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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MAY 2006

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in May, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The May level of 202.5 (1982-84=100) was 4.2 percent higher than in May 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.5 percent in May, prior to seasonal adjustment. The May level of 198.2 (1982-84=100) was 4.3 percent higher than in May 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in May on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The May level of 117.2 (December 1999=100) was 3.4 percent higher than in May 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.4 percent in May, following a 0.6 percent rise in April. Energy costs continued their advance--up 2.4 percent in May. Within energy, the index for petroleum based energy increased 4.8 percent, while the index for energy services fell 0.6 percent. The food index increased 0.1 percent in May. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in May, the same as in each of the preceding two months; the index for shelter again accounted for over half of the monthly advance.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May '06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended May '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005		2006						
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	-.7	-.1	.7	.1	.4	.6	.4	5.7	4.2
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.5	.2	.1	.0	.2	.8	1.9
Housing	.4	.2	.5	.1	.2	.1	.3	3.0	4.0
Apparel	.1	-.3	.3	-1.0	1.0	.6	.2	7.3	.0
Transportation	-4.9	-7	1.8	-2	.9	2.4	1.5	20.9	9.0
Medical care	.5	.2	.1	.5	.4	.4	.3	4.5	4.2
Recreation	-.1	.1	.0	.1	.4	.3	.2	3.3	1.6
Education and communication	.4	.2	.4	.2	.2	.3	.0	2.1	2.7
Other goods and services	.3	.4	.3	.1	.2	.0	.1	1.1	2.5
Special Indexes									
Energy	-8.1	-2.1	5.0	-1.2	1.3	3.9	2.4	35.0	23.6
Food	.3	.1	.5	.1	.1	.0	.1	.6	1.9
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	3.8	2.4

During the first five months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 5.2 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.4 percent for all of 2005. The index for energy, which rose 17.1 percent in 2005, advanced at a 30.8 percent SAAR in the first five months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 64.4 percent annual rate while charges for energy services fell at a 1.1 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 1.8 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.3 percent rise for all of 2005. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.1 percent SAAR in the first five months, following a 2.2 percent rise for all of 2005.

The food and beverages index increased 0.2 percent in May. The index for food at home declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 0.1 percent in May. Decreases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for dairy products more than offset increases in the other three major grocery store food groups. The index for fruits and vegetables declined 0.9 percent. The indexes for fresh fruits, for fresh vegetables, and for processed fruits and vegetables each decreased--down 1.4, 0.5, and 0.6 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit prices increased 1.4 percent and processed fruit and vegetable prices rose 1.1 percent.) The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.5 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for beef, pork, other meats, and poultry. The index for dairy products declined 0.5 percent as a sharp drop in milk prices was partially offset by an increase in prices for cheese and related products. The index for other food at home rose 0.7 percent, the index for nonalcoholic beverages, 0.5 percent, and the index for cereal and bakery products, 0.4 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.1 percent in April, increased 0.3 percent in May. The index for shelter increased 0.4 percent in May. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.6 percent, respectively, and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.1 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home declined 1.8 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in May. Declines in the indexes for electricity and for natural gas more than offset an increase in the price for fuel oil. The index for natural gas declined 0.9 percent in May and has fallen 14.1 percent in the last four months. The index for electricity declined 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity rose 1.4 percent.) The index for fuel oil rose for the second consecutive month--up 3.8 percent in May. During the last 12 months, charges for electricity and for natural gas have increased 13.0 and 10.0 percent, respectively, and fuel oil prices have risen 27.1 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which was unchanged in April, increased 0.5 percent in May.

The transportation index advanced 1.5 percent in May, reflecting a 5.0 percent increase in the index for motor fuel. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 6.6 percent. As of May, the price of gasoline was 0.5 percent higher than its previous peak level of September 2005.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.3 percent in May and was 0.7 percent lower than a year ago. The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.4 percent in May and was 1.5 percent higher than in May 2005. The index for public transportation increased 1.0 percent in May. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for public transportation rose 1.7 percent, reflecting another increase in airline fares.) Airline fares increased 2.6 percent in May and have advanced 7.9 percent in the first five months of the year.

The index for apparel registered its third consecutive increase--up 0.2 percent in May. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 0.8 percent, reflecting discounting of both women's and men's clothing.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in May and are 4.2 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in April. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation rose 0.2 percent in May. An increase in the indexes for recreational services--for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts and sporting events and for club membership dues and fees for participant sports--was partially offset by declines in the indexes for video and audio, for sporting goods, for photography, and for toys.

The index for education and communication was unchanged in May. Educational costs increased 0.5 percent while the index for communication declined 0.4 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services fell 0.2 percent, reflecting a 1.0 percent decrease in long distance land-line telephone charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 2.7 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.1 percent in May. A 0.1 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products was offset by a 0.3 percent increase in the index for miscellaneous personal services.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.5 percent in May.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May '06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005		2006						
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	-.8	-.1	.7	.0	.5	.6	.5	6.3	4.3
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Housing	.4	.1	.5	.1	.2	.1	.3	2.5	4.1
Apparel	.0	-.3	.0	-.7	1.1	.7	.1	7.7	.0
Transportation	-5.2	-.7	1.8	-.3	1.1	2.6	1.5	23.2	9.8
Medical care	.6	.2	.1	.3	.5	.4	.3	4.8	4.1
Recreation	-.2	.0	.0	.1	.4	.3	.2	3.4	1.4
Education and communication	.4	.1	.4	.1	.2	.3	.0	1.8	2.2
Other goods and services	.3	.4	.3	.1	.3	-.1	.0	.9	2.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	-8.7	-2.1	5.0	-1.3	1.4	4.2	2.5	37.5	23.8
Food	.3	.2	.4	.1	.1	-.1	.1	.4	1.7
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.4	.2	.3	3.5	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

### **CPI (Old Weights)**

For the first six months of 2006, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 2001-02 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 2004 through 2005. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From April to May, the Old Weight CPI-U rose 0.5 percent and the Old Weight CPI-W rose 0.6 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2006.

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

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

For the Fuel oil, Utility (piped) gas, Motor fuels, and Educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of sharp rises in the price of coffee futures. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, changes in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk, butter and cheese production levels. For Fresh vegetable series, the method was used to account for the effects of hurricane-related disruptions. For Electricity, it was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than

expected weather, increased rates to conserve supplies, and declining natural gas inventories. For New vehicle series, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	201.5	202.5	4.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	603.5	606.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.051	194.2	194.7	1.9	.3	.1	.0	.2
Food .....	13.942	193.7	194.2	1.9	.3	.1	.0	.1
Food at home .....	7.988	191.5	191.9	.8	.2	-.1	-.2	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.098	210.9	211.9	1.0	.5	.3	-.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.133	185.5	184.7	-.2	-.4	.3	.2	-.5
Dairy and related products .....	.852	181.3	181.0	-1.3	-.2	.1	-.7	-.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.219	246.6	248.0	1.3	.6	-1.7	-.1	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	146.3	146.6	1.6	.2	.7	-.7	.5
Other food at home .....	1.777	168.8	170.0	2.2	.7	.1	-.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	171.0	171.3	4.9	.2	1.9	.9	.0
Fats and oils .....	.231	165.0	168.6	.5	2.2	-1.4	-1.7	2.4
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	184.3	185.4	1.9	.6	-.1	-.1	.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.328	113.2	114.3	3.2	1.0	-.4	.2	1.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.953	198.0	198.7	3.2	.4	.2	.2	.4
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.277	135.8	136.0	4.4	.1	.4	.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.109	200.1	200.8	2.7	.3	.3	.0	.3
Housing .....	42.380	201.7	202.2	4.0	.2	.2	.1	.3
Shelter .....	32.260	230.7	231.2	3.2	.2	.4	.3	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.832	222.9	223.6	3.3	.3	.4	.3	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.611	140.4	137.9	4.7	-1.8	.8	.0	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.442	235.8	236.9	3.3	.5	.4	.4	.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	116.2	116.3	-1.4	.1	.0	.0	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.371	190.8	192.0	11.8	.6	-.9	-.9	-.3
Fuels .....	4.494	173.2	174.4	13.5	.7	-1.0	-1.1	-.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	236.4	239.8	23.7	1.4	.4	4.0	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	177.7	178.8	12.7	.6	-1.1	-1.5	-.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	135.4	135.7	4.8	.2	-.2	.4	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.749	126.9	127.2	.4	.2	.1	.0	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	135.2	135.7	4.6	.4	-.1	.2	.4
Apparel .....	3.786	123.4	122.4	.0	-.8	1.0	.6	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	118.0	116.5	-2.7	-1.3	.5	.9	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.612	116.3	114.4	.2	-1.6	2.2	.5	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	118.2	118.3	-1.3	.1	-.2	-.6	.8
Footwear .....	.759	126.1	125.8	2.1	-.2	.4	-.1	.4
Transportation .....	17.415	184.1	187.6	9.0	1.9	.9	2.4	1.5
Private transportation .....	16.329	180.4	183.9	9.3	1.9	1.0	2.6	1.5
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.858	96.0	95.8	.1	-.2	-.1	.1	.0
New vehicles .....	5.155	138.4	137.7	-.7	-.5	-.1	-.1	-.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.799	140.4	140.9	1.5	.4	.4	.3	.4
Motor fuel .....	4.191	235.4	250.9	33.3	6.6	3.6	8.8	5.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.148	234.4	249.8	33.4	6.6	3.6	8.8	4.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.362	115.8	117.0	5.4	1.0	.4	.3	1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.131	213.9	214.9	4.5	.5	.3	.3	.5
Public transportation .....	1.087	225.3	229.2	5.1	1.7	-.3	.2	1.0
Medical care .....	6.220	334.7	335.6	4.2	.3	.4	.4	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.457	285.3	286.3	4.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
Medical care services .....	4.764	348.8	349.7	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Professional services .....	2.815	288.5	289.0	2.6	.2	.4	.1	.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.576	464.6	466.1	6.6	.3	.6	.8	.6

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.637	111.1	111.2	1.6	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.783	105.8	105.5	.9	-.3	.9	.4	-.2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.047	115.8	115.7	2.7	-.1	.2	.3	.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.967	158.6	158.9	6.0	.2	.5	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	383.1	384.7	6.2	.4	.5	.3	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.771	457.7	458.6	6.0	.2	.5	.5	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.080	84.5	84.2	-.8	-.4	-.1	.1	-.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.895	82.1	81.7	-1.2	-.5	-.1	.2	-.5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.245	95.4	95.2	.4	-.2	-.2	.4	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.650	12.9	12.8	-7.2	-.8	.0	-.8	-.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.236	11.1	10.8	-18.2	-2.7	-.9	-2.6	-2.7
Other goods and services .....	3.463	320.0	320.2	2.5	.1	.2	.0	.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	518.1	517.5	3.9	-.1	.6	-.2	-.1
Personal care .....	2.752	189.1	189.4	2.1	.2	.1	.0	.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	155.0	154.6	.1	-.3	-.3	-.1	-.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.675	208.5	208.7	2.9	.1	.3	.0	.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.172	311.3	312.4	3.2	.4	.5	.2	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.790	165.5	166.9	4.4	.8	.6	1.1	.7
Food and beverages .....	15.051	194.2	194.7	1.9	.3	.1	.0	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.739	148.6	150.3	5.8	1.1	.8	1.7	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.163	181.8	185.6	11.1	2.1	.8	3.7	2.7
Apparel .....	3.786	123.4	122.4	.0	-.8	1.0	.6	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.377	222.3	229.2	15.4	3.1	1.8	4.1	2.3
Durables .....	11.576	115.1	114.9	-.7	-.2	.0	-.1	.0
Services .....	59.210	237.1	237.7	3.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	31.884	240.4	241.0	3.3	.2	.3	.5	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	116.2	116.3	-1.4	.1	.0	.0	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	177.7	178.8	12.7	.6	-1.1	-1.5	-6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	135.4	135.7	4.8	.2	-.2	.4	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	135.2	135.7	4.6	.4	-.1	.2	.4
Transportation services .....	5.707	229.6	230.7	2.5	.5	-.1	.2	.4
Medical care services .....	4.764	348.8	349.7	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Other services .....	10.669	275.5	275.8	3.3	.1	.4	.4	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	86.058	202.8	203.9	4.5	.5	.4	.6	.5
All items less shelter .....	67.740	192.3	193.5	4.6	.6	.4	.7	.5
All items less medical care .....	93.780	194.7	195.6	4.1	.5	.4	.6	.5
Commodities less food .....	26.848	150.6	152.3	5.8	1.1	.8	1.6	1.0
Nondurables less food .....	15.272	182.9	186.5	10.6	2.0	.8	3.4	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.486	219.2	225.5	14.2	2.9	1.6	3.7	2.2
Nondurables .....	29.214	188.7	191.0	6.5	1.2	.5	1.9	1.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.325	251.0	251.8	4.6	.3	.0	.2	.3
Services less medical care services .....	54.446	227.8	228.4	3.9	.3	.2	.3	.4
Energy .....	8.685	201.4	209.3	23.6	3.9	1.3	3.9	2.4
All items less energy .....	91.315	203.0	203.3	2.4	.1	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.373	205.5	205.7	2.4	.1	.3	.3	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.319	141.7	141.5	.3	-.1	.3	.1	.1
Energy commodities .....	4.530	236.6	251.4	32.7	6.3	3.3	8.5	4.8
Services less energy services .....	55.055	243.2	243.7	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.496	\$.494	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.166	\$.165	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2005	May 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	199.1	199.8	201.0	201.9	4.6	3.3	2.7	5.7	4.0	4.2
Food and beverages .....	194.3	194.4	194.4	194.7	1.1	3.0	2.9	.8	2.0	1.9
Food .....	193.8	193.9	193.9	194.1	1.1	3.0	2.7	.6	2.0	1.7
Food at home .....	192.3	192.2	191.9	191.8	-6	2.8	2.3	-1.0	1.1	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	210.3	210.9	210.4	211.3	.6	1.5	.4	1.9	1.1	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	185.3	185.9	186.2	185.3	-3.0	3.5	-.9	.0	.2	-4
Dairy and related products .....	183.1	183.2	182.0	181.0	-1.5	.7	.2	-4.5	-.4	-2.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	253.2	248.8	248.6	246.4	-3.2	7.3	13.1	-10.3	1.9	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	146.2	147.2	146.1	146.9	.6	3.9	.0	1.9	2.2	1.0
Other food at home .....	168.8	169.0	168.7	169.9	3.4	.0	2.6	2.6	1.7	2.6
Sugar and sweets .....	166.5	169.7	171.2	171.2	3.2	7.5	-2.1	11.8	5.3	4.6
Fats and oils .....	169.8	167.5	164.7	168.6	-.5	.2	5.4	-2.8	-.1	1.2
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	184.7	184.5	184.3	185.4	4.2	-1.9	3.8	1.5	1.1	2.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	113.4	113.0	113.2	114.3	3.7	3.3	2.5	3.2	3.5	2.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	197.2	197.6	198.0	198.7	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	134.6	135.2	135.9	136.2	6.6	3.1	3.0	4.8	4.8	3.9
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	199.5	200.1	200.1	200.8	.8	2.5	5.0	2.6	1.6	3.8
Housing .....	200.8	201.3	201.6	202.3	2.7	7.6	2.8	3.0	5.1	2.9
Shelter .....	228.2	229.2	230.0	231.0	2.2	2.9	3.0	5.0	2.5	4.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	221.4	222.3	222.9	223.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	4.0	3.2	3.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	134.2	135.3	135.3	135.4	.6	7.0	7.5	3.6	3.7	5.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	233.9	234.9	235.8	237.1	2.3	2.3	3.1	5.6	2.3	4.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.2	116.2	116.2	116.3	-.7	-6.3	1.0	.3	-3.5	.7
Fuels and utilities .....	197.9	196.1	194.4	193.9	9.8	48.7	3.9	-7.8	27.8	-2.1
Fuels .....	181.0	179.1	177.1	176.5	11.0	60.0	3.2	-9.6	33.2	-3.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	221.6	222.4	231.3	238.2	59.7	34.2	-18.2	33.5	46.4	4.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.3	185.2	182.4	181.3	7.7	62.7	4.8	-12.2	32.3	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	135.1	134.8	135.3	135.7	4.7	5.0	7.8	1.8	4.8	4.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.4	126.5	126.5	127.1	-1.6	.3	.6	2.2	-.6	1.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.0	134.9	135.2	135.7	3.1	5.6	7.8	2.1	4.4	4.9
Apparel .....	117.9	119.1	119.8	120.0	-2.0	-1.3	-3.6	7.3	-1.7	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	113.6	114.2	115.2	114.1	-4.7	-3.1	-4.4	1.8	-3.9	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	108.1	110.5	111.1	111.3	-3.2	1.1	-8.7	12.4	-1.1	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	117.0	116.8	116.1	117.0	-8.5	-6.7	11.3	.0	-7.6	5.5
Footwear .....	123.9	124.4	124.3	124.8	4.0	-2.2	4.0	2.9	.8	3.5
Transportation .....	176.9	178.5	182.8	185.5	18.3	-5.1	3.5	20.9	6.0	11.8
Private transportation .....	172.9	174.6	179.1	181.8	18.7	-5.6	3.3	22.2	5.8	12.4
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.8	95.7	95.8	95.8	-.8	.4	.8	.0	-.2	.4
New vehicles .....	138.3	138.2	138.1	137.7	-6.5	3.9	2.1	-1.7	-1.4	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	139.5	140.0	140.4	140.9	9.5	-7.1	.3	4.1	.9	2.2
Motor fuel .....	204.4	211.7	230.3	241.7	83.1	-20.2	10.4	95.5	20.8	46.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	203.3	210.6	229.1	240.4	84.4	-20.5	10.3	95.5	21.1	46.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	114.9	115.4	115.8	117.0	5.1	4.3	4.7	7.5	4.7	6.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	212.7	213.4	214.1	215.2	3.5	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.1	4.9
Public transportation .....	224.6	223.9	224.4	226.7	8.6	5.9	2.2	3.8	7.3	3.0
Medical care .....	331.4	332.8	334.0	335.1	2.9	5.7	3.3	4.5	4.3	3.9
Medical care commodities .....	283.1	284.3	285.3	286.3	3.2	5.6	3.8	4.6	4.4	4.2
Medical care services .....	345.1	346.6	347.8	349.0	2.8	5.8	3.1	4.6	4.3	3.8
Professional services .....	285.9	287.0	287.3	288.1	2.3	4.6	.4	3.1	3.4	1.8
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	457.7	460.5	464.2	467.0	3.0	6.8	8.3	8.4	4.9	8.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2005	May 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	110.1	110.5	110.8	111.0	0.4	1.8	0.7	3.3	1.1	2.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.0	104.9	105.3	105.1	.4	.0	-1.5	4.3	.2	1.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	115.7	115.9	116.3	116.3	.7	4.3	3.2	2.1	2.5	2.6
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	158.3	159.1	159.9	160.7	5.7	6.4	5.8	6.2	6.0	6.0
Educational books and supplies .....	379.4	381.2	382.4	385.1	3.6	10.2	4.9	6.1	6.8	5.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	457.2	459.5	461.8	464.2	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.2
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.5	84.4	84.5	84.2	-4.2	1.9	.5	-1.4	-1.2	-5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	82.0	81.9	82.1	81.7	-4.3	2.0	-1.0	-1.5	-1.2	-1.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.2	95.0	95.4	95.2	-2.9	4.8	.0	.0	.8	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.8	-11.1	-8.7	-3.0	-6.0	-9.9	-4.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	11.5	11.4	11.1	10.8	-22.1	-12.3	-15.7	-22.2	-17.4	-19.0
Other goods and services .....	318.8	319.5	319.5	319.7	3.2	2.4	2.9	1.1	2.8	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	515.9	519.0	518.1	517.5	7.0	3.8	3.7	1.2	5.4	2.5
Personal care .....	188.5	188.7	188.7	189.0	2.2	2.2	2.8	1.1	2.2	1.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.6	155.2	155.0	154.6	2.1	-.5	1.6	-2.5	.8	-.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	207.9	208.5	208.5	208.7	2.6	2.2	5.4	1.5	2.4	3.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	308.9	310.3	310.9	311.8	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.8	2.9	3.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	161.9	162.8	164.6	165.7	7.5	-1.2	1.7	9.7	3.0	5.7
Food and beverages .....	194.3	194.4	194.4	194.7	1.1	3.0	2.9	.8	2.0	1.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	143.5	144.7	147.2	148.7	11.6	-3.8	1.1	15.3	3.6	8.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	170.8	172.1	178.4	183.3	19.2	-2.5	-.9	32.6	7.8	14.6
Apparel .....	117.9	119.1	119.8	120.0	-2.0	-1.3	-3.6	7.3	-1.7	1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	207.9	211.6	220.3	225.4	35.2	-9.2	4.6	38.2	10.8	20.2
Durables .....	114.8	114.8	114.7	114.7	-1.7	-.3	-.3	-.3	-1.0	-.3
Services .....	236.0	236.5	237.0	237.8	2.8	6.6	3.3	3.1	4.7	3.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	237.8	238.6	239.7	240.7	2.3	2.8	3.3	5.0	2.5	4.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.2	116.2	116.2	116.3	-7	-6.3	1.0	.3	-3.5	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.3	185.2	182.4	181.3	7.7	62.7	4.8	-12.2	32.3	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	135.1	134.8	135.3	135.7	4.7	5.0	7.8	1.8	4.8	4.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.0	134.9	135.2	135.7	3.1	5.6	7.8	2.1	4.4	4.9
Transportation services .....	229.0	228.8	229.3	230.2	4.3	2.1	1.2	2.1	3.2	1.7
Medical care services .....	345.1	346.6	347.8	349.0	2.8	5.8	3.1	4.6	4.3	3.8
Other services .....	273.7	274.7	275.8	276.5	1.8	4.4	3.1	4.2	3.1	3.6
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	200.0	200.8	202.1	203.2	5.5	3.3	2.6	6.6	4.4	4.6
All items less shelter .....	189.9	190.6	191.9	192.8	6.0	3.5	2.4	6.2	4.7	4.3
All items less medical care .....	192.3	193.0	194.2	195.1	4.8	3.2	2.5	6.0	4.0	4.2
Commodities less food .....	145.6	146.8	149.2	150.7	11.1	-3.8	1.4	14.8	3.4	7.9
Nondurables less food .....	172.5	173.8	179.7	184.3	18.2	-2.3	-.7	30.3	7.5	13.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	206.3	209.6	217.3	222.0	32.1	-8.4	4.6	34.1	10.0	18.4
Nondurables .....	182.9	183.9	187.4	189.7	10.0	.0	1.1	15.7	4.9	8.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	251.5	251.4	251.8	252.5	3.9	10.0	3.2	1.6	6.9	2.4
Services less medical care services .....	226.7	227.1	227.8	228.6	2.9	5.9	3.2	3.4	4.4	3.3
Energy .....	191.2	193.6	201.2	206.1	44.4	11.4	6.3	35.0	26.8	19.8
All items less energy .....	201.5	202.0	202.5	203.1	1.4	2.4	2.4	3.2	1.9	2.8
All items less food and energy .....	203.5	204.2	204.8	205.4	1.4	2.6	2.0	3.8	2.0	2.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.3	140.7	140.8	140.9	-.9	.0	.3	1.7	-.4	1.0
Energy commodities .....	206.5	213.4	231.5	242.7	81.5	-17.4	8.1	90.8	22.4	43.6
Services less energy services .....	241.0	241.8	242.6	243.6	2.4	3.4	3.0	4.4	2.9	3.7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May2006 from—			Percent change to Apr.2006 from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006
U.S. city average .....	M	198.7	199.8	201.5	202.5	4.2	1.4	0.5	3.5	1.4	0.9
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	211.6	212.8	214.7	215.7	4.6	1.4	.5	3.8	1.5	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	213.8	215.0	216.8	218.1	4.6	1.4	.6	3.6	1.4	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.2	126.0	127.3	127.4	4.8	1.1	.1	4.3	1.7	1.0
Midwest urban .....	M	190.7	192.0	193.0	193.6	3.3	.8	.3	2.8	1.2	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.5	193.8	194.5	195.1	3.0	.7	.3	2.6	1.0	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.6	122.3	123.3	123.7	3.7	1.1	.3	3.1	1.4	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	185.2	186.7	187.8	188.1	3.6	.7	.2	3.4	1.4	.6
South urban .....	M	191.8	192.8	194.7	195.5	4.4	1.4	.4	4.0	1.5	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	193.9	194.6	196.5	197.4	4.3	1.4	.5	3.9	1.3	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.1	123.0	124.1	124.6	4.4	1.3	.4	4.0	1.6	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.1	192.3	195.1	195.9	5.0	1.9	.4	4.2	2.1	1.5
West urban .....	M	202.7	203.8	205.3	206.9	4.1	1.5	.8	3.4	1.3	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	205.7	206.8	208.6	210.3	4.4	1.7	.8	3.6	1.4	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.7	124.2	124.9	125.7	3.6	1.2	.6	2.9	1.0	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	181.9	182.8	184.3	185.3	4.1	1.4	.5	3.5	1.3	.8
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.7	123.5	124.5	125.0	4.2	1.2	.4	3.7	1.5	.8
D .....	M	190.2	191.6	193.5	194.4	4.0	1.5	.5	3.5	1.7	1.0
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	197.2	197.6	197.7	198.4	2.6	.4	.4	2.3	.3	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	207.5	208.5	210.5	212.4	5.4	1.9	.9	4.7	1.4	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	216.4	218.2	220.2	221.6	4.8	1.6	.6	3.6	1.8	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	221.3	-	222.9	3.9	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	190.7	-	192.4	3.0	.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	188.4	-	191.2	4.2	1.5	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	126.8	-	128.8	4.2	1.6	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	189.8	-	193.9	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	194.8	-	197.2	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	178.6	-	181.2	-	-	-	-	3.5	1.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	202.2	-	203.8	-	-	-	-	5.5	.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	209.0	-	211.6	-	-	-	-	4.1	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	207.1	-	208.9	-	-	-	-	3.2	.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	203.6	-	207.4	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.9	-

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

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
- 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	197.2	198.2	4.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	-	587.3	590.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.537	193.4	193.9	1.8	.3	.1	-.1	.2
Food .....	15.519	192.8	193.3	1.7	.3	.1	-.1	.1
Food at home .....	9.347	190.5	190.9	.8	.2	-.1	-.2	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.275	211.2	212.2	1.2	.5	.4	.0	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.653	185.1	184.4	-.3	-.4	.4	-.1	-.3
Dairy and related products .....	.965	180.8	180.5	-1.4	-.2	-.1	-.7	-.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.338	244.0	246.0	1.6	.8	-2.0	.0	-.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.087	145.7	145.9	1.5	.1	.8	-.7	.4
Other food at home .....	2.030	168.2	169.4	2.2	.7	.1	-.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	169.9	170.5	5.1	.4	1.8	.9	.0
Fats and oils .....	.287	165.7	169.1	.7	2.1	-1.3	-1.7	2.1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.406	184.5	185.5	1.8	.5	-.1	-.2	.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.370	113.4	114.4	2.8	.9	-.4	.0	.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.172	197.8	198.4	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.275	135.6	135.8	4.8	.1	.4	.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.018	200.3	200.6	2.7	.1	.6	-.1	.1
Housing .....	40.161	196.8	197.4	4.1	.3	.2	.1	.3
Shelter .....	30.069	223.1	223.7	3.2	.3	.5	.3	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	7.880	222.0	222.7	3.3	.3	.4	.3	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.412	139.8	136.6	4.2	-2.3	1.6	-.6	-.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.429	213.9	214.8	3.3	.4	.4	.4	.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.5	116.6	-1.4	.1	.0	.0	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.900	189.4	190.4	11.5	.5	-.9	-.9	-.4
Fuels .....	4.984	170.8	171.8	13.0	.6	-1.1	-1.1	-.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	235.8	238.9	23.4	1.3	.5	4.1	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	176.1	177.1	12.3	.6	-1.1	-1.5	-.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	135.8	136.0	4.9	.1	-.1	.4	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.193	122.5	122.8	.2	.2	.0	.0	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	137.7	138.3	4.6	.4	-.1	.3	.4
Apparel .....	4.090	123.1	121.9	.0	-1.0	1.1	.7	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	117.5	116.5	-2.3	-.9	.0	1.0	-.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.689	115.9	114.0	.1	-1.6	2.1	1.1	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	120.3	120.2	-1.9	-.1	.8	-1.2	.8
Footwear .....	.964	125.4	125.1	2.2	-.2	.9	-.3	.2
Transportation .....	19.669	183.9	187.7	9.8	2.1	1.1	2.6	1.5
Private transportation .....	18.931	181.2	184.9	9.9	2.0	1.2	2.7	1.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	8.944	95.1	95.0	.3	-.1	.1	.1	.0
New vehicles .....	5.380	139.5	138.8	-.6	-.5	.1	-.1	-.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.801	141.3	141.8	1.6	.4	.4	.4	.4
Motor fuel .....	5.244	236.1	251.3	33.2	6.4	3.7	8.7	4.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.193	235.2	250.3	33.2	6.4	3.7	8.8	4.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.434	115.3	116.5	5.4	1.0	.5	.3	1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.130	216.3	217.4	4.6	.5	.3	.3	.5
Public transportation .....	.738	224.0	227.5	5.4	1.6	-.3	.3	.8
Medical care .....	5.171	334.2	335.0	4.1	.2	.5	.4	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.140	278.4	279.4	4.3	.4	.4	.4	.3
Medical care services .....	4.030	349.2	350.0	4.0	.2	.6	.3	.3
Professional services .....	2.336	290.8	291.3	2.5	.2	.3	.2	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.332	459.9	461.2	6.3	.3	.6	.8	.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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.097	108.4	108.5	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.928	104.9	104.7	.8	-2	.7	.4	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.635	113.2	113.0	2.2	-2	.2	.3	.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.243	156.9	157.2	5.9	.2	.4	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	384.7	386.2	6.1	.4	.4	.3	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.044	443.5	444.4	5.9	.2	.4	.5	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.392	86.3	86.0	-6	-3	-1	.1	-3
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.244	84.6	84.3	-8	-4	-1	.1	-4
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.653	95.6	95.3	.4	-3	-2	.4	-3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.590	13.5	13.3	-7.0	-1.5	.7	-7	-1.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.208	11.0	10.7	-17.7	-2.7	.0	-2.7	-2.7
Other goods and services .....	3.640	329.3	329.3	2.6	.0	.3	-1	.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.137	519.9	519.4	4.2	-1	.6	-2	-1
Personal care .....	2.504	187.2	187.3	1.9	.1	.2	-1	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.774	155.0	154.7	.1	-2	-3	-1	-2
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.616	208.6	208.6	2.7	.0	.2	.0	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	311.8	312.7	3.1	.3	.5	.2	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.601	167.3	168.9	5.0	1.0	.7	1.2	.8
Food and beverages .....	16.537	193.4	193.9	1.8	.3	.1	-1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.064	151.8	153.7	6.7	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.599	188.4	192.8	12.4	2.3	.8	4.2	2.8
Apparel .....	4.090	123.1	121.9	.0	-1.0	1.1	.7	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.509	233.2	241.1	17.0	3.4	1.9	4.5	2.7
Durables .....	12.465	115.2	115.0	-4	-2	.0	-1	-2
Services .....	55.399	232.2	232.8	3.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.721	215.0	215.6	3.3	.3	.5	.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.5	116.6	-1.4	.1	.0	.0	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	176.1	177.1	12.3	.6	-1.1	-1.5	-7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	135.8	136.0	4.9	.1	-1	.4	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	137.7	138.3	4.6	.4	-1	.3	.4
Transportation services .....	5.659	229.5	230.3	2.2	.3	.0	.1	.3
Medical care services .....	4.030	349.2	350.0	4.0	.2	.6	.3	.3
Other services .....	9.726	266.6	266.8	3.1	.1	.3	.3	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.481	197.8	199.0	4.8	.6	.5	.8	.6
All items less shelter .....	69.931	189.8	191.1	4.8	.7	.4	.7	.5
All items less medical care .....	94.829	191.3	192.4	4.3	.6	.4	.6	.5
Commodities less food .....	29.082	153.6	155.5	6.6	1.2	1.0	1.9	1.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.617	189.3	193.4	11.8	2.2	.9	3.9	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.527	229.4	236.6	15.9	3.1	1.8	4.2	2.5
Nondurables .....	32.136	191.8	194.2	7.0	1.3	.5	2.2	1.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.679	222.7	223.3	4.5	.3	.0	.0	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.369	223.4	224.0	3.8	.3	.1	.3	.3
Energy .....	10.228	202.0	210.0	23.8	4.0	1.4	4.2	2.5
All items less energy .....	89.772	197.4	197.7	2.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.253	198.7	198.9	2.3	.1	.4	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.491	142.2	141.9	.4	-2	.3	.1	.0
Energy commodities .....	5.591	236.9	251.4	32.5	6.1	3.4	8.5	4.7
Services less energy services .....	50.762	238.2	238.8	3.2	.3	.4	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.507	\$.504	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.170	\$.169	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2005	May 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	194.6	195.5	196.7	197.6	5.6	2.9	2.3	6.3	4.3	4.3
Food and beverages .....	193.5	193.7	193.6	193.9	.8	3.0	2.7	.8	1.9	1.8
Food .....	193.1	193.2	193.1	193.3	.8	3.0	2.7	.4	1.9	1.6
Food at home .....	191.4	191.3	190.9	190.9	-.8	2.8	2.3	-1.0	1.0	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	210.3	211.1	211.0	211.6	.2	1.7	.6	2.5	1.0	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	185.0	185.8	185.6	185.0	-3.0	3.5	-1.5	.0	.2	-8
Dairy and related products .....	183.0	182.8	181.6	180.7	-1.1	.2	.4	-4.9	-.4	-2.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	251.2	246.2	246.2	244.7	-3.3	7.2	13.8	-10.0	1.8	1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	145.5	146.6	145.6	146.2	.0	4.2	.0	1.9	2.1	1.0
Other food at home .....	168.4	168.5	168.2	169.3	3.2	.2	2.9	2.2	1.7	2.5
Sugar and sweets .....	165.7	168.7	170.2	170.2	4.0	7.5	-2.1	11.3	5.8	4.4
Fats and oils .....	170.6	168.4	165.5	168.9	-.7	.5	7.1	-3.9	-.1	1.4
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	185.0	184.8	184.5	185.5	3.8	-1.3	3.5	1.1	1.2	2.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	113.8	113.4	113.4	114.4	2.9	4.0	2.1	2.1	3.4	2.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	197.0	197.4	197.8	198.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.0
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	134.4	135.0	135.7	136.1	8.3	2.7	3.3	5.2	5.5	4.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	199.4	200.5	200.3	200.6	.0	3.5	5.0	2.4	1.7	3.7
Housing .....	196.4	196.8	197.0	197.6	3.2	8.0	2.7	2.5	5.6	2.6
Shelter .....	221.0	222.0	222.7	223.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	5.0	2.6	3.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	220.5	221.4	222.0	222.7	3.0	3.4	2.8	4.1	3.2	3.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	133.6	135.8	135.0	134.4	1.9	3.7	8.2	2.4	2.8	5.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	212.2	213.0	213.9	215.0	2.5	2.3	3.1	5.4	2.4	4.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.6	-.7	-6.3	1.0	.3	-3.5	.7
Fuels and utilities .....	196.4	194.7	193.0	192.3	9.4	48.1	3.8	-8.1	27.3	-2.3
Fuels .....	178.5	176.6	174.7	173.9	10.5	58.3	3.2	-9.9	32.3	-3.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	220.4	221.4	230.5	237.5	58.3	34.5	-19.1	34.8	45.9	4.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.5	183.4	180.7	179.5	7.7	60.3	4.9	-12.3	31.4	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	135.3	135.1	135.7	136.0	5.0	5.0	7.4	2.1	5.0	4.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.2	122.2	122.2	122.6	-1.6	.3	1.0	1.3	-.7	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.5	137.3	137.7	138.3	4.3	5.2	6.7	2.3	4.7	4.5
Apparel .....	117.4	118.7	119.5	119.6	-1.3	-2.3	-3.7	7.7	-1.8	1.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	113.5	113.5	114.6	114.0	-4.1	-3.1	-3.4	1.8	-3.6	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	107.3	109.6	110.8	111.0	-2.9	-.7	-9.1	14.5	-1.8	2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.5	119.4	118.0	118.9	-9.2	-6.3	7.4	1.4	-7.8	4.3
Footwear .....	123.0	124.1	123.7	124.0	4.7	-3.5	4.3	3.3	.5	3.8
Transportation .....	175.9	177.8	182.5	185.3	20.0	-5.7	3.2	23.2	6.4	12.8
Private transportation .....	173.0	175.0	179.7	182.6	20.9	-6.5	3.3	24.1	6.3	13.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.8	94.9	95.0	95.0	.8	-.8	.4	.8	.0	.6
New vehicles .....	139.2	139.3	139.2	138.8	-6.2	3.8	1.7	-1.1	-1.3	.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	140.3	140.8	141.3	141.8	9.8	-7.3	.3	4.3	.9	2.3
Motor fuel .....	204.8	212.3	230.8	241.8	83.9	-19.5	9.1	94.3	21.6	45.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	203.8	211.3	229.9	240.9	83.7	-19.8	9.3	95.2	21.4	46.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	114.3	114.9	115.3	116.5	5.2	4.7	3.9	7.9	4.9	5.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	215.2	215.8	216.5	217.6	3.7	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.8
Public transportation .....	223.3	222.7	223.3	225.0	8.7	6.8	3.1	3.1	7.7	3.1
Medical care .....	330.5	332.2	333.4	334.4	2.9	6.1	2.3	4.8	4.5	3.6
Medical care commodities .....	276.3	277.3	278.4	279.2	3.2	5.8	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.1
Medical care services .....	345.0	346.9	348.1	349.3	2.8	6.2	1.9	5.1	4.5	3.5
Professional services .....	288.3	289.3	290.0	290.5	2.3	4.4	.1	3.1	3.3	1.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	452.7	455.6	459.4	462.1	2.6	7.8	6.6	8.6	5.2	7.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2005	May 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	107.4	107.8	108.1	108.3	0.0	1.9	0.4	3.4	0.9	1.9
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.4	104.1	104.5	104.3	.8	.0	-1.2	3.5	.4	1.2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	113.0	113.2	113.5	113.5	.0	4.4	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	156.6	157.3	158.0	158.8	5.2	6.2	6.4	5.7	5.7	6.1
Educational books and supplies .....	381.2	382.9	384.0	386.6	3.0	9.9	5.6	5.8	6.4	5.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	443.2	444.9	447.1	449.4	5.4	5.9	6.5	5.7	5.6	6.1
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	86.3	86.2	86.3	86.0	-3.6	2.4	.5	-1.4	-7	-5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.6	84.5	84.6	84.3	-4.2	2.9	-5	-1.4	-7	-9
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.4	95.2	95.6	95.3	-2.5	4.3	.4	-4	.8	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.5	13.6	13.5	13.3	-8.1	-8.3	-5.7	-5.8	-8.2	-5.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	11.3	11.3	11.0	10.7	-22.4	-12.5	-15.9	-19.6	-17.6	-17.8
Other goods and services .....	328.1	329.2	328.8	328.8	4.1	2.4	3.1	.9	3.2	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	517.9	520.9	519.9	519.4	8.1	3.7	3.7	1.2	5.9	2.4
Personal care .....	186.6	187.0	186.8	187.0	2.2	1.7	2.8	.9	2.0	1.8
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.6	155.2	155.0	154.7	2.4	-1.3	1.8	-2.3	.5	-3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	208.0	208.5	208.6	208.6	2.6	2.2	5.0	1.2	2.4	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	309.4	310.8	311.5	312.4	2.3	2.9	3.6	3.9	2.6	3.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	163.2	164.3	166.3	167.6	8.5	-1.7	1.7	11.2	3.3	6.4
Food and beverages .....	193.5	193.7	193.6	193.9	.8	3.0	2.7	.8	1.9	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	145.9	147.3	150.2	151.8	13.6	-4.5	1.4	17.2	4.1	9.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	176.0	177.4	184.9	190.1	21.7	-3.1	-7	36.1	8.6	16.3
Apparel .....	117.4	118.7	119.5	119.6	-1.3	-2.3	-3.7	7.7	-1.8	1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	216.5	220.7	230.7	237.0	38.1	-9.5	4.6	43.6	11.8	22.5
Durables .....	115.0	115.0	114.9	114.7	-3	-1.0	.3	-1.0	-7	-3
Services .....	231.4	232.0	232.4	233.0	2.9	6.9	2.8	2.8	4.9	2.8
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	212.9	213.9	214.6	215.6	2.5	2.9	2.7	5.2	2.7	3.9
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.6	-7	-6.3	1.0	.3	-3.5	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.5	183.4	180.7	179.5	7.7	60.3	4.9	-12.3	31.4	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	135.3	135.1	135.7	136.0	5.0	5.0	7.4	2.1	5.0	4.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.5	137.3	137.7	138.3	4.3	5.2	6.7	2.3	4.7	4.5
Transportation services .....	228.9	228.9	229.2	229.9	4.0	1.8	1.2	1.8	2.9	1.5
Medical care services .....	345.0	346.9	348.1	349.3	2.8	6.2	1.9	5.1	4.5	3.5
Other services .....	264.8	265.7	266.6	267.3	1.2	4.4	2.8	3.8	2.8	3.3
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	194.7	195.7	197.2	198.3	6.3	2.9	2.3	7.6	4.6	4.9
All items less shelter .....	187.1	187.9	189.3	190.3	6.8	3.1	2.2	7.0	4.9	4.6
All items less medical care .....	188.9	189.7	190.9	191.8	5.8	2.6	2.6	6.3	4.2	4.4
Commodities less food .....	147.8	149.3	152.1	153.7	13.1	-4.2	1.4	16.9	4.1	8.9
Nondurables less food .....	177.4	179.0	186.0	190.9	20.4	-3.1	-2	34.1	8.0	15.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	214.0	217.8	226.9	232.6	35.7	-8.7	4.4	39.6	11.3	20.7
Nondurables .....	185.4	186.3	190.4	192.9	10.6	-.4	1.5	17.2	4.9	9.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	223.4	223.3	223.4	223.9	3.8	10.6	3.1	.9	7.1	2.0
Services less medical care services .....	222.7	223.0	223.6	224.2	3.4	6.2	3.1	2.7	4.8	2.9
Energy .....	190.6	193.3	201.4	206.4	47.0	8.8	5.9	37.5	26.4	20.7
All items less energy .....	196.0	196.6	197.0	197.4	1.5	2.3	2.1	2.9	1.9	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	197.0	197.7	198.1	198.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	3.5	1.9	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.7	141.1	141.3	141.3	.0	-.3	.3	1.7	-.1	1.0
Energy commodities .....	206.3	213.4	231.5	242.4	82.6	-17.4	7.3	90.6	22.8	43.0
Services less energy services .....	236.3	237.2	237.9	238.8	2.6	3.1	2.8	4.3	2.9	3.5

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May2006 from—			Percent change to Apr.2006 from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006
U.S. city average .....	M	194.2	195.3	197.2	198.2	4.3	1.5	0.5	3.7	1.5	1.0
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	207.9	209.0	211.0	212.1	4.7	1.5	.5	4.0	1.5	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	208.6	209.7	211.5	212.8	4.6	1.5	.6	3.8	1.4	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.5	126.1	127.6	128.0	5.3	1.5	.3	4.5	1.7	1.2
Midwest urban .....	M	185.9	187.0	188.3	189.0	3.6	1.1	.4	3.0	1.3	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	186.9	188.0	189.0	189.7	3.2	.9	.4	2.7	1.1	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.0	121.7	122.8	123.3	4.1	1.3	.4	3.4	1.5	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	183.2	184.7	186.0	186.4	4.3	.9	.2	3.9	1.5	.7
South urban .....	M	188.9	189.9	192.1	192.9	4.7	1.6	.4	4.2	1.7	1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.8	192.4	194.7	195.7	4.8	1.7	.5	4.3	1.5	1.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.7	121.6	122.9	123.3	4.6	1.4	.3	4.2	1.8	1.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.1	192.4	195.3	196.3	5.4	2.0	.5	4.6	2.2	1.5
West urban .....	M	197.2	198.3	200.0	201.9	4.1	1.8	1.0	3.3	1.4	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	198.6	199.7	201.7	203.6	4.3	2.0	.9	3.5	1.6	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.1	123.6	124.4	125.6	4.0	1.6	1.0	3.0	1.1	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	180.0	181.0	182.6	183.7	4.2	1.5	.6	3.6	1.4	.9
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.9	122.6	123.8	124.4	4.5	1.5	.5	3.9	1.6	1.0
D .....	M	188.7	190.2	192.2	193.3	4.5	1.6	.6	3.8	1.9	1.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	190.6	190.9	191.4	192.0	2.8	.6	.3	2.4	.4	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	199.9	200.8	202.9	205.0	5.3	2.1	1.0	4.5	1.5	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	210.6	212.0	214.0	215.5	4.8	1.7	.7	3.9	1.6	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	220.5	-	222.9	4.2	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	181.6	-	183.8	3.3	1.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	189.7	-	192.9	4.8	1.7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	126.4	-	128.2	4.1	1.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	188.5	-	192.0	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.9	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	189.6	-	192.2	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	176.7	-	180.0	-	-	-	-	4.2	1.9	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	199.9	-	202.3	-	-	-	-	5.8	1.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	209.1	-	211.1	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	202.5	-	204.9	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.2	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	198.0	-	202.5	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.3	-

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

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.

**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, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—	
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items <sup>1</sup> .....	100.000	116.8	117.2	3.4	0.3
Food and beverages .....	15.072	114.7	115.0	1.9	.3
Food .....	13.943	114.7	115.0	1.8	.3
Food at home .....	8.029	111.8	112.0	.8	.2
Food away from home .....	5.914	118.7	119.1	3.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.130	115.2	115.6	2.6	.3
Housing .....	42.173	121.2	121.5	3.7	.2
Shelter .....	32.495	122.0	122.3	3.3	.2
Fuels and utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	4.702	146.6	147.5	10.7	.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.977	96.9	97.1	-.1	.2
Apparel .....	4.076	92.8	91.9	-.2	-1.0
Transportation .....	17.095	120.7	122.4	6.9	1.4
Private transportation .....	15.988	121.5	123.2	7.0	1.4
Public transportation .....	1.107	110.8	112.7	4.7	1.7
Medical care .....	6.055	130.8	131.1	4.0	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.458	120.7	121.2	4.1	.4
Medical care services .....	4.597	134.2	134.5	3.9	.2
Recreation .....	5.863	106.1	106.1	1.1	.0
Education and communication .....	6.190	102.8	102.6	1.6	-.2
Education .....	2.751	147.2	147.6	6.0	.3
Communication .....	3.439	76.4	76.0	-1.8	-.5
Other goods and services .....	3.475	119.1	119.2	2.3	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.763	123.7	124.0	3.7	.2
Commodities .....	41.237	108.2	108.8	3.1	.6
Durables .....	12.340	87.8	87.7	-1.1	-.1
Nondurables .....	28.897	118.3	119.2	4.9	.8
All items less food and energy .....	78.707	112.8	112.9	2.2	.1
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	7.351	<sup>R</sup> 173.5	179.6	21.7	3.5

<sup>1</sup> Revised indexes: Feb. 2006=115.4, Jan. 2006=115.1.

<sup>2</sup> Revised indexes: Mar. 2006=147.6, Feb. 2006=149.2, Jan. 2006=151.8.

<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: Mar. 2006=163.6, Feb. 2006=161.8, Jan. 2006=164.1.

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

Indexes for 2006 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2005 are interim adjustments.

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

**Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—	
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	201.7	202.7	4.3	0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	-	604.2	607.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.127	194.2	194.8	1.9	.3
Food .....	14.151	193.7	194.2	1.9	.3
Food at home .....	8.049	191.6	192.0	.9	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.157	210.9	212.0	1.1	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.229	185.5	184.7	-.2	-.4
Dairy and related products .....	.836	181.3	180.8	-1.4	-.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.242	247.0	248.8	1.7	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.885	146.7	146.9	1.8	.1
Other food at home .....	1.700	168.8	170.0	2.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.297	171.0	171.3	4.9	.2
Fats and oils .....	.246	164.9	168.6	.5	2.2
Other foods .....	1.157	184.4	185.5	1.9	.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	.295	113.2	114.1	3.0	.8
Food away from home .....	6.102	198.0	198.7	3.2	.4
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.338	135.7	136.1	4.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.976	200.3	200.7	2.7	.2
Housing .....	42.224	201.9	202.4	4.1	.2
Shelter .....	32.442	231.1	231.6	3.4	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	6.116	222.9	223.6	3.3	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	3.009	140.2	138.1	4.9	-1.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> .....	22.951	235.9	236.9	3.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.366	116.2	116.3	-1.4	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.538	189.9	191.0	11.2	.6
Fuels .....	4.592	172.2	173.2	12.7	.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.360	236.6	240.1	23.8	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.233	176.5	177.4	11.8	.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.946	135.5	135.8	4.9	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.243	127.2	127.5	.6	.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.717	135.2	135.6	4.5	.3
Apparel .....	3.677	123.4	122.2	-.2	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.927	117.4	116.1	-3.0	-1.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.568	116.5	114.2	.0	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	119.1	118.9	-.8	-.2
Footwear .....	.747	126.4	126.2	2.4	-.2
Transportation .....	17.650	184.6	188.4	9.5	2.1
Private transportation .....	16.595	180.9	184.7	9.7	2.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	7.519	96.0	95.8	.1	-.2
New vehicles .....	4.521	138.4	137.8	-.6	-.4
Used cars and trucks .....	1.998	140.4	140.9	1.5	.4
Motor fuel .....	4.460	235.5	251.0	33.4	6.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.418	234.4	249.9	33.4	6.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.366	115.8	117.0	5.4	1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.344	214.0	215.1	4.6	.5
Public transportation .....	1.055	225.2	228.9	5.0	1.6
Medical care .....	6.186	334.8	335.6	4.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.488	285.6	286.6	4.4	.4
Medical care services .....	4.698	348.8	349.6	4.1	.2
Professional services .....	2.776	288.5	289.0	2.6	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.540	464.5	465.9	6.5	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—	
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.605	111.2	111.4	1.7	0.2
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	1.637	105.6	105.5	.9	-.1
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.791	116.0	115.9	2.8	-.1
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	3.008	158.7	159.1	6.1	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.223	383.3	384.8	6.2	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.784	458.0	459.0	6.1	.2
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	2.784	84.7	84.4	-.6	-.4
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	2.612	82.2	81.9	-1.0	-.4
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.123	95.5	95.3	.5	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>4</sup> .....	.489	12.9	12.8	-7.2	-.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.156	11.1	10.8	-18.2	-2.7
Other goods and services .....	3.739	320.0	320.3	2.5	.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.824	518.1	517.3	3.9	-.2
Personal care .....	2.916	189.1	189.4	2.1	.2
Personal care products .....	.645	154.8	154.6	.1	-.1
Personal care services .....	.647	208.5	208.7	2.9	.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.449	310.9	311.8	3.0	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Commodities .....	39.974	166.0	167.5	4.8	.9
Food and beverages .....	15.127	194.2	194.8	1.9	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.847	149.4	151.3	6.5	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.289	182.5	186.5	11.7	2.2
Apparel .....	3.677	123.4	122.2	-.2	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.612	223.3	230.5	16.1	3.2
Durables .....	10.558	115.2	115.2	-.4	.0
Services .....	60.026	237.1	237.8	3.9	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	32.076	240.8	241.3	3.5	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.366	116.2	116.3	-1.4	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.233	176.5	177.4	11.8	.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.946	135.5	135.8	4.9	.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.717	135.2	135.6	4.5	.3
Transportation services .....	6.194	229.5	230.4	2.4	.4
Medical care services .....	4.698	348.8	349.6	4.1	.2
Other services .....	10.795	275.6	276.0	3.4	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	85.849	203.1	204.2	4.7	.5
All items less shelter .....	67.558	192.5	193.7	4.7	.6
All items less medical care .....	93.814	194.9	195.9	4.3	.5
Commodities less food .....	25.823	151.4	153.2	6.4	1.2
Nondurables less food .....	15.265	183.7	187.5	11.1	2.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.588	220.4	227.0	14.9	3.0
Nondurables .....	29.416	189.1	191.5	6.7	1.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.950	250.8	251.5	4.5	.3
Services less medical care services .....	55.328	227.9	228.5	3.9	.3
Energy .....	9.052	201.4	209.3	23.6	3.9
All items less energy .....	90.948	203.2	203.5	2.5	.1
All items less food and energy .....	76.797	205.7	205.9	2.5	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.004	141.9	141.7	.4	-.1
Energy commodities .....	4.819	236.7	251.6	32.8	6.3
Services less energy services .....	55.793	243.4	243.9	3.4	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.496	\$.493	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.166	\$.165	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—	
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	197.3	198.5	4.5	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	-	587.8	591.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.817	193.4	193.9	1.8	.3
Food .....	15.758	192.8	193.4	1.8	.3
Food at home .....	9.374	190.5	190.9	.8	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.310	210.8	212.0	1.1	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.787	185.2	184.4	-.3	-.4
Dairy and related products .....	.946	180.9	180.5	-1.4	-2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.365	244.1	246.3	1.7	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	146.0	146.2	1.7	.1
Other food at home .....	1.914	168.3	169.6	2.3	.8
Sugar and sweets .....	.312	170.3	170.9	5.3	.4
Fats and oils .....	.298	165.1	168.7	.4	2.2
Other foods .....	1.304	184.8	185.8	1.9	.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	.335	113.7	114.6	3.0	.8
Food away from home .....	6.385	197.7	198.4	3.1	.4
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.255	135.5	135.8	4.8	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.059	200.2	200.6	2.7	.2
Housing .....	39.247	197.0	197.5	4.1	.3
Shelter .....	29.666	223.5	224.0	3.3	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	8.000	222.0	222.8	3.4	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	1.739	140.1	137.0	4.5	-2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> .....	19.607	213.8	214.8	3.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.321	116.2	116.4	-1.6	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.903	188.7	189.7	11.1	.5
Fuels .....	4.935	170.0	171.0	12.4	.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.337	236.2	239.4	23.7	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.598	175.2	176.2	11.7	.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.968	135.8	136.1	4.9	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.677	122.8	123.1	.5	.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.326	137.8	138.3	4.6	.4
Apparel .....	4.020	122.7	121.6	-.2	-.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.009	116.7	115.5	-3.1	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.582	116.0	113.6	-.3	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.226	121.8	121.8	-.6	.0
Footwear .....	.970	124.9	125.1	2.2	.2
Transportation .....	20.141	184.2	188.1	10.0	2.1
Private transportation .....	19.348	181.5	185.4	10.2	2.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	8.889	95.1	95.1	.4	.0
New vehicles .....	4.550	139.4	138.8	-.6	-.4
Used cars and trucks .....	3.465	141.2	141.7	1.5	.4
Motor fuel .....	5.443	236.3	251.7	33.4	6.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.396	235.3	250.7	33.4	6.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.451	115.5	116.7	5.6	1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.362	216.6	217.6	4.7	.5
Public transportation .....	.793	223.4	226.6	5.0	1.4
Medical care .....	5.059	334.3	335.2	4.1	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.127	278.4	279.4	4.3	.4
Medical care services .....	3.931	349.4	350.2	4.1	.2
Professional services .....	2.275	291.0	291.5	2.5	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.297	460.0	461.3	6.4	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2006 from—	
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Apr. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.408	108.5	108.7	1.6	0.2
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	1.816	104.9	104.8	.9	-.1
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.419	113.3	113.2	2.4	-.1
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.416	156.9	157.3	5.9	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	384.3	385.9	6.0	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.196	443.7	444.6	5.9	.2
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	3.003	86.5	86.2	-.3	-.3
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	2.861	84.8	84.5	-.6	-.4
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.399	95.7	95.5	-.6	-.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>4</sup> .....	.462	13.5	13.4	-.6	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.140	11.0	10.7	-17.7	-2.7
Other goods and services .....	3.889	329.3	329.4	2.7	.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.275	519.9	519.1	4.1	-.2
Personal care .....	2.614	187.2	187.5	2.0	.2
Personal care products .....	.696	154.7	154.6	.1	-.1
Personal care services .....	.605	208.7	208.8	2.8	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.154	311.8	312.7	3.1	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Commodities .....	44.564	167.6	169.2	5.2	1.0
Food and beverages .....	16.817	193.4	193.9	1.8	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.747	152.2	154.3	7.2	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.719	188.7	193.3	12.7	2.4
Apparel .....	4.020	122.7	121.6	-.2	-.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.700	233.8	241.9	17.4	3.5
Durables .....	12.027	115.3	115.3	-.2	.0
Services .....	55.436	232.3	232.9	3.9	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	29.345	215.3	215.8	3.4	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.321	116.2	116.4	-1.6	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.598	175.2	176.2	11.7	.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.968	135.8	136.1	4.9	.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.326	137.8	138.3	4.6	.4
Transportation services .....	6.109	229.6	230.3	2.2	.3
Medical care services .....	3.931	349.4	350.2	4.1	.2
Other services .....	9.837	266.7	267.1	3.2	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	84.242	198.0	199.2	4.9	.6
All items less shelter .....	70.334	189.9	191.3	4.9	.7
All items less medical care .....	94.941	191.5	192.7	4.5	.6
Commodities less food .....	28.806	153.9	156.0	6.9	1.4
Nondurables less food .....	16.778	189.6	193.9	12.1	2.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.759	229.8	237.3	16.2	3.3
Nondurables .....	32.537	191.9	194.5	7.2	1.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.091	222.6	223.2	4.5	.3
Services less medical care services .....	51.504	223.5	224.0	3.8	.2
Energy .....	10.378	202.3	210.5	24.1	4.1
All items less energy .....	89.622	197.5	197.8	2.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	73.864	198.9	199.1	2.4	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.026	142.3	142.0	.5	-.2
Energy commodities .....	5.780	237.2	252.1	32.9	6.3
Services less energy services .....	50.838	238.5	239.0	3.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.507	\$.504	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.170	\$.169	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May 2006 from—			Percent change to Apr. 2006 from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006
U.S. city average .....	M	198.7	200.0	201.7	202.7	4.3	1.4	0.5	3.6	1.5	0.9
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	211.8	213.3	215.3	216.4	4.9	1.5	.5	4.1	1.7	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	214.1	215.4	217.5	218.9	4.9	1.6	.6	3.9	1.6	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.3	126.3	127.5	127.6	4.9	1.0	.1	4.5	1.8	1.0
Midwest urban .....	M	190.7	192.0	193.2	193.9	3.5	1.0	.4	2.9	1.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.5	193.8	194.7	195.3	3.1	.8	.3	2.7	1.1	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.6	122.3	123.5	124.0	3.9	1.4	.4	3.3	1.6	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	185.3	187.0	188.2	188.5	3.8	.8	.2	3.6	1.6	.6
South urban .....	M	191.8	192.9	194.9	195.7	4.5	1.5	.4	4.1	1.6	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	193.8	194.7	196.7	197.6	4.4	1.5	.5	4.0	1.5	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.1	123.0	124.2	124.7	4.4	1.4	.4	4.1	1.7	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.3	192.3	195.4	196.3	5.2	2.1	.5	4.4	2.1	1.6
West urban .....	M	202.7	203.7	205.4	207.1	4.2	1.7	.8	3.4	1.3	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	205.7	206.8	208.6	210.4	4.4	1.7	.9	3.6	1.4	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.7	124.2	125.0	125.9	3.8	1.4	.7	3.0	1.1	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	181.9	182.9	184.5	185.6	4.3	1.5	.6	3.6	1.4	.9
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.8	123.6	124.7	125.2	4.3	1.3	.4	3.8	1.5	.9
D .....	M	190.2	191.8	193.8	194.8	4.2	1.6	.5	3.7	1.9	1.0
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	197.2	197.6	197.7	198.5	2.7	.5	.4	2.3	.3	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	207.6	208.5	210.4	212.4	5.4	1.9	1.0	4.6	1.3	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	216.6	218.6	221.2	222.8	5.4	1.9	.7	4.1	2.1	1.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	221.6	-	222.3	3.6	.3	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	191.0	-	192.9	3.3	1.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	188.5	-	191.2	4.2	1.4	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	127.2	-	129.1	4.4	1.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	189.8	-	193.8	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	194.8	-	197.6	-	-	-	-	4.1	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	178.9	-	181.5	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	201.2	-	203.3	-	-	-	-	5.2	1.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	209.5	-	212.7	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.5	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	206.8	-	208.8	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.0	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	203.6	-	207.8	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.1	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May 2006 from—			Percent change to Apr. 2006 from—		
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006
U.S. city average .....	M	194.3	195.4	197.3	198.5	4.5	1.6	0.6	3.7	1.5	1.0
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	208.1	209.2	211.2	212.2	4.8	1.4	.5	4.1	1.5	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	208.9	209.9	211.8	213.1	4.7	1.5	.6	3.9	1.4	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.4	126.2	127.5	127.7	5.0	1.2	.2	4.4	1.7	1.0
Midwest urban .....	M	185.9	187.2	188.6	189.2	3.7	1.1	.3	3.2	1.5	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	187.0	188.2	189.3	189.9	3.3	.9	.3	2.8	1.2	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.0	121.8	123.0	123.5	4.2	1.4	.4	3.5	1.7	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	183.2	184.7	186.0	186.4	4.3	.9	.2	3.9	1.5	.7
South urban .....	M	188.9	189.9	192.3	193.2	4.9	1.7	.5	4.3	1.8	1.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.9	192.6	195.1	196.3	5.1	1.9	.6	4.5	1.7	1.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.7	121.5	122.9	123.3	4.6	1.5	.3	4.2	1.8	1.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.3	192.3	195.7	196.8	5.7	2.3	.6	4.8	2.3	1.8
West urban .....	M	197.4	198.4	200.2	202.2	4.3	1.9	1.0	3.4	1.4	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	198.7	199.9	201.9	204.0	4.5	2.1	1.0	3.6	1.6	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.1	123.6	124.4	125.5	3.9	1.5	.9	3.0	1.1	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	180.2	181.1	182.8	184.1	4.4	1.7	.7	3.7	1.4	.9
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.9	122.6	123.8	124.4	4.5	1.5	.5	3.9	1.6	1.0
D .....	M	188.8	190.3	192.5	193.6	4.6	1.7	.6	4.0	2.0	1.2
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	190.7	190.9	191.3	192.0	2.8	.6	.4	2.4	.3	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	200.1	200.9	203.1	205.4	5.5	2.2	1.1	4.6	1.5	1.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	210.8	212.3	214.4	215.9	5.0	1.7	.7	4.1	1.7	1.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	220.4	-	221.8	3.6	.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	181.9	-	184.2	3.5	1.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	189.8	-	193.5	5.1	1.9	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	126.8	-	129.1	4.8	1.8	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	188.6	-	192.2	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.9	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	190.0	-	193.0	-	-	-	-	4.2	1.6	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	176.8	-	180.4	-	-	-	-	4.4	2.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	199.3	-	201.8	-	-	-	-	5.5	1.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	209.2	-	212.3	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.5	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	202.6	-	204.9	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	198.5	-	202.9	-	-	-	-	3.4	2.2	-

<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.