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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in August, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The August level of 189.5 (1982-84=100) was 2.7 percent higher than in August 2003.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.1 percent in August, prior to seasonal adjustment. The August level of 185.0 was 2.6 percent higher than in August 2003.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) was unchanged in August on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The August level of 110.3 (December 1999=100) was 2.1 percent higher than in August 2003. Please note that the indexes for the post-2002 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.1 percent in August, following a 0.1 percent decrease in July. Energy costs declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in August--after advancing sharply in the first half of the year. Within energy, the index for motor fuels decreased 1.5 percent, while the index for household fuels rose 0.9 percent. The index for food rose 0.1 percent in August, as a 0.3 percent increase in the index for food away from home more than offset a 0.2 percent decline in the index for food at home. The index for all items less food and energy registered a 0.1 percent increase for the third consecutive month. Increases in the rent and owners' equivalent rent components of shelter were largely offset by declines in the indexes for apparel, for recreation, and for lodging away from home.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Aug. '04	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.3	.5	.2	.6	.3	-.1	.1	1.3	2.7
Food and beverages	.2	.2	.2	.9	.2	.2	.1	1.9	3.5
Housing	.2	.3	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	2.6	2.7
Apparel	-.1	.9	.0	.3	.2	-.8	-.2	-3.6	-.6
Transportation	.7	1.1	.1	1.7	.8	-.8	-.3	-1.5	2.9
Medical care	.6	.6	.4	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.4	4.4
Recreation	.3	.3	.2	-.2	.3	-.2	-.2	-.4	.7
Education and communication	.3	.1	.3	.0	.2	-.1	.1	.7	1.5
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	2.5	2.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.7	1.9	.1	4.6	2.6	-1.9	-.3	1.6	10.5
Food	.2	.2	.2	.9	.2	.3	.1	1.9	3.5
All Items less food and energy	.2	.4	.3	.2	.1	.1	.1	1.0	1.7

During the first eight months of 2004, the CPI-U rose at a 3.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.9 percent for all of 2003. The index for energy, which increased 6.9 percent in 2003, increased at a 21.9 percent SAAR in the first eight months of 2004. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 35.9 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at an 8.7 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.9 percent rate thus far in 2004, following a 3.6 percent rise for all of 2003. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.2 percent SAAR in the first eight months of 2004 after advancing 1.1 percent in 2003.

The food and beverages index increased 0.1 percent in August. The index for food at home decreased 0.2 percent, following a 0.2 percent increase in July. A 1.8 percent decline in the index for dairy products more than offset small increases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for other food at home--up 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. Within the index for dairy products, milk prices fell 4.4 percent in August, but remained 17.7 percent higher than in August 2003. The indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables rose 1.7 and 0.4 percent, respectively, while the index for fresh fruits fell 1.4 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs was unchanged in August. Egg prices declined for the fifth consecutive month--down 4.5 percent in August. The indexes for pork and for fish and seafood also declined in August. These declines were offset by increases in the indexes for poultry, for beef and veal, and for other meats. The two other major grocery store food groups--cereal and bakery products and nonalcoholic beverages--registered no change in August. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July. Shelter costs, which rose 0.2 percent in July, increased 0.1 percent in August. The index for lodging away from home declined 1.7 percent in August, following a 1.1 percent increase in July. The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.3 percent. The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.8 percent in August. The index for fuel oil rose 5.2 percent in August and was 24.8 percent higher than in August 2003. The indexes for natural gas and for electricity increased 1.0 and 0.3 percent, respectively. During the last 12 months, these indexes have advanced 9.4 and 2.2 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations decreased 0.2 percent in August. Declines in the indexes for furniture and bedding, for appliances, and for window and floor coverings and other linens were partially offset by increases in charges for domestic services and for gardening and lawncare services.

The transportation index declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in August, reflecting decreases in the indexes for motor fuels, for new vehicles, and for airline fares. The index for gasoline, which registered its peak level in June, declined for the second consecutive month--down 1.4 percent in August. Reflecting increased incentives by some manufacturers in mid-July, the index for new vehicles declined 0.3 percent in August. Partially offsetting these declines was a 1.3 percent increase in the index for used cars and trucks. Despite advances in July and August, used car and truck prices were still 6.6 percent lower than a year ago. The index for public transportation decreased 1.4 percent, reflecting a 3.7 percent decline in airline fares.

The index for apparel declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.2 percent in August. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.5 percent, as price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear more than offset the decline in prices for the discounted spring-summer clothing. The proportion of fall-winter clothing introduced in this August, however, was somewhat less than in recent years.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in August to a level 4.4 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent in August. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.5 and decreased 0.4 percent, respectively.

In August, for the second consecutive month, the index for recreation decreased 0.2 percent. Declines in prices for sporting goods, for video and audio equipment, and for toys were largely responsible for the August decrease.

The index for education and communication increased 0.1 percent in August. Educational costs rose 0.6 percent, reflecting increases of 1.0 percent in the indexes for both college tuition and for college textbooks. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for college tuition and fees rose 3.2 percent in August and were 8.4 percent higher than a year ago.) The index for communication costs declined 0.5 percent. The index for telephone services declined 0.6 percent, reflecting a 1.9 percent decrease in long distance charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 1.3 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.2 percent August. The indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal care each increased 0.2 percent. Within personal care services, the index for haircuts rose 0.7 percent in August.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.1 percent in August.

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 Aug. '04	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.3	.5	.2	.7	.3	-.1	.1	1.3	2.6
Food and beverages	.2	.2	.2	.9	.2	.3	.1	1.9	3.7
Housing	.2	.2	.3	.3	.4	.3	.2	3.5	2.8
Apparel	.0	.8	-.1	.2	.0	-.7	-.4	-4.2	-.2
Transportation	.6	1.3	-.1	2.1	.7	-.9	-.2	-1.5	2.7
Medical care	.7	.6	.4	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.3	4.6
Recreation	.4	.3	.0	.0	.2	-.3	-.2	-1.1	.4
Education and communication	.2	.1	.2	-.2	.2	-.1	.0	.4	.7
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.4	.2	2.9	1.8
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.6	2.2	-.1	5.0	2.7	-2.0	-.5	.5	10.8
Food	.2	.2	.1	1.0	.1	.3	.1	2.0	3.7
All Items less food and energy	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	.1	1.5	1.4

Consumer Price Index data for September are scheduled for release on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. 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 1999 through 2003 were replaced at the end of 2003. 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: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2004.

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 labor and supply problems for coffee. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, decreases in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories 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. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk production levels and higher demand for cheese.

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 vehicles, New cars, and New trucks, 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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	July 2004	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items	100.000	189.4	189.5	2.7	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	567.5	567.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.384	187.2	187.3	3.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Food	14.383	186.8	186.8	3.5	.0	.2	.3	.1
Food at home	8.256	187.1	186.7	3.9	-2	.1	.2	-2
Cereals and bakery products	1.202	207.2	207.2	1.3	.0	.1	.1	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.320	183.7	183.7	8.2	.0	.3	.8	.0
Dairy and related products .....	.842	187.7	184.9	10.4	-1.5	1.7	-6	-1.8
Fruits and vegetables	1.221	224.5	224.0	-4	-2	-8	-2	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.905	140.5	140.3	.4	-1	.0	.3	.0
Other food at home	1.765	166.0	166.2	1.8	.1	-1	.2	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.305	163.8	164.4	1.2	.4	-3	.4	.6
Fats and oils .....	.251	171.9	169.7	7.6	-1.3	1.8	-2	-1.3
Other foods	1.210	180.3	180.9	.8	.3	-6	.3	.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.308	109.4	111.5	1.5	1.9	.1	-1.4	1.9
Food away from home ¹	6.127	187.8	188.4	3.2	.3	.2	.4	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.332	125.1	125.4	3.3	.2	.0	-1	.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.001	192.2	192.5	2.9	.2	.4	-1	.2
Housing	42.089	190.9	191.2	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.2
Shelter	32.878	220.0	220.3	2.8	.1	.1	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	6.157	211.2	211.9	2.8	.3	.2	.2	.3
Lodging away from home ²	2.954	132.2	130.6	4.4	-1.2	-9	1.1	-1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.383	225.1	225.7	2.5	.3	.2	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.385	116.1	116.3	.4	.2	.1	-1	.2
Fuels and utilities	4.741	166.6	167.7	5.3	.7	1.9	.4	.8
Fuels	3.830	149.5	150.5	5.2	.7	2.3	.4	.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.231	151.1	157.4	20.4	4.2	3.2	3.0	5.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.599	156.9	157.6	4.4	.4	2.1	.2	.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.910	124.4	125.3	6.2	.7	.5	.6	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.470	125.2	124.8	-6	-3	.1	-3	-2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.704	125.5	126.1	3.5	.5	.6	.6	.5
Apparel	3.975	115.9	116.5	-6	.5	.2	-8	-2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	115.2	113.8	.4	-1.2	.3	.0	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1.704	106.1	107.5	-4	1.3	.2	-1.1	-3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.195	114.5	115.0	-4.8	.4	.3	.4	-1.4
Footwear .....	.778	115.1	117.3	-4	1.9	.0	-1.8	1.6
Transportation	16.881	164.0	162.9	2.9	-7	.8	-8	-3
Private transportation	15.817	160.0	159.1	3.2	-6	.8	-9	-3
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.912	93.5	93.4	-2.7	-1	-1	.0	.1
New vehicles	4.817	135.9	134.9	-1.4	-7	.2	-7	-3
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.007	132.1	133.8	-6.6	1.3	-9	1.1	1.3
Motor fuel	3.249	165.2	162.0	16.5	-1.9	3.0	-4.0	-1.5
Gasoline (all types)	3.222	164.5	161.2	16.5	-2.0	3.1	-4.2	-1.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.369	108.8	109.0	1.0	.2	.3	.6	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.349	200.3	200.8	2.6	.2	.5	.4	.2
Public transportation	1.064	214.4	209.7	-1.9	-2.2	.0	.4	-1.4
Medical care	6.074	311.0	311.6	4.4	.2	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.499	269.9	270.0	2.2	.0	.1	.0	.1
Medical care services	4.575	322.3	323.1	5.2	.2	.4	.4	.2
Professional services	2.749	272.3	273.3	4.4	.4	.3	.3	.5
Hospital and related services ³	1.489	419.1	418.8	5.2	-1	.6	.6	-4

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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	July 2004	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.872	108.7	108.5	0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.736	104.4	104.1	.4	-3	.1	.1	-3
Education and communication ²	5.948	110.9	111.7	1.5	.7	.2	-.1	.1
Education ²	2.841	142.1	145.1	6.5	2.1	.5	.4	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	349.5	353.3	4.4	1.1	.1	-.1	1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.623	409.4	418.3	6.7	2.2	.5	.4	.7
Communication ²	3.107	86.5	86.1	-3.3	-5	.0	-.6	-5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.925	84.5	84.0	-3.4	-6	-.1	-.2	-6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.315	95.6	95.0	-2.9	-6	-.1	-.2	-6
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.610	14.8	14.7	-6.4	-7	.0	-.7	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.230	15.3	15.1	-9.6	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Other goods and services	3.776	305.1	305.5	2.0	.1	.1	.3	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.806	480.5	481.6	2.1	.2	.5	.9	.2
Personal care	2.970	181.7	181.9	2.0	.1	.0	.1	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.680	153.4	152.8	-.5	-4	-.5	-.3	-4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.650	197.5	198.9	2.6	.7	.2	.3	.7
Miscellaneous personal services	1.448	294.4	295.2	3.8	.3	.3	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.117	154.5	154.2	2.2	-2	.4	-.5	-.1
Food and beverages	15.384	187.2	187.3	3.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	24.733	136.1	135.6	1.3	-4	.5	-.9	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.458	156.7	156.1	4.6	-4	.2	-.3	-6
Apparel	3.975	115.9	116.5	-.6	.5	.2	-.8	-2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.483	185.8	184.4	6.6	-8	1.2	-1.9	-4
Durables	11.275	114.1	113.7	-2.6	-4	-.2	-.3	.0
Services	59.883	224.1	224.5	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.494	229.2	229.4	2.8	.1	.2	.3	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.385	116.1	116.3	.4	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.599	156.9	157.6	4.4	.4	2.1	.2	.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.910	124.4	125.3	6.2	.7	.5	.6	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.704	125.5	126.1	3.5	.5	.6	.6	.5
Transportation services	6.319	221.6	220.8	1.7	-4	.2	.5	-.1
Medical care services	4.575	322.3	323.1	5.2	.2	.4	.4	.2
Other services	10.896	260.5	261.9	2.5	.5	.3	.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.617	189.9	189.9	2.5	.0	.4	-.1	.0
All items less shelter	67.122	179.6	179.5	2.6	-.1	.4	-.2	.0
All items less medical care	93.926	183.2	183.2	2.5	.0	.3	-.1	.0
Commodities less food	25.734	138.2	137.7	1.3	-4	.5	-.9	-3
Nondurables less food	14.459	158.8	158.2	4.4	-4	.2	-.4	-4
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.484	185.6	184.3	6.3	-7	1.1	-1.7	-6
Nondurables	28.842	172.2	171.9	4.1	-2	.5	-.2	-3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.389	235.0	235.6	3.2	.3	.6	.1	.4
Services less medical care services	55.308	215.8	216.2	2.8	.2	.3	.2	.2
Energy	7.080	156.3	155.3	10.5	-6	2.6	-1.9	-3
All items less energy	92.920	194.5	194.7	2.0	.1	.2	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	78.537	196.6	196.8	1.7	.1	.1	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.254	138.2	138.1	-1.1	-.1	.0	-.3	-.1
Energy commodities	3.480	165.1	162.5	16.7	-1.6	3.0	-3.7	-1.0
Services less energy services	56.283	231.0	231.4	2.9	.2	.2	.3	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.528	\$.528	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.176	\$.176	-	-	-	-	-

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—		
	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2004
Expenditure category										
All items	188.8	189.4	189.3	189.4	0.2	3.7	5.5	1.3	2.0	3.4
Food and beverages	186.6	186.9	187.3	187.5	4.7	2.6	5.1	1.9	3.7	3.5
Food	186.1	186.4	186.9	187.0	4.7	2.7	5.1	1.9	3.7	3.5
Food at home	186.7	186.9	187.3	187.0	6.4	1.8	6.9	.6	4.0	3.7
Cereals and bakery products	205.7	206.0	206.2	206.3	.4	.8	3.0	1.2	.6	2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	182.0	182.5	183.9	183.9	22.4	1.3	6.2	4.2	11.4	5.2
Dairy and related products	186.8	189.9	188.7	185.3	5.8	2.4	41.4	-3.2	4.1	17.0
Fruits and vegetables	229.3	227.5	227.0	227.4	2.3	-1.9	1.6	-3.3	.2	-9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.9	139.9	140.3	140.3	-2.3	4.4	-1.7	1.1	1.0	-3
Other food at home	165.7	165.5	165.8	165.9	-1.5	4.0	4.5	.5	1.2	2.5
Sugar and sweets	163.2	162.7	163.3	164.2	2.5	.0	-2	2.5	1.2	1.1
Fats and oils	169.0	172.0	171.7	169.4	1.5	11.3	17.6	1.0	6.3	8.9
Other foods	180.7	179.7	180.2	180.6	-2.9	3.6	2.9	-2	.3	1.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	110.8	110.9	109.4	111.5	-3.2	1.8	4.8	2.6	-7	3.7
Food away from home ¹	186.7	187.0	187.8	188.4	2.7	3.8	2.6	3.7	3.2	3.2
Other food away from home ²	125.2	125.2	125.1	125.4	3.0	5.7	3.9	.6	4.3	2.3
Alcoholic beverages ¹	191.7	192.4	192.2	192.5	3.2	2.8	3.8	1.7	3.0	2.8
Housing	189.1	189.6	190.0	190.3	.9	3.0	4.3	2.6	2.0	3.4
Shelter	218.6	218.8	219.3	219.5	2.3	1.7	5.3	1.7	2.0	3.5
Rent of primary residence ³	210.4	210.9	211.4	212.1	2.1	2.3	3.5	3.3	2.2	3.4
Lodging away from home ²	126.7	125.6	127.0	124.9	3.0	-2.9	25.1	-5.6	.0	8.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	224.6	225.0	225.3	225.9	2.2	2.0	3.5	2.3	2.1	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.1	116.2	116.1	116.3	-5.1	2.5	3.9	.7	-1.4	2.3
Fuels and utilities	159.7	162.7	163.3	164.6	-4.3	12.5	2.0	12.8	3.8	7.3
Fuels	142.1	145.3	145.9	147.2	-6.4	13.8	.8	15.1	3.2	7.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	148.5	153.3	157.9	166.2	-3.2	32.6	4.4	56.9	13.3	28.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	148.9	152.1	152.4	153.3	-6.9	12.8	.8	12.4	2.5	6.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	123.3	123.9	124.6	125.1	5.9	7.9	5.0	6.0	6.9	5.5
Household furnishings and operations	125.4	125.5	125.1	124.9	-1.9	2.3	-1.0	-1.6	.2	-1.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	124.0	124.7	125.5	126.1	2.0	3.3	2.0	6.9	2.6	4.4
Apparel	121.2	121.4	120.4	120.1	-3	-3.0	5.1	-3.6	-1.7	.7
Men's and boys' apparel	118.3	118.6	118.6	117.1	4.9	.7	.0	-4.0	2.8	-2.0
Women's and girls' apparel	114.0	114.2	113.0	112.7	-7	-4.9	9.3	-4.5	-2.8	2.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.4	117.7	118.2	116.6	-7.0	-1.7	-7.8	-2.7	-4.4	-5.3
Footwear	119.0	119.0	116.9	118.8	.0	-3.3	2.4	-7	-1.7	.8
Transportation	163.7	165.0	163.6	163.1	-6.9	9.0	12.4	-1.5	.8	5.2
Private transportation	160.0	161.3	159.8	159.4	-7.5	9.9	13.5	-1.5	.8	5.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.9	93.8	93.8	93.9	-8.0	-1.7	-8	.0	-4.9	-4
New vehicles	137.3	137.6	136.7	136.3	-2.9	1.2	-.6	-2.9	-.9	-1.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	131.8	130.6	132.1	133.8	-28.0	-3.0	2.5	6.2	-16.4	4.3
Motor fuel	164.9	169.9	163.1	160.7	-18.8	51.0	66.8	-9.8	10.7	22.7
Gasoline (all types)	164.2	169.3	162.2	160.0	-18.6	51.2	66.7	-9.8	10.9	22.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	107.9	108.2	108.8	109.0	.0	.4	-.4	4.1	.2	1.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	199.0	199.9	200.7	201.2	1.8	1.6	2.4	4.5	1.7	3.5
Public transportation	208.8	208.8	209.6	206.6	1.3	-2.4	-2.3	-4.1	-.6	-3.2
Medical care	309.0	309.9	310.9	311.6	4.1	5.4	4.9	3.4	4.7	4.2
Medical care commodities	269.1	269.4	269.3	269.7	1.5	3.1	3.6	.9	2.3	2.3
Medical care services	319.8	321.0	322.3	323.1	4.9	6.2	5.3	4.2	5.5	4.7
Professional services	270.6	271.3	272.0	273.3	3.1	5.9	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.4
Hospital and related services ³	415.5	418.1	420.4	418.8	7.3	5.3	5.1	3.2	6.3	4.1

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—		
	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2004
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.6	108.9	108.7	108.5	0.7	1.5	1.1	-0.4	1.1	0.4
Video and audio ²	104.2	104.3	104.4	104.1	1.2	-1.1	1.9	-4	.0	.8
Education and communication ²	111.4	111.6	111.5	111.6	1.5	2.2	1.4	.7	1.8	1.1
Education ²	142.6	143.3	143.9	144.8	5.1	7.2	7.0	6.3	6.1	6.7
Educational books and supplies	351.0	351.3	350.9	354.3	-2.0	9.6	6.5	3.8	3.6	5.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	410.9	413.0	414.8	417.5	6.0	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.9
Communication ²	87.0	87.0	86.5	86.1	-2.7	-2.7	-3.6	-4.1	-2.7	-3.8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.8	84.7	84.5	84.0	-3.6	-.5	-5.9	-3.7	-2.1	-4.8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.9	95.8	95.6	95.0	-2.4	-.4	-4.9	-3.7	-1.4	-4.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.7	-7.4	-5.1	-7.7	-5.3	-6.3	-6.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	15.7	15.5	15.3	15.1	-9.2	-7.2	-7.3	-14.4	-8.2	-10.9
Other goods and services	303.6	303.9	304.8	305.5	.5	3.0	1.7	2.5	1.7	2.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	473.5	476.0	480.5	481.6	-2.3	3.0	.8	7.0	.3	3.8
Personal care	181.3	181.3	181.5	181.9	1.4	2.9	2.0	1.3	2.1	1.7
Personal care products ¹	154.6	153.8	153.4	152.8	-8	3.4	.3	-4.6	1.3	-2.2
Personal care services ¹	196.6	196.9	197.5	198.9	.6	2.1	2.9	4.8	1.3	3.8
Miscellaneous personal services	292.8	293.6	294.4	295.2	4.7	3.4	4.1	3.3	4.1	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	155.2	155.8	155.0	154.8	-2.6	5.1	7.6	-1.0	1.2	3.2
Food and beverages	186.6	186.9	187.3	187.5	4.7	2.6	5.1	1.9	3.7	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages	137.4	138.1	136.9	136.5	-6.7	6.2	9.2	-2.6	-4	3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	158.1	158.4	158.0	157.0	-1.9	9.4	14.6	-2.8	3.6	5.6
Apparel	121.2	121.4	120.4	120.1	-.3	-3.0	5.1	-3.6	-1.7	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	186.2	188.4	184.9	184.1	-7.6	16.8	25.3	-4.4	3.9	9.4
Durables	114.7	114.5	114.2	114.2	-7.0	.7	-1.7	-1.7	-3.2	-1.7
Services	222.1	222.8	223.4	223.7	2.0	3.0	3.9	2.9	2.5	3.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	227.7	228.1	228.7	228.8	2.4	1.8	5.4	1.9	2.1	3.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.1	116.2	116.1	116.3	-5.1	2.5	3.9	.7	-1.4	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	148.9	152.1	152.4	153.3	-6.9	12.8	.8	12.4	2.5	6.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	123.3	123.9	124.6	125.1	5.9	7.9	5.0	6.0	6.9	5.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	124.0	124.7	125.5	126.1	2.0	3.3	2.0	6.9	2.6	4.4
Transportation services	219.6	220.1	221.1	220.8	3.0	.7	.7	2.2	1.9	1.5
Medical care services	319.8	321.0	322.3	323.1	4.9	6.2	5.3	4.2	5.5	4.7
Other services	260.3	261.0	261.3	261.8	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	189.2	189.9	189.8	189.8	-.4	3.7	5.5	1.3	1.6	3.3
All items less shelter	179.2	180.0	179.7	179.7	-.7	4.9	5.3	1.1	2.1	3.2
All items less medical care	182.6	183.2	183.1	183.1	.0	3.6	5.4	1.1	1.8	3.2
Commodities less food	139.4	140.1	138.9	138.5	-6.3	6.1	8.8	-2.6	-.3	3.0
Nondurables less food	160.1	160.5	159.9	159.2	-1.8	8.7	14.1	-2.2	3.3	5.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	186.2	188.2	185.0	183.9	-6.8	15.1	25.0	-4.9	3.6	9.1
Nondurables	172.5	173.3	172.9	172.4	1.7	5.9	9.1	-.2	3.8	4.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	232.2	233.5	233.8	234.7	2.5	4.1	1.9	4.4	3.3	3.1
Services less medical care services	213.8	214.5	214.9	215.3	2.1	2.3	4.0	2.8	2.2	3.4
Energy	152.4	156.4	153.4	153.0	-12.7	30.1	29.7	1.6	6.6	14.8
All items less energy	194.2	194.5	194.7	194.8	1.3	1.9	3.6	1.2	1.6	2.4
All items less food and energy	196.4	196.6	196.8	196.9	.8	1.7	3.3	1.0	1.2	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.7	139.7	139.3	139.1	-4.2	.3	.9	-1.7	-2.0	-.4
Energy commodities	164.7	169.7	163.5	161.8	-18.0	50.1	61.9	-6.9	11.0	22.8
Services less energy services	229.6	230.0	230.6	230.9	2.7	2.1	4.3	2.3	2.4	3.3

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 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 Aug.2004 from—			Percent change to July2004 from—		
		May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	May 2004	June 2004
U.S. city average	M	189.1	189.7	189.4	189.5	2.7	-0.1	0.1	3.0	0.2	-0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	199.9	201.1	201.0	201.0	3.4	.0	.0	3.9	.6	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	202.0	203.3	203.0	203.1	3.3	-.1	.0	3.8	.5	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.3	118.7	119.2	118.9	3.9	.2	-.3	4.1	.8	.4
Midwest urban	M	182.9	183.3	183.2	183.3	2.5	.0	.1	2.9	.2	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	185.0	185.3	185.4	185.6	2.4	.2	.1	2.7	.2	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	116.4	116.8	116.3	116.5	2.6	-.3	.2	2.8	-.1	-.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	176.0	176.9	177.1	176.3	2.4	-.3	-.5	3.3	.6	.1
South urban	M	182.0	182.9	182.6	182.6	2.6	-.2	.0	3.0	.3	-.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	183.4	184.3	183.7	183.7	2.2	-.3	.0	2.6	.2	-.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	116.4	117.0	116.9	116.9	3.1	-.1	.0	3.4	.4	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	179.4	180.5	180.1	180.0	2.3	-.3	-.1	2.9	.4	-.2
West urban	M	193.4	193.3	192.9	193.0	2.0	-.2	.1	2.4	-.3	-.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.9	195.9	195.4	195.5	2.0	-.2	.1	2.4	-.3	-.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.2	117.9	117.9	118.1	2.3	.2	.2	2.4	-.3	.0
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	172.9	173.4	173.1	173.2	2.5	-.1	.1	2.9	.1	-.2
B/C ³	M	117.0	117.3	117.3	117.3	3.0	.0	.0	3.3	.3	.0
D	M	180.9	181.8	181.3	181.0	2.2	-.4	-.2	3.0	.2	-.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	188.7	189.1	189.2	190.2	3.1	.6	.5	2.8	.3	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	193.3	193.7	193.4	193.1	3.3	-.3	-.2	3.8	.1	-.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	204.4	206.0	205.5	205.7	3.3	-.1	.1	3.9	.5	-.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	208.7	-	208.9	-	-	-	-	2.9	.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	181.3	-	181.7	-	-	-	-	3.2	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	179.1	-	179.1	-	-	-	-	1.5	.0	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	118.9	-	120.2	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.1	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	185.7	-	184.1	1.3	-.9	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	185.8	-	186.8	1.7	.5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	169.3	-	169.1	3.0	-.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	185.6	-	185.1	2.3	-.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	198.0	-	199.1	4.2	.6	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	199.0	-	198.7	1.2	-.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	195.3	-	194.6	.1	-.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 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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	July 2004	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items	100.000	184.9	185.0	2.6	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	550.8	551.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.151	186.8	186.9	3.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Food	16.061	186.3	186.4	3.7	.1	.1	.3	.1
Food at home	9.637	186.3	186.1	4.1	-1	.2	.1	-1
Cereals and bakery products	1.364	207.2	207.0	1.2	-1	.1	.2	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.908	183.7	183.7	8.4	.0	.4	.6	.1
Dairy and related products .....	.955	187.8	184.9	10.7	-1.5	1.7	-8	-1.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.344	222.3	222.2	-7	.0	-9	-2	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.076	139.8	139.6	.5	-1	.1	.2	.1
Other food at home	1.991	165.6	165.8	2.0	.1	-2	.1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	162.9	163.8	1.0	.6	-4	.4	.7
Fats and oils .....	.303	172.0	169.9	7.7	-1.2	1.8	-1	-1.5
Other foods	1.366	180.7	181.4	.9	.4	-6	.2	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.350	109.7	112.0	1.7	2.1	.2	-1.5	2.1
Food away from home ¹	6.424	187.6	188.2	3.2	.3	.1	.4	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.252	124.9	125.2	3.0	.2	.2	.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.090	192.2	192.8	3.2	.3	.4	-3	.3
Housing	39.114	186.2	186.6	2.8	.2	.4	.3	.2
Shelter	30.151	213.0	213.4	2.7	.2	.2	.3	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	8.065	210.3	211.0	2.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.722	133.0	131.6	5.1	-1.1	-7	1.8	-1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.026	204.2	204.7	2.4	.2	.1	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.337	116.3	116.5	.7	.2	.1	-2	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.079	166.1	167.2	5.4	.7	1.9	.4	.8
Fuels	4.146	148.4	149.3	5.2	.6	2.2	.3	.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.216	150.2	156.8	21.0	4.4	3.3	3.3	5.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.930	156.2	156.8	4.5	.4	2.2	.1	.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.933	124.5	125.4	6.2	.7	.4	.6	.4
Household furnishings and operations	3.884	120.7	120.4	-8	-2	.2	-6	-1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.318	127.5	128.0	4.1	.4	.9	.4	.4
Apparel	4.357	115.6	115.9	-2	.3	.0	-7	-4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.120	115.2	113.3	.4	-1.6	.1	.0	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.727	106.0	106.9	.0	.8	.0	-1.0	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.250	117.0	117.6	-4.3	.5	.1	.2	-1.2
Footwear	1.011	114.4	116.3	-8	1.7	.1	-1.3	1.4
Transportation	19.145	162.2	161.4	2.7	-5	.7	-9	-2
Private transportation	18.348	159.3	158.6	2.9	-4	.8	-9	-2
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.305	92.1	92.2	-3.7	.1	-3	.2	.2
New vehicles	4.864	137.0	136.0	-1.4	-7	.1	-6	-4
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.487	133.0	134.6	-6.5	1.2	-9	1.2	1.2
Motor fuel	3.967	165.6	162.4	16.5	-1.9	3.1	-4.0	-1.6
Gasoline (all types)	3.936	165.0	161.7	16.5	-2.0	3.2	-4.0	-1.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.456	108.2	108.4	1.0	.2	.3	.4	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.365	202.1	202.7	2.7	.3	.4	.3	.4
Public transportation .....	.797	212.1	208.0	-1.2	-1.9	-1	.6	-1.3
Medical care	4.969	310.4	311.0	4.6	.2	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.142	263.7	263.8	2.0	.0	.0	.0	.2
Medical care services	3.827	322.4	323.2	5.3	.2	.4	.4	.2
Professional services	2.256	274.8	275.8	4.5	.4	.2	.3	.5
Hospital and related services ³	1.254	415.2	414.9	5.3	-1	.6	.5	-4

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	July 2004	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.697	106.3	106.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.928	103.7	103.4	.5	-3	.1	.1	-3
Education and communication ²	5.645	109.4	109.9	.7	.5	.2	-.1	.0
Education ²	2.299	141.0	143.6	6.0	1.8	.4	.5	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.215	350.4	354.7	4.4	1.2	.1	-.1	1.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.084	398.1	405.8	6.2	1.9	.5	.5	.5
Communication ²	3.345	88.1	87.6	-3.2	-6	-.1	-.5	-.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.194	86.7	86.2	-3.3	-6	-.1	-.2	-.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.622	95.8	95.2	-2.9	-6	.0	-.3	-.6
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.572	15.3	15.3	-6.1	.0	.0	-.6	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.205	15.0	14.9	-8.6	-.7	-1.3	-1.3	-.7
Other goods and services	3.923	313.2	313.5	1.8	.1	.1	.4	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.248	481.6	482.6	2.0	.2	.5	1.0	.2
Personal care	2.675	180.3	180.5	1.7	.1	-.1	.1	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.737	153.9	153.1	-.8	-5	-.5	-.3	-.5
Personal care services ¹ .....	.610	198.1	199.5	2.5	.7	.2	.3	.7
Miscellaneous personal services	1.152	294.7	295.4	3.9	.2	.2	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.582	155.2	154.9	2.2	-2	.3	-.4	-.1
Food and beverages	17.151	186.8	186.9	3.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	27.430	137.5	137.1	1.3	-3	.5	-.9	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.671	160.4	159.5	5.1	-6	.1	-.4	-.6
Apparel	4.357	115.6	115.9	-.2	.3	.0	-.7	-.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.315	191.8	190.2	7.2	-8	1.2	-2.0	-.6
Durables	12.759	113.2	113.1	-3.3	-1	-.3	-.3	.1
Services	55.418	219.7	220.2	2.9	.2	.4	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.813	205.1	205.5	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.337	116.3	116.5	.7	.2	.1	-.2	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.930	156.2	156.8	4.5	.4	2.2	.1	.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.933	124.5	125.4	6.2	.7	.4	.6	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.318	127.5	128.0	4.1	.4	.9	.4	.4
Transportation services	6.241	221.6	221.0	1.9	-3	.2	.4	.0
Medical care services	3.827	322.4	323.2	5.3	.2	.4	.4	.2
Other services	10.020	253.5	254.4	2.0	.4	.3	.1	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.939	184.5	184.5	2.3	.0	.4	-.1	.0
All items less shelter	69.849	176.7	176.6	2.5	-.1	.5	-.2	.0
All items less medical care	95.031	179.6	179.6	2.5	.0	.4	-.1	.0
Commodities less food	28.520	139.4	139.0	1.3	-3	.5	-.8	-3
Nondurables less food	15.761	162.3	161.5	4.9	-5	.1	-.2	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.405	191.0	189.6	6.8	-7	1.0	-1.9	-.6
Nondurables	31.823	174.0	173.6	4.3	-2	.2	-.2	-.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.605	208.9	209.3	3.1	.2	.6	.2	.2
Services less medical care services	51.592	211.8	212.2	2.7	.2	.4	.2	.2
Energy	8.114	156.2	155.1	10.8	-7	2.7	-2.0	-.5
All items less energy	91.886	189.3	189.5	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	75.825	190.3	190.5	1.4	.1	.2	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.337	138.0	138.0	-1.5	.0	-.1	-.2	.0
Energy commodities	4.183	165.5	162.8	16.7	-1.6	3.1	-3.6	-1.3
Services less energy services	51.488	226.7	227.1	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.541	\$.541	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.182	\$.181	-	-	-	-	-

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—		
	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2004
Expenditure category										
All items	184.4	185.0	184.9	185.0	-0.7	4.1	5.6	1.3	1.7	3.4
Food and beverages	186.1	186.4	186.9	187.0	5.2	2.4	5.1	1.9	3.8	3.5
Food	185.7	185.9	186.4	186.6	5.2	2.4	5.3	2.0	3.8	3.6
Food at home	185.9	186.3	186.5	186.4	6.6	1.8	7.0	1.1	4.2	4.0
Cereals and bakery products	205.6	205.9	206.3	206.2	-2	1.2	2.8	1.2	.5	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	182.0	182.7	183.8	184.0	22.7	1.6	6.2	4.5	11.6	5.3
Dairy and related products	187.0	190.2	188.7	185.4	6.4	1.9	43.4	-3.4	4.1	17.7
Fruits and vegetables	226.9	224.9	224.4	225.1	1.8	-2.1	.9	-3.1	-2	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.3	139.4	139.7	139.8	-2.3	5.0	-1.7	1.4	1.3	-.1
Other food at home	165.4	165.1	165.3	165.6	-7	3.2	5.0	.5	1.2	2.7
Sugar and sweets	162.6	161.9	162.5	163.6	3.3	-1.7	.2	2.5	.7	1.4
Fats and oils	169.2	172.3	172.2	169.7	1.0	11.1	18.7	1.2	5.9	9.6
Other foods	181.1	180.1	180.4	181.0	-2.0	2.7	3.2	-2	.3	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	111.2	111.4	109.7	112.0	-2.2	2.2	4.1	2.9	.0	3.5
Food away from home ¹	186.6	186.8	187.6	188.2	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.2	3.2
Other food away from home ²	124.8	125.0	125.0	125.3	2.7	4.7	2.9	1.6	3.6	2.3
Alcoholic beverages ¹	192.0	192.7	192.2	192.8	4.1	2.6	4.3	1.7	3.3	3.0
Housing	184.3	185.0	185.5	185.9	.9	3.4	3.3	3.5	2.1	3.4
Shelter	211.7	212.1	212.7	213.0	2.1	2.1	4.1	2.5	2.1	3.3
Rent of primary residence ³	209.4	210.1	210.6	211.2	2.0	2.5	3.1	3.5	2.3	3.3
Lodging away from home ²	126.4	125.5	127.8	126.5	3.4	-1.6	19.5	.3	.8	9.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	203.8	204.1	204.6	204.9	2.2	1.8	3.4	2.2	2.0	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.5	116.3	116.5	-4.4	2.5	4.6	.3	-1.0	2.4
Fuels and utilities	159.1	162.1	162.7	164.0	-4.6	12.8	2.0	12.9	3.8	7.3
Fuels	141.1	144.2	144.7	145.9	-6.8	13.9	1.4	14.3	3.1	7.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	147.5	152.4	157.4	165.9	-2.0	30.2	4.7	60.0	12.9	29.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	148.2	151.4	151.6	152.5	-6.9	12.9	1.4	12.1	2.5	6.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	123.5	124.0	124.7	125.2	5.5	8.3	5.4	5.6	6.9	5.5
Household furnishings and operations	121.0	121.2	120.5	120.4	-2.3	2.3	-1.3	-2.0	.0	-1.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	125.9	127.0	127.5	128.0	2.6	3.9	3.2	6.8	3.3	5.0
Apparel	120.7	120.7	119.9	119.4	1.0	-1.3	4.1	-4.2	-2	-2
Men's and boys' apparel	118.2	118.3	118.3	116.6	6.0	2.1	-1.0	-5.3	4.0	-3.2
Women's and girls' apparel	113.9	113.9	112.8	112.2	.4	-4.6	10.9	-5.8	-2.1	2.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	120.1	120.2	120.5	119.0	-6.9	3.3	-9.7	-3.6	-1.9	-6.7
Footwear	117.5	117.6	116.1	117.7	-.3	-2.3	-1.4	.7	-1.3	-.3
Transportation	162.1	163.3	161.9	161.5	-9.6	9.4	13.9	-1.5	-.5	5.9
Private transportation	159.4	160.7	159.2	158.9	-10.0	10.2	14.5	-1.2	-.4	6.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.5	92.2	92.4	92.6	-12.3	-2.1	.0	.4	-7.4	.2
New vehicles	138.5	138.6	137.8	137.3	-2.6	1.2	-.6	-3.4	-.7	-2.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	132.6	131.4	133.0	134.6	-27.7	-3.3	2.8	6.2	-16.4	4.5
Motor fuel	165.5	170.6	163.8	161.1	-19.2	51.3	67.4	-10.2	10.5	22.6
Gasoline (all types)	164.8	170.0	163.2	160.5	-19.1	51.5	67.3	-10.0	10.7	22.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	107.5	107.8	108.2	108.4	.7	.4	-.4	3.4	.6	1.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	200.8	201.7	202.3	203.1	2.2	1.8	2.2	4.7	2.0	3.4
Public transportation	206.9	206.7	207.9	205.1	2.1	-1.1	-2.3	-3.4	.5	-2.9
Medical care	308.4	309.3	310.2	310.9	4.4	5.6	4.9	3.3	5.0	4.1
Medical care commodities	263.3	263.3	263.2	263.6	1.4	2.6	3.7	.5	2.0	2.1
Medical care services	320.0	321.2	322.4	323.2	5.2	6.5	5.3	4.1	5.8	4.7
Professional services	273.3	273.8	274.5	275.8	2.9	6.3	5.0	3.7	4.6	4.3
Hospital and related services ³	411.9	414.2	416.4	414.9	8.3	4.8	5.2	2.9	6.5	4.1

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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

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Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	106.4	106.6	106.3	106.1	0.4	1.5	1.1	-1.1	0.9	0.0
Video and audio ²	103.5	103.6	103.7	103.4	1.2	-1.5	2.8	-4	-2	1.2
Education and communication ²	109.8	110.0	109.9	109.9	.7	1.5	.4	.4	1.1	.4
Education ²	141.4	142.0	142.7	143.5	4.5	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.1
Educational books and supplies	351.8	352.2	351.8	355.8	-1.5	9.1	6.0	4.6	3.7	5.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	399.0	401.1	403.3	405.4	5.3	7.0	5.9	6.6	6.2	6.2
Communication ²	88.6	88.5	88.1	87.7	-2.6	-2.2	-3.5	-4.0	-2.4	-3.8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	87.0	86.9	86.7	86.2	-3.1	-.9	-5.3	-3.6	-2.0	-4.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.1	96.1	95.8	95.2	-2.4	-.4	-4.8	-3.7	-1.4	-4.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	15.4	15.4	15.3	15.3	-9.5	-2.5	-9.7	-2.6	-6.0	-6.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	15.4	15.2	15.0	14.9	-7.2	-7.3	-7.4	-12.4	-7.2	-9.9
Other goods and services	311.3	311.6	312.9	313.5	-.4	2.9	1.7	2.9	1.2	2.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	474.4	476.9	481.6	482.6	-2.5	2.6	1.0	7.1	.0	4.0
Personal care	180.0	179.9	180.1	180.5	.7	3.0	2.0	1.1	1.8	1.6
Personal care products ¹	155.1	154.3	153.9	153.1	-1.3	3.2	.3	-5.1	.9	-2.4
Personal care services ¹	197.1	197.5	198.1	199.5	.4	1.9	2.9	5.0	1.1	3.9
Miscellaneous personal services	292.8	293.5	294.4	295.4	4.0	3.5	4.5	3.6	3.8	4.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	155.9	156.4	155.7	155.5	-3.4	5.1	8.4	-1.0	.8	3.6
Food and beverages	186.1	186.4	186.9	187.0	5.2	2.4	5.1	1.9	3.8	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages	138.7	139.4	138.2	137.8	-8.5	6.8	10.1	-2.6	-1.2	3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	161.8	162.0	161.3	160.3	-1.6	10.4	16.6	-3.7	4.2	6.0
Apparel	120.7	120.7	119.9	119.4	1.0	-1.3	4.1	-4.2	-.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	192.2	194.6	190.8	189.6	-8.1	18.5	28.0	-5.3	4.3	10.1
Durables	113.8	113.5	113.2	113.3	-9.9	.4	-1.4	-1.7	-4.9	-1.6
Services	217.8	218.6	219.2	219.6	1.9	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.5	3.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	203.9	204.4	204.9	205.1	2.2	2.0	4.2	2.4	2.1	3.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.5	116.3	116.5	-4.4	2.5	4.6	.3	-1.0	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	148.2	151.4	151.6	152.5	-6.9	12.9	1.4	12.1	2.5	6.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	123.5	124.0	124.7	125.2	5.5	8.3	5.4	5.6	6.9	5.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	125.9	127.0	127.5	128.0	2.6	3.9	3.2	6.8	3.3	5.0
Transportation services	220.0	220.5	221.4	221.4	3.0	1.3	1.1	2.6	2.1	1.8
Medical care services	320.0	321.2	322.4	323.2	5.2	6.5	5.3	4.1	5.8	4.7
Other services	253.2	253.9	254.1	254.3	2.3	2.6	1.6	1.7	2.4	1.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	183.9	184.7	184.5	184.5	-1.5	4.3	5.4	1.3	1.3	3.3
All items less shelter	176.4	177.2	176.8	176.8	-1.6	5.0	5.9	.9	1.6	3.4
All items less medical care	179.0	179.7	179.6	179.6	-.7	3.9	5.3	1.3	1.6	3.3
Commodities less food	140.6	141.3	140.1	139.7	-7.9	6.7	9.6	-2.5	-.9	3.4
Nondurables less food	163.5	163.7	163.3	162.3	-1.3	9.7	15.3	-2.9	4.0	5.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	191.9	193.9	190.2	189.0	-7.3	16.6	28.0	-5.9	4.0	9.8
Nondurables	174.5	174.9	174.5	174.2	1.7	6.4	10.5	-.7	4.0	4.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	206.2	207.4	207.9	208.3	2.2	4.0	1.8	4.1	3.1	2.9
Services less medical care services	209.9	210.7	211.2	211.6	2.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	3.3
Energy	152.6	156.7	153.5	152.8	-13.2	31.0	32.3	.5	6.6	15.3
All items less energy	189.1	189.4	189.7	189.8	.6	1.9	3.0	1.5	1.3	2.3
All items less food and energy	190.2	190.5	190.7	190.9	-.2	1.7	2.6	1.5	.7	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.4	139.3	139.0	139.0	-5.8	.3	.9	-1.1	-2.8	-.1
Energy commodities	165.2	170.3	164.1	162.0	-18.4	49.7	63.9	-7.5	10.5	23.1
Services less energy services	225.5	226.0	226.7	227.0	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.7	2.5	3.1

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 Aug.2004 from—			Percent change to July2004 from—		
		May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	May 2004	June 2004
U.S. city average	M	184.7	185.3	184.9	185.0	2.6	-0.2	0.1	3.0	0.1	-0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	196.4	197.5	197.3	197.2	3.4	-2	-1	3.8	.5	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.1	198.3	198.0	198.1	3.3	-1	.1	3.8	.5	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.4	118.8	119.1	118.7	3.7	-1	-3	4.0	.6	.3
Midwest urban	M	177.8	178.2	178.0	178.2	2.4	.0	.1	2.7	.1	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	179.4	179.4	179.5	179.8	2.5	.2	.2	2.7	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	115.5	116.0	115.5	115.7	2.4	-3	.2	2.7	.0	-4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	173.2	174.1	173.7	173.4	2.1	-4	-2	2.7	.3	-2
South urban	M	178.8	179.7	179.3	179.4	2.6	-2	.1	2.9	.3	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	180.8	181.9	181.2	181.2	2.4	-4	.0	2.8	.2	-4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	114.8	115.3	115.2	115.3	2.9	.0	.1	2.9	.3	-1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	179.0	180.0	179.4	179.5	2.3	-3	.1	2.7	.2	-3
West urban	M	188.6	188.6	188.0	188.0	2.1	-3	.0	2.5	-.3	-.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	189.6	189.7	188.9	188.9	1.9	-4	.0	2.5	-.4	-.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	117.8	117.6	117.4	117.6	2.4	.0	.2	2.4	-.3	-2
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	171.2	171.7	171.3	171.4	2.5	-2	.1	3.0	.1	-2
B/C ³	M	116.0	116.4	116.2	116.2	2.7	-2	.0	2.9	.2	-2
D	M	178.8	179.7	179.0	178.8	2.0	-5	-1	2.6	.1	-4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	182.2	182.5	182.4	183.2	2.7	.4	.4	2.6	.1	-1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	186.8	187.4	186.8	186.5	3.3	-5	-2	4.0	.0	-3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	199.1	200.4	200.1	200.3	3.2	.0	.1	3.8	.5	-1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	207.9	-	207.9	-	-	-	-	2.8	.0	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	172.6	-	172.8	-	-	-	-	3.5	.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	179.5	-	179.4	-	-	-	-	2.0	-.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	118.4	-	119.7	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.1	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	184.0	-	182.5	1.7	-8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	180.4	-	181.5	2.3	.6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	167.6	-	167.4	3.0	-1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	183.4	-	182.9	2.6	-3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	197.3	-	198.0	4.7	.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	195.4	-	195.0	1.4	-2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	190.4	-	189.6	.7	-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, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 2004 from—	
		July 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	July 2004
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	110.3	110.3	2.1	0.0
Food and beverages	15.076	111.6	111.6	3.3	.0
Food	14.086	111.6	111.6	3.3	.0
Food at home	8.062	110.8	110.6	3.5	-.2
Food away from home	6.023	112.6	113.0	3.2	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	111.3	111.5	2.9	.2
Housing	41.793	114.9	115.0	2.4	.1
Shelter	32.380	116.3	116.5	2.6	.2
Fuels and utilities	4.643	128.1	128.9	5.1	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.771	95.4	95.0	-1.2	-.4
Apparel	4.317	87.5	87.8	-.1	.3
Transportation	17.315	108.1	107.6	2.0	-.5
Private transportation	16.206	108.2	107.8	2.2	-.4
Public transportation	1.109	106.5	104.0	-2.1	-2.3
Medical care	5.783	121.7	121.9	4.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.466	115.0	115.0	2.1	.0
Medical care services	4.317	124.1	124.4	5.2	.2
Recreation	5.978	103.5	103.3	-.2	-.2
Education and communication	6.004	98.8	99.2	.2	.4
Education	2.560	130.8	133.5	6.5	2.1
Communication	3.444	79.2	78.6	-4.3	-.8
Other goods and services	3.734	114.1	114.3	2.0	.2
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.567	116.8	117.0	2.6	.2
Commodities	41.433	102.0	101.8	1.5	-.2
Durables	12.521	86.3	86.0	-3.2	-.3
Nondurables	28.912	109.4	109.3	3.5	-.1
All items less food and energy	78.985	108.0	108.0	1.2	.0
Energy	6.929	137.1	136.4	10.1	-.5

Indexes for 2004 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2003 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.