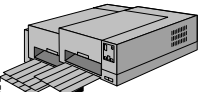


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ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			MIDWEST REGION			WEST REGION		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84 = 100)	172.7	3.4	0.1	168.1	3.0	-0.4	175.8	3.7	0.3
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	169.2	2.7	0.3	166.2	2.8	0.2	172.7	3.2	0.5
HOUSING	170.7	3.5	0.2	165.0	3.4	0.0	177.7	4.2	0.4
APPAREL	125.3	-1.7	0.6	119.0	-3.5	0.5	117.2	-0.8	0.2
TRANSPORTATION	153.2	5.1	-1.2	150.3	4.2	-2.2	157.3	4.9	-0.1
MEDICAL CARE	262.6	4.2	0.5	256.8	4.3	0.3	261.4	4.6	1.0
RECREATION/1	103.9	1.7	0.2	103.9	0.5	-0.1	102.6	3.3	0.3
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	102.8	1.6	0.8	104.3	2.0	0.6	102.2	1.2	0.9
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	271.6	5.4	-0.2	264.0	5.0	-0.7	274.7	3.9	0.0
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	517.2								

URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			MIDWEST REGION			WEST REGION		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	169.2	3.3	-0.1	164.2	3.0	-0.5	171.2	3.6	0.3
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	168.6	2.9	0.4	166.3	3.0	0.4	172.3	3.4	0.5
HOUSING	166.3	3.3	0.1	159.6	3.3	0.0	172.9	3.9	0.3
APPAREL	124.0	-1.9	0.3	117.9	-3.5	0.4	117.8	-1.0	0.0
TRANSPORTATION	152.3	5.0	-1.4	149.6	4.0	-2.5	153.9	4.4	-0.2
MEDICAL CARE	261.7	4.3	0.4	257.1	4.3	0.2	260.1	4.7	0.9
RECREATION/1	102.9	1.4	0.2	103.0	0.4	0.0	101.5	2.9	0.3
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	103.0	1.5	0.8	104.4	1.8	0.6	103.0	1.4	0.9
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	276.8	6.2	-0.4	268.5	5.4	-1.0	275.6	4.2	-0.1
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	503.9								

Notes:
(1) December 1997 = 100 base
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