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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: APRIL 2008**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in April, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The April level of 214.823 (1982-84=100) was 3.9 percent higher than in April 2007.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.7 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April level of 210.698 (1982-84=100) was 4.2 percent higher than in April 2007.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in April on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The April level of 123.845 (December 1999=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in April 2007. Please note that the indexes for the post-2006 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 April, following a 0.3 percent increase in March. The index for energy was virtually unchanged after advancing 1.9 percent in March. In April, the index for petroleum-based energy fell 1.6 percent, offsetting a 2.5 percent increase in the index for energy services. The food index rose 0.9 percent in April. The index for food at home increased 1.5 percent, reflecting substantial increases in all six major grocery store food groups. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.1 percent in April, following a 0.2 percent rise in March. Downturns in the indexes for public transportation, for household furnishings and operations, and for recreation, coupled with a larger decline in the index for lodging away from home, more than offset an upturn in the index for apparel.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008		
All items .....	.3	.9	.4	.4	.0	.3	.2	2.3	3.9
Food and beverages .....	.2	.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	.9	6.1	5.0
Housing .....	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	.4	.3	3.7	3.0
Apparel .....	.1	.6	.1	.4	-.3	-1.3	.5	-4.6	-.7
Transportation .....	.3	3.5	1.0	.5	-.7	.7	-.7	-2.5	7.2
Medical care .....	.5	.4	.3	.5	.1	.1	.2	1.6	4.3
Recreation .....	.3	.2	.0	.2	.1	.3	-.1	1.2	1.2
Education and communication .....	.3	.0	.3	.4	.1	.3	.4	3.3	3.2
Other goods and services ...	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	.4	.5	4.8	3.5
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	1.0	6.9	1.7	.7	-.5	1.9	.0	5.6	15.9
Food .....	.2	.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	.9	6.3	5.1
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.0	.2	.1	1.2	2.3

During the first four months of 2008, the CPI-U rose at a 3.0 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 4.1 percent for all of 2007. The deceleration thus far this year reflects smaller increases in the indexes for energy and for all items less food and energy. The index for energy advanced at a 6.3 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2008 compared with 17.4 percent in 2007. Petroleum-based energy costs decreased at a 0.7 percent annual rate while charges for energy services rose at a 17.7 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 6.9 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 4.9 percent rise for all of 2007. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 1.8 percent SAAR in the first four months, following a 2.4 percent rise for all of 2007.

The food and beverages index rose 0.9 percent in April. The index for food at home increased 1.5 percent, following a 0.2 percent rise in March. Each of the six major grocery store food groups contributed to the larger advance in April. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose 0.1 percent in March, increased 2.0 percent in April. The indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables increased 3.2 and 3.4 percent, respectively, while the index for fresh vegetables declined 0.2 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products, which increased 1.3 percent in March, rose 1.4 percent in April. Prices for bread increased 1.5 percent and were 14.1 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which was virtually unchanged in March, advanced 0.9 percent in April. A 1.1 percent decline in beef prices was more than offset by increases in the indexes for pork, for fish and seafood, and for poultry--up 3.4, 2.6, and 0.7 percent, respectively. The index for dairy products turned up in April, increasing 1.2 percent. Milk prices rose 0.9 percent and were 13.5 percent higher than in April 2007. The index for nonalcoholic beverages increased 1.7 percent, reflecting large price increases for coffee and for carbonated drinks--up 4.0 and 2.2 percent, respectively. The index for other food at home rose 1.9 percent in April, reflecting large increases in most categories. In particular, the indexes for butter and for margarine increased 7.8 and 6.5 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.3 percent in April. The index for shelter increased 0.1 percent in April, the same as in March. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The index for lodging away from home declined for the third consecutive month--down 1.9 percent in April. The index for household energy registered its third consecutive large increase--up 2.6 percent in April. The index for fuel oil rose 4.4 percent and was 52.6 percent higher than in April 2007. The indexes for natural gas and for electricity rose 4.8 and 1.5 percent, respectively. During the last 12 months charges for natural gas and for electricity increased 10.9 and 5.0 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations, which increased 0.5 percent in March, declined 0.1 percent in April.

The transportation index declined 0.7 percent in April, reflecting a 2.0 percent decrease in the index for gasoline. The index for new vehicles declined 0.2 percent and was 1.3 percent lower than in April 2007. The index for used cars and trucks declined 0.3 percent in April, but was 1.8 percent higher than a year ago. The index for public transportation declined 0.4 percent in April, reflecting a 0.5 percent decrease in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares rose 0.9 percent and were 10.1 percent higher than a year ago.)

Gasoline prices rose 5.6 percent in April. Compared to a year ago, these prices were up 20.9 percent. Gasoline prices increase seasonally during the first five months of the year, with the largest increases occurring in March and April and decline seasonally for the remainder of the year.

The index for apparel rose 0.5 percent in April, following a 1.3 percent decrease in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.0 percent. Prices for men's and boys' apparel rose 1.4 percent and women's and girls apparel increased 0.5 percent. During the last 12 months, prices for men's and boys' apparel increased 1.3 percent, while prices for women's and girls' clothing fell 5.0 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in April and are 4.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--decreased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services increased 0.3 percent. Within the latter group, the indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which rose 0.3 percent in March, declined 0.1 percent in April. A 0.4 percent decrease in the index for video and audio was largely responsible for the April decrease. Declines in the indexes for photography, for toys, and for admissions to movies, theaters, and concerts also contributed to the April decrease.

The index for education and communication increased 0.4 percent in April. Educational costs rose 0.6 percent and the index for communication costs rose 0.2 percent. Within the latter category, increases in charges for telephone services more than offset a decline in the index for information technology, hardware and services. Local land-line telephone charges rose 0.8 and long distance land-line telephone charges and wireless telephone services each rose 0.3 percent. The index for information technology, hardware and services declined 0.7 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for internet services.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.5 percent in April. The index for personal care products rose 0.6 percent, reflecting a 1.2 percent increase in the index for hair, dental, shaving and miscellaneous personal care products. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.3 percent.

### **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 0.2 percent in April.

**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 Apr. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
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All items .....	.3	1.0	.4	.4	.0	.4	.2	2.4	4.2
Food and beverages .....	.2	.3	.1	.7	.3	.2	.9	6.1	5.0
Housing .....	.3	.4	.2	.2	.2	.5	.4	4.6	3.2
Apparel .....	.1	.4	.2	.8	-.3	-1.2	.2	-5.4	-.5
Transportation .....	.3	3.8	1.1	.7	-.7	.7	-.7	-2.8	7.9
Medical care .....	.5	.4	.3	.6	.1	.1	.2	1.4	4.4
Recreation .....	.2	.1	.1	.2	.1	.3	-.2	1.2	1.0
Education and communication .....	.3	.0	.2	.3	.1	.2	.4	2.9	2.8
Other goods and services ...	.2	.2	.4	.5	.3	.4	.4	4.5	3.8
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	1.1	7.2	1.8	.8	-.7	1.9	-.2	4.3	16.2
Food .....	.2	.3	.1	.7	.3	.2	1.0	6.3	5.1
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.0	.1	.1	1.3	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Friday, June 13, 2008, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

## **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.

## **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.

## Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.06 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005-December 2005” in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.pdf>

## 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	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

### Percent Change

Index point difference	.616
Divided by the previous index	201.800
Equals	0.003
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.003x100
Equals percent change	0.3

## 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 before adjustment 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 2003 through December 2007 were replaced in January 2008. 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 in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 48 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2008.

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 seasonal factors introduced in January 2008, BLS adjusted 20 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

For a complete list of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment series and explanations, please refer to the article "Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment," located on our website at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>.

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 Jeff Wilson at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at [Wilson.Jeff@bls.gov](mailto:Wilson.Jeff@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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	213.528	214.823	3.9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	639.636	643.515	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	14.914	209.692	211.365	5.0	.8	.4	.2	.9
Food .....	13.833	209.385	211.102	5.1	.8	.4	.2	.9
Food at home .....	7.660	208.203	210.851	5.9	1.3	.3	.2	1.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.030	236.261	240.034	8.9	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.807	199.775	200.770	3.7	.5	-.1	.0	.9
Dairy and related products .....	.887	206.171	207.680	11.8	.7	-.8	-.8	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.156	268.446	272.746	4.1	1.6	-1.3	.1	2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.928	158.089	159.730	5.2	1.0	-.1	.3	1.7
Other food at home .....	1.852	178.238	181.806	5.3	2.0	1.0	.1	1.9
Sugar and sweets .....	.277	182.214	184.878	5.1	1.5	.4	1.0	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.205	182.808	190.640	12.3	4.3	1.5	-.7	5.1
Other foods .....	1.369	192.597	195.993	4.2	1.8	1.1	.0	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.404	117.321	118.500	2.8	1.0	2.6	-.7	1.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.173	212.537	213.083	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	148.564	148.667	3.9	.1	1.2	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.080	212.407	213.503	3.6	.5	.4	-.1	.6
Housing .....	42.427	214.389	214.890	3.0	.2	.2	.4	.3
Shelter .....	32.596	245.995	246.004	2.6	.0	.0	.1	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.765	240.874	241.474	3.6	.2	.2	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.564	149.434	146.378	1.1	-2.0	-1.2	-.6	-1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.942	250.966	251.418	2.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.325	117.701	118.422	.7	.6	.2	.1	.6
Fuels and utilities .....	5.128	209.221	213.302	8.6	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.2
Household energy .....	4.215	189.693	194.121	9.4	2.3	1.5	2.3	2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.351	332.139	342.811	42.8	3.2	-1.2	7.9	3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.864	190.105	194.379	6.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.913	149.315	149.536	5.2	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.702	127.423	127.332	-.1	-.1	.0	.5	-.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.737	145.034	145.784	3.9	.5	.5	1.1	.5
Apparel .....	3.731	120.881	122.113	-.7	1.0	-.3	-1.3	.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.935	114.994	116.653	1.3	1.4	1.1	-.8	.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.600	110.645	111.221	-5.0	.5	-2.0	-2.6	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.185	116.037	116.358	.8	.3	-.4	-1.7	.6
Footwear .....	.679	124.407	126.212	2.1	1.5	.0	-.1	.9
Transportation .....	17.688	195.189	198.608	7.2	1.8	-.7	.7	-.7
Private transportation .....	16.583	191.067	194.574	7.2	1.8	-.7	.6	-.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.191	94.318	93.973	-.4	-.4	-.2	-.1	-.2
New vehicles .....	4.632	135.727	135.175	-1.3	-.4	-.3	-.1	-.2
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.773	137.225	136.787	1.8	-.3	.0	.0	-.3
Motor fuel .....	5.482	278.739	294.291	21.1	5.6	-2.0	1.6	-1.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.215	276.497	291.910	20.7	5.6	-2.0	1.3	-2.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.356	126.325	126.049	4.4	-.2	.8	.9	-.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.123	229.765	230.528	4.1	.3	.3	.5	.4
Public transportation .....	1.106	242.929	244.164	7.3	.5	-.1	2.5	-.4
Medical care .....	6.231	363.000	363.184	4.3	.1	.1	.1	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.601	297.308	296.951	3.0	-.1	.1	.4	-.2
Medical care services .....	4.630	382.872	383.292	4.7	.1	.1	.1	.3
Professional services .....	2.626	308.726	309.227	3.3	.2	.0	.1	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.467	528.968	530.144	7.7	.2	.3	.2	.5

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**

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.647	112.731	112.874	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.843	103.548	103.477	.3	-1	-2	.2	-4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.086	121.832	122.073	3.2	.2	.1	.3	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.944	177.407	177.754	5.7	.2	.3	.4	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.207	439.906	442.160	6.7	.5	-1	.3	.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.736	511.013	511.887	5.6	.2	.3	.4	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.142	83.502	83.670	.6	.2	.0	.1	.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.975	80.752	80.921	.3	.2	.0	.1	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.342	99.031	99.494	1.9	.5	-1	.2	.5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.634	10.246	10.170	-6.4	-7	-2	-1	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.242	100.359	98.853	-13.2	-1.5	-4	-2	-1.5
Other goods and services .....	3.277	341.827	343.410	3.5	.5	.2	.4	.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.731	574.890	576.359	5.2	.3	.4	-1	.3
Personal care .....	2.546	199.982	201.028	3.1	.5	.2	.6	.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.639	158.440	159.398	.5	.6	-3	.5	.6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.629	222.752	222.799	3.4	.0	.4	.9	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.044	335.427	337.685	4.4	.7	.4	.3	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	41.269	173.884	175.838	4.8	1.1	-2	.3	.1
Food and beverages .....	14.914	209.692	211.365	5.0	.8	.4	.2	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.356	153.682	155.690	4.7	1.3	-5	.4	-4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.519	196.185	200.926	8.9	2.4	-1	.8	-5
Apparel .....	3.731	120.881	122.113	-7	1.0	-3	-1.3	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.787	247.546	254.599	12.1	2.8	.0	1.5	-9
Durables .....	10.837	112.059	111.671	-1.2	-3	-2	.0	-3
Services .....	58.731	252.817	253.426	3.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.271	256.470	256.463	2.6	.0	.0	.2	.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.325	117.701	118.422	.7	.6	.2	.1	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.864	190.105	194.379	6.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.913	149.315	149.536	5.2	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.737	145.034	145.784	3.9	.5	.5	1.1	.5
Transportation services .....	5.350	239.556	240.150	3.4	.2	.1	.7	.1
Medical care services .....	4.630	382.872	383.292	4.7	.1	.1	.1	.3
Other services .....	10.641	292.218	293.016	3.4	.3	.2	.4	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	86.167	214.236	215.462	3.7	.6	.0	.4	.1
All items less shelter .....	67.404	203.217	205.040	4.6	.9	.0	.4	.3
All items less medical care .....	93.769	205.992	207.317	3.9	.6	.0	.4	.2
Commodities less food .....	27.436	155.881	157.870	4.6	1.3	-5	.4	-3
Nondurables less food .....	16.599	197.167	201.693	8.5	2.3	-4	.9	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.868	243.109	249.571	11.4	2.7	-3	1.6	-4
Nondurables .....	30.432	203.767	207.096	7.0	1.6	.0	.7	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	26.460	267.567	269.007	4.2	.5	.3	.7	.6
Services less medical care services .....	54.101	242.310	242.921	3.2	.3	.2	.4	.3
Energy .....	9.698	230.505	240.194	15.9	4.2	-5	1.9	.0
All items less energy .....	90.302	213.420	213.851	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	76.469	214.866	215.059	2.3	.1	.0	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.602	141.056	141.156	.1	.1	-1	-1	.0
Energy commodities .....	5.834	283.362	298.757	22.5	5.4	-1.9	2.0	-1.6
Services less energy services .....	54.867	259.249	259.503	3.1	.1	.1	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.468	\$.465	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.156	\$.155	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	July 2007	Oct. 2007	Jan. 2008	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2007	Apr. 2008
All items .....	212.516	212.571	213.301	213.743	3.9	2.6	6.8	2.3	3.2	4.5
Food and beverages .....	208.326	209.087	209.517	211.442	4.7	4.5	4.6	6.1	4.6	5.4
Food .....	208.026	208.778	209.255	211.232	4.8	4.6	4.7	6.3	4.7	5.5
Food at home .....	206.921	207.633	207.971	211.085	5.2	4.5	5.7	8.3	4.9	7.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	229.175	233.287	236.325	239.619	4.0	5.0	7.6	19.5	4.5	13.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	199.747	199.499	199.527	201.404	5.2	3.4	2.7	3.4	4.3	3.0
Dairy and related products .....	205.698	207.341	205.624	207.992	29.2	12.9	2.3	4.5	20.8	3.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	272.105	268.642	268.864	274.120	-5.5	4.0	16.3	3.0	-9	9.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	156.941	156.743	157.218	159.868	5.1	4.1	4.1	7.7	4.6	5.9
Other food at home .....	176.178	177.957	178.157	181.508	3.1	2.3	3.5	12.7	2.7	8.0
Sugar and sweets .....	179.774	180.431	182.273	184.421	3.7	2.3	3.8	10.7	3.0	7.2
Fats and oils .....	180.743	183.396	182.190	191.560	6.6	4.6	12.8	26.2	5.6	19.3
Other foods .....	190.435	192.472	192.565	195.506	2.4	1.8	1.8	11.1	2.1	6.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.162	118.182	117.321	118.500	-1.0	-6	1.1	12.1	-8	6.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	211.070	211.878	212.537	213.083	4.4	4.6	3.5	3.9	4.5	3.7
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.649	148.385	148.564	148.667	4.6	3.6	1.6	5.6	4.1	3.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	210.953	211.841	211.645	212.894	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5
Housing .....	212.920	213.313	214.204	214.850	2.8	2.2	3.5	3.7	2.5	3.6
Shelter .....	244.744	244.837	245.200	245.335	3.4	2.7	3.5	1.0	3.0	2.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	239.745	240.191	240.763	241.489	3.3	3.8	4.5	2.9	3.6	3.7
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	146.695	144.953	144.128	141.456	16.4	-1.3	5.1	-13.5	7.2	-4.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	250.051	250.413	250.941	251.461	2.0	2.9	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.435	117.622	117.701	118.422	-3.3	.2	2.8	3.4	-1.6	3.1
Fuels and utilities .....	205.567	208.175	212.311	216.921	2.7	2.9	6.0	24.0	2.8	14.6
Household energy .....	185.991	188.722	193.154	198.101	2.3	2.5	5.9	28.7	2.4	16.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	306.227	302.465	326.372	338.212	22.4	27.3	79.3	48.8	24.8	63.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.489	190.706	194.239	199.018	.7	.6	.6	27.0	.7	13.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	148.142	148.647	149.080	149.537	5.1	5.0	6.7	3.8	5.1	5.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.493	126.510	127.205	127.076	-7	-1.7	.4	1.9	-1.2	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.828	143.500	145.034	145.784	1.3	.9	5.2	8.5	1.1	6.9
Apparel .....	119.759	119.352	117.819	118.363	-1.3	-9	4.6	-4.6	-1.1	-1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	112.941	114.213	113.256	113.763	2.3	-2.0	1.9	2.9	.2	2.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.658	108.393	105.548	105.549	-6.9	-1.6	7.3	-17.2	-4.3	-5.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.049	115.627	113.658	114.388	-4.7	9.7	4.5	-5.6	2.2	-7
Footwear .....	123.246	123.304	123.193	124.302	3.7	-2.4	3.6	3.5	.6	3.5
Transportation .....	195.722	194.390	195.797	194.483	7.8	1.7	22.3	-2.5	4.7	9.2
Private transportation .....	191.811	190.437	191.585	190.264	8.2	1.3	23.0	-3.2	4.7	9.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.318	94.156	94.068	93.859	.8	.0	-.3	-1.9	.4	-1.1
New vehicles .....	135.597	135.195	135.024	134.772	-7	-1.0	-1.1	-2.4	-8	-1.8
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	137.203	137.248	137.225	136.787	5.0	2.8	.7	-1.2	3.9	-2
Motor fuel .....	283.011	277.448	281.996	276.571	26.3	2.6	82.1	-8.8	13.9	28.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	281.880	276.131	279.818	274.251	26.3	2.6	82.7	-10.4	13.8	27.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	124.282	125.225	126.325	126.049	2.7	5.0	4.2	5.8	3.9	5.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	227.730	228.425	229.641	230.660	3.4	2.4	5.3	5.2	2.9	5.3
Public transportation .....	239.414	239.080	245.136	244.145	1.1	9.3	10.9	8.1	5.1	9.5
Medical care .....	360.815	361.168	361.697	362.243	5.0	5.6	5.1	1.6	5.3	3.3
Medical care commodities .....	295.763	296.151	297.377	296.876	2.3	3.0	5.1	1.5	2.7	3.3
Medical care services .....	380.459	380.787	380.994	381.990	5.8	6.4	5.1	1.6	6.1	3.3
Professional services .....	307.011	307.160	307.527	308.120	3.8	4.4	3.8	1.5	4.1	2.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	522.889	524.634	525.672	528.453	7.9	9.7	9.0	4.3	8.8	6.7

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					July 2007	Oct. 2007	Jan. 2008	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2007	Apr. 2008
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	112.242	112.373	112.656	112.588	0.4	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.337	103.147	103.370	102.948	.5	1.4	.8	-1.5	.9	-4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	121.578	121.745	122.075	122.564	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	176.895	177.406	178.144	179.234	5.2	5.6	6.7	5.4	5.4	6.0
Educational books and supplies .....	436.635	436.364	437.600	441.736	7.8	8.3	6.2	4.8	8.1	5.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	509.715	511.324	513.503	516.515	5.0	5.4	6.7	5.4	5.2	6.1
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	83.392	83.388	83.500	83.669	1.7	.5	-1.3	1.3	1.1	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	80.642	80.638	80.752	80.921	.8	.5	-1.5	1.4	.7	-1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.906	98.837	99.031	99.494	4.0	1.9	-.5	2.4	2.9	.9
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.229	10.253	10.246	10.170	-12.0	-5.3	-5.9	-2.3	-8.7	-4.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	100.998	100.545	100.359	98.853	-20.6	-11.1	-12.2	-8.2	-16.0	-10.2
Other goods and services .....	339.063	339.869	341.374	343.072	2.6	2.8	3.9	4.8	2.7	4.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	572.684	575.227	574.890	576.359	4.7	4.9	8.9	2.6	4.8	5.7
Personal care .....	198.120	198.473	199.641	200.773	2.1	2.2	2.5	5.5	2.1	4.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.201	157.677	158.440	159.398	-.5	-2	-.5	3.1	-.3	1.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	219.932	220.848	222.752	222.799	2.5	2.2	3.8	5.3	2.3	4.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	332.309	333.716	334.878	337.233	2.3	4.6	4.8	6.1	3.4	5.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	173.359	173.011	173.575	173.718	4.7	2.1	11.5	.8	3.4	6.0
Food and beverages .....	208.326	209.087	209.517	211.442	4.7	4.5	4.6	6.1	4.6	5.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	153.519	152.726	153.327	152.734	4.6	.6	15.6	-2.0	2.6	6.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	195.609	195.406	196.898	195.857	5.1	2.4	29.9	.5	3.7	14.3
Apparel .....	119.759	119.352	117.819	118.363	-1.3	-9	4.6	-4.6	-1.1	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	246.553	246.666	250.287	248.038	13.3	-1.7	38.4	2.4	5.5	19.1
Durables .....	112.020	111.756	111.800	111.417	-1.4	-9	-.2	-2.1	-1.1	-1.2
Services .....	251.317	251.804	252.703	253.456	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.6
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	255.206	255.267	255.657	255.735	3.5	2.6	3.7	.8	3.0	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.435	117.622	117.701	118.422	-3.3	.2	2.8	3.4	-1.6	3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.489	190.706	194.239	199.018	.7	.6	.6	27.0	.7	13.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	148.142	148.647	149.080	149.537	5.1	5.0	6.7	3.8	5.1	5.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.828	143.500	145.034	145.784	1.3	.9	5.2	8.5	1.1	6.9
Transportation services .....	238.174	238.389	240.053	240.412	1.8	2.9	5.2	3.8	2.4	4.5
Medical care services .....	380.459	380.787	380.994	381.990	5.8	6.4	5.1	1.6	6.1	3.3
Other services .....	290.834	291.364	292.410	293.296	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	213.281	213.221	213.992	214.183	3.7	2.3	7.1	1.7	3.0	4.4
All items less shelter .....	202.288	202.328	203.213	203.782	4.1	2.6	8.4	3.0	3.3	5.7
All items less medical care .....	205.033	205.076	205.807	206.241	3.8	2.4	6.9	2.4	3.1	4.6
Commodities less food .....	155.681	154.934	155.514	154.972	4.6	.8	15.1	-1.8	2.7	6.3
Nondurables less food .....	196.169	195.304	197.043	197.193	6.1	.0	28.0	2.1	3.0	14.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	241.905	241.207	245.015	244.131	12.3	-2.2	34.9	3.7	4.8	18.3
Nondurables .....	202.477	202.376	203.730	204.711	5.3	3.0	15.6	4.5	4.1	9.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	265.500	266.373	268.136	269.814	3.6	2.8	3.6	6.7	3.2	5.1
Services less medical care services .....	240.726	241.233	242.188	242.925	3.4	2.6	3.2	3.7	3.0	3.4
Energy .....	230.633	229.390	233.839	233.804	14.4	2.6	43.6	5.6	8.3	23.1
All items less energy .....	212.281	212.471	212.819	213.314	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.0	2.7	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	213.765	213.851	214.176	214.398	2.5	2.3	3.1	1.2	2.4	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.422	140.316	140.180	140.193	.0	-.1	1.2	-.7	.0	.3
Energy commodities .....	286.070	280.566	286.164	281.614	26.1	4.1	82.5	-6.1	14.5	30.9
Services less energy services .....	257.857	258.078	258.722	259.084	3.4	3.2	3.9	1.9	3.3	2.9

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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 Apr.2008 from—			Percent change to Mar.2008 from—		
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008
U.S. city average .....	M	211.080	211.693	213.528	214.823	3.9	1.5	0.6	4.0	1.2	0.9
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	224.325	225.213	226.926	228.133	3.9	1.3	.5	3.9	1.2	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	226.310	227.411	229.087	230.038	3.6	1.2	.4	3.7	1.2	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.301	133.511	134.611	135.739	4.8	1.7	.8	4.6	1.0	.8
Midwest urban .....	M	201.427	201.896	203.723	205.393	4.0	1.7	.8	3.7	1.1	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	202.830	203.347	205.141	206.590	3.6	1.6	.7	3.4	1.1	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.753	128.922	130.121	131.484	4.6	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.1	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	196.708	197.596	199.472	200.841	4.8	1.6	.7	4.8	1.4	.9
South urban .....	M	204.510	205.060	206.676	208.085	4.2	1.5	.7	4.4	1.1	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	207.221	207.605	209.065	209.987	4.0	1.1	.4	4.3	.9	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.937	130.351	131.442	132.516	4.3	1.7	.8	4.5	1.2	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	204.524	205.189	206.933	208.746	4.2	1.7	.9	4.4	1.2	.8
West urban .....	M	215.739	216.339	218.533	219.437	3.5	1.4	.4	3.7	1.3	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	219.036	219.799	221.997	222.689	3.3	1.3	.3	3.5	1.4	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	131.328	131.538	132.896	133.694	3.8	1.6	.6	3.9	1.2	1.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	193.045	193.685	195.314	196.191	3.6	1.3	.4	3.7	1.2	.8
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.431	130.728	131.892	132.974	4.3	1.7	.8	4.3	1.1	.9
D .....	M	203.200	203.803	205.730	207.238	4.4	1.7	.7	4.4	1.2	.9
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	208.757	209.526	211.542	212.662	4.2	1.5	.5	4.5	1.3	1.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	220.918	221.431	223.606	224.625	3.1	1.4	.5	3.3	1.2	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	229.869	231.020	233.122	233.822	3.6	1.2	.3	3.8	1.4	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	231.980	-	233.084	-	-	-	-	2.9	.5	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	199.686	-	202.500	-	-	-	-	4.3	1.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	197.079	-	198.596	-	-	-	-	4.4	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	136.293	-	138.090	-	-	-	-	4.7	1.3	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	204.166	-	206.371	3.7	1.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	202.378	-	205.281	2.4	1.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	187.585	-	188.795	2.5	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	219.082	-	221.324	4.9	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	220.935	-	223.622	3.9	1.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	219.612	-	222.074	2.9	1.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	221.728	-	223.196	3.4	.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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	209.147	210.698	4.2	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	622.985	627.606	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.926	208.927	210.559	5.0	.8	.3	.2	.9
Food .....	14.901	208.571	210.252	5.1	.8	.3	.2	1.0
Food at home .....	8.595	207.196	209.657	5.9	1.2	.3	.2	1.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.110	236.764	240.663	8.9	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.192	199.484	200.285	3.7	.4	-2	.1	.9
Dairy and related products .....	.965	205.660	207.135	11.8	.7	.7	-.9	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.218	266.030	270.169	3.9	1.6	-1.7	.5	1.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.094	157.488	158.799	5.2	.8	.2	.1	1.6
Other food at home .....	2.016	177.713	181.215	5.4	2.0	1.0	.0	1.9
Sugar and sweets .....	.279	181.033	183.725	5.3	1.5	.6	.9	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.232	183.706	191.560	12.3	4.3	1.5	-.8	5.4
Other foods .....	1.504	192.832	196.106	4.2	1.7	1.1	.0	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.438	117.754	118.751	2.9	.8	2.7	-.9	.8
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.305	212.193	212.794	4.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.218	147.188	147.335	3.0	.1	.9	.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.025	212.748	213.633	3.5	.4	.5	-.2	.5
Housing .....	39.994	209.388	210.161	3.2	.4	.2	.5	.4
Shelter .....	30.397	237.965	238.261	2.7	.1	.1	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	7.979	239.932	240.507	3.6	.2	.2	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.233	148.110	145.936	1.1	-1.5	-1.9	-.7	-1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.888	227.488	227.893	2.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	117.999	118.683	.6	.6	.2	.1	.6
Fuels and utilities .....	5.637	206.861	210.912	8.2	2.0	1.2	1.9	2.2
Household energy .....	4.670	186.315	190.657	8.8	2.3	1.4	2.3	2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.323	329.271	339.009	41.5	3.0	-1.1	7.0	3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.347	188.143	192.434	6.4	2.3	1.5	1.9	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.966	149.555	149.751	5.1	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.960	123.184	123.108	.2	-.1	.0	.5	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	147.316	148.403	4.2	.7	.3	1.0	.7
Apparel .....	3.998	120.809	121.855	-.5	.9	-.3	-1.2	.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.031	115.808	117.136	1.8	1.1	.8	-.7	.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.619	110.712	110.971	-5.0	.2	-2.0	-2.5	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.251	118.990	119.200	1.4	.2	.1	-1.6	.6
Footwear .....	.821	124.343	126.150	2.3	1.5	.3	.1	.7
Transportation .....	20.054	195.710	199.556	7.9	2.0	-.7	.7	-.7
Private transportation .....	19.287	192.740	196.641	8.0	2.0	-.8	.7	-.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.952	93.455	93.158	-.1	-.3	-.2	-.1	-.2
New vehicles .....	4.172	136.910	136.456	-1.2	-.3	-.3	-.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.103	138.070	137.616	1.8	-.3	.0	.0	-.3
Motor fuel .....	6.940	279.975	295.618	21.4	5.6	-1.9	1.7	-1.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	6.597	277.842	293.349	20.9	5.6	-2.0	1.4	-2.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.446	126.330	126.032	4.7	-.2	.7	.9	-.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.169	232.344	232.983	4.0	.3	.3	.5	.4
Public transportation .....	.767	240.729	241.966	6.8	.5	-.1	2.4	-.3
Medical care .....	5.192	363.069	363.356	4.4	.1	.1	.1	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.295	289.254	288.796	2.7	-.2	.0	.3	-.2
Medical care services .....	3.897	384.149	384.753	4.9	.2	.1	.0	.3
Professional services .....	2.159	311.259	311.757	3.4	.2	.0	.1	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.260	524.534	526.495	8.0	.4	.4	.2	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.341	109.742	109.775	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.987	103.525	103.414	.7	-1	-1	.2	-3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.987	118.155	118.462	2.8	.3	.1	.2	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.377	175.101	175.545	5.5	.3	.2	.4	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	442.639	444.594	6.5	.4	-1	.1	.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.174	493.546	494.711	5.4	.2	.3	.4	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.609	86.016	86.244	.8	.3	.0	.1	.3
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.488	84.091	84.320	.7	.3	.0	.1	.3
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.869	99.090	99.566	1.9	.5	-1	.2	.5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.619	10.745	10.671	-5.7	-7	.2	-1	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.228	100.265	98.820	-12.9	-1.4	-5	-3	-1.4
Other goods and services .....	3.508	353.351	354.887	3.8	.4	.3	.4	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.183	576.910	578.296	5.4	.2	.5	-1	.2
Personal care .....	2.325	197.803	198.859	3.0	.5	.2	.6	.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.647	158.730	159.585	.6	.5	-2	.5	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.560	223.043	223.088	3.4	.0	.5	.8	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.910	336.476	338.851	4.5	.7	.4	.3	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.745	176.727	178.900	5.4	1.2	-2	.4	.0
Food and beverages .....	15.926	208.927	210.559	5.0	.8	.3	.2	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.819	158.156	160.488	5.6	1.5	-6	.4	-5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	17.315	205.166	210.558	9.9	2.6	-1	.8	-6
Apparel .....	3.998	120.809	121.855	-5	.9	-3	-1.2	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	13.318	262.252	270.496	13.2	3.1	-4	1.8	-7
Durables .....	11.504	112.549	112.171	-7	-3	-2	.0	-3
Services .....	55.255	247.197	248.045	3.3	.3	.2	.4	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	30.100	229.443	229.719	2.7	.1	.1	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	117.999	118.683	.6	.6	.2	.1	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.347	188.143	192.434	6.4	2.3	1.5	1.9	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.966	149.555	149.751	5.1	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	147.316	148.403	4.2	.7	.3	1.0	.7
Transportation services .....	5.266	238.496	239.044	2.9	.2	.1	.5	.2
Medical care services .....	3.897	384.149	384.753	4.9	.2	.1	.0	.3
Other services .....	10.042	281.017	281.829	3.1	.3	.1	.4	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.099	209.055	210.583	4.1	.7	-1	.4	.1
All items less shelter .....	69.603	200.904	202.931	4.9	1.0	.0	.4	.3
All items less medical care .....	94.808	202.713	204.290	4.2	.8	.0	.4	.2
Commodities less food .....	29.844	160.152	162.455	5.5	1.4	-5	.4	-5
Nondurables less food .....	18.341	205.843	211.005	9.5	2.5	-1	.8	-6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	14.343	256.899	264.488	12.5	3.0	-3	1.7	-6
Nondurables .....	33.241	208.101	211.757	7.6	1.8	.1	.7	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.155	236.483	237.922	4.0	.6	.3	.7	.7
Services less medical care services .....	51.358	237.201	238.048	3.2	.4	.2	.4	.4
Energy .....	11.610	231.533	241.518	16.2	4.3	-7	1.9	-2
All items less energy .....	88.390	207.296	207.812	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	73.489	207.406	207.687	2.2	.1	.0	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.581	141.973	142.040	.4	.0	-1	-1	.0
Energy commodities .....	7.264	283.359	298.852	22.4	5.5	-1.9	1.9	-1.7
Services less energy services .....	50.908	253.589	254.031	3.0	.2	.1	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.478	\$.475	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.161	\$.159	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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—	
	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	July 2007	Oct. 2007	Jan. 2008	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2007	Apr. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	208.301	208.298	209.064	209.543	4.1	2.7	7.7	2.4	3.4	5.0
Food and beverages .....	207.555	208.257	208.709	210.669	4.9	4.5	4.5	6.1	4.7	5.3
Food .....	207.222	207.901	208.406	210.420	5.0	4.6	4.6	6.3	4.8	5.4
Food at home .....	205.887	206.527	206.912	209.945	5.4	4.6	5.5	8.1	5.0	6.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	229.488	233.733	236.729	240.305	3.8	4.8	7.6	20.2	4.3	13.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	199.343	198.931	199.175	200.888	5.8	3.5	2.4	3.1	4.7	2.8
Dairy and related products .....	205.370	206.877	205.091	207.558	30.4	12.5	2.0	4.3	21.1	3.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	269.770	265.318	266.563	271.663	-6.0	3.8	16.3	2.8	-1.2	9.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	156.112	156.437	156.572	159.034	5.5	3.8	3.7	7.7	4.6	5.7
Other food at home .....	175.682	177.521	177.582	180.938	3.1	2.8	3.4	12.5	3.0	7.9
Sugar and sweets .....	178.505	179.535	181.198	183.410	3.3	2.9	3.8	11.5	3.1	7.6
Fats and oils .....	181.290	184.099	182.605	192.519	5.5	5.7	12.2	27.2	5.6	19.4
Other foods .....	190.770	192.783	192.789	195.607	2.6	2.2	1.7	10.5	2.4	6.0
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.658	118.828	117.754	118.751	-3	.1	1.0	11.1	-1	5.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	210.776	211.517	212.193	212.794	4.2	4.7	3.4	3.9	4.5	3.6
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.625	146.924	147.188	147.335	4.1	.9	2.4	4.8	2.5	3.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	211.034	212.072	211.736	212.888	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.4
Housing .....	208.096	208.533	209.497	210.427	2.6	2.4	3.5	4.6	2.5	4.0
Shelter .....	236.955	237.099	237.537	237.943	3.0	2.9	3.5	1.7	2.9	2.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	238.767	239.179	239.762	240.466	3.5	3.8	4.2	2.9	3.7	3.5
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	146.621	143.829	142.831	141.337	15.7	-9	6.2	-13.7	7.0	-4.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	226.656	226.982	227.481	227.924	2.0	2.8	3.4	2.3	2.4	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.740	117.921	117.999	118.683	-3.5	.2	2.6	3.2	-1.6	2.9
Fuels and utilities .....	203.514	205.930	209.904	214.459	2.2	2.8	5.7	23.3	2.5	14.2
Household energy .....	182.988	185.477	189.679	194.506	1.7	2.4	5.6	27.7	2.0	16.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	305.305	301.932	323.185	334.332	23.8	27.8	76.4	43.8	25.8	59.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.607	188.475	192.089	196.843	.2	.6	.9	26.5	.4	13.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	148.371	148.883	149.296	149.736	5.2	5.0	6.6	3.7	5.1	5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.389	122.330	122.902	122.893	-3	-1.4	.8	1.7	-8	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.431	145.825	147.316	148.403	2.0	2.0	4.4	8.4	2.0	6.4
Apparel .....	119.760	119.341	117.864	118.109	-1.3	-2	5.6	-5.4	-8	.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	113.796	114.759	113.914	114.080	1.2	-1	5.0	1.0	.6	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.735	108.555	105.815	105.369	-6.0	-1.0	6.7	-18.0	-3.6	-6.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.421	118.510	116.638	117.342	-3.6	8.7	4.8	-3.6	2.3	.5
Footwear .....	122.938	123.294	123.441	124.364	4.1	-2.4	2.9	4.7	.8	3.8
Transportation .....	196.402	194.963	196.398	194.993	8.9	1.6	24.6	-2.8	5.2	10.0
Private transportation .....	193.565	192.100	193.389	191.970	9.2	1.3	25.2	-3.3	5.2	10.0
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	93.452	93.308	93.239	93.051	1.3	.2	.0	-1.7	.8	-9
New vehicles .....	136.764	136.345	136.214	136.052	-3	-1.3	-1.0	-2.1	-8	-1.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	138.052	138.094	138.070	137.616	5.1	2.7	.7	-1.3	3.9	-3
Motor fuel .....	284.180	278.651	283.321	277.925	26.9	2.6	82.2	-8.5	14.1	29.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	283.087	277.354	281.140	275.644	27.1	2.4	82.6	-10.1	14.1	28.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	124.416	125.238	126.330	126.032	3.3	5.0	5.3	5.3	4.1	5.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	230.251	231.051	232.244	233.139	3.4	2.1	5.3	5.1	2.8	5.2
Public transportation .....	237.118	236.848	242.477	241.831	.9	8.7	9.7	8.2	4.7	8.9
Medical care .....	361.100	361.337	361.766	362.359	4.9	5.9	5.4	1.4	5.4	3.4
Medical care commodities .....	288.251	288.297	289.297	288.672	1.7	3.0	5.5	.6	2.4	3.0
Medical care services .....	381.817	382.130	382.294	383.404	5.8	6.7	5.4	1.7	6.2	3.5
Professional services .....	309.634	309.636	310.053	310.676	3.7	4.6	3.8	1.4	4.2	2.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	518.313	520.557	521.401	524.768	7.3	10.4	9.5	5.1	8.8	7.2

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
					July 2007	Oct. 2007	Jan. 2008	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2007	Apr. 2008
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	109.201	109.351	109.680	109.514	-0.1	1.8	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.205	103.080	103.333	102.975	.4	1.8	1.5	-9	1.1	.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	117.947	118.044	118.311	118.807	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.6
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	174.582	174.995	175.690	176.831	4.7	5.1	6.9	5.3	4.9	6.1
Educational books and supplies .....	439.883	439.326	439.977	443.977	7.9	8.7	5.6	3.8	8.3	4.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	492.237	493.569	495.643	498.741	4.4	4.7	7.0	5.4	4.6	6.2
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.933	85.917	86.014	86.243	2.3	.8	-1.2	1.5	1.6	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.008	83.992	84.091	84.320	1.7	.8	-1.3	1.5	1.3	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.988	98.931	99.090	99.566	4.1	1.7	-.6	2.4	2.9	.8
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.737	10.754	10.745	10.671	-10.9	-4.4	-5.0	-2.4	-7.7	-3.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	101.067	100.582	100.265	98.820	-19.9	-10.7	-12.1	-8.6	-15.4	-10.3
Other goods and services .....	350.676	351.684	353.001	354.577	3.1	3.0	4.5	4.5	3.0	4.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	574.724	577.359	576.910	578.296	4.9	5.0	9.3	2.5	4.9	5.8
Personal care .....	195.924	196.315	197.507	198.597	2.2	2.0	2.2	5.6	2.1	3.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.167	157.877	158.730	159.585	-3	-1	-6	3.6	-2	1.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	220.324	221.338	223.043	223.088	2.6	2.1	4.0	5.1	2.3	4.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	333.520	334.915	335.975	338.418	2.9	4.6	4.6	6.0	3.7	5.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	176.292	175.865	176.501	176.517	5.5	2.3	13.1	.5	3.9	6.6
Food and beverages .....	207.555	208.257	208.709	210.669	4.9	4.5	4.5	6.1	4.7	5.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	158.122	157.241	157.935	157.146	5.9	1.0	18.2	-2.4	3.4	7.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	204.777	204.470	206.199	204.907	5.8	2.9	33.5	.3	4.3	15.7
Apparel .....	119.760	119.341	117.864	118.109	-1.3	-2	5.6	-5.4	-8	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	261.377	260.305	264.997	263.062	15.5	-3.0	42.9	2.6	5.9	21.1
Durables .....	112.528	112.347	112.390	112.004	-9	-5	.6	-1.8	-7	-6
Services .....	245.868	246.368	247.311	248.302	2.9	3.0	3.4	4.0	2.9	3.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	228.476	228.609	228.985	229.311	3.2	2.8	3.5	1.5	3.0	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.740	117.921	117.999	118.683	-3.5	.2	2.6	3.2	-1.6	2.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.607	188.475	192.089	196.843	.2	.6	.9	26.5	.4	13.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	148.371	148.883	149.296	149.736	5.2	5.0	6.6	3.7	5.1	5.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.431	145.825	147.316	148.403	2.0	2.0	4.4	8.4	2.0	6.4
Transportation services .....	237.214	237.465	238.681	239.245	1.5	2.3	4.5	3.5	1.9	4.0
Medical care services .....	381.817	382.130	382.294	383.404	5.8	6.7	5.4	1.7	6.2	3.5
Other services .....	279.758	280.128	281.126	281.941	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.1
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	208.298	208.176	208.987	209.197	3.9	2.3	8.2	1.7	3.1	4.9
All items less shelter .....	200.108	200.052	200.946	201.457	4.5	2.6	9.5	2.7	3.6	6.1
All items less medical care .....	201.908	201.898	202.668	203.139	4.0	2.5	7.8	2.5	3.3	5.1
Commodities less food .....	160.074	159.239	159.909	159.167	5.8	1.1	17.6	-2.2	3.4	7.2
Nondurables less food .....	205.318	205.143	206.776	205.613	5.8	2.9	31.3	.6	4.4	14.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	255.821	254.991	259.253	257.678	14.7	-2.6	39.3	2.9	5.7	19.8
Nondurables .....	206.961	207.202	208.560	208.946	5.2	4.3	17.4	3.9	4.8	10.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	234.673	235.467	237.009	238.684	3.4	2.4	3.2	7.0	2.9	5.1
Services less medical care services .....	235.849	236.298	237.254	238.224	3.0	2.5	3.1	4.1	2.8	3.6
Energy .....	232.031	230.458	234.853	234.484	15.1	2.5	45.9	4.3	8.6	23.4
All items less energy .....	206.280	206.471	206.792	207.378	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.1	2.7	2.8
All items less food and energy .....	206.456	206.548	206.833	207.131	2.3	2.3	3.1	1.3	2.3	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.352	141.277	141.117	141.088	.5	.2	1.9	-.7	.3	.6
Energy commodities .....	286.486	281.012	286.354	281.575	26.7	3.8	82.6	-6.7	14.7	30.5
Services less energy services .....	252.403	252.625	253.254	253.802	3.1	3.2	3.7	2.2	3.2	3.0

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=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 Apr.2008 from—			Percent change to Mar.2008 from—		
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008
U.S. city average .....	M	206.744	207.254	209.147	210.698	4.2	1.7	0.7	4.3	1.2	0.9
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	221.065	221.702	223.209	224.794	4.2	1.4	.7	4.1	1.0	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	221.492	222.315	223.795	225.144	3.9	1.3	.6	3.8	1.0	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.766	133.893	134.846	136.141	4.8	1.7	1.0	4.6	.8	.7
Midwest urban .....	M	196.617	197.110	198.989	200.788	4.4	1.9	.9	4.1	1.2	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	196.963	197.549	199.378	200.989	3.9	1.7	.8	3.8	1.2	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.561	128.695	129.922	131.354	4.9	2.1	1.1	4.3	1.1	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	194.850	195.774	197.864	199.325	5.0	1.8	.7	5.0	1.5	1.1
South urban .....	M	201.814	202.291	204.044	205.669	4.5	1.7	.8	4.8	1.1	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	205.304	205.588	207.336	208.511	4.3	1.4	.6	4.6	1.0	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.767	129.144	130.243	131.428	4.6	1.8	.9	4.9	1.1	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	204.954	205.523	207.600	209.641	4.5	2.0	1.0	4.9	1.3	1.0
West urban .....	M	210.342	210.816	213.159	214.355	3.8	1.7	.6	3.9	1.3	1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	212.040	212.614	214.954	216.055	3.7	1.6	.5	3.8	1.4	1.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.935	131.148	132.640	133.570	4.0	1.8	.7	4.2	1.3	1.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	191.461	191.982	193.702	194.886	3.9	1.5	.6	4.0	1.2	.9
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.830	130.092	131.273	132.471	4.6	1.8	.9	4.6	1.1	.9
D .....	M	201.685	202.292	204.422	205.951	4.5	1.8	.7	4.7	1.4	1.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	201.525	202.497	204.742	205.885	4.5	1.7	.6	4.7	1.6	1.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	213.825	214.231	216.493	217.914	3.7	1.7	.7	3.6	1.2	1.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	224.557	225.281	226.951	228.215	3.8	1.3	.6	3.9	1.1	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	231.291	-	232.656	-	-	-	-	3.0	.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	190.115	-	192.995	-	-	-	-	4.9	1.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	199.407	-	201.892	-	-	-	-	5.3	1.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	135.826	-	137.544	-	-	-	-	4.8	1.3	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	203.473	-	205.801	4.0	1.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	197.670	-	201.037	2.9	1.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	185.904	-	188.463	3.1	1.4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	216.971	-	219.456	5.0	1.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	220.718	-	223.295	4.0	1.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	214.913	-	217.913	3.2	1.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	216.332	-	218.483	3.8	1.0	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2008 from—	
		Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	123.204	123.845	3.5	0.5
Food and beverages .....	14.726	123.256	124.243	4.9	.8
Food .....	13.648	123.270	124.284	4.9	.8
Food at home .....	7.557	120.183	121.725	5.7	1.3
Food away from home .....	6.091	127.358	127.683	4.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.077	123.446	124.083	3.8	.5
Housing .....	42.421	127.457	127.736	2.8	.2
Shelter .....	32.409	129.764	129.773	2.6	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	5.004	154.075	157.038	7.9	1.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	5.008	95.972	95.878	-5	-1
Apparel .....	3.988	90.179	91.046	-1.2	1.0
Transportation .....	17.393	129.370	131.147	6.4	1.4
Private transportation .....	16.285	130.233	132.100	6.3	1.4
Public transportation .....	1.108	119.552	120.125	7.5	.5
Medical care .....	6.085	141.366	141.421	4.0	.0
Medical care commodities .....	1.615	126.044	125.851	2.9	-.2
Medical care services .....	4.470	147.039	147.198	4.4	.1
Recreation .....	5.935	105.420	105.518	.2	.1
Education and communication .....	6.196	106.344	106.515	2.2	.2
Education .....	2.771	164.357	164.672	5.5	.2
Communication .....	3.425	73.537	73.637	-5	.1
Other goods and services .....	3.257	127.144	127.743	3.3	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.427	131.158	131.469	3.2	.2
Commodities .....	41.573	113.271	114.312	3.8	.9
Durables .....	11.817	83.997	83.694	-1.8	-.4
Nondurables .....	29.756	128.610	130.450	6.2	1.4
All items less food and energy .....	77.561	117.121	117.211	1.9	.1
Energy .....	8.790	195.823	203.705	15.2	4.0

Indexes for 2008 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2007 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.