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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JULY 2006

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in July, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The July level of 203.5 (1982-84=100) was 4.1 percent higher than in July 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.3 percent in July, prior to seasonal adjustment. The July level of 199.2 (1982-84=100) was 4.3 percent higher than in July 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in July on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The July level of 117.6 (December 1999=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in July 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 July, following a 0.2 percent rise in June. Energy costs, which declined 0.9 percent in June, advanced 2.9 percent in July. Within energy, the index for petroleum based energy increased 5.0 percent and the index for energy services rose 0.1 percent. The food index increased 0.2 percent in July. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in July, (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended July '06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended July '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.7	.1	.4	.6	.4	.2	.4	4.5	4.1
Food and beverages	.5	.2	.1	.0	.2	.3	.2	2.7	2.2
Housing	.5	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	.3	3.8	4.1
Apparel	.3	-1.0	1.0	.6	.2	.0	-1.2	-3.9	.0
Transportation	1.8	-.2	.9	2.4	1.5	-.2	1.6	12.4	8.4
Medical care	.1	.5	.4	.4	.3	.3	.2	3.2	4.0
Recreation	.0	.1	.4	.3	.2	.1	.3	2.2	2.0
Education and communication	.4	.2	.2	.3	.0	.3	.3	2.4	3.0
Other goods and services	.3	.1	.2	.0	.1	.6	-.2	1.9	2.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	5.0	-1.2	1.3	3.9	2.4	-.9	2.9	19.1	20.5
Food	.5	.1	.1	.0	.1	.3	.2	2.5	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.2	2.7

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

following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding four months. A sharp drop in the index for apparel was largely responsible for the smaller increase in July.

During the first seven months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 4.8 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 25.3 percent SAAR in the first seven months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 52.8 percent annual rate while charges for energy services fell at a 2.5 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.1 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 seven months, following a 2.2 percent rise for all of 2005.

The food and beverages index increased 0.2 percent in July. The index for food at home rose 0.2 percent in July, following a 0.4 percent increase in June. The index for fruits and vegetables, which increased 1.3 percent in June, advanced 0.9 percent in July. Increases in the indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables--up 2.3 and 0.3 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.3 percent drop in the index for fresh vegetables. The index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.9 percent in July, reflecting in part, a 1.9 percent increase in bread prices. The indexes for dairy products and for other food at home increased 0.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively. Partially offsetting these increases were declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for nonalcoholic beverages--down 0.6 and 0.5 percent, respectively. Within the former category, prices for beef, poultry, other meats, fish and seafood, and eggs each declined, while pork prices turned up in July. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.2 percent in June, increased 0.3 percent in July. The index for shelter rose 0.4 percent in July. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.4 percent and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.6 percent. The index for fuels and utilities turned up in July, registering its first increase in six months. The index for natural gas, which had fallen 19.0 percent in the preceding five month period, was unchanged in July. The index for electricity increased 0.1 percent. The index for fuel oil rose for the fourth consecutive month--up 3.1 percent in July. During the last 12 months, the indexes for fuel oil, for electricity, and for natural gas have increased 19.7, 12.7, and 4.0 percent, respectively. In July, the index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged for the second consecutive month.

The transportation index increased 1.6 percent in July, reflecting an upturn in the index for motor fuel. The index for gasoline rose 5.3 percent, following a 1.0 percent decline in June. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 3.0 percent. As of July, the price of gasoline was 1.9 percent higher than its previous peak level of May 2006.) The index for new vehicles increased 0.1 percent in July and was 0.4 percent higher than a year ago. The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.4 percent in July and was 0.8 percent higher than in July 2005. The index for public transportation increased 0.4 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for public transportation rose 1.3 percent, reflecting another increase in airline fares.) Airline fares increased 1.3 percent in July and have advanced 12.6 percent in the first seven months of the year.

The index for apparel registered its first monthly decline since February, down 1.2 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 4.3 percent, reflecting continued seasonal discounting of spring-summer clothing. Prices for women's and girls' clothing, which had registered smaller than usual seasonal declines in the preceding two months, fell a record 7.3 percent in July.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in July and were 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent in July. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.2 percent.

The index for recreation rose 0.3 percent in July. A 2.4 percent increase in the index for sports vehicles accounted for about three-fourths of the advance in the July recreation index.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in July. Educational costs increased 0.6 percent while the index for communication was unchanged. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services rose 0.2 percent, as increases in charges for both local land-line telephone services and for wireless telephone services--each up 0.5 percent--more than offset a 0.4 percent decline in land-line long distance telephone services. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 0.9 percent in July.

The index for other goods and services, which rose 0.6 percent in June, declined 0.2 percent in July. The indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal care each decelerated in July. The index for tobacco and smoking

products was unchanged after increasing 0.8 percent in June. The index for personal care, which rose 0.5 percent in June, declined 0.2 percent in July.

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 July.

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 July '06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended July '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.7	.0	.5	.6	.5	.2	.5	4.5	4.3
Food and beverages	.4	.1	.1	-.1	.2	.3	.2	2.3	2.1
Housing	.5	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	3.5	4.1
Apparel	.0	-.7	1.1	.7	.1	-.2	-1.2	-4.9	-.5
Transportation	1.8	-.3	1.1	2.6	1.5	-.2	1.8	13.3	8.9
Medical care	.1	.3	.5	.4	.3	.2	.3	3.4	4.0
Recreation	.0	.1	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.2	2.1
Education and communication	.4	.1	.2	.3	.0	.2	.3	1.8	2.5
Other goods and services	.3	.1	.3	-.1	.0	.6	-.1	2.1	2.4
Special Indexes									
Energy	5.0	-1.3	1.4	4.2	2.5	-.9	3.1	20.0	20.7
Food	.4	.1	.1	-.1	.1	.3	.2	2.3	2.1
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	3.1	2.5

Consumer Price Index data for August are scheduled for release on Friday, September 15, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Consumer Price Index Levels to be Published to Three Decimal Places

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

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

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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. 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 July 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	202.9	203.5	4.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	607.8	609.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.051	195.1	195.6	2.2	.3	.2	.3	.2
Food	13.942	194.5	195.0	2.2	.3	.1	.3	.2
Food at home	7.988	192.2	192.6	1.5	.2	-.1	.4	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.098	212.8	214.6	2.5	.8	.4	.3	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.133	186.0	185.1	.2	-.5	-.5	.4	-.6
Dairy and related products .....	.852	179.6	180.8	-.4	.7	-.5	.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	248.0	249.1	3.7	.4	-.9	1.3	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	146.6	146.3	1.0	-.2	.5	.1	-.5
Other food at home	1.777	170.0	171.0	2.0	.6	.7	.1	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	171.9	173.3	3.7	.8	.0	.2	.7
Fats and oils .....	.231	167.3	166.9	-.2	-.2	2.4	-.2	-.5
Other foods ¹	1.244	185.6	186.9	2.1	.7	.6	.1	.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.328	114.4	115.0	3.1	.5	1.0	.1	.5
Food away from home ¹	5.953	199.2	199.7	3.2	.3	.4	.3	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.277	136.3	136.8	3.6	.4	.2	.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.109	201.6	201.3	2.8	-.1	.3	.4	-.1
Housing	42.380	203.7	204.7	4.1	.5	.3	.2	.3
Shelter	32.260	232.2	233.6	3.5	.6	.4	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence ³	5.832	224.4	225.2	3.5	.4	.3	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.611	139.1	142.8	4.7	2.7	.1	.3	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.442	237.9	238.8	3.7	.4	.6	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.4	116.4	-.1	.0	.1	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.371	197.6	198.5	10.2	.5	-.3	-.7	.4
Fuels	4.494	180.4	181.1	11.4	.4	-.3	-.9	.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	239.1	241.9	19.2	1.2	3.0	1.4	3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	185.6	186.2	10.8	.3	-.6	-.1	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	136.2	137.1	4.9	.7	.3	.5	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.749	127.3	127.1	1.0	-.2	.5	.0	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	136.3	136.6	4.8	.2	.4	.4	.2
Apparel	3.786	118.9	113.8	.0	-.4	.2	.0	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	113.0	110.3	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.4	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.612	110.3	102.3	-.5	-.7	.2	.4	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	115.0	114.4	1.4	-.5	.8	-.5	1.5
Footwear .....	.759	123.0	119.1	-.2	-.3	.4	-.8	-.1
Transportation	17.415	187.3	189.0	8.4	.9	1.5	-.2	1.6
Private transportation	16.329	183.2	184.9	8.6	.9	1.5	-.3	1.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.858	95.7	95.6	.4	-.1	.0	.1	.2
New vehicles	5.155	137.2	136.9	.4	-.2	-.3	-.1	.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.799	141.5	142.1	.8	.4	.4	.4	.4
Motor fuel	4.191	248.4	255.6	29.4	2.9	5.0	-.1	5.1
Gasoline (all types)	4.148	247.3	254.6	29.6	3.0	4.9	-.1	5.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.362	117.0	117.9	5.4	.8	1.0	.0	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.131	215.5	216.7	4.8	.6	.5	.2	.6
Public transportation	1.087	234.3	237.4	5.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	.4
Medical care	6.220	336.0	337.0	4.0	.3	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.457	286.3	287.1	3.9	.3	.4	-.1	.3
Medical care services	4.764	350.3	351.2	4.0	.3	.3	.4	.2
Professional services	2.815	289.2	289.8	2.5	.2	.3	.2	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.576	467.6	469.3	6.4	.4	.6	.3	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.637	111.2	111.3	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Video and audio ²	1.783	105.2	105.0	1.8	-2	-2	.1	-1
Education and communication ²	6.047	115.9	116.3	3.0	.3	.0	.3	.3
Education ²	2.967	159.5	160.3	5.9	.5	.5	.5	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	386.7	386.3	6.1	-1	.7	.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.771	460.2	462.9	6.0	.6	.5	.5	.6
Communication ²	3.080	84.3	84.3	-1	.0	-4	.1	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.895	81.8	81.9	-4	.1	-5	.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.245	95.4	95.6	1.3	.2	-2	.2	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.650	12.7	12.7	-6.6	.0	-8	-8	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.236	10.7	10.6	-17.2	-9	-2.7	-9	-9
Other goods and services	3.463	321.5	321.2	2.3	-1	.1	.6	-2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.710	521.5	521.5	3.6	.0	-1	.8	.0
Personal care	2.752	189.9	189.7	1.9	-1	.2	.5	-2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.710	155.2	155.0	.0	-1	-3	.4	-1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.675	209.1	209.5	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.172	313.3	312.9	3.0	-1	.3	.4	-1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.790	166.3	166.4	4.3	.1	.7	.0	.7
Food and beverages	15.051	195.1	195.6	2.2	.3	.2	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	25.739	149.3	149.3	5.6	.0	1.0	-1	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.163	183.8	183.8	10.3	.0	2.7	.1	1.2
Apparel	3.786	118.9	113.8	.0	-4.3	.2	.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.377	228.4	231.6	13.9	1.4	2.3	.0	2.3
Durables	11.576	114.6	114.6	-3	.0	.0	-1	.3
Services	59.210	239.2	240.2	4.0	.4	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.884	242.0	243.4	3.6	.6	.4	.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.4	116.4	-1.4	.0	.1	.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	185.6	186.2	10.8	.3	-6	-1.1	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	136.2	137.1	4.9	.7	.3	.5	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	136.3	136.6	4.8	.2	.4	.4	.2
Transportation services	5.707	231.8	232.7	2.5	.4	.4	.3	.2
Medical care services	4.764	350.3	351.2	4.0	.3	.3	.4	.2
Other services	10.669	276.6	277.2	3.7	.2	.3	.3	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.058	204.3	204.9	4.5	.3	.5	.1	.5
All items less shelter	67.740	193.7	194.0	4.5	.2	.5	.1	.5
All items less medical care	93.780	196.1	196.6	4.1	.3	.5	.2	.5
Commodities less food	26.848	151.3	151.3	5.4	.0	1.0	-1	.9
Nondurables less food	15.272	184.9	184.9	9.7	.0	2.6	.1	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.486	224.8	227.6	12.8	1.2	2.2	.0	2.1
Nondurables	29.214	190.2	190.4	6.1	.1	1.2	.2	.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.325	253.9	254.6	4.5	.3	.3	.4	.2
Services less medical care services	54.446	229.9	231.0	4.1	.5	.4	.4	.3
Energy	8.685	211.3	215.1	20.5	1.8	2.4	-9	2.9
All items less energy	91.315	203.6	203.9	2.6	.1	.3	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	77.373	205.9	206.2	2.7	.1	.3	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.319	140.7	139.6	.5	-8	.1	.1	-1
Energy commodities	4.530	249.0	256.0	28.8	2.8	4.8	-9	5.0
Services less energy services	55.055	244.7	245.8	3.5	.4	.4	.4	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.493	\$.491	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.165	\$.164	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Apr. 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Jan. 2006	July 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	201.0	201.9	202.3	203.2	8.5	-0.2	4.1	4.5	4.0	4.3
Food and beverages	194.4	194.7	195.3	195.7	2.1	3.4	.8	2.7	2.7	1.8
Food	193.9	194.1	194.7	195.1	2.3	3.4	.6	2.5	2.8	1.6
Food at home	191.9	191.8	192.5	192.8	1.5	3.6	-1.0	1.9	2.5	.4
Cereals and bakery products	210.4	211.3	211.9	213.8	2.3	2.5	-1.1	6.6	2.4	2.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	186.2	185.3	186.0	184.9	.0	2.8	.9	-2.8	1.4	-1.0
Dairy and related products	182.0	181.0	181.2	181.3	-1.1	3.8	-3.0	-1.5	1.3	-2.3
Fruits and vegetables	248.6	246.4	249.5	251.7	4.9	10.0	-4.5	5.1	7.4	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.1	146.9	147.1	146.3	2.2	2.5	-1.1	.5	2.4	-.3
Other food at home	168.7	169.9	170.1	171.0	1.7	1.9	-.7	5.6	1.8	2.4
Sugar and sweets	171.2	171.2	171.5	172.7	.7	6.4	4.6	3.6	3.5	4.1
Fats and oils	164.7	168.6	168.2	167.4	-.7	4.6	-10.6	6.7	1.9	-2.3
Other foods ¹	184.3	185.4	185.6	186.9	2.2	.7	.0	5.8	1.4	2.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	113.2	114.3	114.4	115.0	2.2	1.8	2.1	6.5	2.0	4.3
Food away from home ¹	198.0	198.7	199.2	199.7	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.5	3.1	3.2
Other food away from home ²	135.9	136.2	136.3	136.8	3.7	3.0	5.2	2.7	3.4	3.9
Alcoholic beverages ¹	200.1	200.8	201.6	201.3	2.1	2.5	4.3	2.4	2.3	3.4
Housing	201.6	202.3	202.8	203.5	6.5	4.1	2.0	3.8	5.3	2.9
Shelter	230.0	231.0	232.0	232.9	2.0	2.9	4.7	5.1	2.4	4.9
Rent of primary residence ³	222.9	223.6	224.6	225.4	3.4	2.4	4.0	4.6	2.9	4.3
Lodging away from home ²	135.3	135.4	135.8	136.6	-.6	9.5	5.8	3.9	4.3	4.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	235.8	237.1	238.1	239.0	2.1	2.8	4.5	5.5	2.4	5.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.2	116.3	116.4	116.4	-7.6	.3	1.0	.7	-3.7	.9
Fuels and utilities	194.4	193.9	192.6	193.3	47.7	13.7	-10.7	-2.2	29.6	-6.6
Fuels	177.1	176.5	174.9	175.4	59.0	15.2	-13.4	-3.8	35.4	-8.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	231.3	238.2	241.5	248.9	80.7	-21.5	6.1	34.1	19.1	19.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	182.4	181.3	179.3	179.4	57.4	18.8	-14.7	-6.4	36.8	-10.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	135.3	135.7	136.4	137.2	3.1	6.5	3.9	5.7	4.8	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	126.5	127.1	127.1	127.1	.3	1.0	.3	1.9	.6	1.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	135.2	135.7	136.3	136.6	4.1	7.8	3.3	4.2	5.9	3.8
Apparel	119.8	120.0	120.0	118.6	1.0	.7	2.4	-3.9	.8	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel	115.2	114.1	113.7	113.3	1.8	-1.0	1.4	-6.4	.3	-2.6
Women's and girls' apparel	111.1	111.3	111.8	109.4	-1.4	.0	6.0	-6.0	-.7	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.1	117.0	116.4	118.2	-7.7	2.5	3.9	7.4	-2.7	5.6
Footwear	124.3	124.8	123.8	122.4	4.3	2.9	-1.6	-6.0	3.6	-3.8
Transportation	182.8	185.5	185.2	188.2	27.0	-14.7	13.3	12.4	4.1	12.8
Private transportation	179.1	181.8	181.3	184.4	28.2	-15.6	14.1	12.4	4.0	13.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.8	95.8	95.9	96.1	1.3	-.8	.4	1.3	.2	.8
New vehicles	138.1	137.7	137.6	137.8	1.2	1.5	-.3	-.9	1.3	-.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	140.4	140.9	141.5	142.1	-1.1	-3.6	3.2	4.9	-2.4	4.1
Motor fuel	230.3	241.7	239.3	251.6	123.2	-43.2	55.6	42.5	12.6	48.9
Gasoline (all types)	229.1	240.4	238.0	250.6	123.7	-43.0	54.8	43.2	12.9	48.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	115.8	117.0	117.0	117.9	4.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	4.5	6.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	214.1	215.2	215.7	216.9	5.1	2.3	6.4	5.3	3.7	5.9
Public transportation	224.4	226.7	229.5	230.5	6.7	3.6	-1.2	11.3	5.2	4.9
Medical care	334.0	335.1	336.0	336.6	4.0	3.5	5.2	3.2	3.7	4.2
Medical care commodities	285.3	286.3	286.0	286.8	4.3	5.0	4.3	2.1	4.6	3.2
Medical care services	347.8	349.0	350.3	350.9	3.8	3.1	5.3	3.6	3.5	4.5
Professional services	287.3	288.1	288.6	289.3	3.6	1.0	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.8
Hospital and related services ³	464.2	467.0	468.5	469.3	4.1	6.7	10.6	4.5	5.4	7.5

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—		
	Apr. 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Jan. 2006	July 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.8	111.0	111.1	111.4	3.3	0.0	2.9	2.2	1.7	2.6
Video and audio ²	105.3	105.1	105.2	105.1	5.5	-1.5	4.3	-8	1.9	1.7
Education and communication ²	116.3	116.3	116.6	117.0	2.5	4.3	2.8	2.4	3.4	2.6
Education ²	159.9	160.7	161.5	162.4	5.6	6.9	5.2	6.4	6.2	5.8
Educational books and supplies	382.4	385.1	387.1	388.2	7.5	7.2	3.7	6.2	7.3	5.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	461.8	464.2	466.3	469.0	5.4	6.9	5.4	6.4	6.1	5.9
Communication ²	84.5	84.2	84.3	84.3	-9	1.4	.0	-9	.2	-5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.1	81.7	81.8	81.9	-1.0	.5	.0	-1.0	-.2	-5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.4	95.2	95.4	95.6	.9	2.6	.8	.8	1.7	.8
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.7	-8.5	-8.7	-3.0	-6.1	-8.6	-4.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	11.1	10.8	10.7	10.6	-17.5	-18.3	-16.2	-16.8	-17.9	-16.5
Other goods and services	319.5	319.7	321.5	321.0	1.9	4.0	1.3	1.9	3.0	1.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	518.1	517.5	521.5	521.5	4.9	4.6	2.4	2.7	4.7	2.5
Personal care	188.7	189.0	189.9	189.5	1.1	3.9	.9	1.7	2.5	1.3
Personal care products ¹	155.0	154.6	155.2	155.0	.0	2.1	-2.0	.0	1.0	-1.0
Personal care services ¹	208.5	208.7	209.1	209.5	1.8	3.2	4.1	1.9	2.5	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services	310.9	311.8	313.0	312.6	2.7	3.9	3.1	2.2	3.3	2.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	164.6	165.7	165.7	166.9	12.6	-6.4	6.3	5.7	2.6	6.0
Food and beverages	194.4	194.7	195.3	195.7	2.1	3.4	.8	2.7	2.7	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	147.2	148.7	148.5	149.9	18.9	-11.6	9.5	7.5	2.5	8.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	178.4	183.3	183.5	185.7	27.1	-10.5	10.8	17.4	6.6	14.0
Apparel	119.8	120.0	120.0	118.6	1.0	.7	2.4	-3.9	.8	-8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	220.3	225.4	225.3	230.4	47.4	-23.6	24.6	19.6	6.1	22.1
Durables	114.7	114.7	114.6	114.9	.0	-1.0	-.7	.7	-.5	.0
Services	237.0	237.8	238.5	239.2	5.7	4.2	2.6	3.8	4.9	3.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	239.7	240.7	241.5	242.7	1.7	2.9	4.8	5.1	2.3	5.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.2	116.3	116.4	116.4	-7.6	.3	1.0	.7	-3.7	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	182.4	181.3	179.3	179.4	57.4	18.8	-14.7	-6.4	36.8	-10.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	135.3	135.7	136.4	137.2	3.1	6.5	3.9	5.7	4.8	4.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	135.2	135.7	136.3	136.6	4.1	7.8	3.3	4.2	5.9	3.8
Transportation services	229.3	230.2	231.0	231.5	2.9	2.5	.3	3.9	2.7	2.1
Medical care services	347.8	349.0	350.3	350.9	3.8	3.1	5.3	3.6	3.5	4.5
Other services	275.8	276.5	277.4	278.2	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	202.1	203.2	203.5	204.6	9.5	-.8	4.5	5.0	4.2	4.8
All items less shelter	191.9	192.8	192.9	193.9	11.7	-1.7	3.8	4.2	4.8	4.0
All items less medical care	194.2	195.1	195.4	196.4	8.8	-.4	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.3
Commodities less food	149.2	150.7	150.5	151.8	18.4	-11.0	9.1	7.2	2.7	8.1
Nondurables less food	179.7	184.3	184.5	186.6	25.4	-9.8	10.2	16.3	6.3	13.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	217.3	222.0	222.0	226.7	43.0	-21.9	22.4	18.5	5.6	20.4
Nondurables	187.4	189.7	190.0	191.4	14.0	-3.6	6.2	8.8	4.8	7.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	251.8	252.5	253.4	253.8	8.8	6.1	.2	3.2	7.5	1.7
Services less medical care services	227.8	228.6	229.5	230.1	5.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	4.9	3.1
Energy	201.2	206.1	204.2	210.2	90.9	-20.6	16.9	19.1	23.1	18.0
All items less energy	202.5	203.1	203.7	204.1	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.2	2.3	3.0
All items less food and energy	204.8	205.4	206.0	206.4	2.0	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.2	3.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.8	140.9	141.0	140.8	.6	.6	.9	.0	.6	.4
Energy commodities	231.5	242.7	240.6	252.7	120.2	-42.0	51.7	42.0	13.0	46.8
Services less energy services	242.6	243.6	244.5	245.4	2.7	3.1	4.1	4.7	2.9	4.4

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 July2006 from—			Percent change to June2006 from—			
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	May 2006	June 2006	June 2005	Apr. 2006	May 2006	
U.S. city average	M	201.5	202.5	202.9	203.5	4.1	0.5	0.3	4.3	0.7	0.2	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	214.7	215.7	216.7	217.5	4.6	.8	.4	5.1	.9	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	216.8	218.1	219.3	220.1	4.7	.9	.4	5.2	1.2	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.3	127.4	127.7	128.2	4.2	.6	.4	4.8	.3	.2	
Midwest urban	M	193.0	193.6	194.1	194.6	3.3	.5	.3	3.4	.6	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.5	195.1	195.6	196.3	3.3	.6	.4	3.1	.6	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.3	123.7	124.0	124.1	3.2	.3	.1	3.7	.6	.2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	187.8	188.1	189.3	190.1	3.9	1.1	.4	3.8	.8	.6	
South urban	M	194.7	195.5	196.3	197.0	4.5	.8	.4	4.5	.8	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.5	197.4	198.2	198.9	4.5	.8	.4	4.5	.9	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.1	124.6	125.0	125.5	4.4	.7	.4	4.4	.7	.3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.1	195.9	196.7	198.0	5.6	1.1	.7	5.2	.8	.4	
West urban	M	205.3	206.9	206.4	206.7	4.1	-1	.1	4.2	.5	-2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.6	210.3	209.5	210.0	4.3	-1	.2	4.5	.4	-4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.9	125.7	125.6	125.6	3.5	-1	.0	3.7	.6	-1	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	184.3	185.3	185.6	186.2	4.3	.5	.3	4.3	.7	.2	
B/C ³	M	124.5	125.0	125.3	125.6	4.0	.5	.2	4.2	.6	.2	
D	M	193.5	194.4	195.3	196.0	4.7	.8	.4	4.5	.9	.5	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.7	198.4	199.0	199.3	2.6	.5	.2	2.6	.7	.3	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	210.5	212.4	211.1	211.4	5.0	-5	.1	5.2	.3	-6	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	220.2	221.6	222.6	223.1	5.0	.7	.2	5.6	1.1	.5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	222.9	-	225.1	3.6	1.0	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	192.4	-	193.1	2.8	.4	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	191.2	-	191.7	4.0	.3	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	128.8	-	130.7	4.6	1.5	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	193.9	-	196.0	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.1	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	197.2	-	196.8	-	-	-	-	3.8	-2	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	181.2	-	182.4	-	-	-	-	4.7	.7	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	203.8	-	203.8	-	-	-	-	5.8	.0	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	211.6	-	213.9	-	-	-	-	4.4	1.1	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	208.9	-	209.1	-	-	-	-	3.9	.1	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	207.4	-	208.2	-	-	-	-	4.2	.4	-	

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: 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 July 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	198.6	199.2	4.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5
All items (1967=100)	-	591.7	593.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.537	194.2	194.6	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Food	15.519	193.7	194.1	2.1	.2	.1	.3	.2
Food at home	9.347	191.2	191.6	1.4	.2	.0	.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.275	213.1	214.9	2.7	.8	.3	.3	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.653	185.4	184.7	.1	-.4	-.3	.2	-.5
Dairy and related products .....	.965	179.1	180.3	-.6	.7	-.5	.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.338	245.7	247.0	3.8	.5	-.6	1.0	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.087	146.1	145.6	1.0	-.3	.4	.2	-.6
Other food at home	2.030	169.5	170.4	2.0	.5	.7	.1	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	170.9	172.5	3.7	.9	.0	.2	.8
Fats and oils .....	.287	167.9	167.9	.3	.0	2.1	-.2	-.2
Other foods ¹	1.406	185.9	187.0	2.0	.6	.5	.2	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.370	115.0	115.2	2.9	.2	.9	.5	.2
Food away from home ¹	6.172	198.9	199.4	3.1	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.275	136.0	136.3	3.4	.2	.3	-.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	201.0	200.8	2.7	-.1	.1	.2	-.1
Housing	40.161	198.9	199.7	4.1	.4	.3	.3	.3
Shelter	30.069	224.7	225.8	3.4	.5	.4	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence ³	7.880	223.5	224.3	3.6	.4	.3	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.412	138.7	142.6	4.2	2.8	-.4	.7	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.429	215.7	216.5	3.7	.4	.5	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.7	116.7	-.1	.0	.1	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.900	196.0	196.7	9.8	.4	-.4	-.7	.3
Fuels	4.984	177.8	178.3	10.7	.3	-.5	-1.0	.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	238.3	241.3	19.6	1.3	3.0	1.3	3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	183.7	184.1	10.1	.2	-.7	-1.2	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	136.6	137.4	4.9	.6	.2	.6	.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.193	122.9	122.7	1.0	-.2	.3	.1	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	139.0	139.3	4.7	.2	.4	.5	.2
Apparel	4.090	118.4	113.2	-.5	-.4	.1	-.2	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	113.0	110.3	-.8	-.2	-.5	-.5	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.689	109.8	101.3	-1.4	-7.7	.2	.1	-2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	116.8	115.9	.6	-.8	.8	-.7	1.3
Footwear .....	.964	122.6	119.1	.1	-2.9	.2	-.6	-.9
Transportation	19.669	187.1	189.0	8.9	1.0	1.5	-.2	1.8
Private transportation	18.931	184.2	186.1	9.1	1.0	1.6	-.2	1.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.944	94.9	94.9	.4	.0	.0	.1	.2
New vehicles	5.380	138.3	137.9	.5	-.3	-.3	-.1	.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.801	142.4	143.0	.8	.4	.4	.4	.4
Motor fuel	5.244	248.8	256.2	29.3	3.0	4.8	-.9	5.2
Gasoline (all types)	5.193	247.8	255.3	29.5	3.0	4.8	-.9	5.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.434	116.6	117.5	5.5	.8	1.0	.1	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.130	218.0	219.1	4.8	.5	.5	.4	.4
Public transportation .....	.738	232.0	234.1	4.8	.9	.8	1.2	.1
Medical care	5.171	335.5	336.5	4.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
Medical care commodities	1.140	279.4	280.3	4.0	.3	.3	.0	.3
Medical care services	4.030	350.6	351.6	3.9	.3	.3	.3	.3
Professional services	2.336	291.5	292.1	2.4	.2	.2	.1	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.332	462.8	464.8	6.4	.4	.6	.3	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.097	108.6	108.7	2.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Video and audio ²	1.928	104.5	104.3	1.9	-2	-2	.2	-1
Education and communication ²	5.635	113.3	113.5	2.5	.2	.0	.2	.3
Education ²	2.243	157.8	158.4	5.8	.4	.5	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	388.1	387.6	6.0	-1	.7	.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.044	446.1	448.0	5.8	.4	.5	.4	.5
Communication ²	3.392	86.1	86.2	.2	.1	-3	.1	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.244	84.4	84.5	.0	.1	-4	.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.653	95.5	95.7	1.2	.2	-3	.2	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.590	13.3	13.3	-5.7	.0	-1.5	.0	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.208	10.5	10.4	-16.8	-1.0	-2.7	-1.9	-1.0
Other goods and services	3.640	330.8	330.7	2.4	.0	.0	.6	-1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.137	523.5	523.3	3.6	.0	-1	.8	.0
Personal care	2.504	187.9	187.9	1.8	.0	.1	.5	-1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.774	155.1	155.0	-3	-1	-2	.3	-1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.616	209.2	209.7	2.7	.2	.0	.3	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	313.8	313.9	3.1	.0	.3	.4	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.601	168.2	168.5	4.8	.2	.8	.0	.8
Food and beverages	16.537	194.2	194.6	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	28.064	152.7	152.8	6.3	.1	1.1	-1	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.599	190.8	191.1	11.3	.2	2.8	.2	1.2
Apparel	4.090	118.4	113.2	-5	-4.4	.1	-2	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.509	240.1	243.8	15.4	1.5	2.7	-5	2.8
Durables	12.465	114.8	114.8	-1	.0	-2	.1	.2
Services	55.399	234.3	235.2	3.9	.4	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.721	216.5	217.6	3.5	.5	.5	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.7	116.7	-1.4	.0	.1	.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	183.7	184.1	10.1	.2	-7	-1.2	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	136.6	137.4	4.9	.6	.2	.6	.5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	139.0	139.3	4.7	.2	.4	.5	.2
Transportation services	5.659	231.0	231.4	2.0	.2	.3	.3	.1
Medical care services	4.030	350.6	351.6	3.9	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other services	9.726	267.6	268.1	3.6	.2	.3	.3	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.481	199.4	199.9	4.7	.3	.6	.1	.6
All items less shelter	69.931	191.3	191.6	4.6	.2	.5	.0	.6
All items less medical care	94.829	192.8	193.3	4.3	.3	.5	.2	.5
Commodities less food	29.082	154.5	154.6	6.1	.1	1.1	-1	1.0
Nondurables less food	16.617	191.6	191.9	10.8	.2	2.6	.1	1.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.527	235.7	239.1	14.4	1.4	2.5	-2	2.5
Nondurables	32.136	193.4	193.8	6.7	.2	1.3	.2	.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.679	225.3	225.8	4.4	.2	.2	.3	.1
Services less medical care services	51.369	225.5	226.4	3.9	.4	.3	.4	.3
Energy	10.228	211.8	215.7	20.7	1.8	2.5	-9	3.1
All items less energy	89.772	197.9	198.0	2.4	.1	.2	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	74.253	199.1	199.2	2.5	.1	.3	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.491	141.2	140.0	.5	-8	.0	.1	-1
Energy commodities	5.591	249.1	256.2	28.7	2.9	4.7	-8	5.1
Services less energy services	50.762	239.7	240.6	3.4	.4	.4	.4	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.503	\$.502	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.169	\$.169	-	-	-	-	-

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—		
	Apr. 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Jan. 2006	July 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	196.7	197.6	197.9	198.9	9.3	-1.0	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.5
Food and beverages	193.6	193.9	194.4	194.7	2.1	3.4	.6	2.3	2.7	1.5
Food	193.1	193.3	193.9	194.2	2.3	3.4	.4	2.3	2.9	1.4
Food at home	190.9	190.9	191.5	191.7	1.5	3.8	-1.2	1.7	2.7	.2
Cereals and bakery products	211.0	211.6	212.3	213.8	2.5	3.5	-.6	5.4	3.0	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.6	185.0	185.4	184.4	-.2	2.2	.4	-2.6	1.0	-1.1
Dairy and related products	181.6	180.7	180.9	180.8	-1.1	3.1	-2.8	-1.8	1.0	-2.3
Fruits and vegetables	246.2	244.7	247.1	249.2	5.1	10.1	-4.4	5.0	7.6	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	145.6	146.2	146.5	145.6	2.2	3.1	-1.1	.0	2.7	-.5
Other food at home	168.2	169.3	169.5	170.4	1.2	2.2	-.5	5.3	1.7	2.4
Sugar and sweets	170.2	170.2	170.6	172.0	.2	6.2	4.6	4.3	3.2	4.4
Fats and oils	165.5	168.9	168.5	168.2	-.5	5.6	-10.0	6.7	2.5	-2.0
Other foods ¹	184.5	185.5	185.9	187.0	1.8	.7	.2	5.5	1.2	2.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	113.4	114.4	115.0	115.2	2.2	1.8	1.4	6.5	2.0	3.9
Food away from home ¹	197.8	198.4	198.9	199.4	3.6	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1
Other food away from home ²	135.7	136.1	136.0	136.3	3.7	2.7	5.5	1.8	3.2	3.6
Alcoholic beverages ¹	200.3	200.6	201.0	200.8	1.9	3.1	4.7	1.0	2.5	2.8
Housing	197.0	197.6	198.1	198.7	7.3	4.0	1.6	3.5	5.6	2.6
Shelter	222.7	223.7	224.6	225.5	1.8	2.6	4.6	5.1	2.2	4.9
Rent of primary residence ³	222.0	222.7	223.7	224.5	3.0	2.8	3.9	4.6	2.9	4.2
Lodging away from home ²	135.0	134.4	135.4	135.9	-3.0	6.6	9.7	2.7	1.7	6.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	213.9	215.0	215.9	216.7	2.1	2.7	4.6	5.3	2.4	5.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.5	116.6	116.7	116.7	-7.9	.7	1.0	.7	-3.7	.9
Fuels and utilities	193.0	192.3	190.9	191.5	45.9	14.2	-10.8	-3.1	29.1	-7.0
Fuels	174.7	173.9	172.2	172.7	56.5	15.7	-13.4	-4.5	34.6	-9.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	230.5	237.5	240.7	248.7	83.2	-23.0	6.7	35.5	18.8	20.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	180.7	179.5	177.4	177.4	54.4	19.5	-14.8	-7.1	35.8	-11.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	135.7	136.0	136.8	137.5	3.1	6.5	4.2	5.4	4.8	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	122.2	122.6	122.7	122.8	1.0	.0	1.0	2.0	.5	1.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	137.7	138.3	139.0	139.3	4.6	6.7	3.0	4.7	5.6	3.8
Apparel	119.5	119.6	119.4	118.0	.0	-1.0	4.5	-4.9	-.5	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	114.6	114.0	113.4	113.4	2.1	-1.7	1.1	-4.1	.2	-1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	110.8	111.0	111.1	108.3	-2.9	-2.5	9.2	-8.7	-2.7	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.0	118.9	118.1	119.6	-6.9	2.8	1.4	5.5	-2.2	3.4
Footwear	123.7	124.0	123.3	122.2	3.3	2.3	.0	-4.8	2.8	-2.4
Transportation	182.5	185.3	185.0	188.3	28.6	-15.5	14.6	13.3	4.2	13.9
Private transportation	179.7	182.6	182.2	185.5	29.3	-16.3	15.1	13.5	4.0	14.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.0	95.0	95.1	95.3	1.3	-1.3	.8	1.3	.0	1.1
New vehicles	139.2	138.8	138.7	138.9	1.7	1.4	.0	-.9	1.6	-.4
Used cars and trucks ¹	141.3	141.8	142.4	143.0	-1.4	-3.6	3.5	4.9	-2.5	4.2
Motor fuel	230.8	241.8	239.7	252.2	123.8	-43.1	54.2	42.6	12.8	48.3
Gasoline (all types)	229.9	240.9	238.7	251.2	123.9	-43.1	54.8	42.5	12.9	48.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	115.3	116.5	116.6	117.5	4.4	4.7	5.0	7.9	4.5	6.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	216.5	217.6	218.4	219.3	5.3	2.5	5.9	5.3	3.9	5.6
Public transportation	223.3	225.0	227.7	228.0	8.0	3.7	-.5	8.7	5.8	4.0
Medical care	333.4	334.4	335.1	336.2	4.1	3.5	4.8	3.4	3.8	4.1
Medical care commodities	278.4	279.2	279.1	280.0	4.1	5.3	4.6	2.3	4.7	3.4
Medical care services	348.1	349.3	350.2	351.3	4.1	3.0	4.9	3.7	3.5	4.3
Professional services	290.0	290.5	290.9	291.8	3.3	.7	3.2	2.5	2.0	2.9
Hospital and related services ³	459.4	462.1	463.7	465.3	4.4	6.4	9.9	5.2	5.4	7.5

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—		
	Apr. 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Jan. 2006	July 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.1	108.3	108.5	108.7	3.8	-0.7	3.0	2.2	1.5	2.6
Video and audio ²	104.5	104.3	104.5	104.4	5.2	-1.5	4.3	-4	1.8	1.9
Education and communication ²	113.5	113.5	113.7	114.0	2.2	4.0	2.1	1.8	3.1	2.0
Education ²	158.0	158.8	159.5	160.3	5.4	7.5	4.7	6.0	6.4	5.3
Educational books and supplies	384.0	386.6	388.5	389.5	7.4	6.9	4.1	5.9	7.1	5.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	447.1	449.4	451.1	453.5	5.1	7.6	4.7	5.8	6.4	5.3
Communication ²	86.3	86.0	86.1	86.2	-9	1.9	.0	-5	.5	-2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.6	84.3	84.4	84.5	-5	1.0	.0	-5	.2	-2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.6	95.3	95.5	95.7	.8	2.1	1.3	.4	1.5	.8
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.5	13.3	13.3	13.3	-8.2	-5.7	-2.9	-5.8	-7.0	-4.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	11.0	10.7	10.5	10.4	-15.1	-18.5	-13.3	-20.1	-16.8	-16.8
Other goods and services	328.8	328.8	330.8	330.5	2.1	4.0	1.2	2.1	3.1	1.7
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	519.9	519.4	523.5	523.3	4.9	4.6	2.2	2.6	4.8	2.4
Personal care	186.8	187.0	187.9	187.7	.9	3.7	.6	1.9	2.3	1.3
Personal care products ¹	155.0	154.7	155.1	155.0	-1.0	2.1	-2.0	.0	.5	-1.0
Personal care services ¹	208.6	208.6	209.2	209.7	1.8	3.2	3.9	2.1	2.5	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services	311.5	312.4	313.5	313.6	2.5	4.0	3.4	2.7	3.2	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	166.3	167.6	167.6	168.9	13.5	-7.0	7.0	6.4	2.7	6.7
Food and beverages	193.6	193.9	194.4	194.7	2.1	3.4	.6	2.3	2.7	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages	150.2	151.8	151.6	153.3	20.5	-12.6	11.1	8.5	2.6	9.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	184.9	190.1	190.5	192.8	29.3	-11.4	13.1	18.2	7.0	15.6
Apparel	119.5	119.6	119.4	118.0	.0	-1.0	4.5	-4.9	-5	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	230.7	237.0	235.9	242.6	53.0	-25.6	27.3	22.3	6.7	24.8
Durables	114.9	114.7	114.8	115.0	.3	-.7	-.3	.3	-.2	.0
Services	232.4	233.0	233.6	234.3	6.0	4.1	2.3	3.3	5.0	2.8
Rent of shelter ⁴	214.6	215.6	216.3	217.2	1.7	2.5	4.8	4.9	2.1	4.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.5	116.6	116.7	116.7	-7.9	.7	1.0	.7	-3.7	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	180.7	179.5	177.4	177.4	54.4	19.5	-14.8	-7.1	35.8	-11.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	135.7	136.0	136.8	137.5	3.1	6.5	4.2	5.4	4.8	4.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	137.7	138.3	139.0	139.3	4.6	6.7	3.0	4.7	5.6	3.8
Transportation services	229.2	229.9	230.5	230.8	2.7	2.3	.3	2.8	2.5	1.6
Medical care services	348.1	349.3	350.2	351.3	4.1	3.0	4.9	3.7	3.5	4.3
Other services	266.6	267.3	268.1	268.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	197.2	198.3	198.5	199.6	10.7	-1.6	5.0	5.0	4.3	5.0
All items less shelter	189.3	190.3	190.3	191.4	12.6	-2.3	4.1	4.5	4.9	4.3
All items less medical care	190.9	191.8	192.1	193.1	9.6	-1.3	4.3	4.7	4.0	4.5
Commodities less food	152.1	153.7	153.5	155.1	19.9	-12.0	10.9	8.1	2.8	9.5
Nondurables less food	186.0	190.9	191.1	193.6	27.4	-10.7	12.8	17.4	6.6	15.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	226.9	232.6	232.2	238.1	48.2	-23.7	25.0	21.3	6.3	23.1
Nondurables	190.4	192.9	193.2	194.7	15.3	-4.8	7.7	9.3	4.8	8.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	223.4	223.9	224.6	224.9	9.0	6.9	-.9	2.7	7.9	.9
Services less medical care services	223.6	224.2	225.1	225.7	5.5	4.8	1.8	3.8	5.1	2.8
Energy	201.4	206.4	204.5	210.8	91.8	-22.3	18.3	20.0	22.0	19.2
All items less energy	197.0	197.4	198.0	198.3	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.7
All items less food and energy	198.1	198.7	199.2	199.6	2.1	1.9	3.1	3.1	2.0	3.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.3	141.3	141.4	141.3	.6	.0	1.7	.0	.3	.9
Energy commodities	231.5	242.4	240.5	252.8	121.5	-42.3	51.1	42.2	13.0	46.6
Services less energy services	237.9	238.8	239.7	240.4	2.6	2.8	4.0	4.3	2.7	4.1

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 July2006 from—			Percent change to June2006 from—			
		Apr. 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	May 2006	June 2006	June 2005	Apr. 2006	May 2006	
U.S. city average	M	197.2	198.2	198.6	199.2	4.3	0.5	0.3	4.5	0.7	0.2	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	211.0	212.1	213.0	213.5	4.7	.7	.2	5.2	.9	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.5	212.8	214.0	214.3	4.6	.7	.1	5.2	1.2	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.6	128.0	128.1	128.6	4.7	.5	.4	5.2	.4	.1	
Midwest urban	M	188.3	189.0	189.5	190.0	3.5	.5	.3	3.6	.6	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	189.0	189.7	190.1	190.7	3.4	.5	.3	3.3	.6	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.8	123.3	123.6	123.8	3.3	.4	.2	3.9	.7	.2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	186.0	186.4	187.6	188.6	4.5	1.2	.5	4.5	.9	.6	
South urban	M	192.1	192.9	193.5	194.3	4.7	.7	.4	4.8	.7	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.7	195.7	196.3	197.1	4.8	.7	.4	4.8	.8	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.9	123.3	123.7	124.2	4.6	.7	.4	4.7	.7	.3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.3	196.3	196.9	198.1	5.8	.9	.6	5.5	.8	.3	
West urban	M	200.0	201.9	201.5	201.7	4.1	-.1	.1	4.4	.8	-.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	201.7	203.6	203.0	203.3	4.3	-.1	.1	4.6	.6	-.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.4	125.6	125.4	125.5	3.8	-.1	.1	4.0	.8	-.2	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	182.6	183.7	184.0	184.5	4.2	.4	.3	4.4	.8	.2	
B/C ³	M	123.8	124.4	124.6	125.0	4.3	.5	.3	4.4	.6	.2	
D	M	192.2	193.3	194.1	194.8	5.0	.8	.4	4.9	1.0	.4	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	191.4	192.0	192.4	192.8	2.9	.4	.2	2.8	.5	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	202.9	205.0	204.2	204.5	5.1	-.2	.1	5.4	.6	-.4	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	214.0	215.5	216.7	216.8	5.0	.6	.0	5.7	1.3	.6	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	222.9	-	223.9	3.7	.4	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	183.8	-	184.3	3.1	.3	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	192.9	-	193.9	4.6	.5	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	128.2	-	129.8	4.3	1.2	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	192.0	-	194.4	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.3	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	192.2	-	192.0	-	-	-	-	4.0	-.1	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	180.0	-	181.4	-	-	-	-	5.0	.8	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	202.3	-	202.5	-	-	-	-	6.2	.1	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	211.1	-	213.2	-	-	-	-	4.5	1.0	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	204.9	-	205.2	-	-	-	-	3.9	.1	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	202.5	-	203.8	-	-	-	-	4.6	.6	-	

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: 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)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2006 from—	
		June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	117.5	117.6	3.5	0.1
Food and beverages	15.072	115.3	115.5	2.2	.2
Food	13.943	115.2	115.5	2.1	.3
Food at home	8.029	112.2	112.4	1.4	.2
Food away from home	5.914	119.4	119.7	3.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	116.0	115.9	2.8	-.1
Housing	42.173	122.3	122.8	3.9	.4
Shelter	32.495	122.8	123.4	3.7	.5
Fuels and utilities	4.702	152.1	152.7	9.1	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	97.1	96.9	.4	-.2
Apparel	4.076	89.1	85.3	-.4	-4.3
Transportation	17.095	122.3	123.1	6.6	.7
Private transportation	15.988	122.9	123.6	6.6	.6
Public transportation	1.107	115.2	116.8	4.5	1.4
Medical care	6.055	131.3	131.6	3.8	.2
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.2	121.5	3.8	.2
Medical care services	4.597	134.7	135.1	3.8	.3
Recreation	5.863	106.0	106.1	2.0	.1
Education and communication	6.190	102.8	103.0	2.1	.2
Education	2.751	148.1	148.9	6.1	.5
Communication	3.439	76.0	76.0	-.9	.0
Other goods and services	3.475	119.6	118.9	1.6	-.6
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	124.7	125.2	3.9	.4
Commodities	41.237	108.4	108.2	3.1	-.2
Durables	12.340	87.4	87.3	-.6	-.1
Nondurables	28.897	118.8	118.5	4.8	-.3
All items less food and energy	78.707	113.0	113.0	2.5	.0
Energy ¹	7.351	182.2	185.1	18.9	1.6

¹ Revised indexes: Apr. 2006=173.6, Feb. 2006=161.9.

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.