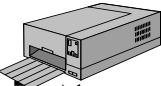


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April 2000

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			MIDWEST REGION			WEST REGION		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84 = 100)	171.2	3.0	0.1	166.9	2.9	-0.1	173.7	2.8	0.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	167.2	2.0	0.1	164.2	2.1	0.1	170.0	1.6	0.0
HOUSING	167.6	2.8	0.0	161.3	2.5	0.1	174.4	3.5	0.1
APPAREL	133.3	-1.4	0.6	128.0	-3.5	-0.1	122.7	-2.6	-0.1
TRANSPORTATION	152.9	6.0	-0.3	150.9	5.7	-1.4	156.6	4.5	0.3
MEDICAL CARE	258.8	3.9	0.3	254.3	4.3	0.6	255.4	3.6	-0.1
RECREATION/1	102.9	0.9	0.0	102.9	0.8	0.5	101.1	0.3	0.0
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	101.8	1.1	-0.2	103.8	2.8	-0.4	101.0	0.4	-0.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	271.9	6.2	1.5	266.5	6.0	1.9	274.3	4.5	1.1
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	512.9								

URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			MIDWEST REGION			WEST REGION		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	167.9	3.2	0.1	163.2	3.2	-0.1	169.4	2.7	0.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	166.5	2.1	0.1	164.2	2.3	0.1	169.5	1.6	-0.1
HOUSING	163.3	2.6	0.1	155.9	2.4	0.1	169.8	3.2	0.2
APPAREL	131.8	-1.4	0.6	126.5	-3.7	-0.2	123.1	-2.9	-0.2
TRANSPORTATION	152.2	6.5	-0.5	150.5	6.3	-1.5	153.6	4.4	0.3
MEDICAL CARE	258.0	3.9	0.3	254.7	4.3	0.6	254.3	3.7	-0.1
RECREATION/1	102.0	0.6	0.0	102.3	0.7	0.4	99.9	0.1	0.0
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	102.1	1.2	-0.1	104.0	2.8	-0.4	101.8	0.8	0.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	278.0	7.1	1.7	272.8	7.1	2.5	276.2	5.2	1.3
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	500.1								

Notes:
 (1) December 1997 = 100 base
 (-) Data not available

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