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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in April, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The April level of 183.8 (1982-84=100) was 2.2 percent higher than in April 2002.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.3 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April level of 179.8 was 2.3 percent higher than in April 2002.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U declined 0.3 percent in April, following an increase of 0.3 percent in March. Energy costs, which rose 4.6 percent in March, declined 4.6 percent in April. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy declined 8.4 percent and the index for energy services decreased 0.5 percent. The index for food fell 0.1 percent, following a 0.2 percent increase in March. The index for food at home declined 0.2 percent. The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged for the second consecutive month in April after increasing 0.1 percent in both January and February.

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

| Expenditure Category | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | | Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '03 | Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '03 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|---|
| | Changes from preceding month | | | | | | | | |
| | 2002 | | | 2003 | | | | | |
| | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | | |
| All Items | .2 | .1 | .1 | .3 | .6 | .3 | -.3 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Food and beverages | .1 | .2 | .2 | -.2 | .6 | .2 | -.1 | 2.7 | 1.3 |
| Housing | .3 | .1 | .2 | .4 | .3 | .4 | -.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Apparel | -.2 | -.2 | -.2 | -.9 | -.2 | -.4 | -.6 | -4.5 | -3.8 |
| Transportation | .5 | -.2 | -.3 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.0 | -1.7 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| Medical care | .6 | .5 | .4 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .2 | 2.1 | 4.0 |
| Recreation | .2 | .0 | .2 | .2 | .3 | .1 | -.1 | 1.1 | .8 |
| Education and communication | .0 | .0 | .2 | .5 | .2 | -.1 | -.2 | -.4 | 2.6 |
| Other goods and services | -.5 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .3 | -.1 | .3 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| Special Indexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy | 1.4 | -.5 | -.4 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 4.6 | -4.6 | 24.8 | 13.0 |
| Food | .1 | .2 | .2 | -.2 | .7 | .2 | -.1 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
| All Items less food and energy | .1 | .1 | .2 | .1 | .1 | .0 | .0 | .4 | 1.5 |

During the first four months of 2003, the CPI-U rose at a 2.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.4 percent for all of 2002. The index for energy, which rose 10.7 percent in 2002, advanced at a 32.8 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2003. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 41.0 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 25.1 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 1.7 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 1.5 percent rise for all of 2002. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 0.6 percent SAAR in the first four months, following a 1.9 percent rise in all of 2002.

The food and beverages index fell 0.1 percent in April. The index for food at home, which increased 0.1 percent in March, declined 0.2 percent in April. Declines in four of the six major grocery store food groups more than offset increases of 0.6 percent in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish and eggs and for nonalcoholic beverages. The indexes for beef and for pork each rose 0.3 percent and poultry prices rose 0.7 percent. Within the index for nonalcoholic beverages, price increases for carbonated drinks and coffee were partially offset by a drop in tea prices. On the other hand, the index for fruits and vegetables declined 1.4 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent increase in March. The indexes for fresh fruits, for fresh vegetables, and for processed fruits and vegetables declined 1.2, 1.8, and 1.1 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit prices rose 1.0 percent, while prices for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables declined 2.6 and 1.4 percent, respectively.) The index for dairy products declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.8 percent in April--reflecting price declines for ice cream and cheese and related products. The remaining two major grocery store food groups--cereals and bakery products and other food at home--decreased 0.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing declined 0.1 percent in April. Shelter costs increased 0.1 percent after registering virtually no change in each of the preceding two months. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for lodging away from home rose 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while the index for owners' equivalent rent was unchanged. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home fell 0.8 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities turned down in April, following sharp increases in the first three months of 2003. The index for fuel oil decreased 14.9 percent in April, but prices for fuel oil were 31.5 percent higher than in April 2002. The index for natural gas fell 3.8 percent, but charges remain 27.3 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for electricity increased 1.2 percent in April and has risen 2.8 percent in the last 12 months. The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.2 percent in April.

The transportation index turned down in April, declining 1.7 percent, after registering increases of 1.0 percent or more in each of the preceding three months. The index for gasoline, which rose sharply in each of the first three months of 2003, decreased 8.3 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 5.1 percent in April.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.4 percent in April, and during the last 12 months it has fallen 1.2 percent. The index for used cars and trucks decreased 0.3 percent in April and this index has declined 2.2 percent in the last 12 months. Airline fares increased for the third consecutive month--up 0.9 percent in April--but are 1.9 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for apparel declined 0.6 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.2 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in April to a level 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in April. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.2 percent.

The index for recreation declined 0.1 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent increase in March. Decreases in the indexes for admissions to sporting events, for photography, for toys, and for newspapers and magazines more than offset increases in the indexes for video and audio, for pets, pet products and services, and for sporting goods.

The index for education and communication decreased for the second consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in April. Educational costs rose 0.5 percent, while the index for communication costs fell 0.9 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services declined 1.0 percent, reflecting a 2.8 percent decrease in long distance charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 1.6 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent decline in March. Prices for tobacco and smoking products, which declined 1.2 percent in March, increased 0.1 percent in April. The index for personal care products--hair, dental, shaving, cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements, and miscellaneous personal care products--rose 0.5 percent.

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

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

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 Apr. '03 | Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr.'03 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Changes from preceding month | | | | | | | | |
| | 2002 | | | 2003 | | | | | |
| | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | | |
| All Items | .2 | .1 | .1 | .3 | .7 | .5 | -.5 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| Food and beverages | .1 | .3 | .2 | -.1 | .6 | .2 | -.1 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
| Housing | .3 | .2 | .2 | .4 | .3 | .6 | -.1 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Apparel | -.3 | -.2 | -.2 | -1.0 | -.2 | -.2 | -.8 | -4.9 | -4.0 |
| Transportation | .5 | -.3 | -.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.1 | -1.9 | 5.8 | 3.8 |
| Medical care | .6 | .5 | .4 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .1 | 1.8 | 4.2 |
| Recreation | .2 | .0 | .3 | .1 | .2 | .0 | -.1 | .4 | .4 |
| Education and Communication | -.1 | .0 | .2 | .4 | .2 | -.2 | -.3 | -1.1 | 2.3 |
| Other goods and Services | -.9 | .0 | .0 | .2 | .3 | -.3 | .3 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Special Indexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy | 1.6 | -.6 | -.6 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 4.6 | -4.8 | 24.5 | 13.2 |
| Food | .1 | .3 | .2 | -.2 | .7 | .1 | -.1 | 3.0 | 1.3 |
| All Items less food and energy | .1 | .1 | .2 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .0 | .4 | 1.3 |

Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U)

The C-CPI-U decreased 0.2 percent in April on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The April level of 107.6 (December 1999=100) was 1.8 percent higher than in April 2002. Table 7 contains the most recent indexes for all items and the component series that are published. Data will be published monthly in the CPI Detailed Report and are available on the CPI home page: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>. Please note that the indexes for the post-2001 period are subject to revision.

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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

Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| CPI | 115.7 |
| Less previous index | 111.2 |
| Equals index point change | 4.5 |

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data; e.g., data from 1998 through 2002 were replaced at the end of 2002. 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: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2003.

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, natural 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 a large increase in coffee prices due to adverse weather. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions and decreases in milk supply affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly and dry weather in California. It was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than expected weather and increased rates to conserve supplies for Electricity. For

New vehicles, New cars, and New trucks, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

For a complete list of series that used Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, a list of unusual events modeled for them, or for a description of intervention analysis please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 or sending e-mail to Chow_Dan@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 2002 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from— | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Mar. 2003 | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. | Mar. to Apr. |
| All items | 100.000 | 184.2 | 183.8 | 2.2 | -0.2 | 0.6 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| All items (1967=100) | - | 551.8 | 550.5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Food and beverages | 15.583 | 179.2 | 179.0 | 1.3 | -1 | .6 | .2 | -1 |
| Food | 14.554 | 178.6 | 178.4 | 1.2 | -1 | .7 | .2 | -1 |
| Food at home | 8.338 | 177.7 | 177.3 | .5 | -2 | .9 | .1 | -2 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 1.281 | 202.1 | 201.9 | 1.9 | -1 | .9 | .4 | -5 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 2.222 | 164.8 | 165.2 | 1.7 | .2 | 2.0 | .0 | .6 |
| Dairy and related products ¹ | .876 | 167.1 | 165.8 | -1.7 | -8 | .5 | -1 | -8 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 1.234 | 223.6 | 221.3 | -9 | -1.0 | .8 | .1 | -1.4 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials | .954 | 140.3 | 140.5 | .4 | .1 | -4 | -1 | .6 |
| Other food at home | 1.771 | 162.6 | 162.1 | .4 | -3 | .4 | .0 | -3 |
| Sugar and sweets | .314 | 162.5 | 161.4 | 1.1 | -7 | .9 | .6 | -4 |
| Fats and oils | .252 | 157.5 | 156.1 | -3 | -9 | 2.0 | -8 | -1.1 |
| Other foods | 1.205 | 178.6 | 178.5 | .4 | -1 | -1 | .1 | -2 |
| Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} | .287 | 110.1 | 110.4 | 2.2 | .3 | .7 | -4 | .3 |
| Food away from home ¹ | 6.216 | 181.0 | 181.1 | 2.2 | .1 | .4 | .2 | .1 |
| Other food away from home ² | .388 | 120.4 | 120.4 | 3.0 | .0 | .3 | .3 | .1 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 1.029 | 186.6 | 186.4 | 1.9 | -1 | -2 | .6 | -1 |
| Housing | 40.854 | 184.3 | 184.1 | 2.6 | -1 | .3 | .4 | -1 |
| Shelter | 31.728 | 212.1 | 212.1 | 2.2 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .1 |
| Rent of primary residence ³ | 6.467 | 204.1 | 204.5 | 3.0 | .2 | .2 | .2 | .3 |
| Lodging away from home ^{2 3} | 2.654 | 119.7 | 118.7 | -2.8 | -8 | -1.8 | -1.3 | .2 |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4} | 22.243 | 218.9 | 218.9 | 2.6 | .0 | .2 | .1 | .0 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | .365 | 114.0 | 114.2 | 6.5 | .2 | .2 | -1 | .2 |
| Fuels and utilities | 4.469 | 154.5 | 153.1 | 9.1 | -9 | 2.0 | 4.4 | -1.0 |
| Fuels | 3.604 | 138.5 | 136.8 | 10.5 | -1.2 | 2.4 | 5.2 | -1.2 |
| Fuel oil and other fuels | .205 | 169.0 | 147.9 | 28.5 | -12.5 | 14.2 | 9.0 | -11.8 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 3.399 | 143.5 | 143.0 | 9.5 | -3 | 1.6 | 5.0 | -5 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | .864 | 115.9 | 116.1 | 3.1 | .2 | .3 | .5 | .3 |
| Household furnishings and operations | 4.658 | 127.1 | 127.2 | -1.3 | .1 | .2 | -5 | -2 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | .820 | 121.6 | 121.2 | 2.4 | -3 | 1.0 | -3 | -3 |
| Apparel | 4.220 | 123.6 | 123.9 | -3.8 | .2 | -2 | -4 | -6 |
| Men's and boys' apparel | 1.065 | 121.0 | 120.8 | -3.8 | -2 | -1 | 1.9 | -9 |
| Women's and girls' apparel | 1.738 | 117.2 | 117.8 | -3.6 | .5 | .1 | -7 | -4 |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel | .193 | 124.1 | 123.4 | -4.3 | -6 | .7 | .0 | -5 |
| Footwear | .853 | 119.8 | 119.9 | -3.8 | .1 | -6 | -2.4 | -8 |
| Transportation | 17.293 | 161.0 | 159.3 | 3.6 | -1.1 | 2.0 | 1.0 | -1.7 |
| Private transportation | 16.121 | 157.3 | 155.5 | 3.9 | -1.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | -1.8 |
| New and used motor vehicles ² | 8.170 | 98.0 | 97.8 | -1.5 | -2 | -1 | .3 | -4 |
| New vehicles | 4.864 | 139.3 | 138.7 | -1.2 | -4 | -1 | .2 | -4 |
| Used cars and trucks | 2.025 | 148.5 | 148.4 | -2.2 | -1 | .4 | .6 | -3 |
| Motor fuel | 3.119 | 148.1 | 140.6 | 15.8 | -5.1 | 9.8 | 4.0 | -8.2 |
| Gasoline (all types) | 3.091 | 147.4 | 139.9 | 15.8 | -5.1 | 9.9 | 4.1 | -8.3 |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ | .416 | 107.9 | 107.7 | .8 | -2 | .4 | -3 | -2 |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair | 1.418 | 194.3 | 194.6 | 3.0 | .2 | .2 | .0 | .3 |
| Public transportation | 1.172 | 206.1 | 207.2 | -1.2 | .5 | -4 | .5 | .3 |
| Medical care | 5.961 | 294.2 | 294.6 | 4.0 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .2 |
| Medical care commodities | 1.387 | 261.4 | 261.6 | 2.7 | .1 | .0 | .4 | .0 |
| Medical care services | 4.574 | 302.6 | 303.1 | 4.4 | .2 | .2 | .1 | .3 |
| Professional services ³ | 2.808 | 259.1 | 259.8 | 2.9 | .3 | .1 | .1 | .2 |
| Hospital and related services ³ | 1.451 | 388.7 | 388.7 | 7.3 | .0 | .4 | .2 | .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 Expenditure category | Relative importance, December 2002 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from— | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| | | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Mar. 2003 | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. | Mar. to Apr. | |
| Recreation ² | 5.943 | 107.4 | 107.4 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 | |
| Video and audio ² | 1.638 | 103.7 | 103.8 | .9 | .1 | .0 | -.1 | .2 | |
| Education and communication ² | 5.798 | 109.4 | 109.0 | 2.6 | -.4 | .2 | -.1 | -.2 | |
| Education ² | 2.835 | 131.1 | 131.2 | 6.4 | .1 | .5 | .5 | .5 | |
| Educational books and supplies | .236 | 333.2 | 332.3 | 5.7 | -.3 | .7 | .5 | .2 | |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare | 2.599 | 376.5 | 377.1 | 6.5 | .2 | .5 | .5 | .6 | |
| Communication ² | 2.963 | 91.3 | 90.5 | -.8 | -.9 | -.1 | -.7 | -.9 | |
| Information and information processing ^{1 2} | 2.765 | 89.5 | 88.6 | -1.6 | -1.0 | -.2 | -.7 | -1.0 | |
| Telephone services ^{1 2} | 2.273 | 99.7 | 98.7 | .5 | -1.0 | .1 | -.8 | -1.0 | |
| Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} | .492 | 16.8 | 16.7 | -10.2 | -.6 | -1.2 | -.6 | -.6 | |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} | .210 | 19.0 | 18.7 | -18.3 | -1.6 | -2.1 | -.5 | -1.6 | |
| Other goods and services | 4.350 | 297.3 | 298.1 | 1.8 | .3 | .3 | -.1 | .3 | |
| Tobacco and smoking products ¹ | .992 | 467.2 | 467.9 | 1.4 | .1 | .1 | -1.2 | .1 | |
| Personal care ¹ | 3.358 | 177.2 | 177.7 | 1.9 | .3 | .5 | .3 | .3 | |
| Personal care products ¹ | .680 | 153.3 | 154.1 | -.8 | .5 | .2 | .0 | .5 | |
| Personal care services ¹ | .897 | 191.7 | 192.5 | 2.4 | .4 | .2 | .4 | .4 | |
| Miscellaneous personal services | 1.573 | 281.4 | 282.0 | 3.2 | .2 | .5 | .4 | .3 | |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | 40.822 | 153.1 | 152.2 | .8 | -.6 | 1.1 | .4 | -1.0 | |
| Food and beverages | 15.583 | 179.2 | 179.0 | 1.3 | -.1 | .6 | .2 | -.1 | |
| Commodities less food and beverages | 25.239 | 138.0 | 136.7 | .5 | -.9 | 1.3 | .6 | -1.5 | |
| Nondurables less food and beverages | 13.824 | 154.5 | 152.3 | 2.6 | -1.4 | 2.5 | .8 | -2.8 | |
| Apparel | 4.220 | 123.6 | 123.9 | -3.8 | .2 | -.2 | -.4 | -.6 | |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel | 9.604 | 177.8 | 173.9 | 5.6 | -2.2 | 3.8 | 2.8 | -3.9 | |
| Durables | 11.416 | 119.5 | 119.2 | -2.2 | -.3 | .1 | -.2 | -.3 | |
| Services | 59.178 | 215.1 | 215.1 | 3.2 | .0 | .2 | .4 | .1 | |
| Rent of shelter ⁴ | 31.364 | 220.9 | 220.8 | 2.2 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .1 | |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | .365 | 114.0 | 114.2 | 6.5 | .2 | .2 | -.1 | .2 | |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 3.399 | 143.5 | 143.0 | 9.5 | -.3 | 1.6 | 5.0 | -.5 | |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | .864 | 115.9 | 116.1 | 3.1 | .2 | .3 | .5 | .3 | |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | .820 | 121.6 | 121.2 | 2.4 | -.3 | 1.0 | -.3 | -.3 | |
| Transportation services | 6.722 | 214.2 | 215.3 | 3.6 | .5 | .2 | .2 | .6 | |
| Medical care services | 4.574 | 302.6 | 303.1 | 4.4 | .2 | .2 | .1 | .3 | |
| Other services | 11.071 | 252.6 | 252.5 | 3.6 | .0 | .4 | .1 | .0 | |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 85.446 | 185.2 | 184.7 | 2.4 | -.3 | .6 | .4 | -.4 | |
| All items less shelter | 68.272 | 175.3 | 174.7 | 2.2 | -.3 | .9 | .5 | -.6 | |
| All items less medical care | 94.039 | 178.4 | 178.0 | 2.1 | -.2 | .6 | .4 | -.4 | |
| Commodities less food | 26.268 | 139.8 | 138.6 | .6 | -.9 | 1.3 | .6 | -1.5 | |
| Nondurables less food | 14.853 | 156.5 | 154.3 | 2.6 | -1.4 | 2.3 | .9 | -2.7 | |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 10.633 | 177.7 | 174.2 | 5.3 | -2.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | -3.4 | |
| Nondurables | 29.406 | 167.2 | 165.9 | 2.0 | -.8 | 1.3 | .7 | -1.5 | |
| Services less rent of shelter ⁴ | 27.815 | 224.4 | 224.6 | 4.4 | .1 | .5 | .8 | .3 | |
| Services less medical care services | 54.604 | 207.4 | 207.5 | 3.1 | .0 | .2 | .4 | .1 | |
| Energy | 6.723 | 142.6 | 138.1 | 13.0 | -3.2 | 5.9 | 4.6 | -4.6 | |
| All items less energy | 93.277 | 190.2 | 190.2 | 1.4 | .0 | .2 | .0 | .0 | |
| All items less food and energy | 78.724 | 193.0 | 193.1 | 1.5 | .1 | .1 | .0 | .0 | |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities | 22.945 | 142.6 | 142.5 | -1.8 | -.1 | -.1 | -.1 | -.3 | |
| Energy commodities | 3.324 | 150.1 | 141.7 | 16.5 | -5.6 | 10.2 | 4.3 | -8.4 | |
| Services less energy services | 55.779 | 222.4 | 222.5 | 2.9 | .0 | .1 | .0 | .1 | |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) | - | \$.543 | \$.544 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) | - | \$.181 | \$.182 | - | - | - | - | - | |

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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— | | |
| | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | July 2002 | Oct. 2002 | Jan. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Oct. 2002 | Apr. 2003 |
| Expenditure category | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 182.2 | 183.3 | 183.9 | 183.3 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Food and beverages | 177.7 | 178.8 | 179.1 | 178.9 | .2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.7 | .7 | 1.9 |
| Food | 177.0 | 178.2 | 178.5 | 178.3 | .0 | 1.1 | .9 | 3.0 | .6 | 1.9 |
| Food at home | 175.9 | 177.4 | 177.6 | 177.2 | -1.8 | -2 | 1.4 | 3.0 | -1.0 | 2.2 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 200.0 | 201.8 | 202.7 | 201.7 | .0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 2.7 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 161.8 | 165.0 | 165.0 | 166.0 | -2.4 | -3.4 | 2.5 | 10.8 | -2.9 | 6.6 |
| Dairy and related products ¹ | 166.4 | 167.2 | 167.1 | 165.8 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -.2 | -1.4 | -2.6 | -.8 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 220.6 | 222.3 | 222.6 | 219.5 | -2.5 | -.4 | 1.3 | -2.0 | -1.4 | -.4 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials | 140.0 | 139.5 | 139.3 | 140.2 | -2.6 | 4.1 | -.9 | .6 | .7 | -.1 |
| Other food at home | 161.7 | 162.4 | 162.4 | 161.9 | -1.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 | .5 | .0 | .9 |
| Sugar and sweets | 159.7 | 161.1 | 162.1 | 161.4 | .8 | .5 | -1.0 | 4.3 | .6 | 1.6 |
| Fats and oils | 155.8 | 158.9 | 157.7 | 156.0 | -4.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 | .5 | -1.5 | 1.2 |
| Other foods | 178.4 | 178.3 | 178.4 | 178.1 | -1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | -.7 | .1 | .6 |
| Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} | 109.7 | 110.5 | 110.1 | 110.4 | 8.0 | -1.1 | -.4 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 1.1 |
| Food away from home ¹ | 179.9 | 180.7 | 181.0 | 181.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | .7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| Other food away from home ² | 119.9 | 120.3 | 120.7 | 120.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 3.7 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 185.8 | 185.5 | 186.6 | 186.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| Housing | 182.9 | 183.4 | 184.1 | 184.0 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Shelter | 211.4 | 211.5 | 211.4 | 211.6 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | .4 | 2.8 | 1.6 |
| Rent of primary residence ³ | 203.1 | 203.5 | 203.9 | 204.5 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| Lodging away from home ^{2 3} | 119.0 | 116.9 | 115.4 | 115.6 | -5.3 | 3.8 | 2.4 | -10.9 | -.8 | -4.5 |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4} | 218.3 | 218.7 | 218.9 | 218.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 1.9 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | 113.9 | 114.1 | 114.0 | 114.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 15.0 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 7.8 |
| Fuels and utilities | 147.4 | 150.3 | 156.9 | 155.4 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 8.0 | 23.5 | 2.8 | 15.5 |
| Fuels | 131.0 | 134.1 | 141.1 | 139.4 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 9.4 | 28.2 | 2.7 | 18.4 |
| Fuel oil and other fuels | 131.7 | 150.4 | 163.9 | 144.5 | 14.6 | 16.4 | 40.8 | 44.9 | 15.5 | 42.9 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 137.6 | 139.8 | 146.8 | 146.1 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 7.9 | 27.1 | 2.1 | 17.1 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | 114.7 | 115.0 | 115.6 | 116.0 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| Household furnishings and operations | 127.6 | 127.8 | 127.1 | 126.9 | -.6 | -.9 | -1.6 | -2.2 | -.8 | -1.9 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | 120.8 | 122.0 | 121.6 | 121.2 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Apparel | 121.8 | 121.6 | 121.1 | 120.4 | -6.8 | 1.6 | -5.4 | -4.5 | -2.7 | -5.0 |
| Men's and boys' apparel | 118.2 | 118.1 | 120.4 | 119.3 | -8.4 | -3.3 | -6.8 | 3.8 | -5.9 | -1.7 |
| Women's and girls' apparel | 113.5 | 113.6 | 112.8 | 112.3 | -6.4 | 4.3 | -7.7 | -4.2 | -1.2 | -6.0 |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel | 121.5 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 121.8 | -4.6 | .0 | -13.0 | 1.0 | -2.3 | -6.3 |
| Footwear | 122.3 | 121.6 | 118.7 | 117.7 | -7.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | -14.2 | -2.1 | -5.5 |
| Transportation | 156.2 | 159.3 | 160.9 | 158.2 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 3.2 | 3.9 |
| Private transportation | 152.3 | 155.6 | 157.3 | 154.4 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| New and used motor vehicles ² | 97.8 | 97.7 | 98.0 | 97.6 | -.8 | .4 | -5.1 | -.8 | -.2 | -3.0 |
| New vehicles | 138.6 | 138.4 | 138.7 | 138.1 | -1.4 | 2.3 | -4.5 | -1.4 | .4 | -3.0 |
| Used cars and trucks | 148.2 | 148.8 | 149.7 | 149.3 | -.3 | -6.6 | -4.7 | 3.0 | -3.5 | -.9 |
| Motor fuel | 130.2 | 143.0 | 148.7 | 136.5 | 10.6 | 14.3 | 17.7 | 20.8 | 12.4 | 19.2 |
| Gasoline (all types) | 129.5 | 142.3 | 148.1 | 135.8 | 10.3 | 15.1 | 17.1 | 20.9 | 12.7 | 19.0 |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ | 107.8 | 108.2 | 107.9 | 107.7 | 2.3 | -1.8 | 3.4 | -.4 | .2 | 1.5 |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair | 193.7 | 194.1 | 194.1 | 194.6 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| Public transportation | 205.3 | 204.4 | 205.5 | 206.2 | -4.7 | -2.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 | -3.8 | 1.6 |
| Medical care | 292.6 | 293.0 | 293.5 | 294.1 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 3.1 |
| Medical care commodities | 260.5 | 260.4 | 261.4 | 261.3 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 2.0 |
| Medical care services | 300.8 | 301.4 | 301.7 | 302.5 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 5.6 | 3.3 |
| Professional services ³ | 258.0 | 258.3 | 258.6 | 259.2 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 2.2 |
| Hospital and related services ³ | 385.3 | 386.7 | 387.5 | 388.3 | 7.3 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 3.2 | 8.6 | 6.0 |

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— | | |
| | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | July 2002 | Oct. 2002 | Jan. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Oct. 2002 | Apr. 2003 |
| Expenditure category | | | | | | | | | | |
| Recreation ² | 106.9 | 107.2 | 107.3 | 107.2 | -0.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Video and audio ² | 103.4 | 103.4 | 103.3 | 103.5 | -4 | 2.4 | 1.2 | .4 | 1.0 | .8 |
| Education and communication ² | 109.5 | 109.7 | 109.6 | 109.4 | 6.5 | 2.2 | 2.6 | -4 | 4.4 | 1.1 |
| Education ² | 130.2 | 130.9 | 131.5 | 132.2 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Educational books and supplies | 327.9 | 330.2 | 331.8 | 332.6 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 6.8 |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare | 374.4 | 376.3 | 378.0 | 380.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.2 |
| Communication ² | 92.0 | 91.9 | 91.3 | 90.5 | 6.3 | -1.7 | -9 | -6.4 | 2.2 | -3.7 |
| Information and information processing ^{1 2} | 90.3 | 90.1 | 89.5 | 88.6 | 3.6 | -1.8 | -4 | -7.3 | .9 | -3.9 |
| Telephone services ^{1 2} | 100.4 | 100.5 | 99.7 | 98.7 | 5.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | -6.6 | 3.5 | -2.4 |
| Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} | 17.1 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 16.7 | -4.2 | -14.4 | -12.9 | -9.0 | -9.4 | -11.0 |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} | 19.5 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 18.7 | -10.1 | -25.8 | -21.2 | -15.4 | -18.3 | -18.4 |
| Other goods and services | 296.5 | 297.5 | 297.3 | 298.1 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Tobacco and smoking products ¹ | 472.4 | 472.7 | 467.2 | 467.9 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 1.5 | -3.8 | 4.0 | -1.1 |
| Personal care ¹ | 175.9 | 176.7 | 177.2 | 177.7 | 1.4 | .7 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 2.8 |
| Personal care products ¹ | 153.0 | 153.3 | 153.3 | 154.1 | -2.0 | .0 | -4.1 | 2.9 | -1.0 | -6 |
| Personal care services ¹ | 190.6 | 190.9 | 191.7 | 192.5 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 3.4 |
| Miscellaneous personal services | 278.4 | 279.8 | 280.8 | 281.7 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 2.4 | 4.1 |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | 150.5 | 152.2 | 152.8 | 151.3 | -3 | 1.1 | .3 | 2.1 | .4 | 1.2 |
| Food and beverages | 177.7 | 178.8 | 179.1 | 178.9 | .2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.7 | .7 | 1.9 |
| Commodities less food and beverages | 134.9 | 136.7 | 137.5 | 135.4 | -6 | 1.2 | -3 | 1.5 | .3 | .6 |
| Nondurables less food and beverages | 149.5 | 153.2 | 154.5 | 150.2 | -3.8 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 4.4 |
| Apparel | 121.8 | 121.6 | 121.1 | 120.4 | -6.8 | 1.6 | -5.4 | -4.5 | -2.7 | -5.0 |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel | 167.7 | 174.0 | 178.8 | 171.9 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 10.4 | 4.6 | 6.7 |
| Durables | 119.5 | 119.6 | 119.4 | 119.1 | -1.6 | -2.0 | -3.9 | -1.3 | -1.8 | -2.6 |
| Services | 213.6 | 214.1 | 214.9 | 215.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Rent of shelter ⁴ | 220.0 | 220.1 | 220.2 | 220.4 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.6 | .7 | 2.8 | 1.7 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | 113.9 | 114.1 | 114.0 | 114.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 15.0 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 7.8 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 137.6 | 139.8 | 146.8 | 146.1 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 7.9 | 27.1 | 2.1 | 17.1 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | 114.7 | 115.0 | 115.6 | 116.0 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | 120.8 | 122.0 | 121.6 | 121.2 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Transportation services | 212.7 | 213.2 | 213.7 | 214.9 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Medical care services | 300.8 | 301.4 | 301.7 | 302.5 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 5.6 | 3.3 |
| Other services | 251.3 | 252.3 | 252.6 | 252.6 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 2.8 |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 183.1 | 184.2 | 184.9 | 184.2 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| All items less shelter | 172.8 | 174.3 | 175.2 | 174.2 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| All items less medical care | 176.4 | 177.5 | 178.2 | 177.5 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Commodities less food | 136.8 | 138.6 | 139.4 | 137.3 | -6 | 1.2 | -3 | 1.5 | .3 | .6 |
| Nondurables less food | 151.6 | 155.1 | 156.5 | 152.3 | -3.5 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 1.9 | .9 | 4.2 |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 168.9 | 174.5 | 178.6 | 172.5 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 8.8 | 4.4 | 6.1 |
| Nondurables | 163.9 | 166.1 | 167.2 | 164.7 | -1.7 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 2.0 | .7 | 3.1 |
| Services less rent of shelter ⁴ | 221.8 | 223.0 | 224.7 | 225.3 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 4.9 |
| Services less medical care services | 205.9 | 206.4 | 207.2 | 207.5 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Energy | 130.1 | 137.8 | 144.2 | 137.5 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 12.9 | 24.8 | 7.2 | 18.7 |
| All items less energy | 189.3 | 189.7 | 189.7 | 189.7 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.3 | .8 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| All items less food and energy | 192.3 | 192.5 | 192.5 | 192.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.5 | .4 | 2.0 | .9 |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities | 142.3 | 142.2 | 142.1 | 141.7 | -1.9 | -3 | -3.0 | -1.7 | -1.1 | -2.4 |
| Energy commodities | 130.9 | 144.2 | 150.4 | 137.7 | 10.9 | 14.2 | 18.7 | 22.5 | 12.6 | 20.6 |
| Services less energy services | 221.4 | 221.7 | 221.8 | 222.1 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 2.3 |

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in

January, 1999.

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 Apr.2003 from— | | | Percent change to Mar.2003 from— | | | |
| | | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Mar. 2002 | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | |
| U.S. city average | M | 181.7 | 183.1 | 184.2 | 183.8 | 2.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | |
| Region and area size² | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast urban | M | 190.5 | 191.7 | 193.0 | 192.6 | 2.6 | .5 | -2 | 3.2 | 1.3 | .7 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 192.2 | 193.5 | 194.6 | 194.4 | 2.7 | .5 | -1 | 3.2 | 1.2 | .6 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 113.1 | 113.8 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 2.2 | .5 | -5 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 1.1 | |
| Midwest urban | M | 176.2 | 177.8 | 178.6 | 177.8 | 1.8 | .0 | -4 | 2.9 | 1.4 | .4 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 178.2 | 180.0 | 180.7 | 179.7 | 1.4 | -2 | -6 | 2.7 | 1.4 | .4 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 112.0 | 112.8 | 113.6 | 113.2 | 2.3 | .4 | -4 | 3.1 | 1.4 | .7 | |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) | M | 170.7 | 172.5 | 173.0 | 171.7 | 2.1 | -5 | -8 | 3.5 | 1.3 | .3 | |
| South urban | M | 175.1 | 176.4 | 177.5 | 177.4 | 2.5 | .6 | -1 | 3.1 | 1.4 | .6 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 176.7 | 178.3 | 179.1 | 178.9 | 2.7 | .3 | -1 | 3.3 | 1.4 | .4 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 111.7 | 112.5 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 2.3 | .7 | .0 | 3.0 | 1.4 | .7 | |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) | M | 173.2 | 174.8 | 175.4 | 175.5 | 2.9 | .4 | .1 | 3.2 | 1.3 | .3 | |
| West urban | M | 186.6 | 188.1 | 189.3 | 188.8 | 2.0 | .4 | -3 | 2.9 | 1.4 | .6 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 189.2 | 190.9 | 192.1 | 191.7 | 2.4 | .4 | -2 | 3.2 | 1.5 | .6 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 113.8 | 114.5 | 115.4 | 114.9 | 1.1 | .3 | -4 | 2.3 | 1.4 | .8 | |
| Size classes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A ⁴ | M | 166.1 | 167.5 | 168.4 | 168.0 | 2.3 | .3 | -2 | 3.1 | 1.4 | .5 | |
| B/C ³ | M | 112.3 | 113.1 | 114.0 | 113.7 | 2.1 | .5 | -3 | 3.0 | 1.5 | .8 | |
| D | M | 174.6 | 176.0 | 176.9 | 176.3 | 2.3 | .2 | -3 | 3.1 | 1.3 | .5 | |
| Selected local areas⁵ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI | M | 182.7 | 184.1 | 184.8 | 183.4 | 1.4 | -4 | -8 | 2.8 | 1.1 | .4 | |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .. | M | 185.2 | 186.5 | 188.2 | 187.6 | 3.0 | .6 | -3 | 3.9 | 1.6 | .9 | |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA | M | 194.7 | 196.2 | 197.1 | 196.7 | 2.6 | .3 | -2 | 3.1 | 1.2 | .5 | |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT | 1 | 199.8 | - | 202.8 | - | - | - | - | 4.2 | 1.5 | - | |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH | 1 | 173.5 | - | 175.4 | - | - | - | - | 1.0 | 1.1 | - | |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX | 1 | 174.0 | - | 176.8 | - | - | - | - | 2.7 | 1.6 | - | |
| Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶ | 1 | 114.6 | - | 115.9 | - | - | - | - | 3.6 | 1.1 | - | |
| Atlanta, GA | 2 | - | 180.7 | - | 182.1 | 2.0 | .8 | - | - | - | - | |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI | 2 | - | 182.4 | - | 182.2 | 1.8 | -1 | - | - | - | - | |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX | 2 | - | 164.0 | - | 162.5 | 2.3 | -9 | - | - | - | - | |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL | 2 | - | 180.3 | - | 180.6 | 3.2 | .2 | - | - | - | - | |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD | 2 | - | 186.6 | - | 187.2 | 2.2 | .3 | - | - | - | - | |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA | 2 | - | 197.7 | - | 197.3 | 2.2 | -2 | - | - | - | - | |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA | 2 | - | 191.3 | - | 192.3 | 1.9 | .5 | - | - | - | - | |

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 2002 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from— | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Mar. 2003 | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. | Mar. to Apr. |
| All items | 100.000 | 180.3 | 179.8 | 2.3 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.5 |
| All items (1967=100) | - | 537.1 | 535.5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Food and beverages | 17.072 | 178.5 | 178.3 | 1.2 | -1 | .6 | .2 | -1 |
| Food | 16.071 | 177.9 | 177.7 | 1.3 | -1 | .7 | .1 | -1 |
| Food at home | 9.646 | 176.8 | 176.4 | .6 | -2 | .9 | .1 | -2 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 1.449 | 202.1 | 201.8 | 2.0 | -1 | .9 | .3 | -4 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 2.773 | 164.8 | 165.2 | 1.9 | .2 | 2.0 | .1 | .6 |
| Dairy and related products ¹ | .977 | 166.7 | 165.6 | -1.8 | -7 | .5 | -2 | -7 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 1.337 | 222.2 | 220.0 | -9 | -1.0 | .5 | .3 | -1.5 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials | 1.118 | 139.5 | 139.6 | .1 | .1 | -4 | -3 | .7 |
| Other food at home | 1.992 | 162.1 | 161.7 | .4 | -2 | .6 | .0 | -3 |
| Sugar and sweets | .337 | 162.1 | 160.9 | .9 | -7 | .9 | .7 | -5 |
| Fats and oils | .302 | 157.7 | 156.2 | .0 | -1.0 | 1.9 | -6 | -1.1 |
| Other foods | 1.353 | 178.9 | 179.0 | .4 | .1 | .2 | -1 | -1 |
| Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} | .308 | 110.5 | 110.9 | 2.2 | .4 | .7 | -4 | .4 |
| Food away from home ¹ | 6.425 | 181.0 | 181.0 | 2.2 | .0 | .4 | .3 | .0 |
| Other food away from home ² | .278 | 120.7 | 120.8 | 2.9 | .1 | .3 | .2 | .1 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 1.001 | 186.8 | 186.6 | 2.1 | -1 | .0 | .7 | -2 |
| Housing | 38.134 | 179.9 | 179.7 | 2.8 | -1 | .3 | .6 | -1 |
| Shelter | 29.422 | 205.9 | 205.9 | 2.4 | .0 | .1 | .0 | .1 |
| Rent of primary residence ³ | 8.456 | 203.4 | 203.7 | 3.0 | .1 | .2 | .2 | .2 |
| Lodging away from home ^{2 3} | 1.499 | 120.4 | 119.0 | -2.5 | -1.2 | -9 | -1.4 | .0 |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4} | 19.144 | 198.8 | 198.8 | 2.5 | .0 | .1 | .2 | .0 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | .323 | 113.8 | 114.0 | 6.3 | .2 | .2 | -1 | .2 |
| Fuels and utilities | 4.783 | 153.6 | 152.4 | 9.2 | -8 | 1.8 | 4.4 | -7 |
| Fuels | 3.902 | 137.0 | 135.7 | 10.6 | -9 | 2.2 | 5.2 | -9 |
| Fuel oil and other fuels | .192 | 167.9 | 146.9 | 28.1 | -12.5 | 14.4 | 8.6 | -11.7 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 3.710 | 142.6 | 142.3 | 9.8 | -2 | 1.7 | 5.0 | -2 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | .880 | 116.0 | 116.2 | 3.2 | .2 | .2 | .7 | .2 |
| Household furnishings and operations | 3.929 | 122.8 | 122.8 | -1.8 | .0 | .2 | -7 | -2 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | .357 | 122.5 | 122.2 | 2.7 | -2 | .9 | -2 | -2 |
| Apparel | 4.638 | 122.5 | 122.8 | -4.0 | .2 | -2 | -2 | -8 |
| Men's and boys' apparel | 1.176 | 120.6 | 120.4 | -4.3 | -2 | -1 | 2.0 | -9 |
| Women's and girls' apparel | 1.801 | 115.9 | 116.4 | -3.7 | .4 | -3 | -5 | -6 |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel | .244 | 125.8 | 125.5 | -4.7 | -2 | .9 | .1 | -4 |
| Footwear | 1.136 | 119.6 | 119.8 | -3.7 | .2 | -6 | -1.4 | -1.4 |
| Transportation | 19.666 | 160.3 | 158.5 | 3.8 | -1.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | -1.9 |
| Private transportation | 18.751 | 157.8 | 155.9 | 4.1 | -1.2 | 2.2 | 1.2 | -2.0 |
| New and used motor vehicles ² | 9.568 | 98.0 | 97.7 | -1.8 | -3 | .0 | .3 | -4 |
| New vehicles | 4.682 | 140.4 | 139.7 | -1.3 | -5 | -4 | .3 | -5 |
| Used cars and trucks | 3.783 | 149.2 | 149.2 | -2.2 | .0 | .4 | .6 | -3 |
| Motor fuel | 3.836 | 148.5 | 140.8 | 15.7 | -5.2 | 9.7 | 4.1 | -8.3 |
| Gasoline (all types) | 3.803 | 147.8 | 140.2 | 15.7 | -5.1 | 9.5 | 4.0 | -8.2 |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ | .524 | 107.2 | 107.1 | 1.0 | -1 | .4 | -3 | -1 |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair | 1.458 | 196.0 | 196.3 | 3.0 | .2 | .3 | -1 | .4 |
| Public transportation | .915 | 202.0 | 203.0 | -7 | .5 | -2 | .5 | .2 |
| Medical care | 4.747 | 293.5 | 293.7 | 4.2 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .1 |
| Medical care commodities | 1.012 | 256.1 | 256.2 | 2.6 | .0 | .0 | .4 | .0 |
| Medical care services | 3.735 | 302.7 | 303.0 | 4.6 | .1 | .2 | .1 | .2 |
| Professional services ³ | 2.265 | 261.3 | 261.9 | 2.9 | .2 | .2 | .1 | .2 |
| Hospital and related services ³ | 1.177 | 385.3 | 384.9 | 7.8 | -1 | .4 | .2 | .1 |

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 2002 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from— | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Mar. 2003 | Jan. to Feb. | Feb. to Mar. | Mar. to Apr. |
| Recreation ² | 5.567 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Video and audio ² | 1.795 | 102.9 | 103.0 | .8 | .1 | -1 | .0 | .1 |
| Education and communication ² | 5.604 | 108.9 | 108.4 | 2.3 | -5 | .2 | -2 | -3 |
| Education ² | 2.472 | 130.8 | 130.9 | 6.2 | .1 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| Educational books and supplies | .217 | 333.9 | 333.4 | 5.7 | -1 | .7 | .5 | .2 |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare | 2.256 | 368.2 | 368.8 | 6.2 | .2 | .4 | .5 | .5 |
| Communication ² | 3.132 | 92.8 | 92.0 | -6 | -9 | -1 | -6 | -9 |
| Information and information processing ^{1 2} | 2.972 | 91.6 | 90.7 | -1.1 | -1.0 | -1 | -7 | -1.0 |
| Telephone services ^{1 2} | 2.536 | 99.9 | 98.9 | .5 | -1.0 | .0 | -8 | -1.0 |
| Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} | .436 | 17.4 | 17.4 | -9.8 | .0 | -1.1 | -6 | .0 |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} | .191 | 18.6 | 18.5 | -17.8 | -5 | -2.6 | .0 | -5 |
| Other goods and services | 4.571 | 305.6 | 306.4 | 1.6 | .3 | .3 | -3 | .3 |
| Tobacco and smoking products ¹ | 1.542 | 469.1 | 469.8 | 1.5 | .1 | .1 | -1.2 | .1 |
| Personal care ¹ | 3.030 | 176.1 | 176.7 | 1.6 | .3 | .3 | .2 | .3 |
| Personal care products ¹ | .786 | 153.8 | 154.6 | -1.0 | .5 | .1 | -1 | .5 |
| Personal care services ¹ | .896 | 192.4 | 193.2 | 2.4 | .4 | .2 | .4 | .4 |
| Miscellaneous personal services | 1.170 | 281.1 | 281.6 | 3.3 | .2 | .5 | .4 | .3 |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | 45.066 | 154.0 | 153.0 | .9 | -6 | 1.1 | .5 | -1.2 |
| Food and beverages | 17.072 | 178.5 | 178.3 | 1.2 | -1 | .6 | .2 | -1 |
| Commodities less food and beverages | 27.994 | 139.6 | 138.2 | .5 | -1.0 | 1.5 | .7 | -1.7 |
| Nondurables less food and beverages | 15.152 | 157.3 | 154.8 | 2.9 | -1.6 | 2.6 | 1.1 | -3.2 |
| Apparel | 4.638 | 122.5 | 122.8 | -4.0 | .2 | -2 | -2 | -8 |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel | 10.514 | 182.6 | 178.3 | 6.1 | -2.4 | 4.1 | 2.9 | -4.3 |
| Durables | 12.842 | 119.8 | 119.4 | -2.2 | -3 | .1 | .0 | -3 |
| Services | 54.934 | 211.2 | 211.3 | 3.5 | .0 | .3 | .4 | .1 |
| Rent of shelter ⁴ | 29.099 | 198.3 | 198.3 | 2.4 | .0 | .1 | .1 | .1 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | .323 | 113.8 | 114.0 | 6.3 | .2 | .2 | -1 | .2 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 3.710 | 142.6 | 142.3 | 9.8 | -2 | 1.7 | 5.0 | -2 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | .880 | 116.0 | 116.2 | 3.2 | .2 | .2 | .7 | .2 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | .357 | 122.5 | 122.2 | 2.7 | -2 | .9 | -2 | -2 |
| Transportation services | 6.706 | 213.9 | 215.0 | 4.3 | .5 | .3 | .3 | .6 |
| Medical care services | 3.735 | 302.7 | 303.0 | 4.6 | .1 | .2 | .1 | .2 |
| Other services | 10.123 | 247.0 | 246.8 | 3.3 | -1 | .3 | .1 | -1 |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 83.929 | 180.6 | 180.0 | 2.4 | -3 | .7 | .6 | -6 |
| All items less shelter | 70.578 | 172.9 | 172.2 | 2.2 | -4 | .9 | .6 | -7 |
| All items less medical care | 95.253 | 175.4 | 174.8 | 2.2 | -3 | .7 | .5 | -5 |
| Commodities less food | 28.995 | 141.4 | 140.0 | .6 | -1.0 | 1.4 | .7 | -1.7 |
| Nondurables less food | 16.153 | 159.2 | 156.8 | 2.8 | -1.5 | 2.5 | 1.2 | -3.2 |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 11.514 | 182.3 | 178.4 | 5.7 | -2.1 | 3.8 | 2.6 | -3.9 |
| Nondurables | 32.224 | 168.5 | 167.1 | 2.1 | -8 | 1.6 | .7 | -1.6 |
| Services less rent of shelter ⁴ | 25.835 | 199.5 | 199.7 | 4.7 | .1 | .5 | .9 | .2 |
| Services less medical care services | 51.199 | 204.0 | 204.0 | 3.3 | .0 | .3 | .5 | .1 |
| Energy | 7.738 | 142.2 | 137.7 | 13.2 | -3.2 | 6.1 | 4.6 | -4.8 |
| All items less energy | 92.262 | 185.9 | 185.8 | 1.3 | -1 | .2 | .1 | .0 |
| All items less food and energy | 76.191 | 188.0 | 188.0 | 1.3 | .0 | .1 | .1 | .0 |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities | 24.967 | 143.1 | 143.0 | -1.9 | -1 | .0 | -1 | -4 |
| Energy commodities | 4.028 | 150.0 | 141.7 | 16.2 | -5.5 | 9.9 | 4.3 | -8.5 |
| Services less energy services | 51.224 | 218.8 | 219.0 | 3.0 | .1 | .2 | .1 | .1 |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) | - | \$.555 | \$.556 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) | - | \$.186 | \$.187 | - | - | - | - | - |

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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— | | |
| | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | July 2002 | Oct. 2002 | Jan. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Oct. 2002 | Apr. 2003 |
| Expenditure category | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 178.1 | 179.3 | 180.2 | 179.3 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Food and beverages | 177.0 | 178.1 | 178.4 | 178.3 | .2 | .7 | 1.4 | 3.0 | .5 | 2.2 |
| Food | 176.4 | 177.6 | 177.8 | 177.7 | .0 | .7 | 1.4 | 3.0 | .3 | 2.2 |
| Food at home | 175.0 | 176.5 | 176.6 | 176.3 | -1.6 | -5 | 1.6 | 3.0 | -1.0 | 2.3 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 200.1 | 201.9 | 202.5 | 201.6 | .4 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 2.7 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 161.6 | 164.8 | 164.9 | 165.9 | -1.9 | -3.7 | 2.5 | 11.1 | -2.8 | 6.7 |
| Dairy and related products ¹ | 166.3 | 167.1 | 166.7 | 165.6 | -3.0 | -2.4 | -.2 | -1.7 | -2.7 | -1.0 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 219.7 | 220.7 | 221.4 | 218.1 | -2.2 | -.4 | 2.0 | -2.9 | -1.3 | -.5 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials | 139.3 | 138.7 | 138.3 | 139.3 | -2.3 | 4.1 | -1.1 | .0 | .9 | -.6 |
| Other food at home | 161.1 | 162.0 | 162.0 | 161.5 | -1.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | -.1 | 1.1 |
| Sugar and sweets | 159.2 | 160.6 | 161.7 | 160.9 | .3 | .5 | -1.2 | 4.3 | .4 | 1.5 |
| Fats and oils | 155.7 | 158.7 | 157.8 | 156.0 | -4.3 | 2.1 | 1.6 | .8 | -1.2 | 1.2 |
| Other foods | 178.5 | 178.9 | 178.7 | 178.6 | -1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 | .2 | .0 | .9 |
| Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} | 110.1 | 110.9 | 110.5 | 110.9 | 8.8 | -2.5 | .0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1.5 |
| Food away from home ¹ | 179.8 | 180.5 | 181.0 | 181.0 | 3.0 | 2.3 | .9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1.8 |
| Other food away from home ² | 120.2 | 120.6 | 120.9 | 121.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 185.5 | 185.5 | 186.8 | 186.4 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| Housing | 178.4 | 178.9 | 179.9 | 179.8 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| Shelter | 205.1 | 205.3 | 205.4 | 205.6 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 2.0 |
| Rent of primary residence ³ | 202.4 | 202.8 | 203.2 | 203.7 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Lodging away from home ^{2 3} | 118.9 | 117.8 | 116.2 | 116.2 | -6.9 | 5.6 | 1.4 | -8.8 | -.8 | -3.8 |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4} | 198.3 | 198.5 | 198.8 | 198.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 1.9 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | 113.7 | 113.9 | 113.8 | 114.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 13.7 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 7.2 |
| Fuels and utilities | 146.7 | 149.4 | 156.0 | 154.9 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 8.0 | 24.3 | 2.8 | 15.9 |
| Fuels | 129.8 | 132.7 | 139.6 | 138.4 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 9.1 | 29.3 | 2.9 | 18.8 |
| Fuel oil and other fuels | 130.6 | 149.4 | 162.2 | 143.3 | 14.7 | 17.6 | 37.5 | 44.9 | 16.2 | 41.2 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 136.6 | 138.9 | 145.8 | 145.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 28.7 | 2.1 | 17.9 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | 114.8 | 115.0 | 115.8 | 116.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| Household furnishings and operations | 123.5 | 123.7 | 122.8 | 122.5 | -1.0 | -1.6 | -1.6 | -3.2 | -1.3 | -2.4 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | 121.7 | 122.8 | 122.5 | 122.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| Apparel | 120.8 | 120.5 | 120.3 | 119.3 | -7.8 | 1.7 | -5.1 | -4.9 | -3.2 | -5.0 |
| Men's and boys' apparel | 117.8 | 117.7 | 120.0 | 118.9 | -9.3 | -4.5 | -6.8 | 3.8 | -7.0 | -1.7 |
| Women's and girls' apparel | 112.5 | 112.2 | 111.6 | 110.9 | -7.7 | 6.2 | -7.5 | -5.6 | -1.0 | -6.5 |
| Infants' and toddlers' apparel | 123.0 | 124.1 | 124.2 | 123.7 | -4.5 | -2.2 | -13.7 | 2.3 | -3.4 | -6.0 |
| Footwear | 121.8 | 121.1 | 119.4 | 117.7 | -7.6 | 2.7 | 4.0 | -12.8 | -2.6 | -4.8 |
| Transportation | 155.2 | 158.6 | 160.4 | 157.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| Private transportation | 152.6 | 156.0 | 157.9 | 154.8 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| New and used motor vehicles ² | 97.8 | 97.8 | 98.1 | 97.7 | -.8 | -1.2 | -4.8 | -.4 | -1.0 | -2.6 |
| New vehicles | 139.9 | 139.4 | 139.8 | 139.1 | -1.4 | 2.3 | -3.9 | -2.3 | .4 | -3.1 |
| Used cars and trucks | 149.0 | 149.6 | 150.5 | 150.1 | -.3 | -6.9 | -4.7 | 3.0 | -3.6 | -.9 |
| Motor fuel | 130.5 | 143.1 | 148.9 | 136.6 | 12.0 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 20.0 | 13.8 | 17.7 |
| Gasoline (all types) | 130.0 | 142.4 | 148.1 | 136.0 | 11.3 | 16.1 | 15.5 | 19.8 | 13.7 | 17.6 |
| Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ | 107.1 | 107.5 | 107.2 | 107.1 | 2.7 | -1.9 | 3.4 | .0 | .4 | 1.7 |
| Motor vehicle maintenance and repair | 195.4 | 196.0 | 195.8 | 196.5 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 3.7 |
| Public transportation | 201.1 | 200.6 | 201.6 | 202.0 | -3.7 | -2.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | -3.1 | 1.7 |
| Medical care | 291.9 | 292.3 | 292.8 | 293.2 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 5.3 | 3.1 |
| Medical care commodities | 255.1 | 255.1 | 256.1 | 256.0 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 |
| Medical care services | 300.9 | 301.4 | 301.8 | 302.4 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 3.4 |
| Professional services ³ | 260.0 | 260.5 | 260.8 | 261.4 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 2.1 |
| Hospital and related services ³ | 381.8 | 383.2 | 384.1 | 384.5 | 8.3 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 2.9 | 9.4 | 6.3 |

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— | | |
| | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | July 2002 | Oct. 2002 | Jan. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Oct. 2002 | Apr. 2003 |
| Expenditure category | | | | | | | | | | |
| Recreation ² | 105.1 | 105.3 | 105.3 | 105.2 | -0.8 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| Video and audio ² | 102.7 | 102.6 | 102.6 | 102.7 | -4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | .0 | .6 | 1.0 |
| Education and communication ² | 109.0 | 109.2 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | -1.1 | 4.2 | .6 |
| Education ² | 129.9 | 130.5 | 131.1 | 131.8 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| Educational books and supplies | 328.9 | 331.3 | 333.0 | 333.7 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 6.9 |
| Tuition, other school fees, and childcare | 366.1 | 367.6 | 369.4 | 371.4 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 5.6 |
| Communication ² | 93.5 | 93.4 | 92.8 | 92.0 | 6.2 | -1.3 | -4 | -6.3 | 2.4 | -3.4 |
| Information and information processing ^{1 2} | 92.3 | 92.2 | 91.6 | 90.7 | 4.4 | -1.3 | -4 | -6.8 | 1.5 | -3.6 |
| Telephone services ^{1 2} | 100.7 | 100.7 | 99.9 | 98.9 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -7.0 | 3.7 | -2.6 |
| Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} | 17.7 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 17.4 | -4.1 | -15.7 | -12.5 | -6.6 | -10.1 | -9.6 |
| Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} | 19.1 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 18.5 | -6.9 | -27.4 | -23.2 | -12.0 | -17.8 | -17.8 |
| Other goods and services | 305.6 | 306.4 | 305.6 | 306.4 | 2.4 | 1.9 | .9 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.0 |
| Tobacco and smoking products ¹ | 474.3 | 474.8 | 469.1 | 469.8 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 1.0 | -3.7 | 4.5 | -1.4 |
| Personal care ¹ | 175.2 | 175.7 | 176.1 | 176.7 | 1.2 | .9 | .9 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 2.2 |
| Personal care products ¹ | 153.8 | 154.0 | 153.8 | 154.6 | -2.3 | .5 | -4.3 | 2.1 | -9 | -1.2 |
| Personal care services ¹ | 191.3 | 191.6 | 192.4 | 193.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 3.3 |
| Miscellaneous personal services | 277.9 | 279.3 | 280.5 | 281.3 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 3.8 |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | 151.3 | 153.0 | 153.8 | 152.0 | -3 | 1.1 | .3 | 1.9 | .4 | 1.1 |
| Food and beverages | 177.0 | 178.1 | 178.4 | 178.3 | .2 | .7 | 1.4 | 3.0 | .5 | 2.2 |
| Commodities less food and beverages | 136.4 | 138.4 | 139.3 | 136.9 | -3 | 1.2 | -3 | 1.5 | .4 | .6 |
| Nondurables less food and beverages | 152.0 | 156.0 | 157.7 | 152.7 | -4.5 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 4.7 |
| Apparel | 120.8 | 120.5 | 120.3 | 119.3 | -7.8 | 1.7 | -5.1 | -4.9 | -3.2 | -5.0 |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel | 171.6 | 178.7 | 183.9 | 176.0 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 3.3 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 6.9 |
| Durables | 119.7 | 119.8 | 119.8 | 119.4 | -1.3 | -2.3 | -4.2 | -1.0 | -1.8 | -2.6 |
| Services | 209.7 | 210.3 | 211.2 | 211.4 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Rent of shelter ⁴ | 197.5 | 197.7 | 197.9 | 198.1 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 |
| Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} | 113.7 | 113.9 | 113.8 | 114.0 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 13.7 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 7.2 |
| Gas (piped) and electricity ³ | 136.6 | 138.9 | 145.8 | 145.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 28.7 | 2.1 | 17.9 |
| Water and sewer and trash collection services ² | 114.8 | 115.0 | 115.8 | 116.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| Household operations ^{1 2} | 121.7 | 122.8 | 122.5 | 122.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| Transportation services | 212.2 | 212.8 | 213.4 | 214.6 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| Medical care services | 300.9 | 301.4 | 301.8 | 302.4 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 3.4 |
| Other services | 246.2 | 246.9 | 247.1 | 246.9 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 2.3 |
| Special indexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 178.3 | 179.5 | 180.5 | 179.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| All items less shelter | 170.3 | 171.8 | 172.9 | 171.7 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| All items less medical care | 173.2 | 174.4 | 175.2 | 174.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| Commodities less food | 138.1 | 140.1 | 141.1 | 138.7 | -6 | 1.2 | -3 | 1.7 | .3 | .7 |
| Nondurables less food | 153.9 | 157.8 | 159.7 | 154.6 | -3.9 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 4.4 |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 172.5 | 179.0 | 183.6 | 176.4 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 5.0 | 6.5 |
| Nondurables | 164.9 | 167.5 | 168.6 | 165.9 | -2.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 2.4 | .9 | 3.3 |
| Services less rent of shelter ⁴ | 197.1 | 198.1 | 199.9 | 200.3 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 5.2 |
| Services less medical care services | 202.3 | 202.9 | 204.0 | 204.2 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Energy | 129.5 | 137.4 | 143.7 | 136.8 | 6.8 | 9.4 | 12.3 | 24.5 | 8.1 | 18.3 |
| All items less energy | 185.0 | 185.4 | 185.5 | 185.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| All items less food and energy | 187.3 | 187.4 | 187.5 | 187.5 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.3 | .4 | 1.8 | .9 |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities | 142.8 | 142.8 | 142.7 | 142.2 | -2.2 | -8 | -3.0 | -1.7 | -1.5 | -2.3 |
| Energy commodities | 131.0 | 144.0 | 150.2 | 137.5 | 12.0 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 14.0 | 18.7 |
| Services less energy services | 217.8 | 218.2 | 218.5 | 218.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 2.4 |

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in

January, 1999.

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 Apr.2003 from— | | | Percent change to Mar.2003 from— | | | |
| | | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Feb. 2003 | Mar. 2003 | Mar. 2002 | Jan. 2003 | Feb. 2003 | |
| U.S. city average | M | 177.7 | 179.2 | 180.3 | 179.8 | 2.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 0.6 | |
| Region and area size² | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast urban | M | 187.2 | 188.6 | 189.8 | 189.4 | 2.8 | .4 | -2 | 3.7 | 1.4 | .6 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 187.7 | 189.1 | 190.0 | 189.8 | 2.9 | .4 | -1 | 3.5 | 1.2 | .5 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 113.2 | 114.0 | 115.2 | 114.5 | 2.5 | .4 | -6 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 1.1 | |
| Midwest urban | M | 171.8 | 173.3 | 174.1 | 173.1 | 1.6 | -1 | -6 | 3.0 | 1.3 | .5 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 172.9 | 174.6 | 175.4 | 174.3 | 1.2 | -2 | -6 | 2.8 | 1.4 | .5 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 111.7 | 112.5 | 113.1 | 112.6 | 2.2 | .1 | -4 | 3.1 | 1.3 | .5 | |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) | M | 168.4 | 170.1 | 170.6 | 169.3 | 2.0 | -5 | -8 | 3.5 | 1.3 | .3 | |
| South urban | M | 172.5 | 173.9 | 175.0 | 174.7 | 2.3 | .5 | -2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | .6 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 174.0 | 175.7 | 176.5 | 176.3 | 2.7 | .3 | -1 | 3.5 | 1.4 | .5 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 110.9 | 111.7 | 112.5 | 112.3 | 1.9 | .5 | -2 | 2.9 | 1.4 | .7 | |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) | M | 173.2 | 174.8 | 175.7 | 175.4 | 2.5 | .3 | -2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | .5 | |
| West urban | M | 181.5 | 183.2 | 184.7 | 184.2 | 2.3 | .5 | -3 | 3.2 | 1.8 | .8 | |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 | M | 182.5 | 184.4 | 185.9 | 185.4 | 2.7 | .5 | -3 | 3.6 | 1.9 | .8 | |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ | M | 113.2 | 114.0 | 115.1 | 114.7 | 1.6 | .6 | -3 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.0 | |
| Size classes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A ⁴ | M | 164.3 | 165.8 | 166.8 | 166.3 | 2.4 | .3 | -3 | 3.4 | 1.5 | .6 | |
| B/C ³ | M | 111.8 | 112.6 | 113.5 | 113.1 | 2.0 | .4 | -4 | 3.1 | 1.5 | .8 | |
| D | M | 173.2 | 174.7 | 175.6 | 174.9 | 2.1 | .1 | -4 | 3.2 | 1.4 | .5 | |
| Selected local areas⁵ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI | M | 176.4 | 178.1 | 179.0 | 177.4 | 1.5 | -4 | -9 | 3.2 | 1.5 | .5 | |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .. | M | 177.8 | 179.6 | 181.6 | 180.9 | 3.5 | .7 | -4 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 1.1 | |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA | M | 189.7 | 191.3 | 192.1 | 191.8 | 2.8 | .3 | -2 | 3.5 | 1.3 | .4 | |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT | 1 | 199.3 | - | 202.3 | - | - | - | - | 4.7 | 1.5 | - | |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH | 1 | 165.3 | - | 167.1 | - | - | - | - | 1.8 | 1.1 | - | |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX | 1 | 173.3 | - | 176.5 | - | - | - | - | 3.0 | 1.8 | - | |
| Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶ | 1 | 114.1 | - | 115.5 | - | - | - | - | 3.7 | 1.2 | - | |
| Atlanta, GA | 2 | - | 178.1 | - | 179.2 | 2.1 | .6 | - | - | - | - | |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI | 2 | - | 176.8 | - | 176.4 | 1.7 | -2 | - | - | - | - | |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX | 2 | - | 161.7 | - | 160.9 | 2.6 | -5 | - | - | - | - | |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL | 2 | - | 178.0 | - | 178.4 | 3.4 | .2 | - | - | - | - | |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD | 2 | - | 185.9 | - | 186.3 | 2.2 | .2 | - | - | - | - | |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA | 2 | - | 193.7 | - | 193.6 | 2.5 | -1 | - | - | - | - | |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA | 2 | - | 186.2 | - | 187.0 | 1.9 | .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: 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, 1999-2000 | Unadjusted indexes | | Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from— | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| | | Mar. 2003 | Apr. 2003 | Apr. 2002 | Mar. 2003 |
| Expenditure category | | | | | |
| All items | 100.000 | 107.8 | 107.6 | 1.8 | -0.2 |
| Food and beverages | 15.451 | 107.3 | 107.2 | 1.2 | -.1 |
| Food | 14.432 | 107.2 | 107.1 | 1.1 | -.1 |
| Food at home | 8.335 | 106.2 | 105.9 | .4 | -.3 |
| Food away from home | 6.096 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 2.2 | .0 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 1.019 | 108.1 | 108.0 | 1.9 | -.1 |
| Housing | 40.040 | 111.0 | 110.9 | 2.3 | -.1 |
| Shelter | 30.643 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 2.2 | .0 |
| Fuels and utilities | 4.376 | 118.5 | 117.7 | 8.4 | -.7 |
| Household furnishings and operations | 5.020 | 97.4 | 97.5 | -1.6 | .1 |
| Apparel | 4.819 | 94.3 | 94.8 | -4.0 | .5 |
| Transportation | 17.770 | 107.7 | 106.7 | 3.1 | -.9 |
| Private transportation | 16.520 | 108.1 | 107.0 | 3.5 | -1.0 |
| Public transportation | 1.250 | 102.3 | 102.9 | -1.2 | .6 |
| Medical care | 5.563 | 115.2 | 115.4 | 3.9 | .2 |
| Medical care commodities | 1.330 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 2.5 | .0 |
| Medical care services | 4.233 | 116.4 | 116.7 | 4.3 | .3 |
| Recreation | 6.124 | 103.1 | 103.0 | -.1 | -.1 |
| Education and communication | 6.068 | 97.8 | 97.2 | .6 | -.6 |
| Education | 2.546 | 120.4 | 120.6 | 6.4 | .2 |
| Communication | 3.522 | 83.5 | 82.6 | -3.3 | -1.1 |
| Other goods and services | 4.164 | 111.3 | 111.6 | 1.5 | .3 |
| Commodity and service group | | | | | |
| Services | 57.098 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 3.0 | .0 |
| Commodities | 42.902 | 102.1 | 101.6 | -.2 | -.5 |
| Durables | 12.953 | 90.9 | 90.6 | -2.8 | -.3 |
| Nondurables | 29.949 | 107.2 | 106.5 | 1.5 | -.7 |
| All items less food and energy | 78.851 | 106.4 | 106.4 | 1.0 | .0 |
| Energy | 6.717 | 126.0 | 122.3 | 12.5 | -2.9 |

Indexes for 2003 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2002 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.