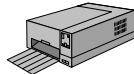


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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U.S. CITY AVERAGE AND REGIONS

Sep-02

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)	181.0	1.5	0.2	176.2	0.9	0.2	185.7	1.8	0.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	176.9	1.3	0.2	172.8	0.6	-0.1	182.5	2.1	0.4
HOUSING	181.5	2.3	-0.1	173.2	2.2	-0.1	193.1	2.5	0.1
APPAREL	124.6	-1.7	3.4	119.1	-3.8	3.3	113.2	-3.0	2.0
TRANSPORTATION	154.0	-1.0	0.1	154.9	-2.9	0.4	157.2	-0.5	-0.3
MEDICAL CARE	287.7	4.6	0.1	282.1	4.3	0.0	288.5	4.9	0.1
RECREATION/1	106.2	1.0	-0.1	108.2	1.9	-0.4	103.8	1.0	-0.1
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	109.5	2.7	0.6	111.5	3.0	0.9	107.1	2.3	0.3
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	297.0	3.2	0.4	291.2	3.7	0.6	293.5	1.7	0.6
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	542.1								

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)	177.0	1.3	0.2	171.7	0.5	0.2	180.7	1.7	0.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	176.2	1.3	0.2	172.8	0.6	-0.2	182.0	2.0	0.4
HOUSING	177.0	2.2	0.1	167.3	2.0	0.1	188.6	2.6	0.2
APPAREL	123.5	-1.7	3.3	118.6	-3.3	3.0	114.3	-2.5	1.9
TRANSPORTATION	153.1	-1.3	0.1	153.7	-3.5	0.3	154.8	0.0	-0.3
MEDICAL CARE	286.7	4.7	0.1	282.5	4.4	-0.1	287.7	5.0	0.1
RECREATION/1	104.4	0.6	-0.3	106.0	1.3	-0.6	101.9	0.4	-0.3
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	109.1	2.4	0.5	110.8	2.7	0.6	107.8	2.5	0.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	307.8	4.2	0.6	302.7	5.3	1.0	297.0	2.0	0.8
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	527.3								

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

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