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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: NOVEMBER 2006

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in November, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The November level of 201.5 (1982-84=100) was 2.0 percent higher than in November 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also decreased 0.1 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November level of 196.8 (1982-84=100) was 1.8 percent higher than in November 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in November on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The November level of 117.0 (December 1999=100) was 1.9 percent higher than in November 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision.

### CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was unchanged in November, following declines of 0.5 percent in each of the preceding two months. Energy prices, which declined sharply in September and October, fell 0.2 percent in November. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy decreased 1.5 percent while the index for energy services increased 1.2 percent. The food index decreased 0.1 percent in November. The index for all items less food and energy was virtually unchanged in November, following an increase of (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Nov.'06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All Items	.4	.2	.4	.2	-.5	-.5	.0	-3.9	2.0
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	-.1	2.3	2.3
Housing	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.0	.4	3.0	3.0
Apparel	.2	.0	-1.2	.9	.6	-.7	-.3	-1.7	.2
Transportation	1.5	-.2	1.6	.2	-4.1	-3.1	-.9	-28.1	-1.0
Medical care	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	3.2	3.7
Recreation	.2	.1	.3	-.1	.0	.0	.1	.4	1.3
Education and communication	.0	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	-.2	.3	2.4
Other goods and services	.1	.6	-.2	.3	.5	.3	.1	3.5	2.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	2.4	-.9	2.9	.3	-7.2	-7.0	-.2	-44.9	-3.8
Food	.1	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	-.1	2.3	2.3
All Items less food and energy	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	.0	1.6	2.6

Effective with release of the January 2007 CPI, BLS will publish index levels to three decimal places. Percent changes based on these indexes will continue to be published to one decimal place. See page 4 for more details.

0.1 percent in October. A 0.4 percent increase in shelter costs was partially offset by declines in the indexes for apparel and for the non-energy portion of the transportation index, particularly the indexes for new and used vehicles and for airline fares.

During the first 11 months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 2.2 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.4 percent for all of 2005. The index for energy, which increased 17.1 percent in 2005, decreased at a 1.6 percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs declined at a 1.7 percent rate and charges for energy services fell at a 1.5 percent rate. The food index has increased at a 2.4 percent rate thus far in 2006, following a 2.3 percent rise for all of 2005. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.6 percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 2006 after increasing 2.2 percent in 2005.

The food and beverages index decreased 0.1 percent in November. The index for food at home declined 0.3 percent, reflecting a 2.2 percent decrease in the index for fruits and vegetables. The indexes for fresh vegetables and for fresh fruits declined 4.7 and 1.4 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 1.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for processed fruits and vegetables declined 0.1 percent.) The indexes for dairy products and for other food at home also contributed to the November decline in grocery store food prices, decreasing 0.6 and 0.3 percent, respectively. Partially offsetting these declines were increases in the indexes for nonalcoholic beverages, for cereal and bakery products, and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. The index for nonalcoholic beverages increased 0.9 percent and the index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.4 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs advanced 0.2 percent. Increases in the indexes for eggs, for beef, and for other meats--up 4.0, 0.7, and 1.8 percent, respectively--more than offset price declines for pork, for poultry, and for fish and seafood. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which was virtually unchanged in October, rose 0.4 percent in November. The index for shelter rose 0.4 percent, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding two months. Within shelter, the indexes for rent, for owners' equivalent rent, and for lodging away from home rose 0.4, 0.3, and 1.0 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home decreased 3.7 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities, which declined 2.2 percent in October, increased 1.0 percent in November. The index for natural gas rose 4.7 percent, following a decrease of 7.7 percent in October, but was 19.8 percent lower than a year ago. The index for fuel oil increased 0.3 percent, but was 3.0 percent lower than in November 2005. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fuel oil prices declined 0.8 percent.) The index for electricity decreased 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month, but charges for electricity are 6.5 percent higher than a year earlier. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity declined 2.9 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.2 percent.

The transportation index declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.9 percent in November--reflecting price decreases for gasoline, for new and used motor vehicles, and for airline fares. The index for gasoline, which had declined sharply in both September and October, fell 1.6 percent in November. The index for new vehicles declined 0.7 percent in November. (As of October, about 66 percent of the new vehicle sample consisted of 2007 models. The 2007 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2007 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-06-1973, dated November 14, 2006.) New vehicle prices are 0.9 percent lower than in November 2005. The index for used cars and trucks decreased 1.4 percent in November and was 1.5 percent lower than in November 2005. The index for public transportation declined 1.9 percent, reflecting a 4.8 percent drop in airline fares. Airline fares have declined 10.0 percent in the last four months after advancing 12.6 percent in the first seven months of the year.

The index for apparel declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 1.3 percent, reflecting seasonal discounting.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in November and were 3.7 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--declined 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in November. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation increased 0.1 percent in November. The index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events increased 0.8 percent, more than offsetting a 0.3 percent decline in the index for video and audio products and services.

The index for education and communication declined 0.2 percent in November. Educational costs rose 0.5 percent, while the index for communication declined 0.8 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services declined 0.3 percent, largely reflecting a 0.7 percent decrease in charges for long distance land-line telephone services. The index for information technology, hardware, and services declined 4.2 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment, for computer software and accessories, and for charges for internet services and electronic information providers. The latter component has declined in each of the last five months and is 13.9 percent lower than in November 2005.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.1 percent in November. A 0.3 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products was more than offset by a 0.2 percent increase in the index for personal care.

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

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

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 Nov.'06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All Items	.5	.2	.5	.4	-.7	-.7	-.1	-5.5	1.8
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	.0	2.5	2.3
Housing	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	-.1	.4	2.4	2.8
Apparel	.1	-.2	-1.2	1.2	.8	-.7	-.3	-.7	.7
Transportation	1.5	-.2	1.8	.2	-4.4	-3.5	-.9	-30.0	-1.1
Medical care	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	.3	.2	3.5	3.6
Recreation	.2	.2	.2	-.2	.0	.1	.1	.7	1.2
Education and communication	.0	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	-.3	.0	2.0
Other goods and services	.0	.6	-.1	.2	.3	.3	-.1	2.2	2.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	2.5	-.9	3.1	.3	-7.5	-7.3	-.2	-46.4	-3.9
Food	.1	.3	.2	.4	.4	.3	-.1	2.5	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.3	.3	.2	.3	.1	.1	.0	1.2	2.4

Consumer Price Index data for December are scheduled for release on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 2007:

Feb. 21  
Mar. 16  
Apr. 17  
May 15  
June 15  
July 18

Aug. 15  
Sep. 19  
Oct. 17  
Nov. 15  
Dec. 14  
Jan. 16, 2008

## **Consumer Price Index Levels to be Published to Three Decimal Places**

Effective with the release of the January 2007 Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Bureau of Labor Statistics will display CPI index values to three decimal places in all paper and electronic publications. This change will apply 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, percent changes will be computed based upon the three decimal place indexes rather than the current one decimal place indexes. Percent changes will continue to be 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, will essentially eliminate the rounding differences. This change will only affect the presentation of the index data. The index values will 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 will be 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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## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## **A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data**

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. 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 for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2006.

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, Utility (piped) 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 sharp rises in the price of coffee futures. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, changes in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk, butter and cheese production levels. For Fresh vegetable series, the method was used to account for the effects of hurricane-related disruptions. 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 vehicle series, 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](mailto: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)

Expenditure category	CPI-U Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Oct. 2006	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
		All items .....	100.000	201.8	201.5	2.0	-0.1	-0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	-	604.6	603.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.051	197.5	197.2	2.3	-2	.4	.3	-1
Food .....	13.942	197.1	196.8	2.3	-2	.3	.3	-1
Food at home .....	7.988	195.1	194.3	1.7	-4	.5	.3	-3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.098	214.6	214.5	2.6	.0	.1	.3	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.133	188.1	188.4	1.4	.2	.5	.2	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.852	182.0	180.6	-1.6	-8	.0	.7	-6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.219	261.6	256.8	4.2	-1.8	3.0	.0	-2.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	148.3	148.9	2.3	.4	.2	.3	.9
Other food at home .....	1.777	170.1	169.2	1.1	-5	-5	.2	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	172.5	172.7	3.7	.1	-6	.5	.3
Fats and oils .....	.231	169.1	168.1	1.1	-6	-2	.5	.9
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	185.2	184.0	.5	-6	-6	.1	-6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.328	113.7	113.8	1.0	.1	.4	-4	.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.953	201.1	201.6	3.1	.2	.1	.3	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.277	138.0	138.6	3.7	.4	.1	.1	.7
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.109	201.9	201.6	2.3	-1	.1	.2	-1
Housing .....	42.380	204.4	204.5	3.0	.0	.3	.0	.4
Shelter .....	32.260	234.8	234.9	4.2	.0	.3	.3	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.832	228.0	228.9	4.0	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.611	135.7	130.7	4.4	-3.7	.7	-5	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.442	241.3	242.1	4.3	.3	.3	.4	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	116.2	118.3	2.1	1.8	.2	-2	1.8
Fuels and utilities .....	5.371	190.1	190.6	-2.1	.3	.7	-2.2	1.0
Fuels .....	4.494	171.5	172.1	-3.3	.3	.7	-2.7	1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	227.9	227.2	-1.9	-3	-4.9	-5.0	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	176.4	177.0	-3.5	.3	1.2	-2.5	1.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	138.6	139.0	4.9	.3	.4	.4	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.749	127.4	127.2	.9	-2	.1	.0	-2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	138.6	138.9	4.8	.2	.3	.9	.2
Apparel .....	3.786	123.3	121.7	.2	-1.3	.6	-7	-3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	116.4	115.6	-1.5	-7	1.0	-1.0	-9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.612	116.4	113.9	.0	-2.1	1.0	-1.2	-3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	119.4	117.6	2.0	-1.5	-1.9	1.4	-1.0
Footwear .....	.759	125.6	124.5	.2	-9	.0	.5	.0
Transportation .....	17.415	174.8	173.9	-1.0	-5	-4.1	-3.1	-9
Private transportation .....	16.329	170.7	170.0	-1.0	-4	-4.3	-3.3	-8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.858	95.2	94.9	-9	-3	-3	-3	-8
New vehicles .....	5.155	136.8	136.8	-9	.0	-1	-1	-7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.799	139.3	137.3	-1.5	-1.4	-1.0	-1.2	-1.4
Motor fuel .....	4.191	193.8	191.4	-4.2	-1.2	-13.4	-11.1	-1.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.148	192.7	190.3	-4.2	-1.2	-13.5	-11.1	-1.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.362	118.9	119.5	5.2	.5	.4	.2	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.131	218.5	218.5	3.8	.0	.2	.6	.0
Public transportation .....	1.087	226.9	220.4	-2	-2.9	-7	-1.0	-1.9
Medical care .....	6.220	339.3	340.1	3.7	.2	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.457	288.1	286.6	2.2	-5	.2	.0	-4
Medical care services .....	4.764	354.0	355.6	4.1	.5	.4	.4	.3
Professional services .....	2.815	291.4	291.9	2.6	.2	.3	.3	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.576	474.2	477.7	6.3	.7	.3	.4	.1

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Oct. 2006	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.637	111.2	111.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.783	104.1	103.7	-5	-4	-1	-6	-3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.047	118.5	118.1	2.4	-3	.1	.2	-2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.967	167.1	167.4	6.3	.2	.2	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	398.4	398.5	6.7	.0	-1	1.1	.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.771	482.9	483.7	6.3	.2	.2	.5	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.080	84.0	83.3	-1.3	-8	-1	-2	-8
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.895	81.5	80.8	-1.7	-9	-1	-2	-9
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.245	96.8	96.5	1.4	-3	.2	.7	-3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.650	11.9	11.4	-13.0	-4.2	-1.6	-3.3	-4.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.236	10.4	10.3	-14.2	-1.0	-9	-1.0	-1.0
Other goods and services .....	3.463	324.3	324.3	2.6	.0	.5	.3	.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	521.1	519.4	1.6	-3	-1	.1	-3
Personal care .....	2.752	192.0	192.2	2.8	.1	.6	.4	.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	156.6	156.1	.7	-3	1.0	.1	-3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.675	211.7	212.3	3.5	.3	.3	.5	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.172	317.6	318.2	4.0	.2	.7	.5	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.790	162.5	161.8	.2	-4	-1.7	-1.4	-4
Food and beverages .....	15.051	197.5	197.2	2.3	-2	.4	.3	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.739	143.0	142.1	-1.0	-6	-2.9	-2.3	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.163	171.2	169.7	-8	-9	-5.8	-3.4	.9
Apparel .....	3.786	123.3	121.7	.2	-1.3	.6	-7	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.377	205.0	203.5	-1.2	-7	-6.9	-4.8	-9
Durables .....	11.576	113.8	113.5	-1.2	-3	-5	-2	-5
Services .....	59.210	240.9	240.9	3.2	.0	.4	.1	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	31.884	244.7	244.7	4.2	.0	.3	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	116.2	118.3	2.1	1.8	.2	-2	1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	176.4	177.0	-3.5	.3	1.2	-2.5	1.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	138.6	139.0	4.9	.3	.4	.4	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	138.6	138.9	4.8	.2	.3	.9	.2
Transportation services .....	5.707	232.3	231.5	1.4	-3	.1	.0	-5
Medical care services .....	4.764	354.0	355.6	4.1	.5	.4	.4	.3
Other services .....	10.669	281.2	281.1	3.3	.0	.2	.2	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	86.058	202.6	202.3	1.9	-1	-6	-6	.0
All items less shelter .....	67.740	191.2	190.7	.9	-3	-9	-9	-2
All items less medical care .....	93.780	194.9	194.5	1.9	-2	-6	-6	.0
Commodities less food .....	26.848	145.1	144.3	-9	-6	-2.8	-2.2	-7
Nondurables less food .....	15.272	173.1	171.7	-6	-8	-5.4	-3.3	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.486	203.8	202.5	-8	-6	-6.2	-4.4	-8
Nondurables .....	29.214	184.8	183.8	.8	-5	-2.7	-1.7	.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.325	254.4	254.6	2.0	.1	.3	-4	.2
Services less medical care services .....	54.446	231.5	231.5	3.2	.0	.3	.0	.2
Energy .....	8.685	181.3	180.4	-3.8	-5	-7.2	-7.0	-2
All items less energy .....	91.315	205.6	205.3	2.5	-1	.2	.1	.0
All items less food and energy .....	77.373	207.8	207.6	2.6	-1	.2	.1	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.319	141.2	140.6	-1	-4	-1	-3	-4
Energy commodities .....	4.530	196.9	194.6	-4.0	-1.2	-12.9	-10.7	-1.5
Services less energy services .....	55.055	247.5	247.5	3.7	.0	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.495	\$.496	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.165	\$.166	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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—			
	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2006	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	203.7	202.7	201.7	201.7	2.7	5.7	3.6	-3.9	4.2	-0.2	
Food and beverages .....	196.2	196.9	197.4	197.3	2.9	.8	3.1	2.3	1.9	2.7	
Food .....	195.8	196.4	197.0	196.9	2.7	.6	3.5	2.3	1.7	2.9	
Food at home .....	193.5	194.5	195.0	194.5	2.3	-1.0	3.6	2.1	.6	2.8	
Cereals and bakery products .....	213.8	214.1	214.8	215.6	.4	1.9	4.8	3.4	1.1	4.1	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	186.8	187.7	188.0	188.3	-.9	.0	3.3	3.3	-.4	3.3	
Dairy and related products .....	179.8	179.8	181.1	180.1	.2	-4.5	-2.6	.7	-2.2	-1.0	
Fruits and vegetables .....	254.1	261.7	261.6	255.9	13.1	-10.3	13.1	2.9	.7	7.9	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	147.5	147.8	148.3	149.6	.0	1.9	1.6	5.8	1.0	3.7	
Other food at home .....	170.6	169.7	170.0	169.5	2.6	2.6	1.7	-2.6	2.6	-.5	
Sugar and sweets .....	173.1	172.1	172.9	173.5	-2.1	11.8	4.5	.9	4.6	2.7	
Fats and oils .....	167.5	167.1	168.0	169.5	5.4	-2.8	-2.6	4.9	1.2	1.1	
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	186.1	185.0	185.2	184.0	3.8	1.5	1.5	-4.4	2.6	-1.5	
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	113.8	114.2	113.7	113.8	2.5	3.2	-1.7	.0	2.9	-.9	
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	200.2	200.5	201.1	201.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.2	2.9	
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	137.3	137.5	137.7	138.6	3.0	4.8	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.6	
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	201.2	201.4	201.9	201.6	5.0	2.6	.8	.8	3.8	.8	
Housing .....	204.0	204.7	204.6	205.5	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.2	
Shelter .....	233.4	234.2	234.9	235.9	3.0	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.3	
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	226.2	227.1	228.0	228.9	2.8	4.0	4.7	4.9	3.4	4.8	
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	136.1	137.1	136.4	137.7	7.5	3.6	2.1	4.8	5.5	3.4	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	239.7	240.4	241.3	242.1	3.1	5.6	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.3	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.2	116.4	116.2	118.3	1.0	.3	-.3	7.4	.7	3.5	
Fuels and utilities .....	193.9	195.2	191.0	192.9	3.9	-7.8	.0	-2.0	-2.1	-1.0	
Fuels .....	176.0	177.2	172.5	174.5	3.2	-9.6	-1.1	-3.4	-3.4	-2.3	
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	253.2	240.9	228.9	228.8	-18.2	33.5	27.7	-33.3	4.5	-7.7	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	179.7	181.9	177.4	179.6	4.8	-12.2	-3.5	-.2	-4.1	-1.9	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	137.5	138.1	138.7	139.1	7.8	1.8	5.4	4.7	4.7	5.1	
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.4	127.5	127.5	127.3	.6	2.2	.9	-.3	1.4	.3	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.0	137.4	138.6	138.9	7.8	2.1	3.9	5.7	4.9	4.8	
Apparel .....	119.7	120.4	119.6	119.2	-3.6	7.3	-1.0	-1.7	1.7	-1.3	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.3	115.4	114.3	113.3	-4.4	1.8	.7	-3.5	-1.4	-1.4	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.1	112.2	110.8	110.5	-8.7	12.4	-.7	-2.1	1.3	-1.4	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.0	115.8	117.4	116.2	11.3	.0	3.5	-6.0	5.5	-1.4	
Footwear .....	122.3	122.3	122.9	122.9	4.0	2.9	-7.8	2.0	3.5	-3.0	
Transportation .....	188.5	180.8	175.2	173.6	3.5	20.9	6.6	-28.1	11.8	-12.4	
Private transportation .....	184.7	176.8	171.0	169.6	3.3	22.2	6.5	-28.9	12.4	-13.0	
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	96.1	95.8	95.5	94.7	.8	.0	1.3	-5.7	.4	-2.3	
New vehicles .....	137.7	137.5	137.3	136.4	2.1	-1.7	.0	-3.7	.1	-1.9	
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	142.4	141.0	139.3	137.3	.3	4.1	4.3	-13.6	2.2	-5.0	
Motor fuel .....	252.3	218.4	194.2	191.0	10.4	95.5	18.7	-67.2	46.9	-37.6	
Gasoline (all types) .....	251.2	217.3	193.1	190.1	10.3	95.5	19.2	-67.2	46.8	-37.5	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	118.2	118.7	118.9	119.5	4.7	7.5	4.2	4.5	6.1	4.3	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	216.6	217.0	218.2	218.1	5.0	4.8	2.6	2.8	4.9	2.7	
Public transportation .....	231.1	229.5	227.3	222.9	2.2	3.8	8.0	-13.5	3.0	-3.3	
Medical care .....	338.0	339.1	340.1	340.7	3.3	4.5	3.5	3.2	3.9	3.4	
Medical care commodities .....	287.6	288.1	288.1	286.9	3.8	4.6	1.8	-1.0	4.2	.4	
Medical care services .....	352.4	353.8	355.1	356.3	3.1	4.6	4.0	4.5	3.8	4.2	
Professional services .....	290.2	291.2	292.0	293.1	.4	3.1	2.9	4.1	1.8	3.5	
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	473.0	474.4	476.1	476.8	8.3	8.4	5.2	3.3	8.3	4.2	

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—		
	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	111.3	111.3	111.3	111.4	0.7	3.3	1.1	0.4	2.0	0.7
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.9	104.8	104.2	103.9	-1.5	4.3	-8	-3.8	1.3	-2.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	117.4	117.5	117.7	117.5	3.2	2.1	3.8	.3	2.6	2.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	163.6	164.0	165.0	165.9	5.8	6.2	7.4	5.7	6.0	6.6
Educational books and supplies .....	392.9	392.4	396.9	400.1	4.9	6.1	8.4	7.5	5.5	7.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	472.5	473.6	476.2	478.9	6.1	6.3	7.3	5.5	6.2	6.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.3	84.2	84.0	83.3	.5	-1.4	.5	-4.7	-5	-2.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.8	81.7	81.5	80.8	-1.0	-1.5	.5	-4.8	-1.2	-2.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.9	96.1	96.8	96.5	.0	.0	3.0	2.5	.0	2.7
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	12.5	12.3	11.9	11.4	-3.0	-6.0	-9.1	-30.8	-4.5	-20.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.3	-15.7	-22.2	-7.2	-10.8	-19.0	-9.0
Other goods and services .....	322.0	323.6	324.5	324.8	2.9	1.1	2.9	3.5	2.0	3.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	521.1	520.8	521.1	519.4	3.7	1.2	2.8	-1.3	2.5	.7
Personal care .....	190.3	191.5	192.2	192.5	2.8	1.1	2.8	4.7	1.9	3.7
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	154.9	156.4	156.6	156.1	1.6	-2.5	.8	3.1	-5	1.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	210.1	210.7	211.7	212.3	5.4	1.5	2.7	4.3	3.4	3.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	314.4	316.7	318.3	318.9	3.2	3.8	3.4	5.8	3.5	4.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	167.3	164.4	162.1	161.4	1.7	9.7	3.9	-13.4	5.7	-5.1
Food and beverages .....	196.2	196.9	197.4	197.3	2.9	.8	3.1	2.3	1.9	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	150.2	145.9	142.5	141.5	1.1	15.3	4.1	-21.2	8.0	-9.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	185.0	174.2	168.2	169.7	-9	32.6	3.8	-29.2	14.6	-14.3
Apparel .....	119.7	120.4	119.6	119.2	-3.6	7.3	-1.0	-1.7	1.7	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	231.4	215.5	205.2	203.3	4.6	38.2	11.1	-40.4	20.2	-18.6
Durables .....	114.9	114.3	114.1	113.5	-3	-3	.7	-4.8	-3	-2.1
Services .....	239.9	240.8	241.0	241.7	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	243.3	244.0	244.7	245.7	3.3	5.0	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.2	116.4	116.2	118.3	1.0	.3	-3	7.4	.7	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	179.7	181.9	177.4	179.6	4.8	-12.2	-3.5	-2	-4.1	-1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	137.5	138.1	138.7	139.1	7.8	1.8	5.4	4.7	4.7	5.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.0	137.4	138.6	138.9	7.8	2.1	3.9	5.7	4.9	4.8
Transportation services .....	232.2	232.5	232.6	231.4	1.2	2.1	3.5	-1.4	1.7	1.0
Medical care services .....	352.4	353.8	355.1	356.3	3.1	4.6	4.0	4.5	3.8	4.2
Other services .....	279.1	279.7	280.3	280.6	3.1	4.2	3.8	2.2	3.6	3.0
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	205.1	203.8	202.5	202.6	2.6	6.6	3.8	-4.8	4.6	-6
All items less shelter .....	194.4	192.7	191.0	190.6	2.4	6.2	3.4	-7.6	4.3	-2.3
All items less medical care .....	196.9	195.8	194.7	194.7	2.5	6.0	3.7	-4.4	4.2	-4
Commodities less food .....	152.2	147.9	144.7	143.7	1.4	14.8	4.0	-20.5	7.9	-9.1
Nondurables less food .....	186.0	176.0	170.2	171.8	-7	30.3	3.7	-27.2	13.8	-13.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	227.5	213.4	204.0	202.3	4.6	34.1	10.3	-37.5	18.4	-17.0
Nondurables .....	191.4	186.3	183.1	183.8	1.1	15.7	3.6	-15.0	8.2	-6.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	254.4	255.2	254.2	254.6	3.2	1.6	3.0	.3	2.4	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	230.7	231.4	231.5	231.9	3.2	3.4	3.7	2.1	3.3	2.9
Energy .....	210.8	195.7	182.0	181.6	6.3	35.0	9.4	-44.9	19.8	-22.4
All items less energy .....	204.6	205.1	205.4	205.5	2.4	3.2	3.0	1.8	2.8	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	206.9	207.4	207.6	207.7	2.0	3.8	3.0	1.6	2.9	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.1	141.0	140.6	140.0	.3	1.7	.6	-3.1	1.0	-1.3
Energy commodities .....	253.6	220.9	197.3	194.3	8.1	90.8	19.2	-65.5	43.6	-35.9
Services less energy services .....	246.0	246.8	247.5	248.1	3.0	4.4	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.7

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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 Nov.2006 from—			Percent change to Oct.2006 from—			
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	
U.S. city average .....	M	203.9	202.9	201.8	201.5	2.0	-0.7	-0.1	1.3	-1.0	-0.5	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	218.1	216.3	215.2	214.8	2.3	-7	-2	1.7	-1.3	-5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	220.7	219.1	217.7	217.4	2.5	-8	-1	1.8	-1.4	-6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.5	127.2	126.9	126.4	1.7	-6	-4	1.4	-1.2	-2	
Midwest urban .....	M	195.1	193.7	192.3	192.8	1.3	-5	.3	.1	-1.4	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	196.9	195.7	194.1	194.5	1.2	-6	.2	.2	-1.4	-8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.1	123.2	122.6	123.1	1.5	-1	.4	.0	-1.2	-5	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	190.9	189.1	187.1	187.0	1.1	-1.1	-1	.2	-2.0	-1.1	
South urban .....	M	197.1	195.8	194.7	194.3	1.9	-8	-2	1.1	-1.2	-6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	199.2	198.3	197.2	196.6	1.9	-9	-3	1.4	-1.0	-6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.4	124.4	123.7	123.4	1.6	-8	-2	1.0	-1.4	-6	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	198.3	197.1	195.7	195.4	2.5	-9	-2	1.1	-1.3	-7	
West urban .....	M	207.5	207.8	207.1	206.3	2.4	-7	-4	2.2	-.2	-.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	210.7	211.3	210.5	209.7	2.7	-8	-4	2.5	-.1	-.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	126.2	125.9	125.5	125.1	1.9	-6	-3	1.5	-.6	-.3	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	186.7	186.1	185.0	184.7	2.2	-8	-2	1.6	-.9	-.6	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.7	124.8	124.2	124.1	1.7	-6	-1	.9	-1.2	-.5	
D .....	M	196.6	195.6	194.3	194.2	2.1	-7	-1	1.1	-1.2	-.7	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	200.4	199.6	197.5	197.9	.3	-9	.2	-.2	-1.4	-1.1	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	211.9	212.9	211.4	211.1	2.7	-8	-1	2.2	-.2	-.7	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	224.1	222.9	221.7	220.9	2.6	-9	-4	2.4	-1.1	-.5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	224.5	-	223.1	2.1	-6	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	190.7	-	189.4	-3	-7	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	192.0	-	188.4	.3	-1.9	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	130.2	-	129.3	3.1	-7	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	197.3	-	192.7	-	-	-	-	-.6	-2.3	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	198.6	-	196.6	-	-	-	-	.8	-1.0	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	182.5	-	180.4	-	-	-	-	.7	-1.2	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	205.6	-	204.8	-	-	-	-	3.0	-.4	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	216.4	-	211.6	-	-	-	-	2.0	-2.2	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	210.7	-	211.0	-	-	-	-	2.5	.1	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	209.6	-	209.8	-	-	-	-	3.2	.1	-	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Oct. 2006	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items .....	100.000	197.0	196.8	1.8	-0.1	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	586.7	586.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.537	196.7	196.5	2.3	-1	.3	.3	.0
Food .....	15.519	196.2	196.0	2.2	-1	.4	.3	-1
Food at home .....	9.347	194.2	193.4	1.7	-4	.5	.3	-2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.275	214.9	214.9	2.9	.0	.2	.4	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.653	187.5	188.0	1.2	.3	.4	.2	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.965	181.4	179.9	-1.9	-8	.0	.7	-7
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.338	260.8	255.1	4.8	-2.2	3.0	.2	-2.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.087	147.7	148.3	2.4	.4	.1	.4	.9
Other food at home .....	2.030	169.5	168.7	1.1	-5	-5	.2	-2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	171.4	171.3	3.4	-1	-7	.3	.3
Fats and oils .....	.287	169.8	168.9	1.6	-5	-1	.5	.9
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.406	185.3	184.3	.5	-5	-5	.0	-5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.370	113.8	114.1	.8	.3	.3	-6	.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.172	200.8	201.4	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.275	137.5	138.3	3.6	.6	.1	.2	.7
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.018	201.8	201.9	2.5	.0	.1	.4	.0
Housing .....	40.161	199.6	199.9	2.8	.2	.3	-1	.4
Shelter .....	30.069	227.5	227.8	4.1	.1	.2	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	7.880	227.1	228.0	4.1	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.412	134.7	129.3	3.9	-4.0	-3	-1	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.429	218.8	219.5	4.2	.3	.2	.4	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.6	118.6	2.1	1.7	.2	-2	1.7
Fuels and utilities .....	5.900	188.1	188.9	-2.1	.4	.7	-2.2	1.1
Fuels .....	4.984	168.7	169.4	-3.5	.4	.8	-2.6	1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	226.6	226.3	-2.2	-1	-4.9	-5.3	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	174.3	175.1	-3.6	.5	1.2	-2.4	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	139.0	139.3	5.0	.2	.5	.4	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.193	122.8	122.8	.8	.0	.2	-2	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	140.6	140.9	4.1	.2	.1	.6	.2
Apparel .....	4.090	123.1	121.8	.7	-1.1	.8	-7	-3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	116.4	115.8	-9	-5	1.3	-1.1	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.689	115.9	114.2	.7	-1.5	1.2	-1.6	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	121.8	120.5	2.3	-1.1	-1.8	1.7	-8
Footwear .....	.964	125.2	124.2	.8	-8	.4	.3	-1
Transportation .....	19.669	173.7	172.7	-1.1	-6	-4.4	-3.5	-9
Private transportation .....	18.931	170.7	169.9	-1.2	-5	-4.6	-3.6	-9
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	8.944	94.3	93.9	-1.1	-4	-3	-5	-8
New vehicles .....	5.380	137.8	137.9	-9	.1	-1	-2	-7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.801	140.1	138.1	-1.5	-1.4	-9	-1.3	-1.4
Motor fuel .....	5.244	194.4	192.0	-4.2	-1.2	-13.4	-11.1	-1.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.193	193.4	191.0	-4.2	-1.2	-13.4	-11.1	-1.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.434	118.6	119.2	5.3	.5	.5	.2	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.130	221.1	221.1	3.8	.0	.1	.7	-1
Public transportation .....	.738	225.6	219.7	.1	-2.6	-2	-7	-1.9
Medical care .....	5.171	338.9	339.8	3.6	.3	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.140	281.0	279.7	2.3	-5	.2	.0	-4
Medical care services .....	4.030	354.6	356.3	4.0	.5	.4	.4	.4
Professional services .....	2.336	293.6	294.2	2.5	.2	.3	.3	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.332	469.9	473.9	6.2	.9	.3	.4	.2

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Oct. 2006	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.097	108.4	108.5	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.928	103.5	103.3	-2	-2	.0	-6	-1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.635	115.4	114.9	2.0	-4	.1	.2	-3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.243	165.2	165.4	6.4	.1	.4	.6	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	400.9	401.0	7.0	.0	-2	1.5	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.044	467.4	468.0	6.3	.1	.4	.5	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.392	86.1	85.4	-9	-8	.0	-1	-8
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.244	84.4	83.7	-1.2	-8	-1	.0	-8
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.653	96.9	96.7	1.5	-2	.2	.7	-2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.590	12.4	11.9	-13.1	-4.0	-1.5	-3.9	-4.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.208	10.2	10.2	-13.6	.0	-1.9	-1.0	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.640	333.1	332.9	2.3	-1	.3	.3	-1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.137	522.7	521.1	1.5	-3	-1	.1	-3
Personal care .....	2.504	189.9	190.0	2.6	.1	.5	.4	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.774	156.5	156.0	.7	-3	.8	.1	-3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.616	211.9	212.5	3.4	.3	.3	.5	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	317.9	318.5	4.0	.2	.5	.5	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.601	163.8	163.1	.2	-4	-1.9	-1.6	-4
Food and beverages .....	16.537	196.7	196.5	2.3	-1	.3	.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.064	145.3	144.4	-1.0	-6	-3.2	-2.7	-6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.599	176.0	174.6	-9	-8	-6.5	-3.9	1.2
Apparel .....	4.090	123.1	121.8	.7	-1.1	.8	-7	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.509	212.7	211.2	-1.4	-7	-7.7	-5.1	-1.0
Durables .....	12.465	113.9	113.6	-1.1	-3	-5	-3	-4
Services .....	55.399	235.8	236.2	3.0	.2	.3	.1	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.721	219.3	219.5	4.1	.1	.3	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.6	118.6	2.1	1.7	.2	-2	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	174.3	175.1	-3.6	.5	1.2	-2.4	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	139.0	139.3	5.0	.2	.5	.4	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	140.6	140.9	4.1	.2	.1	.6	.2
Transportation services .....	5.659	232.2	231.9	1.5	-1	.3	.1	-4
Medical care services .....	4.030	354.6	356.3	4.0	.5	.4	.4	.4
Other services .....	9.726	271.4	271.2	3.0	-1	.2	.2	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.481	196.9	196.7	1.7	-1	-8	-9	.0
All items less shelter .....	69.931	188.0	187.6	.8	-2	-1.1	-1.1	-2
All items less medical care .....	94.829	191.0	190.8	1.7	-1	-7	-7	-1
Commodities less food .....	29.082	147.3	146.4	-9	-6	-3.1	-2.6	-6
Nondurables less food .....	16.617	177.6	176.3	-6	-7	-6.1	-3.5	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.527	210.9	209.5	-1.1	-7	-7.1	-4.9	-9
Nondurables .....	32.136	186.9	186.1	.8	-4	-3.2	-1.7	.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.679	225.2	225.5	1.7	.1	.4	-5	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.369	226.9	227.1	2.9	.1	.3	.0	.3
Energy .....	10.228	180.6	179.8	-3.9	-4	-7.5	-7.3	-2
All items less energy .....	89.772	199.9	199.7	2.4	-1	.2	.2	-1
All items less food and energy .....	74.253	201.0	200.9	2.4	.0	.1	.1	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.491	141.7	141.1	-1	-4	.0	-4	-4
Energy commodities .....	5.591	196.7	194.4	-4.1	-1.2	-12.9	-10.7	-1.4
Services less energy services .....	50.762	242.6	242.8	3.6	.1	.2	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.508	\$.508	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.170	\$.171	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> 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—		
	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	199.6	198.2	196.9	196.8	2.3	6.3	4.1	-5.5	4.3	-0.8
Food and beverages .....	195.4	196.0	196.6	196.6	2.7	.8	3.1	2.5	1.8	2.8
Food .....	194.9	195.6	196.2	196.1	2.7	.4	3.4	2.5	1.6	2.9
Food at home .....	192.6	193.5	194.0	193.6	2.3	-1.0	3.6	2.1	.6	2.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	214.0	214.5	215.3	216.0	.6	2.5	4.6	3.8	1.5	4.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	186.4	187.1	187.4	187.9	-1.5	.0	3.1	3.3	-8	3.2
Dairy and related products .....	179.2	179.2	180.5	179.3	.4	-4.9	-3.3	.2	-2.3	-1.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	252.6	260.1	260.6	254.7	13.8	-10.0	13.6	3.4	1.2	8.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	146.9	147.1	147.7	149.0	.0	1.9	1.9	5.8	1.0	3.9
Other food at home .....	170.0	169.1	169.4	169.1	2.9	2.2	1.7	-2.1	2.5	-2
Sugar and sweets .....	172.3	171.1	171.6	172.2	-2.1	11.3	5.0	-2	4.4	2.4
Fats and oils .....	168.0	167.9	168.8	170.3	7.1	-3.9	-2.1	5.6	1.4	1.7
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	186.2	185.3	185.3	184.3	3.5	1.1	1.5	-4.0	2.3	-1.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.2	114.5	113.8	114.1	2.1	2.1	-.7	-.3	2.1	-.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	199.9	200.2	200.8	201.4	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	136.7	136.9	137.2	138.2	3.3	5.2	1.8	4.5	4.2	3.1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	200.7	200.9	201.8	201.9	5.0	2.4	.2	2.4	3.7	1.3
Housing .....	199.4	199.9	199.8	200.6	2.7	2.5	3.7	2.4	2.6	3.1
Shelter .....	226.3	226.8	227.5	228.2	2.8	5.0	4.7	3.4	3.9	4.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	225.3	226.2	227.1	228.0	2.8	4.1	4.8	4.9	3.4	4.8
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	136.1	135.7	135.5	136.5	8.2	2.4	5.2	1.2	5.3	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	217.6	218.0	218.8	219.3	3.1	5.4	4.9	3.2	4.2	4.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	116.8	116.6	118.6	1.0	.3	.0	7.0	.7	3.5
Fuels and utilities .....	192.0	193.3	189.1	191.2	3.8	-8.1	-.6	-1.7	-2.3	-1.1
Fuels .....	173.1	174.4	169.8	171.9	3.2	-9.9	-1.8	-2.7	-3.6	-2.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	252.6	240.2	227.5	227.4	-19.1	34.8	28.0	-34.3	4.4	-8.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	177.7	179.8	175.4	177.8	4.9	-12.3	-4.0	.2	-4.1	-1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	137.8	138.5	139.1	139.5	7.4	2.1	5.4	5.0	4.7	5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.9	123.1	122.9	122.9	1.0	1.3	1.0	.0	1.2	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	139.7	139.8	140.6	140.9	6.7	2.3	4.1	3.5	4.5	3.8
Apparel .....	119.4	120.4	119.5	119.2	-3.7	7.7	-.7	-.7	1.9	-.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.4	115.9	114.6	113.4	-3.4	1.8	1.4	-3.5	-.9	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.0	112.3	110.5	110.6	-9.1	14.5	.0	-1.4	2.0	-.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	120.1	117.9	119.9	119.0	7.4	1.4	4.1	-3.6	4.3	.2
Footwear .....	121.9	122.4	122.8	122.7	4.3	3.3	-6.6	2.7	3.8	-2.1
Transportation .....	188.6	180.3	174.0	172.5	3.2	23.2	7.3	-30.0	12.8	-13.3
Private transportation .....	185.8	177.3	171.0	169.5	3.3	24.1	7.2	-30.7	13.2	-13.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.3	95.0	94.5	93.7	.4	.8	1.3	-6.5	.6	-2.7
New vehicles .....	138.8	138.7	138.4	137.5	1.7	-1.1	.0	-3.7	.3	-1.9
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	143.2	141.9	140.1	138.1	.3	4.3	4.0	-13.5	2.3	-5.2
Motor fuel .....	252.8	219.0	194.8	191.8	9.1	94.3	19.5	-66.9	45.6	-37.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	251.8	218.0	193.8	191.0	9.3	95.2	19.4	-66.9	46.1	-37.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	117.8	118.4	118.6	119.2	3.9	7.9	4.5	4.8	5.9	4.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	219.1	219.4	220.9	220.7	5.0	4.5	2.8	3.0	4.8	2.9
Public transportation .....	228.5	228.0	226.3	222.0	3.1	3.1	6.4	-10.9	3.1	-2.6
Medical care .....	337.5	338.6	339.7	340.4	2.3	4.8	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.6
Medical care commodities .....	280.6	281.1	281.0	280.0	3.9	4.3	2.0	-.9	4.1	.6
Medical care services .....	352.9	354.2	355.7	357.0	1.9	5.1	4.2	4.7	3.5	4.5
Professional services .....	292.5	293.4	294.2	295.3	.1	3.1	2.8	3.9	1.6	3.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	468.6	469.9	471.8	472.9	6.6	8.6	5.7	3.7	7.6	4.7

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—		
	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	May 2006	Nov. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.5	108.5	108.6	108.7	0.4	3.4	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.7
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.2	104.2	103.6	103.5	-1.2	3.5	-.4	-2.7	1.2	-1.5
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	114.5	114.6	114.8	114.5	2.5	1.8	3.6	.0	2.1	1.8
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	161.7	162.3	163.2	164.1	6.4	5.7	7.5	6.1	6.1	6.8
Educational books and supplies .....	394.5	393.9	399.7	402.2	5.6	5.8	8.4	8.0	5.7	8.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	457.2	459.2	461.4	463.9	6.5	5.7	7.1	6.0	6.1	6.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	86.2	86.2	86.1	85.4	.5	-1.4	.9	-3.7	-.5	-1.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.5	84.4	84.4	83.7	-.5	-1.4	1.0	-3.7	-.9	-1.4
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	96.0	96.2	96.9	96.7	.4	-.4	3.0	2.9	.0	3.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.1	12.9	12.4	11.9	-5.7	-5.8	-5.9	-31.9	-5.8	-19.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.2	-15.9	-19.6	-7.3	-10.9	-17.8	-9.1
Other goods and services .....	331.3	332.4	333.3	333.1	3.1	.9	3.1	2.2	2.0	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	522.9	522.4	522.7	521.1	3.7	1.2	2.7	-1.4	2.4	.7
Personal care .....	188.4	189.4	190.1	190.2	2.8	.9	3.0	3.9	1.8	3.5
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.0	156.3	156.5	156.0	1.8	-2.3	.8	2.6	-.3	1.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	210.2	210.8	211.9	212.5	5.0	1.2	3.1	4.4	3.0	3.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	315.1	316.8	318.5	319.1	3.6	3.9	3.5	5.2	3.8	4.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	169.3	166.0	163.4	162.8	1.7	11.2	4.1	-14.5	6.4	-5.6
Food and beverages .....	195.4	196.0	196.6	196.6	2.7	.8	3.1	2.5	1.8	2.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	153.7	148.8	144.8	143.9	1.4	17.2	5.1	-23.2	9.0	-10.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	192.2	179.8	172.7	174.8	-.7	36.1	4.5	-31.6	16.3	-15.4
Apparel .....	119.4	120.4	119.5	119.2	-3.7	7.7	-.7	-.7	1.9	-.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	243.4	224.7	213.2	211.0	4.6	43.6	11.2	-43.5	22.5	-20.7
Durables .....	115.0	114.4	114.1	113.6	.3	-1.0	1.1	-4.8	-.3	-1.9
Services .....	235.1	235.8	236.0	236.7	2.8	2.8	3.7	2.8	2.8	3.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	217.9	218.6	219.3	220.2	2.7	5.2	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	116.8	116.6	118.6	1.0	.3	.0	7.0	.7	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	177.7	179.8	175.4	177.8	4.9	-12.3	-4.0	.2	-4.1	-1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	137.8	138.5	139.1	139.5	7.4	2.1	5.4	5.0	4.7	5.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	139.7	139.8	140.6	140.9	6.7	2.3	4.1	3.5	4.5	3.8
Transportation services .....	231.5	232.2	232.5	231.6	1.2	1.8	2.8	.2	1.5	1.5
Medical care services .....	352.9	354.2	355.7	357.0	1.9	5.1	4.2	4.7	3.5	4.5
Other services .....	269.6	270.2	270.8	271.0	2.8	3.8	3.5	2.1	3.3	2.8
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	200.2	198.5	196.8	196.8	2.3	7.6	3.9	-6.6	4.9	-1.5
All items less shelter .....	192.0	189.9	187.8	187.5	2.2	7.0	3.6	-9.1	4.6	-2.9
All items less medical care .....	193.7	192.3	190.9	190.8	2.6	6.3	4.0	-5.9	4.4	-1.0
Commodities less food .....	155.5	150.7	146.8	145.9	1.4	16.9	4.8	-22.5	8.9	-9.9
Nondurables less food .....	192.9	181.1	174.7	176.5	-.2	34.1	4.3	-29.9	15.7	-14.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	239.0	222.0	211.1	209.3	4.4	39.6	11.5	-41.2	20.7	-19.0
Nondurables .....	194.8	188.6	185.3	186.1	1.5	17.2	4.0	-16.7	9.1	-6.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	225.4	226.2	225.0	225.5	3.1	.9	2.7	.2	2.0	1.4
Services less medical care services .....	226.4	227.0	226.9	227.6	3.1	2.7	4.0	2.1	2.9	3.1
Energy .....	211.4	195.5	181.3	180.9	5.9	37.5	10.0	-46.4	20.7	-23.2
All items less energy .....	199.0	199.4	199.7	199.6	2.1	2.9	3.3	1.2	2.5	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	200.2	200.5	200.8	200.8	2.1	3.5	3.1	1.2	2.8	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.6	141.6	141.1	140.5	.3	1.7	.9	-3.1	1.0	-1.1
Energy commodities .....	253.6	220.8	197.1	194.3	7.3	90.6	19.8	-65.5	43.0	-35.7
Services less energy services .....	241.3	241.9	242.6	243.1	2.8	4.3	4.3	3.0	3.5	3.6

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> 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 Nov.2006 from—			Percent change to Oct.2006 from—			
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	
U.S. city average .....	M	199.6	198.4	197.0	196.8	1.8	-0.8	-0.1	0.9	-1.3	-0.7	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	214.2	212.7	211.1	210.9	2.1	-8	-1	1.4	-1.4	-8	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	215.1	214.0	212.1	212.2	2.4	-8	.0	1.5	-1.4	-9	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.9	127.5	127.0	126.5	1.7	-8	-4	1.3	-1.5	-4	
Midwest urban .....	M	190.4	188.7	187.0	187.5	1.0	-6	.3	-.3	-1.8	-9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.3	189.8	187.9	188.3	.9	-8	.2	-.3	-1.8	-1.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.8	122.5	121.7	122.2	1.3	-2	.4	-.4	-1.7	-7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	189.3	187.3	185.1	185.2	1.2	-1.1	.1	.1	-2.2	-1.2	
South urban .....	M	194.5	192.9	191.5	191.1	1.6	-9	-2	.7	-1.5	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	197.5	196.4	195.0	194.4	1.7	-1.0	-.3	.9	-1.3	-7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.2	122.9	122.1	121.8	1.5	-9	-2	.6	-1.7	-7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	198.5	196.9	195.2	195.2	2.2	-9	.0	.4	-1.7	-9	
West urban .....	M	202.5	202.4	201.3	200.6	2.1	-9	-3	1.8	-.6	-.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.0	204.3	203.0	202.2	2.3	-1.0	-.4	2.0	-.5	-.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	126.0	125.6	125.0	124.5	1.7	-9	-4	1.5	-.8	-.5	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	185.1	184.3	182.8	182.6	1.8	-9	-1	1.1	-1.2	-8	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	125.1	124.0	123.3	123.1	1.6	-7	-2	.7	-1.4	-6	
D .....	M	195.4	194.1	192.5	192.5	1.9	-8	.0	.6	-1.5	-8	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	193.8	192.8	190.3	190.8	-2	-1.0	.3	-.8	-1.8	-1.3	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	205.0	205.3	203.5	203.3	2.5	-1.0	-.1	1.8	-.7	-.9	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	217.8	216.9	215.3	214.7	2.3	-1.0	-.3	2.0	-1.1	-.7	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	224.3	-	223.4	2.6	-.4	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	181.7	-	179.5	-.7	-1.2	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	193.7	-	189.6	.4	-2.1	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	129.9	-	128.7	2.8	-9	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	195.8	-	190.9	-	-	-	-	-1.1	-2.5	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	194.0	-	191.2	-	-	-	-	.4	-1.4	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	182.0	-	178.9	-	-	-	-	.3	-1.7	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	204.6	-	203.1	-	-	-	-	2.9	-.7	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	215.8	-	211.1	-	-	-	-	1.7	-2.2	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	206.7	-	206.2	-	-	-	-	1.8	-.2	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	205.1	-	203.9	-	-	-	-	2.7	-.6	-	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2006 from—	
		Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Oct. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	117.2	117.0	1.9	-0.2
Food and beverages .....	15.072	116.6	116.4	2.2	-.2
Food .....	13.943	116.6	116.5	2.2	-.1
Food at home .....	8.029	113.7	113.3	1.6	-.4
Food away from home .....	5.914	120.6	120.8	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.130	116.2	116.0	2.3	-.2
Housing .....	42.173	122.8	122.8	3.1	.0
Shelter .....	32.495	124.2	124.2	4.3	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	4.702	146.1	146.8	-.8	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.977	97.0	96.8	.2	-.2
Apparel .....	4.076	92.2	91.2	-.1	-1.1
Transportation .....	17.095	116.0	115.4	-.8	-.5
Private transportation .....	15.988	116.4	116.0	-.9	-.3
Public transportation .....	1.107	111.6	108.3	-.4	-3.0
Medical care .....	6.055	132.5	132.8	3.5	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.458	121.9	121.2	2.1	-.6
Medical care services .....	4.597	136.1	136.7	3.9	.4
Recreation .....	5.863	105.7	105.6	.6	-.1
Education and communication .....	6.190	104.5	104.0	1.4	-.5
Education .....	2.751	155.1	155.4	6.3	.2
Communication .....	3.439	75.4	74.7	-2.4	-.9
Other goods and services .....	3.475	120.6	120.6	2.5	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.763	125.6	125.6	3.3	.0
Commodities .....	41.237	106.7	106.2	.0	-.5
Durables .....	12.340	86.6	86.3	-1.8	-.3
Nondurables .....	28.897	116.5	116.0	.8	-.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.707	113.9	113.7	2.3	-.2
Energy .....	7.351	157.5	157.0	-3.1	-.3

Indexes for 2006 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2005 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.