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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The February level of 191.8 (1982-84=100) was 3.0 percent higher than in February 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.5 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 187.3 (1982-84=100) was 3.0 percent higher than in February 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in February on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The February level of 111.7 (December 1999=100) was 2.6 percent higher than in February 2004. Please note that the indexes for the post-2003 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.4 percent in February, following a 0.1 percent increase in January. The energy index, which registered substantial declines in the preceding two months, increased 2.0 percent in February, accounting for virtually all the acceleration in the overall CPI-U. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy increased 3.1 percent and the index for energy services rose 0.8 percent. The food index increased 0.1 percent in February, the same as in January. A 0.2 percent decrease in the index for food at home was more than offset by a 0.3 percent increase in the index for food away from home. The index for all items less food and energy, which increased 0.2 percent in each of the preceding four months, advanced 0.3 percent in February. Larger increases in the indexes for shelter and medical care more than offset a smaller rise in the index for new vehicles and a decline in the index for apparel.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'05
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb.'05	
	2004					2005			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.1	.2	.6	.3	.0	.1	.4	1.7	3.0
Food and beverages	.0	.0	.5	.3	.0	.1	.1	.6	2.6
Housing	.1	.3	.2	.3	.2	.1	.4	2.7	3.0
Apparel	-.3	.0	.0	.2	-.4	.3	-.2	-1.3	.1
Transportation	-.3	.2	2.1	.2	-.7	-.2	.8	-.2	4.6
Medical care	.3	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4	.6	5.2	4.3
Recreation	-.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	-.2	-.4	.6
Education and communication	.0	.4	-.2	.4	.1	.1	.3	1.8	1.4
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.2	.1	.4	.4	.3	4.4	2.8
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.3	-.3	4.0	1.0	-1.3	-1.1	2.0	-2.0	10.4
Food	.0	-.1	.6	.3	.0	.1	.1	.6	2.6
All items less food and energy	.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.4	2.4

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in February. The index for food at home decreased for the third consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in February. Four of the six major grocery store food groups registered declines in February. The index for fruits and vegetables declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.7 percent in February. Within the fruits and vegetables group, the index for fresh fruits declined 1.7 percent while the index for fresh vegetables rose 0.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit and fresh vegetable prices declined 5.2 and 2.9 percent, respectively.) The index for processed fruits and vegetables decreased 0.6 percent. The index for dairy products, which turned up in January after declining in each of the preceding six months, declined 0.8 percent in February. Prices for fresh whole milk, for cheese, and for ice cream each declined. The indexes for other food at home and for nonalcoholic beverages declined 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.3 percent in February. Price increases for beef and for pork--up 1.5 and 0.4 percent, respectively--were partially offset by price declines for poultry and for fish and seafood--down 1.0 and 1.3 percent, respectively. The index for cereals and bakery products rose 0.1 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

The index for housing increased 0.4 percent in February, following a 0.1 percent rise in January. The index for shelter increased 0.3 percent in February after advancing 0.2 percent in each of the preceding two months. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.2 percent, and the index for lodging away from home rose 1.1 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 5.1 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities, which declined 0.1 percent in January, increased 0.8 percent in February. The index for fuel oil, which declined sharply in each of the preceding two months, rose 2.4 percent in February. The index for energy services rose 0.8 percent, as a 2.5 percent increase in the index for natural gas more than offset a 0.1 percent decrease in the index for electricity. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fuel oil rose 5.6 percent and charges for electricity rose 0.1 percent, while charges for natural gas declined 3.0 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations, which rose 0.1 percent in January, declined 0.2 percent in February, reflecting price declines for window coverings and for furniture and bedding.

The transportation index, which declined in each of the preceding two months, turned up in February, reflecting a 3.2 percent increase in the index for motor fuel. Gasoline prices, which had declined in six of the last seven months, rose 5.0 percent in February to a level 5.4 percent below their peak level of June 2004. The index for new vehicles increased for the fifth consecutive month--up 0.1 percent in February. (As of February, about 85 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2005 models. The 2005 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.1 percent in February. The index for public transportation turned up in February, as a 1.5 percent increase in airline fares more than offset a decline in the index for other intercity transportation.

The index for apparel fell 0.2 percent in February, following a 0.3 percent increase in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 2.2 percent, reflecting the introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's apparel registered the largest advance--up 4.5 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent in February and are 4.3 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 0.6 percent in February. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.7 percent.

The index for recreation decreased 0.2 percent in February, largely reflecting a 0.5 percent decline in the index for video and audio. Prices for televisions declined 1.1 percent in February and are 11.7 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in February. Educational costs increased 0.5 percent, while communication costs were unchanged. Within the latter group, an increase in the index for telephone services--up 0.3 percent, reflecting an increase in charges for local calls--was offset by declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment, for computer software and

accessories, for internet services, for telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items, and for delivery services.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.3 percent in February. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.4 percent, following a 1.9 percent increase in January.

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 0.4 percent in February.

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 Feb.'05	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004					2005			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.1	.2	.6	.3	-.1	.1	.4	1.7	3.0
Food and beverages	.1	-.1	.5	.3	.0	.1	.1	.4	2.6
Housing	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.4	3.0	3.0
Apparel	-.3	.1	.0	.2	-.3	.5	-.1	.3	.3
Transportation	-.2	.4	2.2	.1	-.5	-.3	.8	-.2	5.0
Medical care	.3	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.6	5.2	4.4
Recreation	-.1	.1	.1	.1	-.1	.2	-.2	-.4	.3
Education and communication	-.1	.4	-.3	.3	.1	.1	.3	1.8	.6
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.1	.2	.4	.5	.4	5.4	3.0
Special indexes									
Energy	-.5	-.3	4.2	.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.0	-2.2	10.6
Food	.0	-.1	.6	.3	.0	.1	.1	.4	2.6
All items less food and energy	.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.5	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2000 through December 2004 were replaced in January 2005. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
		All items	100.000	190.7	191.8	3.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	571.2	574.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.291	189.5	189.3	2.6	-.1	.0	.1	.1
Food	14.295	189.1	188.8	2.6	-.2	.0	.1	.1
Food at home	8.183	188.9	188.0	2.2	-.5	-.1	-.2	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.185	207.6	208.4	2.0	.4	-.1	.1	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.272	183.4	183.9	2.3	.3	.5	.2	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.849	183.3	181.8	5.6	-.8	-.5	2.2	-.8
Fruits and vegetables	1.276	242.9	234.8	2.2	-3.3	-.6	-4.6	-.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	142.2	142.5	.8	.2	.2	.4	-.1
Other food at home	1.716	165.6	165.3	1.0	-.2	-.4	.8	-.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	163.0	164.2	.2	.7	-1.0	-.2	.5
Fats and oils .....	.258	170.4	169.3	4.3	-.6	.1	.6	-.9
Other foods ¹	1.163	180.3	179.7	.4	-.3	-.3	1.1	-.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.301	110.1	110.3	.7	.2	.3	-.6	.2
Food away from home ¹	6.113	190.8	191.4	3.2	.3	.2	.5	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.332	127.5	128.7	3.8	.9	.3	.5	.9
Alcoholic beverages ¹ .....	.996	194.3	195.2	2.8	.5	-.1	.2	.5
Housing	41.993	191.8	192.7	3.0	.5	.2	.1	.4
Shelter	32.686	221.0	222.5	3.0	.7	.2	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	6.133	214.5	215.0	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	3.008	122.6	128.9	7.4	5.1	.3	-.7	1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.158	227.8	228.4	2.5	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.387	118.5	118.7	3.2	.2	.8	-.2	.2
Fuels and utilities	4.951	166.9	166.4	6.1	-.3	.2	-.1	.8
Fuels	4.021	149.0	148.1	6.2	-.6	.1	-.3	.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	181.2	188.5	21.5	4.0	-2.0	-4.9	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.722	154.3	152.9	5.1	-.9	.3	.1	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.930	127.6	128.5	5.5	.7	.2	.9	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.355	126.1	126.1	.3	.0	.0	.1	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.707	127.9	128.6	4.2	.5	.0	.7	.5
Apparel	3.841	116.1	118.7	.1	2.2	-.4	.3	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	115.0	116.3	-.7	1.1	.3	1.0	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.638	105.1	109.3	-.9	4.0	-1.6	-.4	-.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	117.5	118.1	-1.0	.5	.2	1.1	-.7
Footwear .....	.765	119.4	121.1	3.5	1.4	.4	1.4	.8
Transportation	17.414	164.0	166.1	4.6	1.3	-.7	-.2	.8
Private transportation	16.385	160.5	162.6	5.0	1.3	-.6	-.2	.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.744	95.8	95.9	1.6	.1	.0	.4	.1
New vehicles	4.692	139.8	139.9	1.2	.1	.3	.7	.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.037	137.5	137.6	5.0	.1	.4	.1	.1
Motor fuel	3.969	156.4	164.3	14.8	5.1	-2.8	-2.0	3.2
Gasoline (all types)	3.934	155.6	163.4	14.7	5.0	-2.7	-2.1	3.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.364	110.6	110.9	2.7	.3	.0	.6	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.341	204.0	203.9	2.9	.0	.2	.4	-.1
Public transportation	1.029	204.4	205.9	-1.1	.7	-1.0	-.8	.0
Medical care	6.132	316.8	319.3	4.3	.8	.3	.4	.6
Medical care commodities	1.484	271.6	272.8	2.3	.4	-.1	.3	.4
Medical care services	4.649	329.5	332.5	5.0	.9	.4	.4	.6
Professional services	2.767	276.2	278.6	4.0	.9	.2	.3	.7
Hospital and related services ³	1.516	431.0	434.7	5.4	.9	.7	.5	.7

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 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.733	108.9	109.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.691	104.2	104.3	.2	.1	.2	-.2	-.5
Education and communication ²	5.846	112.7	112.8	1.4	.1	.1	.1	.3
Education ²	2.931	148.8	149.2	6.3	.3	.5	.3	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	357.4	359.9	3.2	.7	.7	-.5	.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.712	429.7	430.6	6.5	.2	.5	.3	.5
Communication ²	2.914	85.4	85.4	-3.1	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.737	83.2	83.3	-3.3	.1	-.2	-.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.187	94.8	95.1	-2.1	.3	-.1	.0	.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.550	14.2	14.0	-7.9	-1.4	-.7	.0	-1.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.192	14.0	13.5	-15.6	-3.6	-2.1	.7	-3.6
Other goods and services	3.750	309.3	310.8	2.8	.5	.4	.4	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.804	493.9	496.1	5.0	.4	.6	1.9	.4
Personal care	2.946	183.5	184.4	2.2	.5	.3	-.1	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.658	153.1	153.9	-.4	.5	-.3	-.2	.5
Personal care services ¹ .....	.652	201.9	202.9	3.9	.5	.6	.3	.5
Miscellaneous personal services	1.454	298.5	299.8	3.2	.4	.4	.0	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.239	155.4	156.5	2.8	.7	-.3	.0	.4
Food and beverages	15.291	189.5	189.3	2.6	-.1	.0	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	24.948	136.4	138.1	2.9	1.2	-.5	-.1	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.980	155.2	158.6	4.8	2.2	-.6	-1.2	.3
Apparel	3.841	116.1	118.7	.1	2.2	-.4	.3	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.139	183.3	187.3	6.7	2.2	-1.3	-1.3	1.8
Durables	10.967	116.0	116.0	.6	.0	.1	.3	.1
Services	59.761	225.6	226.8	3.1	.5	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.300	230.1	231.7	3.0	.7	.2	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.387	118.5	118.7	3.2	.2	.8	-.2	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.722	154.3	152.9	5.1	-.9	.3	.1	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.930	127.6	128.5	5.5	.7	.2	.9	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.707	127.9	128.6	4.2	.5	.0	.7	.5
Transportation services	6.235	221.7	222.4	1.4	.3	-.3	.0	.0
Medical care services	4.649	329.5	332.5	5.0	.9	.4	.4	.6
Other services	10.833	265.1	265.8	2.5	.3	.3	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.705	190.9	192.3	3.1	.7	-.1	.1	.4
All items less shelter	67.314	180.9	181.9	2.9	.6	-.1	.1	.3
All items less medical care	93.868	184.2	185.3	2.9	.6	.0	.1	.3
Commodities less food	25.943	138.6	140.2	2.9	1.2	-.5	-.1	.6
Nondurables less food	14.976	157.5	160.8	4.6	2.1	-.5	-1.2	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.135	183.5	187.2	6.3	2.0	-1.2	-1.2	1.8
Nondurables	29.271	172.5	174.2	3.6	1.0	-.2	-.5	.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.462	237.4	238.0	3.2	.3	.3	.1	.1
Services less medical care services	55.113	217.0	218.0	3.0	.5	.2	.2	.3
Energy	7.991	151.9	155.2	10.4	2.2	-1.3	-1.1	2.0
All items less energy	92.009	196.4	197.3	2.4	.5	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.714	198.4	199.5	2.4	.6	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.674	139.7	140.3	.7	.4	.0	.3	.0
Energy commodities	4.269	158.7	166.6	15.2	5.0	-2.7	-2.2	3.1
Services less energy services	56.040	232.9	234.3	3.0	.6	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.524	\$.521	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.175	\$.174	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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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—		
	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	Aug. 2004	Feb. 2005
Expenditure category										
All items	191.2	191.2	191.3	192.0	5.0	1.1	4.1	1.7	3.0	2.9
Food and beverages	188.9	188.9	189.1	189.2	4.6	1.9	3.2	.6	3.3	1.9
Food	188.4	188.4	188.6	188.7	4.6	1.9	3.2	.6	3.3	1.9
Food at home	188.5	188.4	188.0	187.7	6.0	1.1	3.5	-1.7	3.5	.9
Cereals and bakery products	208.0	207.8	208.0	208.2	2.6	1.4	3.3	.4	2.0	1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	182.2	183.2	183.5	184.0	4.8	3.3	-2.4	4.0	4.0	.8
Dairy and related products	180.1	179.2	183.1	181.6	36.8	-1.5	-10.6	3.4	16.1	-3.8
Fruits and vegetables	248.7	247.3	235.9	234.2	.7	-3.1	42.6	-21.4	-1.2	5.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.9	141.2	141.7	141.5	-9	1.1	1.1	1.7	.1	1.4
Other food at home	164.8	164.2	165.5	165.1	4.5	1.7	-2.9	.7	3.1	-1.1
Sugar and sweets	164.5	162.9	162.5	163.3	.2	2.0	1.2	-2.9	1.1	-9
Fats and oils	169.2	169.3	170.3	168.8	19.0	.5	.0	-9	9.4	-5
Other foods ¹	178.9	178.3	180.3	179.7	2.7	1.8	-4.3	1.8	2.2	-1.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.5	110.8	110.1	110.3	4.8	2.6	-3.5	-.7	3.7	-2.1
Food away from home ¹	189.6	189.9	190.8	191.4	2.6	3.7	2.6	3.9	3.2	3.2
Other food away from home ²	126.5	126.9	127.5	128.7	3.3	1.9	2.9	7.1	2.6	5.0
Alcoholic beverages ¹	194.0	193.9	194.3	195.2	3.8	1.7	3.2	2.5	2.8	2.8
Housing	191.7	192.1	192.3	193.0	3.7	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.2	3.0
Shelter	220.8	221.3	221.7	222.4	4.7	2.0	2.4	2.9	3.4	2.7
Rent of primary residence ³	213.1	213.7	214.3	214.8	3.1	3.5	2.1	3.2	3.3	2.7
Lodging away from home ²	128.3	128.7	127.8	129.2	20.7	-2.5	9.9	2.8	8.5	6.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	226.6	227.0	227.6	228.1	3.1	2.3	1.4	2.7	2.7	2.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.7	118.7	118.5	118.7	3.9	.7	4.9	3.4	2.3	4.2
Fuels and utilities	167.4	167.7	167.6	168.9	1.0	10.9	8.6	3.6	5.9	6.1
Fuels	149.9	150.1	149.7	150.9	.3	12.0	9.9	2.7	6.0	6.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	189.0	185.2	176.1	178.6	6.7	41.7	80.8	-20.3	23.0	20.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	154.8	155.3	155.4	156.7	-.3	10.3	5.6	5.0	4.9	5.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	126.3	126.5	127.7	128.5	5.0	5.6	4.2	7.2	5.3	5.7
Household furnishings and operations	126.0	126.0	126.1	125.9	-.6	-1.0	3.2	-.3	-.8	1.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	127.0	127.0	127.9	128.6	2.0	6.9	2.9	5.1	4.4	4.0
Apparel	120.4	119.9	120.3	120.0	4.1	-3.6	1.0	-1.3	.2	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	116.0	116.4	117.6	117.4	.0	-3.3	-4.0	4.9	-1.7	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	113.7	111.9	111.5	110.8	8.1	-4.8	4.0	-9.8	1.4	-3.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.9	118.1	119.4	118.6	-6.5	-2.4	2.8	2.4	-4.5	2.6
Footwear	119.8	120.3	122.0	123.0	1.0	-.3	2.7	11.1	.3	6.8
Transportation	166.7	165.6	165.3	166.6	13.2	-3.6	10.2	-.2	4.4	4.9
Private transportation	162.9	162.0	161.7	163.0	14.1	-3.7	10.2	.2	4.8	5.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.0	95.0	95.4	95.5	-.8	.0	4.8	2.1	-.4	3.4
New vehicles	137.4	137.8	138.8	139.0	-.6	-3.2	3.6	4.7	-1.9	4.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	136.7	137.3	137.5	137.6	2.5	6.2	9.0	2.7	4.3	5.8
Motor fuel	170.4	165.7	162.4	167.6	70.8	-17.2	31.3	-6.4	18.9	10.8
Gasoline (all types)	169.5	165.0	161.6	166.8	70.3	-17.3	31.1	-6.2	18.7	10.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	109.9	109.9	110.6	110.9	-.4	4.1	3.3	3.7	1.9	3.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	202.6	203.0	203.8	203.5	2.7	3.7	3.2	1.8	3.2	2.5
Public transportation	211.6	209.5	207.9	208.0	-3.2	-2.5	8.8	-6.6	-2.8	.8
Medical care	314.7	315.6	316.9	318.7	4.7	3.8	3.9	5.2	4.2	4.5
Medical care commodities	271.6	271.2	272.1	273.1	3.2	1.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.5
Medical care services	326.7	328.1	329.5	331.5	5.2	4.7	4.3	6.0	4.9	5.1
Professional services	275.0	275.5	276.2	278.0	4.7	3.7	2.8	4.4	4.2	3.6
Hospital and related services ³	424.9	427.7	429.7	432.6	5.4	3.2	5.7	7.4	4.3	6.5

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—		
	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	Aug. 2004	Feb. 2005
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.9	108.9	109.0	108.8	1.5	-0.7	1.5	-0.4	0.4	0.6
Video and audio ²	104.3	104.5	104.3	103.8	2.3	-.8	.8	-1.9	.8	-.6
Education and communication ²	112.2	112.3	112.4	112.7	.4	1.1	2.2	1.8	.7	2.0
Education ²	147.1	147.9	148.3	149.0	7.0	6.3	6.5	5.3	6.7	5.9
Educational books and supplies	356.4	358.9	357.1	357.0	4.8	4.8	2.7	.7	4.8	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	424.4	426.6	428.0	430.2	6.9	6.6	6.9	5.6	6.7	6.2
Communication ²	85.6	85.4	85.4	85.4	-5.3	-3.6	-2.3	-.9	-4.5	-1.6
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	83.5	83.3	83.2	83.3	-5.9	-3.7	-2.4	-1.0	-4.8	-1.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	94.9	94.8	94.8	95.1	-4.9	-3.7	-.4	.8	-4.3	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.0	-7.7	-5.3	-10.4	-8.1	-6.5	-9.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	14.2	13.9	14.0	13.5	-7.3	-14.4	-21.8	-18.3	-10.9	-20.1
Other goods and services	307.3	308.5	309.6	310.6	1.6	3.1	2.1	4.4	2.3	3.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	481.7	484.8	493.9	496.1	.8	7.0	.1	12.5	3.8	6.1
Personal care	183.2	183.8	183.7	184.3	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.5
Personal care products ¹	153.8	153.4	153.1	153.9	.3	-4.6	2.6	-.3	-2.2	1.4
Personal care services ¹	200.0	201.2	201.9	202.9	2.9	4.8	2.2	5.9	3.8	4.1
Miscellaneous personal services	297.5	298.8	298.8	299.2	3.8	3.5	3.3	2.3	3.6	2.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	156.7	156.2	156.2	156.8	7.5	-1.8	5.5	.3	2.8	2.9
Food and beverages	188.9	188.9	189.1	189.2	4.6	1.9	3.2	.6	3.3	1.9
Commodities less food and beverages	138.6	137.9	137.8	138.5	9.5	-4.0	6.9	-.3	2.5	3.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	162.3	161.4	159.4	159.9	12.3	.5	13.0	-5.8	6.3	3.2
Apparel	120.4	119.9	120.3	120.0	4.1	-3.6	1.0	-1.3	.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	190.0	187.6	185.2	188.5	24.6	-6.9	15.2	-3.1	7.7	5.6
Durables	115.2	115.3	115.7	115.8	-1.4	-1.4	3.5	2.1	-1.4	2.8
Services	225.3	225.7	226.2	226.9	3.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	229.9	230.4	230.8	231.7	5.1	1.9	2.1	3.2	3.5	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.7	118.7	118.5	118.7	3.9	.7	4.9	3.4	2.3	4.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	154.8	155.3	155.4	156.7	-.3	10.3	5.6	5.0	4.9	5.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	126.3	126.5	127.7	128.5	5.0	5.6	4.2	7.2	5.3	5.7
Household operations ^{1 2}	127.0	127.0	127.9	128.6	2.0	6.9	2.9	5.1	4.4	4.0
Transportation services	222.8	222.2	222.3	222.3	.4	2.6	3.5	-.9	1.5	1.3
Medical care services	326.7	328.1	329.5	331.5	5.2	4.7	4.3	6.0	4.9	5.1
Other services	263.8	264.5	265.0	265.5	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.6	2.1	2.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	191.7	191.6	191.8	192.5	5.2	.8	4.3	1.7	3.0	3.0
All items less shelter	181.7	181.5	181.6	182.2	5.3	.4	5.0	1.1	2.8	3.0
All items less medical care	184.8	184.8	184.9	185.5	5.2	.9	4.0	1.5	3.0	2.8
Commodities less food	140.7	140.0	139.8	140.6	9.1	-3.9	7.1	-.3	2.4	3.4
Nondurables less food	164.2	163.3	161.4	162.1	11.9	.3	12.6	-5.0	5.9	3.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	189.5	187.2	185.0	188.3	22.7	-6.3	14.0	-2.5	7.2	5.4
Nondurables	175.7	175.3	174.4	174.7	8.6	.9	7.4	-2.3	4.7	2.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	236.9	237.6	237.9	238.2	2.3	4.2	4.0	2.2	3.2	3.1
Services less medical care services	216.7	217.2	217.6	218.2	3.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8
Energy	159.0	156.9	155.1	158.2	30.9	-3.9	20.0	-2.0	12.2	8.5
All items less energy	196.2	196.4	196.8	197.1	3.2	1.5	2.9	1.8	2.3	2.4
All items less food and energy	198.2	198.5	198.9	199.4	2.7	1.4	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.0	140.0	140.4	140.4	.9	-1.7	2.6	1.1	-.4	1.9
Energy commodities	172.4	167.7	164.0	169.1	65.9	-14.5	34.1	-7.4	19.1	11.4
Services less energy services	232.5	232.9	233.4	234.1	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2005 from—			Percent change to Jan.2005 from—		
		Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Jan. 2004	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004
U.S. city average	M	191.0	190.3	190.7	191.8	3.0	0.8	0.6	3.0	-0.2	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	202.6	201.9	202.6	203.6	3.5	.8	.5	3.4	.0	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.6	204.1	205.0	206.0	3.6	.9	.5	3.6	.2	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.1	119.2	119.4	120.1	3.0	.8	.6	2.9	-6	.2
Midwest urban	M	184.8	183.8	184.1	185.2	2.8	.8	.6	2.6	-4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	186.9	185.7	185.9	187.1	2.5	.8	.6	2.3	-5	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	117.7	117.3	117.3	118.1	3.0	.7	.7	2.8	-3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	177.7	177.2	178.2	179.2	3.6	1.1	.6	3.7	.3	.6
South urban	M	183.7	183.3	183.6	184.7	3.1	.8	.6	3.0	-1	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	185.0	184.9	185.2	186.6	3.2	.9	.8	3.0	.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	117.4	117.1	117.1	117.7	3.0	.5	.5	2.9	-3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	182.5	181.9	182.3	183.1	3.6	.7	.4	4.0	-1	.2
West urban	M	195.1	194.2	194.5	195.7	2.6	.8	.6	2.7	-3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.6	196.5	196.7	198.3	2.6	.9	.8	2.6	-5	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	119.3	119.0	119.5	119.6	2.2	.5	.1	3.0	.2	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	174.6	174.0	174.3	175.5	3.0	.9	.7	2.9	-2	.2
B/C ³	M	118.2	117.7	117.9	118.5	2.9	.7	.5	2.9	-3	.2
D	M	183.0	182.4	183.0	183.7	3.3	.7	.4	3.4	.0	.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	190.7	189.6	189.9	190.5	2.2	.5	.3	2.4	-4	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	196.9	195.2	195.4	197.4	3.8	1.1	1.0	3.7	-8	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	207.2	206.8	208.1	208.9	3.9	1.0	.4	4.1	.4	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	211.7	-	211.3	-	-	-	-	1.4	-2	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	183.2	-	183.3	-	-	-	-	2.7	.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	179.9	-	180.0	-	-	-	-	2.4	.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	120.9	-	121.3	-	-	-	-	3.6	.3	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	183.2	-	185.3	2.5	1.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	185.3	-	187.8	2.4	1.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	170.0	-	174.6	3.6	2.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	188.6	-	190.6	3.8	1.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	197.8	-	200.1	4.5	1.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	199.5	-	201.2	1.6	.9	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	195.1	-	197.6	2.1	1.3	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	186.3	187.3	3.0	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	554.9	557.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.024	189.0	188.8	2.6	-.1	.0	.1	.1
Food	15.940	188.5	188.2	2.6	-.2	.0	.1	.1
Food at home	9.540	188.0	187.2	2.2	-.4	-.1	-.3	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.342	207.6	208.5	2.0	.4	-.1	.0	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.845	183.4	183.9	2.3	.3	.5	.2	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.962	183.2	181.6	5.8	-.9	-.6	2.2	-.9
Fruits and vegetables	1.407	240.1	232.2	2.1	-3.3	-.7	-5.1	-.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.051	141.6	141.8	.7	.1	.4	.4	-.3
Other food at home	1.934	165.3	165.0	1.0	-.2	-.4	.9	-.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	162.2	163.6	.2	.9	-.8	-.3	.9
Fats and oils .....	.311	170.4	169.1	4.3	-.8	.0	.7	-.9
Other foods ¹	1.312	180.8	180.2	.4	-.3	-.3	1.2	-.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.341	110.7	110.9	.7	.2	.2	-.5	.2
Food away from home ¹	6.400	190.6	191.2	3.2	.3	.1	.5	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.251	127.3	128.4	3.7	.9	.3	.3	.9
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.084	194.4	195.2	2.7	.4	.0	.1	.4
Housing	38.973	187.3	188.1	3.0	.4	.2	.2	.4
Shelter	29.902	214.4	215.7	2.8	.6	.2	.2	.4
Rent of primary residence ³	8.025	213.7	214.2	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	1.742	122.2	129.1	6.6	5.6	.5	-.9	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	19.795	206.6	207.2	2.4	.3	.1	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.339	118.8	118.9	3.3	.1	.7	-.1	.1
Fuels and utilities	5.288	166.0	165.4	5.9	-.4	.2	-.1	.8
Fuels	4.336	147.4	146.6	6.0	-.5	.3	-.3	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	180.9	187.7	21.5	3.8	-1.7	-5.9	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.055	153.3	152.0	5.0	-.8	.4	.1	.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.952	127.9	128.8	5.7	.7	.3	.9	.6
Household furnishings and operations	3.783	121.9	121.9	.4	.0	.2	.1	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.321	130.3	130.8	4.7	.4	.1	.8	.4
Apparel	4.208	116.1	118.6	.3	2.2	-.3	.5	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.063	114.6	116.1	-1.1	1.3	.3	.9	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.664	105.3	109.3	-.5	3.8	-1.4	-.4	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	120.5	121.0	-1.0	.4	.2	1.7	-1.1
Footwear .....	.991	118.8	120.6	3.6	1.5	.6	1.4	1.1
Transportation	19.845	162.6	164.7	5.0	1.3	-.5	-.3	.8
Private transportation	19.072	160.0	162.2	5.3	1.4	-.6	-.3	.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.146	94.6	94.7	2.0	.1	.1	.3	.1
New vehicles	4.725	140.7	140.7	.9	.0	.2	.6	.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.536	138.3	138.4	5.1	.1	.4	.1	.1
Motor fuel	4.843	156.9	164.9	14.8	5.1	-2.6	-2.1	3.2
Gasoline (all types)	4.803	156.1	164.1	14.8	5.1	-2.7	-2.1	3.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.449	110.1	110.4	2.6	.3	-.1	.7	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.357	206.0	206.1	3.0	.0	.1	.4	.0
Public transportation .....	.773	203.4	204.9	-.6	.7	-.9	-.6	.0
Medical care	5.014	316.3	318.9	4.4	.8	.3	.3	.6
Medical care commodities	1.126	265.2	266.3	2.1	.4	-.2	.3	.3
Medical care services	3.888	330.0	333.0	5.1	.9	.4	.4	.7
Professional services	2.270	278.9	281.2	3.9	.8	.1	.3	.6
Hospital and related services ³	1.276	427.4	430.9	5.4	.8	.7	.6	.6

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.546	106.5	106.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.878	103.4	103.5	.3	.1	.1	-2	-3
Education and communication ²	5.498	110.6	110.7	.6	.1	.1	.1	.3
Education ²	2.361	147.3	147.7	6.0	.3	.5	.3	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	359.0	361.5	3.4	.7	.7	-5	.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.145	416.8	417.6	6.2	.2	.5	.3	.6
Communication ²	3.137	87.0	87.0	-2.9	.0	-2	.0	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.990	85.5	85.5	-3.1	.0	-2	.0	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.473	94.9	95.3	-2.1	.4	-1	-1	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.517	14.8	14.6	-7.6	-1.4	-7	.0	-1.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.171	13.7	13.3	-15.3	-2.9	-1.4	.0	-2.9
Other goods and services	3.891	318.0	319.4	3.0	.4	.4	.5	.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.244	494.9	496.9	5.0	.4	.7	1.9	.4
Personal care	2.648	182.1	182.9	2.1	.4	.3	-1	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.712	153.3	154.2	-5	.6	-3	-3	.6
Personal care services ¹ .....	.611	202.4	203.3	3.9	.4	.6	.3	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.160	299.2	299.8	3.3	.2	.5	.0	-1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.809	156.3	157.4	3.1	.7	-3	-1	.4
Food and beverages	17.024	189.0	188.8	2.6	-1	.0	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	27.786	138.0	139.8	3.4	1.3	-5	-1	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.322	158.8	162.5	5.3	2.3	-6	-1.3	.4
Apparel	4.208	116.1	118.6	.3	2.2	-3	.5	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.113	188.8	193.3	7.3	2.4	-1.4	-1.4	2.0
Durables	12.464	115.5	115.5	1.1	.0	.1	.3	.1
Services	55.191	221.5	222.3	2.9	.4	.2	.2	.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.562	206.5	207.7	2.8	.6	.2	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.339	118.8	118.9	3.3	.1	.7	-1	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.055	153.3	152.0	5.0	-8	.4	.1	.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.952	127.9	128.8	5.7	.7	.3	.9	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.321	130.3	130.8	4.7	.4	.1	.8	.4
Transportation services	6.166	222.8	223.4	1.7	.3	-1	.1	.0
Medical care services	3.888	330.0	333.0	5.1	.9	.4	.4	.7
Other services	9.907	257.2	257.8	2.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.060	185.7	187.0	3.1	.7	-1	.1	.4
All items less shelter	70.098	178.0	179.0	3.1	.6	-1	.0	.4
All items less medical care	94.986	180.8	181.7	2.9	.5	.0	.1	.3
Commodities less food	28.870	140.0	141.7	3.4	1.2	-4	-1	.6
Nondurables less food	16.406	160.9	164.4	5.1	2.2	-5	-1.3	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.197	188.5	192.7	6.9	2.2	-1.2	-1.3	1.8
Nondurables	32.346	174.3	176.1	3.9	1.0	-2	-6	.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.628	210.8	211.2	3.1	.2	.3	.1	.2
Services less medical care services	51.303	213.2	214.0	2.8	.4	.2	.1	.3
Energy	9.179	151.4	155.0	10.6	2.4	-1.3	-1.3	2.0
All items less energy	90.821	191.5	192.2	2.3	.4	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	74.881	192.4	193.4	2.3	.5	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.745	139.9	140.5	1.1	.4	.1	.4	.0
Energy commodities	5.124	158.7	166.6	15.1	5.0	-2.6	-2.3	3.1
Services less energy services	51.136	229.0	230.1	2.8	.5	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.537	\$.534	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.180	\$.179	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2005	Aug. 2004	Feb. 2005
Expenditure category										
All items	186.8	186.7	186.9	187.6	5.1	1.1	4.2	1.7	3.1	2.9
Food and beverages	188.4	188.4	188.5	188.6	4.6	2.2	3.0	.4	3.4	1.7
Food	187.9	187.9	188.0	188.1	4.7	2.2	3.0	.4	3.4	1.7
Food at home	187.7	187.6	187.1	186.9	6.3	1.1	3.3	-1.7	3.6	.8
Cereals and bakery products	208.0	207.7	207.8	208.3	2.4	1.4	3.5	.6	1.9	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	182.3	183.2	183.5	184.0	4.8	3.6	-2.2	3.8	4.2	.8
Dairy and related products	180.0	179.0	183.0	181.4	39.3	-1.9	-11.0	3.1	16.9	-4.2
Fruits and vegetables	247.4	245.6	233.1	231.8	-7	-2.1	44.9	-22.9	-1.4	5.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.1	140.6	141.1	140.7	-3	.6	.9	1.7	.1	1.3
Other food at home	164.3	163.7	165.1	164.8	4.7	1.7	-3.3	1.2	3.2	-1.1
Sugar and sweets	163.3	162.0	161.5	162.9	.0	2.5	-.5	-1.0	1.2	-.7
Fats and oils	169.1	169.1	170.2	168.6	19.6	1.2	-.9	-1.2	10.0	-1.1
Other foods ¹	179.2	178.6	180.8	180.2	2.5	2.0	-4.8	2.3	2.2	-1.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	111.1	111.3	110.7	110.9	4.1	2.9	-3.2	-.7	3.5	-2.0
Food away from home ¹	189.5	189.7	190.6	191.2	2.8	3.5	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.2
Other food away from home ²	126.5	126.9	127.3	128.4	3.3	1.9	3.6	6.1	2.6	4.8
Alcoholic beverages ¹	194.2	194.2	194.4	195.2	4.3	1.7	2.9	2.1	3.0	2.5
Housing	187.0	187.4	187.7	188.4	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.9
Shelter	214.0	214.4	214.8	215.6	3.9	2.3	2.1	3.0	3.1	2.6
Rent of primary residence ³	212.4	212.9	213.5	214.0	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.8
Lodging away from home ²	127.9	128.5	127.3	129.5	17.2	1.6	3.8	5.1	9.1	4.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	205.6	205.9	206.4	207.2	3.2	2.0	1.6	3.1	2.6	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.1	118.9	118.8	118.9	4.6	.3	5.6	2.7	2.4	4.2
Fuels and utilities	166.4	166.8	166.7	168.0	1.3	11.0	7.5	3.9	6.0	5.7
Fuels	148.2	148.6	148.2	149.3	.3	12.1	8.2	3.0	6.0	5.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	189.3	186.1	175.1	177.3	8.5	41.9	84.2	-23.0	24.0	19.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	153.7	154.3	154.5	155.6	.0	10.4	4.5	5.0	5.1	4.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	126.4	126.8	128.0	128.8	5.4	5.6	3.9	7.8	5.5	5.8
Household furnishings and operations	121.6	121.8	121.9	121.7	-.7	-1.3	3.4	.3	-1.0	1.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	129.2	129.3	130.3	130.8	3.2	6.8	3.8	5.0	5.0	4.4
Apparel	119.9	119.5	120.1	120.0	3.0	-3.3	1.0	.3	-.2	.7
Men's and boys' apparel	115.7	116.0	117.1	117.1	-1.0	-4.0	-4.0	4.9	-2.5	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	113.5	111.9	111.5	110.9	8.5	-4.8	4.0	-8.9	1.6	-2.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	120.7	120.9	123.0	121.7	-7.6	-3.0	3.7	3.4	-5.3	3.5
Footwear	118.5	119.2	120.9	122.2	-.7	.3	2.1	13.1	-.2	7.4
Transportation	165.3	164.4	163.9	165.2	14.5	-3.6	10.8	-.2	5.0	5.2
Private transportation	162.6	161.7	161.2	162.6	15.0	-3.5	10.8	.0	5.4	5.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.9	94.0	94.3	94.4	.0	.9	5.3	2.1	.4	3.7
New vehicles	138.5	138.8	139.7	139.9	-.9	-2.9	3.2	4.1	-1.9	3.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	137.5	138.1	138.3	138.4	2.8	6.2	8.9	2.6	4.5	5.7
Motor fuel	170.9	166.4	162.9	168.1	70.5	-17.2	31.5	-6.4	18.8	10.9
Gasoline (all types)	170.2	165.6	162.1	167.3	70.9	-17.4	31.6	-6.6	18.8	10.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	109.4	109.3	110.1	110.4	-.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	1.5	3.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	204.7	205.0	205.8	205.7	2.6	4.0	3.4	2.0	3.3	2.7
Public transportation	209.8	207.9	206.7	206.8	-2.9	-1.9	8.4	-5.6	-2.4	1.2
Medical care	314.2	315.1	316.2	318.2	4.8	3.5	4.2	5.2	4.2	4.7
Medical care commodities	265.4	264.9	265.7	266.5	3.1	.8	2.8	1.7	1.9	2.2
Medical care services	327.0	328.4	329.6	332.0	5.3	4.4	4.5	6.3	4.9	5.4
Professional services	277.9	278.3	279.1	280.7	4.5	4.2	3.1	4.1	4.3	3.6
Hospital and related services ³	420.8	423.6	426.1	428.7	5.5	2.9	5.6	7.7	4.2	6.7

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Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	106.5	106.4	106.6	106.4	1.1	-0.7	1.1	-0.4	0.2	0.4
Video and audio ²	103.6	103.7	103.5	103.2	2.4	.0	.4	-1.5	1.2	-6
Education and communication ²	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.7	-7	.4	1.5	1.8	-2	1.6
Education ²	145.7	146.4	146.8	147.6	6.2	6.1	6.3	5.3	6.1	5.8
Educational books and supplies	357.9	360.3	358.6	358.6	4.9	5.1	2.8	.8	5.0	1.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	411.9	413.8	415.2	417.6	6.5	6.3	6.6	5.7	6.4	6.1
Communication ²	87.2	87.0	87.0	87.0	-5.3	-3.6	-1.8	-9	-4.4	-1.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.7	85.5	85.5	85.5	-5.3	-3.6	-2.3	-9	-4.5	-1.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.1	95.0	94.9	95.3	-4.8	-3.7	-4	.8	-4.3	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	14.9	14.8	14.8	14.6	-9.7	-2.6	-10.1	-7.8	-6.2	-8.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	13.9	13.7	13.7	13.3	-7.4	-12.4	-24.3	-16.2	-9.9	-20.3
Other goods and services	315.2	316.5	318.2	319.4	1.7	3.1	1.9	5.4	2.4	3.7
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	482.5	485.7	494.9	496.9	1.0	7.1	-.1	12.5	4.0	6.0
Personal care	181.9	182.4	182.3	182.9	2.0	1.3	2.9	2.2	1.7	2.6
Personal care products ¹	154.3	153.8	153.3	154.2	.3	-5.1	3.2	-.3	-2.4	1.4
Personal care services ¹	200.6	201.8	202.4	203.3	2.9	5.0	2.2	5.5	3.9	3.8
Miscellaneous personal services	298.0	299.5	299.5	299.2	4.2	3.6	3.7	1.6	3.9	2.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	157.6	157.2	157.1	157.7	8.1	-1.5	5.8	.3	3.2	3.0
Food and beverages	188.4	188.4	188.5	188.6	4.6	2.2	3.0	.4	3.4	1.7
Commodities less food and beverages	140.2	139.5	139.4	140.2	10.4	-4.0	7.8	.0	3.0	3.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	166.3	165.3	163.2	163.9	13.8	.0	14.7	-5.6	6.7	4.0
Apparel	119.9	119.5	120.1	120.0	3.0	-3.3	1.0	.3	-.2	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	196.3	193.6	190.9	194.7	27.3	-7.8	16.6	-3.2	8.3	6.2
Durables	114.9	115.0	115.3	115.4	-1.4	-1.1	5.4	1.8	-1.2	3.6
Services	220.9	221.4	221.8	222.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.9
Rent of shelter ⁴	205.9	206.3	206.7	207.5	4.0	2.4	1.6	3.1	3.2	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.1	118.9	118.8	118.9	4.6	.3	5.6	2.7	2.4	4.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	153.7	154.3	154.5	155.6	.0	10.4	4.5	5.0	5.1	4.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	126.4	126.8	128.0	128.8	5.4	5.6	3.9	7.8	5.5	5.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	129.2	129.3	130.3	130.8	3.2	6.8	3.8	5.0	5.0	4.4
Transportation services	223.2	222.9	223.2	223.1	.9	2.6	3.3	-.2	1.7	1.5
Medical care services	327.0	328.4	329.6	332.0	5.3	4.4	4.5	6.3	4.9	5.4
Other services	256.2	256.7	257.1	257.6	1.3	1.7	3.0	2.2	1.5	2.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	186.4	186.3	186.5	187.3	5.4	.7	4.4	1.9	3.0	3.2
All items less shelter	178.9	178.7	178.7	179.4	5.9	.5	5.1	1.1	3.1	3.1
All items less medical care	181.3	181.3	181.4	182.0	5.3	.9	4.1	1.6	3.1	2.8
Commodities less food	142.1	141.5	141.3	142.2	10.3	-3.6	7.4	.3	3.1	3.8
Nondurables less food	168.0	167.1	165.0	165.8	12.7	.5	13.7	-5.1	6.4	3.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	195.2	192.9	190.4	193.8	25.5	-7.3	15.2	-2.8	7.9	5.8
Nondurables	177.7	177.3	176.2	176.8	9.2	.9	8.0	-2.0	5.0	2.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	210.3	210.9	211.2	211.6	2.0	4.1	3.9	2.5	3.0	3.2
Services less medical care services	212.8	213.3	213.6	214.2	2.7	3.3	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.6
Energy	158.8	156.8	154.8	157.9	33.1	-4.9	20.1	-2.2	12.5	8.3
All items less energy	191.1	191.3	191.7	192.1	2.8	1.5	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.4
All items less food and energy	192.1	192.4	192.8	193.3	2.3	1.5	2.5	2.5	1.9	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.0	140.1	140.6	140.6	.9	-.9	2.6	1.7	.0	2.2
Energy commodities	172.5	168.0	164.1	169.2	67.0	-14.9	33.8	-7.4	19.2	11.3
Services less energy services	228.3	228.7	229.2	230.0	3.3	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.9	2.8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2005 from—			Percent change to Jan.2005 from—			
		Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Jan. 2004	Nov. 2004	Dec. 2004	
U.S. city average	M	186.8	186.0	186.3	187.3	3.0	0.7	0.5	3.0	-0.3	0.2	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	199.4	198.7	199.0	200.0	3.3	.7	.5	3.3	-.2	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	200.2	199.6	200.1	201.1	3.5	.8	.5	3.5	.0	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.2	119.4	119.6	120.1	2.9	.6	.4	3.0	-.5	.2	
Midwest urban	M	179.8	178.8	179.1	180.2	2.8	.8	.6	2.6	-.4	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	181.2	180.1	180.4	181.3	2.5	.7	.5	2.4	-.4	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	116.9	116.4	116.4	117.2	3.0	.7	.7	2.7	-.4	.0	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	175.2	174.9	175.7	176.5	3.5	.9	.5	3.7	.3	.5	
South urban	M	180.7	180.3	180.5	181.5	3.2	.7	.6	3.1	-.1	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	182.5	182.4	182.6	184.0	3.4	.9	.8	3.1	.1	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	116.0	115.6	115.7	116.3	3.2	.6	.5	3.0	-.3	.1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	182.2	181.5	181.9	182.7	3.8	.7	.4	4.2	-.2	.2	
West urban	M	190.2	189.4	189.5	190.5	2.6	.6	.5	2.8	-.4	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.2	190.2	190.1	191.6	2.7	.7	.8	2.8	-.6	-.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.9	118.6	118.9	119.0	2.2	.3	.1	3.0	.0	.3	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	173.0	172.4	172.6	173.7	3.0	.8	.6	3.0	-.2	.1	
B/C ³	M	117.3	116.9	117.0	117.5	2.9	.5	.4	3.0	-.3	.1	
D	M	181.1	180.6	181.0	181.7	3.4	.6	.4	3.5	-.1	.2	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	184.2	183.1	183.5	184.2	2.4	.6	.4	2.5	-.4	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	190.3	188.5	188.5	190.3	3.8	1.0	1.0	3.7	-.9	.0	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	202.2	201.8	202.6	203.3	3.6	.7	.3	4.0	.2	.4	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	211.0	-	210.3	-	-	-	-	1.7	-.3	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	173.9	-	174.5	-	-	-	-	2.8	.3	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	180.5	-	180.3	-	-	-	-	2.6	-.1	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	120.4	-	120.7	-	-	-	-	3.6	.2	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	181.5	-	183.4	2.6	1.0	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	180.7	-	182.6	2.5	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	167.7	-	171.8	3.7	2.4	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	186.6	-	188.3	4.1	.9	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	197.9	-	200.0	4.6	1.1	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	195.9	-	197.3	1.6	.7	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	190.3	-	192.4	2.4	1.1	-	-	-	-	

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2005 from—	
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	111.1	111.7	2.6	0.5
Food and beverages	15.076	112.6	112.6	2.6	.0
Food	14.086	112.7	112.6	2.6	-.1
Food at home	8.062	111.3	110.8	2.0	-.4
Food away from home	6.023	114.5	114.8	3.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	112.1	112.7	2.7	.5
Housing	41.793	115.4	116.0	2.9	.5
Shelter	32.380	116.5	117.4	3.0	.8
Fuels and utilities	4.643	129.2	128.9	5.7	-.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.771	96.6	96.6	.0	.0
Apparel	4.317	87.4	89.3	-.4	2.2
Transportation	17.315	109.0	110.2	4.1	1.1
Private transportation	16.206	109.6	110.8	4.4	1.1
Public transportation	1.109	101.0	101.7	-1.4	.7
Medical care	5.783	123.9	124.8	4.2	.7
Medical care commodities	1.466	115.4	115.9	2.1	.4
Medical care services	4.317	126.8	128.0	4.9	.9
Recreation	5.978	103.5	103.5	-.5	.0
Education and communication	6.004	100.3	100.2	.0	-.1
Education	2.560	137.1	137.5	6.1	.3
Communication	3.444	78.0	77.9	-4.2	-.1
Other goods and services	3.734	115.4	116.0	2.7	.5
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.567	117.6	118.2	2.9	.5
Commodities	41.433	102.9	103.5	2.2	.6
Durables	12.521	88.5	88.4	.2	-.1
Nondurables	28.912	109.8	110.7	3.1	.8
All items less food and energy	78.985	108.9	109.5	2.0	.6
Energy	6.929	133.3	136.0	9.8	2.0

Indexes for 2005 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2004 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.