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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent in March, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The March level of 205.352 (1982-84=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in March 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.0 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March level of 200.612 (1982-84=100) was 2.7 percent higher than in March 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent in March on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The March level of 118.953 (December 1999=100) was 2.5 percent higher than in March 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.6 percent in March, following a 0.4 percent increase in February. Overall energy costs increased 5.9 percent in March, with the index for petroleum-based energy up 10.1 percent and the index for natural gas and electricity up 1.3 percent. The food index rose 0.3 percent in March, following larger increases earlier this year. Grocery store foods also rose less in March, largely reflecting a downturn in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.1 percent in March, following a 0.2 percent rise in February; the index for shelter rose 0.1 percent after advancing 0.3 percent in February, resulting from a 2.3 percent decline in the index for lodging away from home.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. '07	
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006				2007				Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Mar. '07
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
All Items	-.5	-.4	.0	.4	.2	.4	.6	4.7	2.8
Food and beverages	.4	.3	-.1	-.1	.7	.8	.3	7.4	3.3
Housing	.3	.0	.4	.4	.2	.4	.2	3.5	3.4
Apparel	.5	-.5	-.1	.2	.3	.5	-1.0	-.9	.5
Transportation	-4.1	-3.0	-.8	1.7	-.8	.1	2.8	8.3	1.7
Medical care	.3	.3	.2	.2	.8	.5	.1	5.6	4.0
Recreation	-.1	.1	.1	-.3	.1	.0	.0	.1	.6
Education and communication	.1	.2	-.2	.2	-.1	.3	.5	2.7	2.3
Other goods and services	.5	.2	.1	.6	.8	.2	.2	4.7	3.5
Special Indexes									
Energy	-7.3	-6.7	-.2	4.2	-1.5	.9	5.9	22.9	4.4
Food	.4	.3	-.1	.0	.7	.8	.3	7.3	3.3
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	.1	2.3	2.5

For the first three months of 2007, consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 4.7 percent. This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The index for energy, which rose 2.9 percent in all of 2006, advanced at a 22.9 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2007 and accounted for about 41 percent of the first quarter advance in the overall CPI-U. Petroleum-based energy costs and charges for natural gas and electricity contributed about 29 and 12 percent, respectively. The food index rose at a 7.3 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2007, accounting for 21 percent of the first quarter advance in the overall CPI-U. The index for grocery store food prices increased at a 10.0 percent annual rate, reflecting acceleration over the last year in each of the six major groups. These increases ranged from annual rates of 4.7 percent in the index for cereal and bakery products to 19.3 percent in the index for fruits and vegetables.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.3 percent SAAR in the first quarter, following a 2.6 percent rise in all of 2006. The deceleration in the first quarter of 2007 compared with all of 2006 reflects a slower rate of advance in the index for shelter--up at a 2.7 percent SAAR in the first quarter after increasing 4.2 percent in all of 2006--and a downturn in the apparel index. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and one-quarter years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 3 mos. ended in March
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All items	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	2.5	4.7
Food and beverages	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	7.4
Housing	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.5
Apparel	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-1.1	.9	-.9
Transportation	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	1.6	8.3
Medical care	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.6
Recreation	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.0	.1
Education and communication	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.3	2.7
Other goods and services	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	3.0	4.7
Special indexes								
Energy	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	2.9	22.9
Energy commodities	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	6.1	30.9
Energy services	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	-.6	13.8
All items less energy	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.9
Food	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	7.3
All items less food and energy	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.3

The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in March. The index for food at home, which increased 1.1 percent in February, rose 0.4 percent in March. Downturns in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for cereal and bakery products were partially offset by larger increases in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, for dairy products, and for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose sharply in January and February, reflecting the effects of adverse weather on supplies, declined 1.4 percent in March. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables declined 2.3 and 1.2 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables was virtually unchanged. The index for cereal and bakery products declined 0.3 percent after increasing 1.1 percent in February. Conversely, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which increased 0.4 in February, advanced 1.1 percent in March. Prices for beef, for pork, for poultry and for other meats all registered increases ranging between 1.0 and 2.0 percent. The index for dairy products rose 1.3 percent, reflecting large increases in prices for cheese and ice cream. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 1.7 percent, largely as a result of a 2.8 percent increase in the index for carbonated drinks. The index for other food at home increased 0.2 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.2 percent in March, following a 0.4 percent increase in February. The index for shelter increased 0.1 percent in March, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding three months. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.3 percent, while the index for lodging away from home declined 2.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 2.2 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 1.2 percent in March, the same as in February. The index for fuel oil rose 3.8 percent in March. The index for natural gas advanced sharply for the second consecutive month--up 3.0 percent in March. Charges for electricity increased 0.5 percent in March. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.2 percent in March, the same as in February.

The transportation index rose 2.8 percent in March, reflecting a 10.6 percent increase in the index for motor fuels. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 13.0 percent in March and were 7.2 percent higher than a year ago, but 13.8 percent lower than their peak level recorded in July 2006.) The index for new vehicles rose 0.3 percent in March, its first advance since a 0.1 percent rise in July last year. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined 0.1 percent in March and were 1.1 percent lower than in March 2006.) The index for used cars and trucks decreased 0.2 percent in March. The index for public transportation rose 0.1 percent in March, as a 0.3 percent increase in the index for airline fares more than offset a 1.1 percent decline in the index for other intercity transportation. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares rose 1.5 percent.)

The index for apparel declined 1.0 percent in March, following a 0.5 percent increase in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 3.0 percent, reflecting the continued introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's and girls' apparel registered the largest advance--up 5.4 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.1 percent in March and are 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--decreased 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services advanced 0.2 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation was virtually unchanged in March. Increases in the indexes for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, for fees for lessons and instructions, and for sporting goods--up 0.6, 0.8 and 0.4 percent, respectively--offset declines in the indexes for video and audio, for photography, and for toys.

The index for education and communication increased 0.5 percent in March. Educational costs rose 0.6 percent, reflecting a 1.7 percent increase in educational books and supplies. The index for communication costs rose 0.3 percent. Within the communication group, the index for telephone services rose 0.4 percent. Land-line local and long distance charges increased 0.5 and 0.9 percent respectively, while wireless telephone service charges were unchanged. The indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for internet services and electronic information providers turned up in March, each advancing 0.2 percent, while the index for computer software and accessories declined 0.5 percent.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.2 percent in March. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.2 percent, following large increases in each of the preceding three months. The index for personal care increased 0.1 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 increased 0.8 percent in March.

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 Mar. '07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006				2007				
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
All Items	-.7	-.7	.1	.5	.1	.4	.8	5.2	2.7
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Housing	.3	-.1	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	4.1	3.4
Apparel	.8	-.7	-.1	.2	-.1	.5	-.8	-1.6	.3
Transportation	-4.5	-3.3	-.9	1.9	-1.0	.0	3.0	8.6	1.7
Medical care	.3	.3	.2	.1	.8	.5	.1	5.8	4.1
Recreation	-.1	.1	.2	-.3	.1	.0	-.1	-.2	.5
Education and communication	.2	.2	-.3	.1	-.1	.3	.4	2.6	1.9
Other goods and services	.3	.2	.0	.8	1.0	.4	.2	6.9	3.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	-7.7	-6.9	-.2	4.3	-1.5	.8	6.2	23.6	4.5
Food	.4	.3	-.1	-.1	.6	.8	.3	7.2	3.3
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.0	.1	.2	.2	.1	2.3	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Consumer Price Index Levels to Three Decimal Places

Effective with this release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Bureau of Labor Statistics has begun computing percent changes based upon three decimal place indexes rather than one decimal place indexes. This change applies to the All Items Consumer Price Index and all component indexes for the CPI-U, CPI-W, and C-CPI-U, for the U.S. City Average and for all other published areas. In addition, CPI index values are displayed to three decimal places in all paper and electronic publications. As in the past, percent changes are rounded to one decimal place.

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

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Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.06 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see "Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005-December 2005 in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.pdf>

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	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

Percent Change

Index point difference	.616
Divided by the previous index	201.800
Equals	0.003
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.003x100
Equals percent change	0.3

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2002 through December 2006 were replaced in January 2007. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series 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 2007.

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.

In January 2007, BLS adjusted 37 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, fuel oil, motor fuels, vehicles, jewelry, admission to sporting events and educational books and supplies. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the effects of implementing new fuel requirements in the United States.

For a complete list of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment series and explanations, please refer to the article "Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment", located on our website at: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>.

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 Jeff Wilson on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at Wilson.Jeff@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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	203.499	205.352	2.8	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.6
All items (1967=100)	-	609.594	615.145	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.992	200.402	200.869	3.3	.2	.7	.8	.3
Food	13.885	200.000	200.403	3.3	.2	.7	.8	.3
Food at home	7.896	198.193	198.766	3.4	.3	.9	1.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.103	219.041	218.458	3.6	-.3	.3	1.1	-.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.112	190.491	192.508	3.6	1.1	.8	.4	1.1
Dairy and related products .....	.821	183.779	185.724	1.5	1.1	1.3	.2	1.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.211	268.565	263.910	6.2	-1.7	1.3	4.7	-1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	151.716	153.894	4.0	1.4	.8	.2	1.7
Other food at home	1.743	171.483	171.819	1.5	.2	.9	.3	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	174.300	174.633	2.7	.2	.6	-.7	.4
Fats and oils .....	.227	171.667	170.851	1.4	-.5	.0	.9	-.3
Other foods ¹	1.214	186.358	186.962	1.3	.3	1.1	.5	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.327	114.939	114.331	1.2	-.5	-.4	.2	-.5
Food away from home ¹	5.989	203.909	204.082	3.3	.1	.5	.4	.1
Other food away from home ² .....	.281	141.626	141.366	4.6	-.2	1.3	.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.107	204.385	205.663	2.8	.6	.9	.7	.6
Housing	42.691	207.177	208.080	3.4	.4	.2	.4	.2
Shelter	32.776	237.972	238.980	3.9	.4	.3	.3	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	5.930	231.739	232.495	4.6	.3	.4	.4	.3
Lodging away from home ²	2.648	139.160	142.247	1.3	2.2	1.1	.1	-2.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.830	244.020	244.602	4.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.320	117.333	1.0	.0	.3	-.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.264	194.890	196.414	2.1	.8	.3	1.2	1.2
Household energy	4.368	176.092	177.635	1.6	.9	.1	1.4	1.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	231.800	236.863	2.8	2.2	-4.4	-.2	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	181.232	182.624	1.5	.8	.5	1.5	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	141.349	141.806	5.0	.3	1.0	.5	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.651	127.495	127.655	.8	.1	-.3	.2	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	139.733	139.861	3.7	.1	.3	.1	.1
Apparel	3.726	119.017	122.582	.5	3.0	.3	.5	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	111.233	113.685	-2.2	2.2	-1.1	-.2	-.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.590	110.871	116.911	1.7	5.4	1.3	.7	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	115.416	117.996	-.6	2.2	-.3	.9	.2
Footwear .....	.749	121.930	123.505	-1.5	1.3	-.5	.1	-.7
Transportation	17.249	174.799	180.346	1.7	3.2	-.8	.1	2.8
Private transportation	16.188	170.775	176.468	1.7	3.3	-.9	.0	2.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.581	94.591	94.493	-1.6	-.1	-.2	-.2	.1
New vehicles	4.982	137.340	137.228	-1.1	-.1	.0	-.1	.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.716	134.597	134.382	-4.0	-.2	-.7	-.5	-.2
Motor fuel	4.347	195.377	220.515	7.2	12.9	-3.0	.3	10.6
Gasoline (all types)	4.303	194.282	219.473	7.2	13.0	-3.0	.3	10.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.370	120.196	120.485	4.4	.2	.2	.4	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	220.530	221.160	3.6	.3	.1	.6	.4
Public transportation	1.060	224.061	225.893	1.5	.8	1.5	.3	.1
Medical care	6.281	346.457	347.172	4.0	.2	.8	.5	.1
Medical care commodities	1.446	287.703	286.940	.9	-.3	.6	-.3	-.3
Medical care services	4.834	363.908	365.164	4.9	.3	.9	.7	.2
Professional services	2.817	298.393	298.990	3.9	.2	.8	.7	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.630	487.881	490.104	5.8	.5	.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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	
Expenditure category									
Recreation ²	5.552	111.174	111.244	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Video and audio ²	1.719	103.144	102.886	-2.2	-3	-2	-1	-5	
Education and communication ²	6.034	117.971	118.231	2.3	.2	-.1	.3	.5	
Education ²	3.076	167.927	168.114	6.1	.1	.1	.6	.6	
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	407.809	413.665	8.0	1.4	1.1	.1	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.872	484.459	484.532	6.0	.0	.1	.6	.5	
Communication ²	2.958	82.845	83.122	-1.5	.3	-.4	.1	.3	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.769	80.311	80.601	-1.6	.4	-.4	.1	.4	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.225	97.096	97.514	2.6	.4	.1	.2	.4	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.543	10.853	10.860	-16.5	.1	-2.7	-.4	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.203	10.174	10.191	-10.6	.2	-.4	-.8	.2
Other goods and services	3.476	330.459	331.144	3.5	.2	.8	.2	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.712	548.896	550.021	6.0	.2	3.1	1.0	.2
Personal care	2.764	193.987	194.390	2.8	.2	.2	.0	.1	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.708	158.038	158.592	2.2	.4	-.8	.2	.4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.677	214.616	215.091	3.2	.2	.7	.3	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.188	320.725	321.299	3.3	.2	.2	.0	.1	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	40.305	162.890	165.710	1.8	1.7	-.1	.4	1.2	
Food and beverages	14.992	200.402	200.869	3.3	.2	.7	.8	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	25.313	142.290	146.037	.9	2.6	-.5	.1	1.8	
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.191	170.479	178.548	3.0	4.7	-1.5	-.2	2.9	
Apparel	3.726	119.017	122.582	.5	3.0	.3	.5	-1.0	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.465	206.395	217.451	3.9	5.4	-1.1	.2	4.9	
Durables	11.122	113.210	113.163	-1.7	.0	-.3	-.1	.1	
Services	59.695	243.793	244.671	3.4	.4	.3	.4	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.407	248.024	249.087	4.0	.4	.3	.3	.0	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.320	117.333	1.0	.0	.3	-.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	181.232	182.624	1.5	.8	.5	1.5	1.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	141.349	141.806	5.0	.3	1.0	.5	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	139.733	139.861	3.7	.1	.3	.1	.1
Transportation services	5.638	232.077	232.200	1.5	.1	.3	.1	.0	
Medical care services	4.834	363.908	365.164	4.9	.3	.9	.7	.2	
Other services	10.730	281.864	282.431	2.9	.2	.1	.2	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food	86.115	204.101	206.195	2.7	1.0	.0	.3	.7	
All items less shelter	67.224	192.272	194.482	2.2	1.1	.1	.4	.9	
All items less medical care	93.719	196.298	198.179	2.7	1.0	.1	.4	.6	
Commodities less food	26.420	144.558	148.240	1.0	2.5	-.5	.2	1.7	
Nondurables less food	15.299	172.552	180.197	3.0	4.4	-1.3	-.2	2.8	
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.572	205.347	215.400	3.8	4.9	-1.0	.2	4.5	
Nondurables	29.183	185.751	190.212	3.2	2.4	-.4	.3	1.6	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.288	257.147	257.864	2.8	.3	.3	.4	.4	
Services less medical care services	54.861	233.963	234.809	3.3	.4	.3	.3	.2	
Energy	8.715	184.451	196.929	4.4	6.8	-1.5	.9	5.9	
All items less energy	91.285	207.106	207.850	2.6	.4	.3	.3	.1	
All items less food and energy	77.401	209.112	209.923	2.5	.4	.3	.2	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.735	140.305	141.056	-.3	.5	.1	.1	-.1	
Energy commodities	4.685	198.617	222.620	6.9	12.1	-3.1	.3	10.1	
Services less energy services	55.666	250.199	251.026	3.6	.3	.3	.3	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.491	\$.487	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.164	\$.163	-	-	-	-	-	

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2007
All items	202.8	203.153	203.906	205.146	5.7	0.6	0.2	4.7	3.1	2.4
Food and beverages	197.2	198.604	200.150	200.756	2.1	3.1	.6	7.4	2.6	4.0
Food	196.8	198.173	199.728	200.281	2.1	3.3	.6	7.3	2.7	3.9
Food at home	193.9	195.562	197.721	198.554	1.0	3.8	-1.2	10.0	2.4	4.2
Cereals and bakery products	216.0	216.642	219.067	218.512	2.3	3.8	3.4	4.7	3.1	4.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	188.1	189.534	190.383	192.493	.9	3.0	.9	9.7	1.9	5.2
Dairy and related products	180.4	182.720	183.143	185.540	-3.2	-2.4	.4	11.9	-2.8	6.0
Fruits and vegetables	252.3	255.519	267.426	263.665	3.3	18.6	-12.8	19.3	10.7	2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	149.0	150.136	150.507	153.069	.0	1.9	3.0	11.4	1.0	7.1
Other food at home	169.2	170.708	171.243	171.658	2.4	-5	-1.4	5.9	.9	2.2
Sugar and sweets	174.0	175.043	173.767	174.394	3.8	2.1	3.8	.9	3.0	2.3
Fats and oils	169.0	169.010	170.528	169.938	.5	-5	3.4	2.2	.0	2.8
Other foods ¹	183.5	185.499	186.358	186.962	2.4	-1.3	-3.2	7.8	.5	2.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.1	114.655	114.939	114.331	5.0	-7	3.2	-2.6	2.1	.2
Food away from home ¹	202.2	203.171	203.909	204.082	3.3	2.6	3.4	3.8	3.0	3.6
Other food away from home ²	139.3	141.129	141.604	141.393	3.3	3.6	5.3	6.1	3.4	5.7
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.1	202.968	204.385	205.663	3.0	-4	-6	9.4	1.3	4.3
Housing	206.3	206.799	207.616	208.072	2.8	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4
Shelter	236.6	237.350	238.043	238.176	5.0	4.0	4.2	2.7	4.5	3.4
Rent of primary residence ³	229.8	230.670	231.642	232.437	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.8
Lodging away from home ²	138.3	139.802	139.913	136.702	2.7	3.9	3.5	-4.5	3.3	-6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	242.8	243.279	243.988	244.646	5.4	4.1	4.1	3.1	4.7	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.1	117.417	117.320	117.333	.7	.0	2.4	.8	.3	1.6
Fuels and utilities	195.3	195.818	198.215	200.689	-7.9	5.1	1.0	11.5	-1.6	6.1
Household energy	177.1	177.287	179.714	182.293	-10.1	4.9	.7	12.3	-2.9	6.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	233.9	223.707	223.344	231.088	35.2	-2.9	-10.7	-4.7	14.6	-7.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	182.2	183.084	185.812	188.185	-12.9	5.5	1.8	13.8	-4.2	7.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.3	140.634	141.349	141.806	3.3	6.0	3.2	7.4	4.6	5.3
Household furnishings and operations	127.4	127.017	127.238	127.483	1.9	.9	.0	.3	1.4	.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.1	139.526	139.733	139.861	4.2	3.3	5.0	2.2	3.7	3.6
Apparel	119.8	120.180	120.805	119.541	2.4	2.0	-1.7	-9	2.2	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	113.7	112.492	112.314	111.598	-1.0	5.0	-5.1	-7.2	1.9	-6.2
Women's and girls' apparel	111.4	112.856	113.628	112.077	4.1	2.5	-2.1	2.5	3.3	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	114.9	114.536	115.619	115.794	-3	-1.4	-3.7	3.1	-9	-4
Footwear	123.5	122.910	122.984	122.184	-1.3	-2.9	2.3	-4.2	-2.1	-1.0
Transportation	177.0	175.661	175.749	180.584	20.0	-10.1	-8.6	8.3	3.9	-5
Private transportation	173.1	171.516	171.567	176.599	20.8	-10.7	-8.5	8.3	3.8	-5
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.5	94.328	94.141	94.273	.8	-1.2	-4.9	-1.0	-2	-3.0
New vehicles	136.4	136.360	136.204	136.601	-1.4	-6	-3.2	.6	-1.0	-1.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	136.2	135.257	134.597	134.382	4.4	-1.4	-12.9	-5.2	1.4	-9.2
Motor fuel	206.5	200.234	200.921	222.136	86.3	-32.5	-21.7	33.9	12.1	2.4
Gasoline (all types)	205.3	199.170	199.842	221.080	86.6	-32.4	-22.1	34.5	12.3	2.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.5	119.759	120.196	120.485	5.7	5.9	2.7	3.3	5.8	3.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	218.8	219.001	220.213	221.071	4.6	2.8	3.0	4.2	3.7	3.6
Public transportation	223.8	227.138	227.931	228.152	7.3	.0	-8.5	8.0	3.6	-6
Medical care	341.3	344.046	345.686	345.994	3.8	3.7	2.9	5.6	3.8	4.2
Medical care commodities	286.9	288.720	287.830	286.925	2.3	2.5	-1.1	.0	2.4	-5
Medical care services	357.2	360.250	362.812	363.568	4.2	4.2	4.0	7.3	4.2	5.7
Professional services	293.5	295.956	297.958	298.146	2.5	3.2	3.3	6.5	2.9	4.9
Hospital and related services ³	478.7	481.795	484.918	486.910	6.9	5.6	3.7	7.0	6.2	5.3

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.1	111.160	111.150	111.118	2.2	0.4	-0.4	0.1	1.3	-0.1
Video and audio ²	103.4	103.160	103.065	102.541	1.1	-1.5	-4.9	-3.3	-2	-4.1
Education and communication ²	117.7	117.558	117.952	118.496	2.8	2.8	.7	2.7	2.8	1.7
Education ²	166.7	166.913	167.882	168.862	6.4	6.3	6.5	5.3	6.4	5.9
Educational books and supplies	400.5	404.984	405.288	412.206	6.3	6.2	7.3	12.2	6.3	9.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	481.3	481.562	484.536	486.972	6.2	6.4	6.5	4.8	6.3	5.6
Communication ²	83.1	82.775	82.841	83.117	-5	-5	-5.1	.1	-5	-2.6
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	80.6	80.246	80.311	80.601	-5	-5	-5.3	.0	-5	-2.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.8	96.898	97.096	97.514	1.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.3	3.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	11.2	10.900	10.853	10.860	-8.9	-12.0	-31.3	-11.6	-10.5	-22.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.3	10.259	10.174	10.191	-22.4	-7.3	-7.4	-4.2	-15.2	-5.8
Other goods and services	326.8	329.378	330.076	330.604	2.4	2.6	4.0	4.7	2.5	4.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	527.3	543.477	548.896	550.021	1.9	-5	5.1	18.4	.7	11.5
Personal care	193.3	193.694	193.702	193.988	2.6	3.4	3.8	1.4	3.0	2.6
Personal care products ¹	159.0	157.699	158.038	158.592	.0	3.1	6.8	-1.0	1.6	2.8
Personal care services ¹	212.5	214.045	214.616	215.091	1.2	3.1	3.5	5.0	2.1	4.2
Miscellaneous personal services	319.5	320.287	320.360	320.565	3.9	4.3	3.8	1.3	4.1	2.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	162.8	162.690	163.297	165.295	9.2	-3.8	-3.8	6.3	2.5	1.1
Food and beverages	197.2	198.604	200.150	200.756	2.1	3.1	.6	7.4	2.6	4.0
Commodities less food and beverages	143.5	142.779	142.968	145.505	13.4	-7.3	-6.7	5.7	2.5	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages	176.6	173.869	173.440	178.529	20.6	-13.4	3.2	4.4	2.2	3.8
Apparel	119.8	120.180	120.805	119.541	2.4	2.0	-1.7	-9	2.2	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	210.1	207.739	208.104	218.217	35.1	-17.0	-10.7	16.4	5.9	2.0
Durables	113.3	112.933	112.806	112.900	-7	-1.0	-3.5	-1.4	-9	-2.4
Services	242.5	243.298	244.229	244.701	3.1	3.9	3.0	3.7	3.5	3.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	246.7	247.426	248.104	248.206	4.6	4.4	4.3	2.5	4.5	3.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.1	117.417	117.320	117.333	.7	.0	2.4	.8	.3	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	182.2	183.084	185.812	188.185	-12.9	5.5	1.8	13.8	-4.2	7.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.3	140.634	141.349	141.806	3.3	6.0	3.2	7.4	4.6	5.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.1	139.526	139.733	139.861	4.2	3.3	5.0	2.2	3.7	3.6
Transportation services	231.8	232.384	232.643	232.641	3.2	1.7	-3	1.5	2.5	.6
Medical care services	357.2	360.250	362.812	363.568	4.2	4.2	4.0	7.3	4.2	5.7
Other services	280.9	281.091	281.756	282.570	4.0	3.1	1.9	2.4	3.5	2.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	203.9	203.999	204.620	205.973	6.1	.4	.2	4.1	3.2	2.1
All items less shelter	191.9	192.030	192.816	194.509	6.0	-8	-1.7	5.6	2.5	1.9
All items less medical care	195.8	196.033	196.746	198.011	5.7	.6	.0	4.6	3.1	2.3
Commodities less food	145.7	144.991	145.217	147.723	13.2	-7.2	-6.1	5.7	2.5	-4
Nondurables less food	178.1	175.707	175.288	180.116	19.3	-12.5	3.0	4.6	2.2	3.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	208.4	206.407	206.835	216.051	31.9	-15.5	-9.7	15.5	5.6	2.1
Nondurables	187.5	186.765	187.249	190.237	10.6	-5.2	1.9	6.0	2.4	3.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	255.5	256.241	257.370	258.518	2.9	3.2	.3	4.8	3.0	2.5
Services less medical care services	232.8	233.396	234.204	234.638	4.1	3.5	2.4	3.2	3.8	2.8
Energy	190.1	187.340	188.952	200.164	31.8	-17.1	-11.5	22.9	4.5	4.3
All items less energy	205.8	206.414	207.083	207.278	3.2	2.8	1.6	2.9	3.0	2.2
All items less food and energy	208.1	208.632	209.135	209.263	3.4	2.7	1.6	2.3	3.1	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.1	140.209	140.330	140.229	.9	.3	-2.5	.4	.6	-1.1
Energy commodities	209.2	202.686	203.310	223.786	82.5	-30.9	-21.0	30.9	12.3	1.7
Services less energy services	248.7	249.469	250.220	250.502	4.4	3.6	3.3	2.9	4.0	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 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 Mar.2007 from—			Percent change to Feb.2007 from—		
		Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007
U.S. city average	M	201.8	202.416	203.499	205.352	2.8	1.5	0.9	2.4	0.8	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	215.2	215.813	216.651	218.334	2.6	1.2	.8	2.4	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	217.8	218.365	219.330	220.936	2.8	1.2	.7	2.6	.7	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.7	127.237	127.546	128.691	2.1	1.1	.9	1.9	.7	.2
Midwest urban	M	192.9	193.068	194.458	196.389	2.3	1.7	1.0	2.0	.8	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.7	195.073	196.507	198.335	2.3	1.7	.9	2.1	.9	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.0	122.861	123.854	125.151	2.3	1.9	1.0	1.9	.7	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	187.1	187.587	188.122	190.365	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.6	.5	.3
South urban	M	194.8	195.021	195.950	197.904	2.6	1.5	1.0	2.2	.6	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.3	197.650	198.516	200.538	3.1	1.5	1.0	2.4	.6	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.8	123.817	124.521	125.726	2.2	1.5	1.0	2.0	.6	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.0	196.077	196.043	198.204	3.1	1.1	1.1	2.6	.0	.0
West urban	M	206.2	207.790	208.995	210.778	3.4	1.4	.9	3.1	1.4	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	209.6	211.102	212.549	214.393	3.7	1.6	.9	3.3	1.4	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.0	126.244	126.805	127.848	2.9	1.3	.8	2.5	1.4	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	184.9	185.608	186.673	188.309	3.0	1.5	.9	2.6	1.0	.6
B/C ³	M	124.3	124.571	125.243	126.424	2.4	1.5	.9	2.1	.8	.5
D	M	194.6	194.724	194.945	196.999	2.8	1.2	1.1	2.5	.2	.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.8	199.401	200.630	202.483	2.5	1.5	.9	1.7	1.4	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	210.6	212.584	214.760	216.500	3.8	1.8	.8	3.5	2.0	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	221.3	221.767	223.066	224.551	2.9	1.3	.7	3.1	.8	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	224.432	-	226.427	2.3	.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	191.610	-	194.244	1.9	1.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	188.890	-	190.156	.9	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	129.956	-	131.945	4.1	1.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	194.8	-	194.886	-	-	-	-	2.7	.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	196.4	-	198.064	-	-	-	-	1.7	.8	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	179.2	-	181.217	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	205.4	-	207.989	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	211.6	-	213.152	-	-	-	-	2.0	.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	210.4	-	213.688	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.6	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	209.3	-	211.704	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.1	-

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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	198.544	200.612	2.7	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.8
All items (1967=100)	-	591.403	597.561	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.475	199.540	200.056	3.2	.3	.7	.8	.3
Food	15.457	199.111	199.589	3.3	.2	.6	.8	.3
Food at home	9.244	197.044	197.735	3.3	.4	.8	1.1	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.285	219.191	218.799	3.6	-.2	.1	1.1	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.623	189.996	192.013	3.3	1.1	.8	.4	1.1
Dairy and related products .....	.928	183.185	185.095	1.3	1.0	1.2	.3	1.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.332	266.159	261.627	6.4	-1.7	1.0	4.7	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.082	150.968	153.329	4.1	1.6	.9	.1	1.8
Other food at home	1.993	170.861	171.183	1.5	.2	.8	.3	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	173.081	173.248	2.5	.1	.5	-.8	.4
Fats and oils .....	.283	172.380	172.005	1.5	-.2	-.3	1.1	-.2
Other foods ¹	1.373	186.473	187.026	1.2	.3	1.1	.4	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.368	115.151	114.402	.9	-.7	-.5	.3	-.7
Food away from home ¹	6.213	203.689	203.838	3.3	.1	.4	.4	.1
Other food away from home ² .....	.279	141.274	141.119	4.7	-.1	1.4	.4	.0
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	204.616	205.729	2.6	.5	.9	.9	.5
Housing	40.463	202.370	203.203	3.4	.4	.3	.4	.3
Shelter	30.570	230.472	231.315	4.0	.4	.3	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	8.021	230.860	231.634	4.6	.3	.3	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.430	138.083	141.335	.7	2.4	1.0	-.4	-2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.776	221.185	221.704	4.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.622	117.653	1.0	.0	.3	-.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.779	193.330	194.963	2.2	.8	.4	1.2	1.3
Household energy	4.842	173.654	175.303	1.7	.9	.3	1.3	1.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	231.136	236.103	2.7	2.1	-4.3	.3	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	179.550	181.092	1.6	.9	.6	1.4	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	141.636	142.070	4.9	.3	1.0	.5	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.114	122.962	123.134	.5	.1	-.2	.1	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	141.886	142.069	3.5	.1	.4	.1	.1
Apparel	4.041	118.211	122.021	.3	3.2	-.1	.5	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	111.079	113.921	-1.5	2.6	-1.6	.0	-.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.680	110.214	116.275	1.7	5.5	1.1	.5	-1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	118.037	120.167	-.5	1.8	-.1	1.0	-.5
Footwear .....	.954	121.679	122.870	-1.5	1.0	-.7	.5	-.8
Transportation	19.515	173.518	179.541	1.7	3.5	-1.0	.0	3.0
Private transportation	18.793	170.588	176.695	1.7	3.6	-1.0	.0	3.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.626	93.459	93.365	-1.8	-.1	-.2	-.2	.1
New vehicles	5.210	138.451	138.315	-1.1	-.1	.0	-.2	.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.675	135.411	135.203	-4.0	-.2	-.7	-.5	-.2
Motor fuel	5.441	195.934	221.011	7.0	12.8	-3.1	.4	10.5
Gasoline (all types)	5.388	194.923	220.052	7.0	12.9	-3.2	.4	10.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.444	119.897	120.170	4.6	.2	.2	.4	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	223.054	223.683	3.7	.3	.1	.5	.4
Public transportation .....	.723	223.338	224.973	1.5	.7	1.4	.4	.1
Medical care	5.228	346.191	346.946	4.1	.2	.8	.5	.1
Medical care commodities	1.135	280.597	279.762	.9	-.3	.6	-.4	-.3
Medical care services	4.094	364.519	365.827	5.0	.4	.8	.8	.2
Professional services	2.338	300.720	301.339	3.8	.2	.7	.8	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.378	482.895	485.074	5.8	.5	.6	.7	.4

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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.022	108.484	108.461	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Video and audio ²	1.867	102.653	102.363	-2.0	-3	-3	-1	-6
Education and communication ²	5.605	114.870	115.161	1.9	.3	-.1	.3	.4
Education ²	2.329	166.144	166.341	6.1	.1	-.2	.5	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	411.130	417.027	8.3	1.4	1.3	.1	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.121	469.284	469.224	5.9	.0	.1	.6	.5
Communication ²	3.276	85.112	85.408	-.9	.3	-.3	.1	.3
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.124	83.337	83.645	-1.0	.4	-.3	.1	.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.633	97.233	97.625	2.5	.4	.1	.2	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.492	11.272	11.292	-17.0	.2	-2.4	-.4	.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.178	9.997	10.040	-11.2	.4	-1.2	-.8	.4
Other goods and services	3.652	340.917	341.719	3.7	.2	1.0	.4	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.139	550.097	551.161	5.8	.2	3.0	1.0	.2
Personal care	2.513	191.922	192.411	2.8	.3	.1	.1	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.771	157.992	158.528	2.1	.3	-.7	.3	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.618	214.773	215.318	3.3	.3	.7	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	321.269	322.090	3.4	.3	.2	.3	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.175	164.171	167.350	1.9	1.9	-.2	.4	1.4
Food and beverages	16.475	199.540	200.056	3.2	.3	.7	.8	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	27.700	144.567	148.836	1.1	3.0	-.6	.1	2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.699	175.371	184.604	3.3	5.3	-1.8	-.3	3.4
Apparel	4.041	118.211	122.021	.3	3.2	-.1	.5	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.658	214.738	227.564	4.3	6.0	-1.2	.3	5.2
Durables	12.001	113.178	113.107	-1.8	-.1	-.2	-.2	.0
Services	55.825	238.783	239.586	3.4	.3	.3	.4	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.227	222.150	222.970	4.0	.4	.3	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.622	117.653	1.0	.0	.3	-.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	179.550	181.092	1.6	.9	.6	1.4	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	141.636	142.070	4.9	.3	1.0	.5	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	141.886	142.069	3.5	.1	.4	.1	.1
Transportation services	5.600	232.362	232.332	1.5	.0	.2	.1	.0
Medical care services	4.094	364.519	365.827	5.0	.4	.8	.8	.2
Other services	9.761	271.921	272.474	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.543	198.258	200.616	2.6	1.2	.0	.3	.9
All items less shelter	69.430	189.058	191.591	2.1	1.3	.0	.4	1.0
All items less medical care	94.772	192.389	194.481	2.6	1.1	.1	.4	.8
Commodities less food	28.718	146.653	150.856	1.2	2.9	-.6	.2	2.0
Nondurables less food	16.717	177.171	185.979	3.3	5.0	-1.7	-.2	3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.676	212.940	224.712	4.2	5.5	-1.1	.3	5.0
Nondurables	32.174	187.995	193.028	3.3	2.7	-.5	.3	1.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.598	227.801	228.479	2.6	.3	.3	.4	.5
Services less medical care services	51.732	229.453	230.221	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.3
Energy	10.282	183.842	196.940	4.5	7.1	-1.5	.8	6.2
All items less energy	89.718	201.238	201.948	2.5	.4	.3	.3	.1
All items less food and energy	74.261	202.056	202.816	2.3	.4	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.932	140.680	141.482	-.3	.6	.1	.1	-.1
Energy commodities	5.786	198.398	222.509	6.8	12.2	-3.2	.4	10.1
Services less energy services	51.329	245.211	245.923	3.5	.3	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.504	\$.498	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.169	\$.167	-	-	-	-	-

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—	
	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2007
Expenditure category										
All items	198.0	198.225	198.984	200.527	5.9	0.2	-0.4	5.2	3.0	2.4
Food and beverages	196.4	197.677	199.249	199.913	1.7	3.3	.6	7.3	2.5	3.9
Food	196.0	197.244	198.801	199.437	1.9	3.3	.8	7.2	2.6	4.0
Food at home	193.0	194.473	196.534	197.484	1.1	4.0	-1.2	9.6	2.5	4.1
Cereals and bakery products	216.5	216.798	219.095	218.810	2.5	4.2	3.6	4.3	3.3	4.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	187.6	189.036	189.882	191.953	-4	3.3	1.1	9.6	1.4	5.3
Dairy and related products	179.8	181.898	182.501	184.953	-3.9	-2.4	.2	12.0	-3.2	5.9
Fruits and vegetables	250.4	253.022	264.940	261.391	3.5	20.5	-13.4	18.7	11.6	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	148.3	149.587	149.749	152.389	.5	1.6	3.0	11.5	1.1	7.2
Other food at home	168.7	170.028	170.572	170.984	2.4	-5	-1.4	5.5	1.0	2.0
Sugar and sweets	173.0	173.813	172.484	173.102	3.8	2.1	3.8	.2	3.0	2.0
Fats and oils	169.7	169.191	171.051	170.779	1.0	-2	2.9	2.6	.4	2.7
Other foods ¹	183.7	185.681	186.473	187.026	2.4	-1.3	-3.4	7.4	.5	1.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.3	114.759	115.151	114.402	5.8	-1.7	2.8	-3.1	1.9	-2
Food away from home ¹	202.0	202.905	203.689	203.838	3.1	2.6	3.6	3.7	2.9	3.7
Other food away from home ²	138.8	140.765	141.338	141.285	3.0	2.7	5.7	7.4	2.8	6.5
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.1	202.821	204.616	205.729	1.0	-2	.4	9.5	.4	4.9
Housing	201.5	202.017	202.830	203.510	2.3	3.9	3.2	4.1	3.1	3.6
Shelter	229.2	229.798	230.467	230.875	4.6	4.2	4.3	3.0	4.4	3.6
Rent of primary residence ³	228.9	229.696	230.703	231.583	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.8
Lodging away from home ²	137.8	139.243	138.634	135.688	1.5	1.8	5.7	-6.0	1.6	-3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	220.1	220.518	221.169	221.773	5.2	4.1	3.9	3.1	4.7	3.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.4	117.748	117.622	117.653	.7	.3	2.1	.9	.5	1.5
Fuels and utilities	193.6	194.362	196.694	199.210	-8.5	4.7	1.5	12.1	-2.1	6.6
Household energy	174.4	174.925	177.263	179.858	-10.6	4.2	1.2	13.1	-3.5	7.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	232.7	222.684	223.337	230.061	35.6	-3.8	-10.6	-4.5	14.2	-7.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	180.3	181.459	184.020	186.511	-13.2	5.1	2.0	14.5	-4.5	8.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.6	140.947	141.636	142.070	3.6	5.7	3.2	7.3	4.6	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	122.9	122.595	122.719	122.902	1.3	1.0	-3	.0	1.1	-2
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.2	141.729	141.886	142.069	5.0	2.3	4.1	2.5	3.7	3.3
Apparel	119.6	119.451	120.061	119.132	2.0	3.4	-2.3	-1.6	2.7	-1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	113.7	111.883	111.899	111.739	.4	7.2	-6.4	-6.7	3.7	-6.6
Women's and girls' apparel	111.4	112.603	113.167	111.805	3.7	4.8	-2.5	1.5	4.2	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.3	117.148	118.322	117.687	.0	-3	-3.0	1.3	-2	-9
Footwear	123.1	122.250	122.846	121.891	-1.6	-1.9	1.6	-3.9	-1.8	-1.2
Transportation	176.1	174.417	174.491	179.761	21.4	-10.7	-9.2	8.6	4.1	-7
Private transportation	173.2	171.432	171.483	176.866	22.1	-11.3	-9.3	8.7	4.1	-7
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.4	93.254	93.035	93.159	.8	-1.3	-6.2	-1.0	-2	-3.6
New vehicles	137.5	137.513	137.293	137.675	-1.4	-6	-3.1	.5	-1.0	-1.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	137.0	136.063	135.411	135.203	4.6	-1.4	-13.1	-5.1	1.6	-9.2
Motor fuel	207.1	200.603	201.411	222.605	84.1	-31.8	-21.8	33.5	12.1	2.2
Gasoline (all types)	206.2	199.614	200.433	221.570	84.6	-32.0	-21.6	33.3	12.0	2.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.2	119.464	119.897	120.170	6.1	6.3	2.7	3.3	6.2	3.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	221.4	221.537	222.687	223.605	4.7	2.6	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.7
Public transportation	222.7	225.827	226.645	226.760	6.8	.2	-7.7	7.5	3.4	-4
Medical care	340.9	343.619	345.415	345.778	3.9	3.9	2.9	5.8	3.9	4.3
Medical care commodities	280.0	281.738	280.701	279.756	2.5	2.5	-1.0	-.3	2.5	-7
Medical care services	357.7	360.670	363.443	364.265	4.3	4.3	4.0	7.5	4.3	5.8
Professional services	295.8	297.931	300.252	300.458	2.4	3.2	3.3	6.4	2.8	4.9
Hospital and related services ³	474.0	477.026	480.230	482.119	6.9	5.9	3.4	7.0	6.4	5.2

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—		
	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.4	108.456	108.489	108.351	2.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	1.1	-0.1
Video and audio ²	103.0	102.732	102.658	102.032	1.2	-1.1	-4.2	-3.7	.0	-3.9
Education and communication ²	114.6	114.517	114.825	115.329	2.1	2.8	.0	2.6	2.5	1.3
Education ²	164.8	165.149	166.001	166.936	6.0	6.9	6.3	5.3	6.5	5.8
Educational books and supplies	403.2	408.325	408.597	415.361	6.0	6.2	8.7	12.6	6.1	10.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	466.0	466.513	469.130	471.264	6.0	7.0	6.1	4.6	6.5	5.3
Communication ²	85.3	85.027	85.107	85.404	-5	.5	-4.1	.5	.0	-1.8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	83.5	83.256	83.337	83.645	-5	.0	-4.2	.7	-2	-1.8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.9	97.045	97.233	97.625	1.3	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.1	3.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	11.6	11.321	11.272	11.292	-8.5	-11.5	-34.6	-10.2	-10.0	-23.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.2	10.081	9.997	10.040	-25.5	-7.4	-3.8	-6.1	-16.9	-5.0
Other goods and services	335.7	339.151	340.563	341.327	2.1	1.9	4.0	6.9	2.0	5.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	528.6	544.568	550.097	551.161	2.0	-8	4.8	18.2	.6	11.3
Personal care	191.1	191.366	191.628	192.086	2.2	3.2	3.6	2.1	2.7	2.9
Personal care products ¹	158.6	157.505	157.992	158.528	-3	3.1	6.0	-.2	1.4	2.9
Personal care services ¹	212.7	214.254	214.773	215.318	1.3	3.1	3.7	5.0	2.2	4.3
Miscellaneous personal services	319.6	320.102	321.057	321.437	3.8	4.0	3.6	2.3	3.9	2.9
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	164.3	164.009	164.641	166.963	10.1	-4.2	-4.3	6.6	2.7	1.0
Food and beverages	196.4	197.677	199.249	199.913	1.7	3.3	.6	7.3	2.5	3.9
Commodities less food and beverages	146.1	145.155	145.360	148.351	15.3	-7.9	-7.3	6.3	3.0	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages	182.5	179.125	178.618	184.774	22.2	-14.6	3.8	5.1	2.1	4.4
Apparel	119.6	119.451	120.061	119.132	2.0	3.4	-2.3	-1.6	2.7	-1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	219.0	216.359	217.028	228.357	36.9	-17.3	-11.5	18.2	6.4	2.3
Durables	113.3	113.096	112.926	112.934	-7	-1.7	-3.5	-1.3	-1.2	-2.4
Services	237.5	238.283	239.197	239.874	2.6	3.6	3.1	4.1	3.1	3.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	220.9	221.587	222.103	222.481	4.8	4.3	4.3	2.9	4.5	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.4	117.748	117.622	117.653	.7	.3	2.1	.9	.5	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	180.3	181.459	184.020	186.511	-13.2	5.1	2.0	14.5	-4.5	8.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.6	140.947	141.636	142.070	3.6	5.7	3.2	7.3	4.6	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.2	141.729	141.886	142.069	5.0	2.3	4.1	2.5	3.7	3.3
Transportation services	231.9	232.262	232.505	232.557	2.5	1.9	.3	1.1	2.2	.7
Medical care services	357.7	360.670	363.443	364.265	4.3	4.3	4.0	7.5	4.3	5.8
Other services	271.0	271.240	271.752	272.525	3.8	3.0	1.2	2.3	3.4	1.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	198.2	198.224	198.835	200.544	6.5	-2	-6	4.8	3.1	2.1
All items less shelter	188.8	188.864	189.663	191.634	6.3	-1.3	-2.3	6.1	2.5	1.8
All items less medical care	192.0	192.143	192.863	194.431	5.8	.2	-.6	5.2	3.0	2.2
Commodities less food	148.1	147.182	147.428	150.381	14.4	-7.6	-7.0	6.3	2.8	-.6
Nondurables less food	183.8	180.624	180.295	186.144	20.7	-13.6	3.6	5.2	2.1	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	216.6	214.118	214.716	225.427	35.8	-17.4	-10.4	17.3	5.9	2.6
Nondurables	190.1	189.104	189.616	193.124	11.4	-5.9	1.9	6.5	2.4	4.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	226.3	227.051	228.013	229.109	2.3	3.2	-.2	5.1	2.8	2.4
Services less medical care services	228.3	228.855	229.602	230.290	3.6	3.4	2.3	3.5	3.5	2.9
Energy	189.7	186.769	188.349	200.028	33.4	-17.9	-11.9	23.6	4.7	4.4
All items less energy	199.9	200.516	201.176	201.470	2.9	2.9	1.0	3.2	2.9	2.1
All items less food and energy	201.1	201.575	202.045	202.268	3.1	2.6	1.2	2.3	2.9	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.5	140.610	140.753	140.665	.9	.3	-2.8	.5	.6	-1.2
Energy commodities	209.1	202.399	203.201	223.710	81.0	-30.5	-21.2	31.0	12.2	1.6
Services less energy services	243.7	244.423	245.136	245.594	4.3	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.9	3.2

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 Mar.2007 from—			Percent change to Feb.2007 from—		
		Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007
U.S. city average	M	197.2	197.559	198.544	200.612	2.7	1.5	1.0	2.2	0.7	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	211.5	212.054	212.649	214.517	2.6	1.2	.9	2.3	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.7	213.163	213.892	215.629	2.8	1.2	.8	2.5	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.9	127.395	127.587	128.888	2.2	1.2	1.0	1.7	.5	.2
Midwest urban	M	187.8	187.811	189.121	191.145	2.2	1.8	1.1	1.7	.7	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.6	188.802	190.087	192.051	2.2	1.7	1.0	1.7	.8	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.3	122.103	123.121	124.508	2.3	2.0	1.1	1.8	.7	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	185.5	185.949	186.458	188.484	2.0	1.4	1.1	1.8	.5	.3
South urban	M	191.8	191.671	192.574	194.734	2.5	1.6	1.1	1.9	.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.1	195.057	196.032	198.254	3.0	1.6	1.1	2.2	.5	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.3	122.204	122.842	124.185	2.1	1.6	1.1	1.8	.4	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.7	195.466	195.444	197.902	2.9	1.2	1.3	2.3	-.1	.0
West urban	M	200.8	201.946	203.036	205.173	3.5	1.6	1.1	3.0	1.1	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	202.4	203.537	204.885	207.180	3.7	1.8	1.1	3.2	1.2	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.6	125.593	126.161	127.333	3.0	1.4	.9	2.5	1.3	.5
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	183.0	183.443	184.447	186.331	2.9	1.6	1.0	2.5	.8	.5
B/C ³	M	123.4	123.578	124.203	125.513	2.4	1.6	1.1	1.9	.7	.5
D	M	192.9	192.985	193.060	195.247	2.7	1.2	1.1	2.3	.1	.0
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	190.9	192.166	193.451	195.472	2.4	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.3	.7
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	202.9	204.498	206.632	208.929	4.0	2.2	1.1	3.4	1.8	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	215.2	215.793	216.771	218.510	3.1	1.3	.8	2.9	.7	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	224.256	-	225.918	2.5	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	181.559	-	184.014	1.3	1.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	190.187	-	191.750	1.1	.8	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	128.978	-	131.234	3.8	1.7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	193.1	-	193.446	-	-	-	-	2.6	.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	191.0	-	192.717	-	-	-	-	1.6	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	177.5	-	179.288	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	203.6	-	205.688	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	211.2	-	212.986	-	-	-	-	1.9	.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	205.6	-	208.803	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.6	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	204.3	-	205.746	-	-	-	-	3.9	.7	-

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, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2007 from—	
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	118.021	118.953	2.5	0.8
Food and beverages	15.072	118.076	118.366	3.1	.2
Food	13.943	118.107	118.359	3.2	.2
Food at home	8.029	115.078	115.435	3.2	.3
Food away from home	5.914	122.199	122.301	3.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	117.962	118.710	2.7	.6
Housing	42.173	123.949	124.462	3.3	.4
Shelter	32.495	125.797	126.316	3.9	.4
Fuels and utilities	4.702	146.794	147.974	2.5	.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.577	96.629	.2	.1
Apparel	4.076	89.374	92.243	.0	3.2
Transportation	17.095	115.616	118.479	1.2	2.5
Private transportation	15.988	116.162	119.171	1.2	2.6
Public transportation	1.107	110.166	111.096	1.4	.8
Medical care	6.055	135.056	135.269	3.7	.2
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.638	121.296	.7	-.3
Medical care services	4.597	139.733	140.149	4.7	.3
Recreation	5.863	105.241	105.266	-.3	.0
Education and communication	6.190	104.264	104.456	1.2	.2
Education	2.751	156.152	156.322	6.1	.1
Communication	3.439	74.281	74.462	-2.5	.2
Other goods and services	3.475	122.936	123.167	3.2	.2
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	126.885	127.328	3.4	.3
Commodities	41.237	107.071	108.594	1.2	1.4
Durables	12.340	85.684	85.616	-2.3	-.1
Nondurables	28.897	118.009	120.452	2.8	2.1
All items less food and energy	78.707	114.434	114.870	2.1	.4
Energy	7.351	159.100	169.314	4.5	6.4

Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.