	59.761	231.3	231.7	3.2	.2	.4	.2	.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.300	235.0	233.8	2.0	-5	.3	.0	-.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.387	117.8	116.6	.0	-1.0	.1	-.3	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.722	169.6	176.4	13.1	4.0	1.1	1.3	4.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.930	131.2	131.4	4.5	.2	.5	.1	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.707	130.7	131.0	3.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
Transportation services	6.235	227.0	227.0	3.1	.0	.3	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.649	337.3	337.9	4.4	.2	.4	.0	.3
Other services	10.833	268.7	271.2	2.8	.9	.2	.2	.6
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.705	197.3	200.0	5.0	1.4	.6	.6	1.4
All items less shelter	67.314	187.1	191.0	6.1	2.1	.5	.8	1.8
All items less medical care	93.868	189.8	192.3	4.7	1.3	.5	.6	1.3
Commodities less food	25.943	145.7	151.8	9.4	4.2	.8	1.6	3.6
Nondurables less food	14.976	173.3	185.2	15.8	6.9	3.2	2.7	5.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.135	208.3	224.3	21.6	7.7	2.5	3.5	7.8
Nondurables	29.271	182.1	188.9	9.3	3.7	1.5	1.4	2.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.462	244.5	246.8	4.6	.9	.4	.5	1.0
Services less medical care services	55.113	222.5	222.8	3.1	.1	.4	.2	.4
Energy	7.991	186.6	208.0	34.8	11.5	3.8	5.0	12.0
All items less energy	92.009	198.9	199.2	2.0	.2	.2	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	77.714	201.0	201.3	2.0	.1	.1	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.674	139.0	140.2	.6	.9	-.3	.1	.1
Energy commodities	4.269	213.6	249.9	54.3	17.0	6.1	7.9	17.4
Services less energy services	56.040	237.7	237.4	2.5	-.1	.3	.1	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.509	\$.503	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.170	\$.168	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2005	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2005
Expenditure category										
All items	194.1	195.1	196.1	198.5	3.4	4.3	1.9	9.4	3.8	5.6
Food and beverages	191.0	191.4	191.5	191.9	3.2	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.4	2.4
Food	190.6	191.0	191.0	191.5	3.5	1.3	3.4	1.9	2.4	2.7
Food at home	189.6	190.1	189.7	190.2	4.6	-8	3.4	1.3	1.8	2.4
Cereals and bakery products	208.6	208.4	209.3	208.5	2.3	1.7	-2	-2	2.0	-2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.2	184.5	183.9	184.8	.4	2.6	1.7	-9	1.5	.4
Dairy and related products	182.5	183.3	183.3	181.1	-3.7	6.2	1.3	-3.0	1.1	-9
Fruits and vegetables	239.7	243.6	240.4	244.1	36.0	-21.1	11.8	7.5	3.6	9.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	144.1	144.5	144.5	145.7	1.4	4.9	3.4	4.5	3.2	4.0
Other food at home	166.9	167.5	167.6	167.6	-2.2	3.2	3.4	1.7	.5	2.6
Sugar and sweets	165.5	166.4	164.4	165.8	-1.2	-2.4	9.2	.7	-1.8	4.9
Fats and oils	165.0	167.3	167.1	168.9	-1.2	-6.2	-3.8	9.8	-3.7	2.8
Other foods ¹	182.9	183.0	183.9	183.1	-2.4	6.9	3.6	.4	2.1	2.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.2	111.5	111.8	111.5	1.1	4.0	-5.9	4.8	2.5	-7
Food away from home ¹	193.2	193.6	194.2	194.6	2.1	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.0
Other food away from home ²	131.8	132.2	132.7	133.1	3.5	8.1	7.6	4.0	5.8	5.8
Alcoholic beverages ¹	195.9	195.8	195.9	196.6	1.0	3.8	.4	1.4	2.4	.9
Housing	194.8	195.5	195.9	196.7	3.0	3.8	1.9	4.0	3.4	2.9
Shelter	224.1	224.8	224.9	224.6	1.8	4.4	.7	.9	3.1	.8
Rent of primary residence ³	217.0	217.7	218.3	218.6	2.3	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.7	3.1
Lodging away from home ²	129.5	131.0	128.9	125.7	1.6	18.6	-13.5	-11.2	9.7	-12.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	230.0	230.5	230.9	231.2	1.6	3.0	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.0	118.1	117.8	116.6	7.4	1.0	-3.3	-4.7	4.2	-4.0
Fuels and utilities	173.7	175.9	178.0	185.5	10.9	3.1	11.6	30.1	7.0	20.5
Fuels	155.7	158.0	160.2	168.4	12.6	2.4	13.0	36.8	7.4	24.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	198.6	210.9	217.1	242.7	54.2	3.7	27.5	123.0	26.5	68.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	160.7	162.4	164.5	172.0	10.1	2.3	12.0	31.2	6.2	21.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	130.2	130.8	130.9	131.3	2.9	7.1	4.7	3.4	5.0	4.1
Household furnishings and operations	125.9	125.8	126.0	125.8	2.6	-3	.0	-3	1.1	-2
Household operations ^{1 2}	130.1	130.3	130.7	131.0	2.9	4.2	5.7	2.8	3.5	4.3
Apparel	119.3	118.2	119.4	119.3	-7	3.4	-5.2	.0	1.3	-2.6
Men's and boys' apparel	116.0	114.4	115.7	114.6	-1.4	5.3	-6.3	-4.7	1.9	-5.5
Women's and girls' apparel	110.7	109.5	110.2	109.8	-4	4.0	-7.9	-3.2	1.8	-5.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.3	116.4	115.6	114.4	-1.0	-3.3	4.2	-12.5	-2.2	-4.6
Footwear	122.3	121.8	123.4	125.2	-2.0	5.4	1.3	9.8	1.7	5.5
Transportation	170.9	173.5	177.3	186.4	6.5	10.3	2.9	41.5	8.4	20.7
Private transportation	167.1	169.6	173.6	183.0	6.4	10.8	2.2	43.8	8.6	21.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.8	95.5	95.5	95.9	2.6	1.7	1.7	.4	2.1	1.1
New vehicles	138.5	137.1	136.4	137.0	5.1	2.0	.0	-4.3	3.6	-2.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	139.9	141.0	142.0	141.5	2.4	1.2	6.5	4.7	1.8	5.6
Motor fuel	182.1	193.2	209.1	246.3	17.7	42.4	2.5	234.7	29.4	85.2
Gasoline (all types)	181.0	192.1	208.1	245.3	17.7	41.6	2.2	237.3	29.1	85.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	111.2	111.9	112.4	112.7	2.2	3.7	1.1	5.5	2.9	3.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	206.3	207.0	207.5	208.9	4.2	3.4	3.2	5.1	3.8	4.1
Public transportation	218.2	220.4	220.6	220.9	8.0	2.5	14.8	5.0	5.2	9.8
Medical care	322.8	324.0	324.1	325.0	3.8	6.0	3.3	2.8	4.9	3.0
Medical care commodities	275.3	275.7	276.5	277.4	.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	1.9	3.1
Medical care services	336.3	337.8	337.7	338.6	4.8	6.9	3.3	2.8	5.8	3.0
Professional services	281.6	282.3	282.1	283.3	2.7	5.5	3.5	2.4	4.1	3.0
Hospital and related services ³	439.2	441.8	440.0	441.1	6.1	7.5	3.4	1.7	6.8	2.6

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—		
	June 2005	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2005
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	109.0	109.1	109.4	109.8	0.7	-0.4	0.7	3.0	0.2	1.8
Video and audio ²	102.9	103.0	104.3	104.8	.8	-8	-5.3	7.6	.0	1.0
Education and communication ²	113.5	113.7	113.6	114.4	1.1	2.2	2.1	3.2	1.6	2.7
Education ²	152.4	153.3	153.6	154.8	6.2	5.2	7.1	6.4	5.7	6.8
Educational books and supplies	363.4	365.5	365.3	371.7	7.8	-4	5.6	9.5	3.6	7.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	440.1	442.8	443.9	447.0	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.4	5.8	6.8
Communication ²	84.6	84.4	84.0	84.6	-3.7	-9	-2.8	.0	-2.3	-1.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.4	82.2	81.8	82.4	-3.8	-1.0	-3.3	.0	-2.4	-1.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	94.6	94.4	94.1	95.1	-2.1	.8	-1.7	2.1	-6	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.3	-12.9	-5.5	-10.9	-8.5	-9.3	-9.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	13.0	12.8	12.4	12.3	-26.3	-13.6	-11.4	-19.9	-20.2	-15.7
Other goods and services	312.3	314.1	314.7	315.0	2.8	3.3	1.7	3.5	3.0	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	497.8	503.4	506.5	510.1	1.6	10.1	1.0	10.3	5.8	5.5
Personal care	185.4	186.1	186.3	186.1	3.1	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.7
Personal care products ¹	154.3	155.0	155.2	154.8	-3	-1.0	3.4	1.3	-7	2.4
Personal care services ¹	203.0	203.9	204.1	204.6	4.3	4.2	-6	3.2	4.3	1.3
Miscellaneous personal services	302.6	303.9	304.2	305.0	3.7	1.5	3.7	3.2	2.6	3.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	158.8	159.8	161.5	165.4	3.7	5.2	1.5	17.7	4.4	9.3
Food and beverages	191.0	191.4	191.5	191.9	3.2	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.4	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages	140.6	141.9	144.3	149.6	4.2	7.5	.6	28.2	5.8	13.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	162.8	168.4	173.2	182.5	13.7	3.0	.5	57.9	8.2	26.0
Apparel	119.3	118.2	119.4	119.3	-7	3.4	-5.2	.0	1.3	-2.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	196.1	201.5	209.2	226.9	9.0	15.8	3.1	79.2	12.3	36.0
Durables	115.4	115.1	114.9	115.1	2.5	.7	-3	-1.0	1.6	-7
Services	229.2	230.1	230.5	231.4	2.7	4.0	2.3	3.9	3.3	3.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	233.6	234.2	234.3	233.8	1.8	4.6	1.0	.3	3.2	.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.0	118.1	117.8	116.6	7.4	1.0	-3.3	-4.7	4.2	-4.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	160.7	162.4	164.5	172.0	10.1	2.3	12.0	31.2	6.2	21.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	130.2	130.8	130.9	131.3	2.9	7.1	4.7	3.4	5.0	4.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	130.1	130.3	130.7	131.0	2.9	4.2	5.7	2.8	3.5	4.3
Transportation services	225.5	226.2	227.1	227.9	2.4	1.6	4.4	4.3	2.0	4.3
Medical care services	336.3	337.8	337.7	338.6	4.8	6.9	3.3	2.8	5.8	3.0
Other services	267.5	268.1	268.6	270.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	4.3	2.4	3.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	194.7	195.8	197.0	199.7	3.2	4.9	1.7	10.7	4.0	6.1
All items less shelter	184.6	185.6	187.1	190.5	4.1	4.3	2.6	13.4	4.2	7.9
All items less medical care	187.6	188.5	189.6	192.0	3.3	4.2	1.9	9.7	3.7	5.8
Commodities less food	142.7	143.9	146.2	151.5	4.1	7.3	.6	27.0	5.7	13.0
Nondurables less food	164.8	170.0	174.6	183.8	12.1	3.2	.5	54.7	7.6	24.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	195.3	200.2	207.2	223.4	7.8	15.1	2.9	71.2	11.4	32.7
Nondurables	177.6	180.3	182.8	188.0	8.1	2.3	3.0	25.6	5.2	13.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	241.5	242.4	243.5	245.9	4.5	2.2	4.4	7.5	3.3	5.9
Services less medical care services	220.3	221.1	221.6	222.4	2.8	3.4	2.4	3.9	3.1	3.1
Energy	167.6	174.0	182.7	204.6	15.3	21.1	7.5	122.1	18.2	54.5
All items less energy	198.5	198.8	199.0	199.3	2.3	2.9	1.4	1.6	2.6	1.5
All items less food and energy	200.7	201.0	201.2	201.4	2.0	3.3	1.2	1.4	2.7	1.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.3	139.9	140.1	140.3	1.4	1.1	-3	.0	1.3	-1
Energy commodities	184.0	195.3	210.7	247.3	19.8	39.6	3.8	226.3	29.3	84.0
Services less energy services	236.2	237.0	237.2	237.5	2.3	4.0	1.7	2.2	3.1	2.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2005 from—			Percent change to Aug.2005 from—		
		June 2005	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2004	June 2005	July 2005
U.S. city average	M	194.5	195.4	196.4	198.8	4.7	1.7	1.2	3.6	1.0	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	206.2	207.9	208.7	210.8	4.8	1.4	1.0	3.8	1.2	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.5	210.2	211.2	213.2	4.9	1.4	.9	4.0	1.3	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.8	123.0	123.0	124.5	4.4	1.2	1.2	3.4	1.0	.0
Midwest urban	M	187.8	188.4	189.7	192.5	4.8	2.2	1.5	3.5	1.0	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	189.8	190.1	191.5	193.8	4.2	1.9	1.2	3.2	.9	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	119.6	120.2	120.9	123.1	5.4	2.4	1.8	3.8	1.1	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	182.3	182.9	184.6	187.2	6.1	2.4	1.4	4.7	1.3	.9
South urban	M	187.8	188.5	189.4	192.0	5.0	1.9	1.4	3.7	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	189.7	190.3	191.0	193.9	5.4	1.9	1.5	4.0	.7	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	119.7	120.2	120.9	122.3	4.6	1.7	1.2	3.4	1.0	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	186.9	187.5	188.6	191.9	5.9	2.3	1.7	4.8	.9	.6
West urban	M	198.0	198.6	199.6	201.7	4.1	1.6	1.1	3.4	.8	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	200.5	201.3	202.4	204.5	4.1	1.6	1.0	3.5	.9	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.1	121.3	122.0	123.1	4.0	1.5	.9	3.3	.7	.6
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	177.9	178.6	179.6	181.7	4.7	1.7	1.2	3.7	1.0	.6
B/C ³	M	120.2	120.8	121.3	122.9	4.7	1.7	1.3	3.4	.9	.4
D	M	186.9	187.2	188.7	191.5	5.3	2.3	1.5	4.3	1.0	.8
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	194.0	194.2	195.8	198.3	4.4	2.1	1.3	2.9	.9	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	200.7	201.4	203.1	205.8	5.8	2.2	1.3	5.2	1.2	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	210.7	212.5	214.1	215.8	4.8	1.6	.8	4.1	1.6	.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	217.2	-	220.1	4.9	1.3	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	187.8	-	191.6	4.2	2.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	184.3	-	188.9	5.1	2.5	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	125.0	-	126.7	4.9	1.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	189.6	-	189.5	-	-	-	-	2.9	-.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	189.6	-	192.2	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	174.2	-	175.5	-	-	-	-	3.8	.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	192.6	-	195.6	-	-	-	-	5.7	1.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	204.8	-	206.6	-	-	-	-	3.8	.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	201.2	-	203.0	-	-	-	-	2.2	.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	199.8	-	199.9	-	-	-	-	2.7	.1	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	192.1	195.0	5.2	1.5	0.6	0.6	1.4
All items (1967=100)	-	572.3	580.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.024	190.6	191.1	2.3	.3	.2	.1	.2
Food	15.940	190.2	190.7	2.4	.3	.2	.1	.2
Food at home	9.540	188.7	189.1	1.9	.2	.2	-.2	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.342	209.9	208.1	.9	-.9	-.2	.4	-.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.845	184.5	185.1	.9	.3	-.4	-.2	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.962	182.8	181.7	.2	-.6	.2	.2	-1.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.407	234.7	238.8	6.7	1.7	1.6	-1.1	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.051	143.4	144.6	3.5	.8	.3	-.1	1.0
Other food at home	1.934	167.1	167.1	1.4	.0	.4	.1	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	163.8	165.1	1.2	.8	.7	-1.4	.9
Fats and oils .....	.311	167.6	169.4	-.5	1.1	1.3	.1	1.0
Other foods ¹	1.312	184.0	183.2	1.9	-.4	.1	.4	-.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.341	112.1	111.9	.8	-.2	1.3	.2	-.2
Food away from home ¹	6.400	194.0	194.4	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.251	132.4	133.0	5.7	.5	.3	.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.084	195.3	196.0	1.0	.4	-.1	-.2	.4
Housing	38.973	192.3	192.9	3.4	.3	.4	.2	.5
Shelter	29.902	218.5	217.9	2.1	-.3	.3	.1	-.1
Rent of primary residence ³	8.025	217.1	217.7	2.9	.3	.3	.1	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.742	134.5	124.5	-2.5	-7.4	1.1	-1.3	-3.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	19.795	209.3	209.7	2.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.339	118.1	116.9	.1	-1.0	.1	-.3	-1.0
Fuels and utilities	5.288	181.0	187.7	12.9	3.7	1.2	1.1	4.1
Fuels	4.336	162.7	169.9	14.6	4.4	1.4	1.3	4.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	208.9	235.4	46.1	12.7	5.9	3.0	11.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.055	168.7	175.2	12.8	3.9	.9	1.3	4.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.952	131.5	131.7	4.7	.2	.5	.1	.3
Household furnishings and operations	3.783	121.5	121.4	.7	-.1	-.2	.2	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.321	133.6	133.5	4.6	-.1	.2	.5	-.1
Apparel	4.208	115.5	119.6	-.8	3.5	-.6	.8	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.063	111.8	113.2	-2.1	1.3	-1.1	1.2	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.664	104.5	111.1	-2.5	6.3	-.5	.3	-.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	116.0	117.6	-3.8	1.4	-1.5	-.8	-1.4
Footwear .....	.991	121.2	124.9	3.7	3.1	-.3	1.0	1.1
Transportation	19.845	177.1	186.4	15.3	5.3	1.6	2.4	5.4
Private transportation	19.072	174.4	183.9	15.6	5.4	1.7	2.5	5.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.146	94.4	94.7	1.9	.3	-.2	.2	.3
New vehicles	4.725	136.0	136.8	.6	.6	-1.1	-.4	.5
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.536	142.9	142.4	3.7	-.3	.9	.7	-.3
Motor fuel	4.843	213.4	250.3	54.8	17.3	6.3	8.1	17.8
Gasoline (all types)	4.803	212.4	249.3	54.8	17.4	6.3	8.2	17.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.449	111.9	112.3	3.3	.4	.5	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.357	209.7	211.1	4.1	.7	.3	.3	.7
Public transportation .....	.773	220.8	218.8	7.7	-.9	1.0	.0	.3
Medical care	5.014	323.5	324.0	3.9	.2	.4	.0	.2
Medical care commodities	1.126	269.9	270.3	2.1	.1	.3	.3	.1
Medical care services	3.888	337.9	338.4	4.5	.1	.4	-.1	.3
Professional services	2.270	285.0	285.6	3.5	.2	.4	.0	.4
Hospital and related services ³	1.276	435.3	435.5	4.6	.0	.5	-.5	.3

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 Sep. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Recreation ²	5.546	106.8	107.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.4
Video and audio ²	1.878	103.6	103.7	.4	.1	.0	1.4	.3
Education and communication ²	5.498	111.1	112.6	1.6	1.4	.2	-.2	.7
Education ²	2.361	152.0	155.1	6.0	2.0	.6	.3	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	365.9	373.6	5.3	2.1	.5	-.1	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.145	430.4	439.1	6.1	2.0	.6	.3	.5
Communication ²	3.137	85.7	86.3	-1.7	.7	-.3	-.3	.8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.990	84.1	84.8	-1.7	.8	-.4	-.5	.8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.473	94.3	95.3	-.2	1.1	-.2	-.3	1.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.517	14.0	13.9	-8.6	-.7	-.7	-.7	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.171	12.2	12.1	-18.2	-.8	-1.6	-2.4	-.8
Other goods and services	3.891	323.6	324.4	3.2	.2	.7	.3	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.244	508.5	512.2	5.8	.7	1.3	.7	.7
Personal care	2.648	184.4	184.4	1.9	.0	.4	.1	.0
Personal care products ¹ .....	.712	155.4	155.0	.6	-.3	.6	.0	-.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.611	204.4	204.8	2.6	.2	.4	.1	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.160	304.6	305.1	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.809	162.7	167.4	7.5	2.9	.8	1.2	2.6
Food and beverages	17.024	190.6	191.1	2.3	.3	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	27.786	146.4	153.0	10.7	4.5	1.1	1.9	4.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.322	177.3	191.0	18.5	7.7	3.7	3.2	5.8
Apparel	4.208	115.5	119.6	-.8	3.5	-.6	.8	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.113	219.5	239.4	25.9	9.1	3.0	4.1	9.2
Durables	12.464	114.7	114.8	1.0	.1	-.3	.0	.1
Services	55.191	226.8	227.5	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.562	210.4	209.9	2.1	-.2	.3	.0	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.339	118.1	116.9	.1	-1.0	.1	-.3	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.055	168.7	175.2	12.8	3.9	.9	1.3	4.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.952	131.5	131.7	4.7	.2	.5	.1	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.321	133.6	133.5	4.6	-.1	.2	.5	-.1
Transportation services	6.166	226.9	226.9	2.9	.0	.3	.4	.3
Medical care services	3.888	337.9	338.4	4.5	.1	.4	-.1	.3
Other services	9.907	260.2	262.4	2.5	.8	.2	.2	.6
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.060	192.3	195.6	5.7	1.7	.6	.7	1.7
All items less shelter	70.098	184.6	188.8	6.5	2.3	.6	.9	2.1
All items less medical care	94.986	186.5	189.5	5.3	1.6	.5	.7	1.4
Commodities less food	28.870	148.2	154.6	10.3	4.3	1.0	1.8	3.8
Nondurables less food	16.406	178.5	191.5	17.3	7.3	3.6	2.9	5.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.197	216.5	234.6	23.7	8.4	2.8	3.9	8.5
Nondurables	32.346	184.6	191.9	10.0	4.0	1.8	1.5	3.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.628	217.0	219.2	4.6	1.0	.5	.4	1.1
Services less medical care services	51.303	218.3	219.1	3.2	.4	.4	.3	.4
Energy	9.179	187.2	209.3	35.7	11.8	4.1	5.1	12.3
All items less energy	90.821	193.6	194.1	2.1	.3	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	74.881	194.6	195.1	1.9	.3	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.745	139.6	140.6	.8	.7	-.2	.3	.0
Energy commodities	5.124	214.0	250.5	54.3	17.1	6.3	7.9	17.5
Services less energy services	51.136	233.1	233.1	2.5	.0	.3	.1	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.520	\$.513	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.175	\$.172	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2005	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2005
Expenditure category										
All items	189.7	190.8	192.0	194.7	3.3	4.4	2.1	11.0	3.8	6.5
Food and beverages	190.4	190.7	190.8	191.2	3.2	1.3	3.0	1.7	2.3	2.3
Food	189.9	190.3	190.4	190.8	3.5	1.3	3.0	1.9	2.4	2.5
Food at home	188.8	189.2	188.9	189.3	4.4	-6	3.2	1.1	1.8	2.1
Cereals and bakery products	208.7	208.2	209.0	208.3	2.3	1.9	.0	-8	2.1	-4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.2	184.5	184.1	184.7	.4	2.6	1.7	-1.1	1.5	.3
Dairy and related products	182.4	182.8	183.2	181.0	-3.9	6.2	1.5	-3.0	1.0	-8
Fruits and vegetables	237.0	240.9	238.2	241.3	38.7	-21.9	11.0	7.5	4.1	9.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	143.4	143.8	143.7	145.1	1.4	4.6	3.4	4.8	3.0	4.1
Other food at home	166.3	166.9	167.0	167.0	-2.4	3.5	2.9	1.7	.5	2.3
Sugar and sweets	164.7	165.8	163.5	164.9	-2.2	-1.7	8.7	.5	-2.0	4.5
Fats and oils	165.0	167.2	167.3	168.9	-1.6	-5.6	-4.0	9.8	-3.6	2.7
Other foods ¹	183.1	183.3	184.0	183.2	-2.4	7.1	3.1	.2	2.2	1.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.5	111.9	112.1	111.9	1.1	4.4	-6.9	5.2	2.7	-1.1
Food away from home ¹	193.0	193.4	194.0	194.4	1.9	4.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9
Other food away from home ²	131.7	132.1	132.6	132.7	4.2	7.4	8.0	3.1	5.8	5.5
Alcoholic beverages ¹	195.7	195.6	195.3	196.0	.4	3.8	-.6	.6	2.1	.0
Housing	190.3	191.0	191.4	192.4	3.0	3.5	2.8	4.5	3.3	3.6
Shelter	217.2	217.9	218.1	217.9	1.9	3.8	1.5	1.3	2.8	1.4
Rent of primary residence ³	216.1	216.8	217.1	217.7	2.5	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.9
Lodging away from home ²	129.9	131.3	129.6	125.1	.3	15.8	-9.8	-14.0	7.8	-11.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	208.6	209.1	209.5	209.7	1.6	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.3	118.4	118.1	116.9	7.4	1.7	-3.6	-4.7	4.5	-4.1
Fuels and utilities	173.0	175.0	177.0	184.2	10.5	3.2	12.2	28.5	6.7	20.1
Fuels	154.3	156.4	158.5	166.2	11.8	2.2	13.8	34.6	6.9	23.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	198.5	210.2	216.5	242.1	58.7	-.2	29.7	121.3	25.9	69.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	160.0	161.5	163.6	170.7	9.3	2.4	13.0	29.6	5.8	21.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	130.4	131.1	131.2	131.6	3.5	7.1	4.4	3.7	5.3	4.1
Household furnishings and operations	121.7	121.4	121.6	121.6	3.0	-.7	.3	-.3	1.2	.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	132.8	133.0	133.6	133.5	5.4	2.8	8.2	2.1	4.1	5.1
Apparel	118.9	118.2	119.1	118.7	-.7	3.7	-5.5	-.7	1.5	-3.1
Men's and boys' apparel	115.2	113.9	115.3	114.1	-2.0	6.4	-8.5	-3.8	2.1	-6.2
Women's and girls' apparel	110.0	109.5	109.8	109.0	.4	3.3	-9.6	-3.6	1.8	-6.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	120.7	118.9	118.0	116.4	-.7	-2.9	2.4	-13.5	-1.8	-5.9
Footwear	122.0	121.6	122.8	124.2	-1.3	6.9	2.7	7.4	2.7	5.0
Transportation	169.7	172.5	176.7	186.2	6.8	10.6	2.6	44.9	8.7	22.0
Private transportation	166.9	169.7	174.0	183.7	6.7	11.1	2.2	46.8	8.9	22.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.9	94.7	94.9	95.2	2.6	1.3	2.6	1.3	1.9	1.9
New vehicles	139.5	137.9	137.4	138.1	4.4	1.7	.3	-4.0	3.1	-1.9
Used cars and trucks ¹	140.7	141.9	142.9	142.4	2.4	1.2	6.5	4.9	1.8	5.7
Motor fuel	182.5	194.0	209.8	247.1	18.2	41.9	2.0	236.1	29.5	85.1
Gasoline (all types)	181.7	193.1	208.9	245.8	18.3	41.8	2.2	234.9	29.5	85.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	110.8	111.4	111.9	112.3	2.2	4.5	1.1	5.5	3.3	3.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	208.6	209.3	209.9	211.3	4.4	3.8	3.3	5.3	4.1	4.3
Public transportation	216.1	218.3	218.2	218.8	9.8	3.3	13.0	5.1	6.5	9.0
Medical care	322.4	323.6	323.6	324.4	3.8	5.7	3.7	2.5	4.7	3.1
Medical care commodities	268.2	268.9	269.6	270.0	.5	2.6	2.4	2.7	1.5	2.6
Medical care services	337.0	338.4	338.2	339.1	4.8	6.7	3.9	2.5	5.7	3.2
Professional services	284.0	285.0	285.0	286.1	2.9	4.7	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.3
Hospital and related services ³	435.6	437.8	435.7	436.8	5.9	8.1	3.5	1.1	7.0	2.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2005	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2005
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	106.5	106.5	106.8	107.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	2.7	0.2	1.5
Video and audio ²	102.3	102.3	103.7	104.0	.4	-.4	-4.9	6.8	.0	.8
Education and communication ²	111.1	111.3	111.1	111.9	.4	1.8	1.1	2.9	1.1	2.0
Education ²	150.6	151.5	151.9	152.8	6.2	5.3	6.3	6.0	5.8	6.2
Educational books and supplies	365.1	367.1	366.6	372.9	7.3	-.1	5.6	8.8	3.5	7.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	426.3	428.9	430.0	432.2	6.1	5.8	6.4	5.7	6.0	6.0
Communication ²	86.3	86.0	85.7	86.4	-3.6	-.9	-2.3	.5	-2.3	-.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.8	84.5	84.1	84.8	-3.7	-.9	-2.3	.0	-2.3	-1.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	94.8	94.6	94.3	95.3	-2.1	.4	-1.3	2.1	-.8	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	14.2	14.1	14.0	13.9	-10.1	-7.9	-8.0	-8.2	-9.0	-8.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	12.7	12.5	12.2	12.1	-26.6	-13.8	-14.3	-17.6	-20.5	-16.0
Other goods and services	320.7	322.9	323.8	324.6	2.7	3.7	1.6	5.0	3.2	3.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	498.9	505.2	508.5	512.2	1.5	10.0	1.2	11.1	5.7	6.0
Personal care	183.7	184.4	184.6	184.6	3.1	.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Personal care products ¹	154.5	155.4	155.4	155.0	-.5	-1.3	3.2	1.3	-.9	2.2
Personal care services ¹	203.3	204.1	204.4	204.8	4.3	3.6	-.6	3.0	3.9	1.2
Miscellaneous personal services	303.2	304.0	304.6	305.4	4.2	.5	4.5	2.9	2.4	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	159.9	161.1	163.0	167.2	4.2	5.5	1.5	19.6	4.8	10.2
Food and beverages	190.4	190.7	190.8	191.2	3.2	1.3	3.0	1.7	2.3	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	142.6	144.1	146.8	152.6	4.4	8.3	.8	31.1	6.3	15.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	167.0	173.2	178.7	189.0	15.6	3.7	.5	64.1	9.5	28.4
Apparel	118.9	118.2	119.1	118.7	-.7	3.7	-5.5	-.7	1.5	-3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	203.3	209.4	218.0	238.0	10.1	18.0	3.0	87.8	14.0	39.1
Durables	115.3	115.0	115.0	115.1	3.2	.3	.7	-.7	1.8	.0
Services	224.8	225.5	226.0	227.1	2.9	3.3	2.9	4.2	3.1	3.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	209.3	210.0	210.0	209.9	1.4	4.1	1.7	1.2	2.7	1.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.3	118.4	118.1	116.9	7.4	1.7	-3.6	-4.7	4.5	-4.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	160.0	161.5	163.6	170.7	9.3	2.4	13.0	29.6	5.8	21.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	130.4	131.1	131.2	131.6	3.5	7.1	4.4	3.7	5.3	4.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	132.8	133.0	133.6	133.5	5.4	2.8	8.2	2.1	4.1	5.1
Transportation services	225.7	226.4	227.2	227.8	2.7	1.6	3.4	3.8	2.2	3.6
Medical care services	337.0	338.4	338.2	339.1	4.8	6.7	3.9	2.5	5.7	3.2
Other services	259.1	259.6	260.1	261.7	2.2	2.2	1.6	4.1	2.2	2.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	189.5	190.7	192.1	195.3	3.3	5.0	1.9	12.8	4.2	7.2
All items less shelter	181.8	182.9	184.5	188.3	4.1	4.6	2.5	15.1	4.3	8.6
All items less medical care	184.1	185.1	186.4	189.1	3.4	4.0	2.2	11.3	3.7	6.7
Commodities less food	144.5	146.0	148.6	154.3	4.4	8.2	.6	30.0	6.2	14.3
Nondurables less food	168.6	174.7	179.8	189.6	14.3	3.9	-.2	59.9	9.0	26.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	201.6	207.2	215.2	233.5	9.2	16.7	2.2	80.0	12.9	35.6
Nondurables	179.4	182.6	185.4	191.0	8.8	2.7	2.0	28.5	5.7	14.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	214.2	215.2	216.0	218.3	4.3	2.1	4.2	7.9	3.2	6.0
Services less medical care services	216.2	217.0	217.7	218.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	4.5	2.7	3.7
Energy	167.6	174.4	183.3	205.8	15.4	22.0	7.0	127.3	18.6	55.9
All items less energy	193.3	193.6	193.9	194.1	2.3	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.7
All items less food and energy	194.4	194.7	195.0	195.2	2.1	2.7	1.5	1.7	2.4	1.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.6	140.3	140.7	140.7	1.4	1.4	.0	.3	1.4	.1
Energy commodities	184.0	195.5	210.9	247.8	20.0	39.3	3.3	229.0	29.3	84.4
Services less energy services	231.9	232.6	232.9	233.2	2.1	3.5	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.2

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2005 from—			Percent change to Aug.2005 from—		
		June 2005	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2004	June 2005	July 2005
U.S. city average	M	190.1	191.0	192.1	195.0	5.2	2.1	1.5	3.8	1.1	0.6
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	202.5	204.0	204.8	207.9	5.2	1.9	1.5	3.9	1.1	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.4	204.9	206.0	209.0	5.3	2.0	1.5	4.0	1.3	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.8	122.8	122.9	124.8	4.7	1.6	1.5	3.5	.9	.1
Midwest urban	M	182.9	183.6	185.1	188.2	5.4	2.5	1.7	3.9	1.2	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	184.0	184.4	186.1	188.7	4.7	2.3	1.4	3.5	1.1	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	119.0	119.8	120.5	122.9	6.0	2.6	2.0	4.1	1.3	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	179.6	180.4	182.5	185.6	6.9	2.9	1.7	5.2	1.6	1.2
South urban	M	184.7	185.5	186.6	189.8	5.6	2.3	1.7	4.0	1.0	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	187.3	188.1	189.2	192.6	6.2	2.4	1.8	4.4	1.0	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.2	118.7	119.5	121.3	5.1	2.2	1.5	3.6	1.1	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	186.7	187.3	188.8	192.6	6.6	2.8	2.0	5.2	1.1	.8
West urban	M	193.1	193.7	194.9	197.1	4.4	1.8	1.1	3.7	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.1	195.0	196.1	198.4	4.5	1.7	1.2	3.8	1.0	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.6	120.9	121.6	122.8	4.2	1.6	1.0	3.4	.8	.6
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	176.2	177.0	178.1	180.7	5.2	2.1	1.5	3.9	1.1	.6
B/C ³	M	119.3	119.9	120.5	122.4	5.1	2.1	1.6	3.7	1.0	.5
D	M	185.1	185.6	187.3	190.7	6.1	2.7	1.8	4.8	1.2	.9
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	187.1	187.4	189.2	192.2	5.0	2.6	1.6	3.3	1.1	1.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	193.7	194.6	196.4	199.0	6.0	2.3	1.3	5.3	1.4	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	205.1	206.5	208.3	211.0	5.2	2.2	1.3	4.0	1.6	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	216.0	-	220.2	5.5	1.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	178.8	-	183.1	4.7	2.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	185.4	-	190.8	6.0	2.9	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	124.5	-	127.2	5.6	2.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	187.5	-	188.3	-	-	-	-	3.2	.4	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	184.7	-	187.7	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.6	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	172.7	-	174.4	-	-	-	-	4.2	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	190.7	-	193.8	-	-	-	-	6.0	1.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	204.0	-	206.0	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	197.5	-	199.5	-	-	-	-	2.3	1.0	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	194.8	-	195.3	-	-	-	-	3.0	.3	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2005 from—	
		Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	113.8	114.7	3.5	0.8
Food and beverages	15.076	113.6	113.9	2.3	.3
Food	14.086	113.7	114.0	2.4	.3
Food at home	8.062	111.6	111.9	2.0	.3
Food away from home	6.023	116.5	116.7	2.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	113.1	113.4	1.5	.3
Housing	41.793	118.4	118.2	2.7	-.2
Shelter	32.380	119.0	118.3	1.8	-.6
Fuels and utilities	4.643	140.8	145.2	11.7	3.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.771	96.0	95.9	.2	-.1
Apparel	4.317	86.9	90.5	-1.0	4.1
Transportation	17.315	115.7	119.3	10.4	3.1
Private transportation	16.206	116.1	120.1	10.6	3.4
Public transportation	1.109	110.5	109.2	8.0	-1.2
Medical care	5.783	126.6	126.8	3.7	.2
Medical care commodities	1.466	117.5	117.9	2.3	.3
Medical care services	4.317	129.8	130.0	4.3	.2
Recreation	5.978	103.5	103.8	.4	.3
Education and communication	6.004	100.1	101.5	.7	1.4
Education	2.560	141.6	144.6	6.1	2.1
Communication	3.444	75.9	76.6	-3.2	.9
Other goods and services	3.734	117.2	117.4	2.7	.2
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.567	120.5	120.6	2.9	.1
Commodities	41.433	105.3	107.2	4.5	1.8
Durables	12.521	87.0	87.1	-.1	.1
Nondurables	28.912	114.2	117.2	6.5	2.6
All items less food and energy	78.985	110.2	110.4	1.8	.2
Energy	6.929	161.9	177.6	30.6	9.7

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.