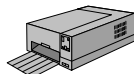


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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U.S. CITY AVERAGE AND REGIONS

Oct-02

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)	181.3	2.0	0.2	176.3	2.1	0.1	185.8	1.8	0.1
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	177.1	1.0	0.1	173.1	0.6	0.2	182.8	1.8	0.2
HOUSING	181.4	2.7	-0.1	172.6	2.7	-0.3	193.1	2.4	0.0
APPAREL	126.8	-2.1	1.8	120.5	-4.1	1.2	115.7	-3.1	2.2
TRANSPORTATION	154.9	1.7	0.6	156.2	2.6	0.8	156.9	0.2	-0.2
MEDICAL CARE	289.2	4.8	0.5	283.1	4.5	0.4	289.3	5.0	0.3
RECREATION/1	106.4	1.0	0.2	108.0	2.0	-0.2	103.8	0.9	0.0
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	109.4	2.1	-0.1	111.7	3.0	0.2	106.9	1.6	-0.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	295.4	3.4	-0.5	288.6	3.3	-0.9	292.3	2.3	-0.4
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	543.2								

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)	177.3	1.9	0.2	171.8	2.0	0.1	180.8	1.7	0.1
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	176.3	0.9	0.1	173.2	0.6	0.2	182.2	1.7	0.1
HOUSING	176.9	2.6	-0.1	166.8	2.7	-0.3	188.8	2.5	0.1
APPAREL	125.5	-2.2	1.6	119.7	-3.7	0.9	115.9	-3.7	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	154.0	1.7	0.6	155.0	2.4	0.8	154.4	0.7	-0.3
MEDICAL CARE	288.3	4.9	0.6	283.5	4.5	0.4	288.4	5.1	0.2
RECREATION/1	104.6	0.8	0.2	105.8	1.4	-0.2	102.1	0.6	0.2
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	109.0	1.8	-0.1	111.1	2.8	0.3	107.5	1.5	-0.3
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	304.9	4.3	-0.9	298.4	4.6	-1.4	295.1	2.8	-0.6
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	528.2								

Notes:
 (1) December 1997 = 100 base
 (-) Data not available

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