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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in September, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The September level of 185.2 (1982-84=100) was 2.3 percent higher than in September 2002.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.4 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September level of 181.0 was 2.3 percent higher than in September 2002.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in September, the same as in August. Energy costs advanced sharply for the second consecutive month--up 3.0 percent in September--reflecting a 6.3 percent increase in the index for gasoline. The index for food rose 0.2 percent with the index for food at home up 0.3 percent. Increases in the indexes for dairy products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs were partially offset by declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for cereal and bakery products, and for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in September, the same as in August. A smaller increase in the index for shelter was offset by larger increases in the indexes for medical care and apparel.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep. '03	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '03
	Changes from preceding month								
	2003								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.3	-.3	.0	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.1	2.3
Food and beverages	.2	-.1	.3	.4	.1	.3	.2	2.2	2.5
Housing	.4	-.1	.4	.1	.2	.1	.1	1.3	2.4
Apparel	-.4	-.6	-.3	.4	.0	.1	.5	2.3	-2.1
Transportation	1.0	-1.7	-1.3	.3	.2	1.1	.9	9.0	3.5
Medical care	.2	.2	.4	.3	.5	.2	.5	4.7	4.0
Recreation	.1	-.1	.3	.1	.0	.0	.2	.7	1.4
Education and communication	-.1	-.2	-.2	-.1	.5	.5	.1	4.1	1.3
Other goods and Services	-.1	.3	.0	.0	.4	.1	.1	2.4	1.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.6	-4.6	-3.1	.8	.4	2.7	3.0	27.8	14.7
Food	.2	-.1	.3	.4	.1	.3	.2	2.5	2.4
All Items less food and energy	.0	.0	.3	.0	.2	.1	.1	1.5	1.2

Consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 3.1 percent in the third quarter of 2003, following an increase at a 5.2 percent rate in the first quarter and a decline at a 0.7 percent rate in the second quarter. This brings the year-to-date annual rate to 2.5 percent and compares with an increase of 2.4 percent in all of 2002. The index for energy, which advanced at a 76.5 percent SAAR in the first quarter, before decreasing at a 24.5 percent rate in the second quarter, advanced at a 27.8 rate in the third quarter of 2003. Thus far this year energy costs have risen at a 19.4 percent SAAR after increasing 10.7 percent in all of 2002. In the first nine months of 2003, petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 27.4 percent rate and charges for energy services increased at an 11.8 percent rate. The food index rose at a 2.6 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 2003. The index for grocery store food prices increased at a 3.0 percent rate, largely reflecting an increase in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs--up at an annual rate of 6.7 percent.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 1.5 percent SAAR in the third quarter, following increases at rates of 0.8 and 1.0 percent in the first two quarter of 2003. The advance at a 1.1 percent SAAR for the first nine months of 2003 compares with a 1.9 percent rise in all of 2002. Smaller increases in the indexes for shelter and medical care were largely responsible for the deceleration. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and three-quarters years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 9 mos. ended in Sep.	
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
All items	3.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	2.5	
Food and beverages	4.2	1.6	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	2.5	
Housing	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.3	
Apparel	-2	1.0	-7	-5	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-1.8	
Transportation	4.4	-1.4	-1.7	5.4	4.1	-3.8	3.8	4.8	
Medical care	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.3	
Recreation	3.0	1.5	1.2	.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.4	
Education and Communication	3.4	3.0	.7	1.6	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.5	
Other goods and services	3.6	5.2	8.8	5.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.9	
Special indexes									
Energy	8.6	-3.4	-8.8	13.4	14.2	-13.0	10.7	19.4	
Energy commodities	13.8	-6.9	-15.1	29.5	15.7	-24.5	23.7	27.4	
Energy services	3.8	.2	-3.3	1.2	12.7	-1.5	.4	11.8	
All items less energy	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.3	
Food	4.3	1.5	2.3	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.5	2.6	
All items less food and energy	2.6	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in September. The index for food at home increased 0.3 percent in September, following a 0.4 percent rise in August. Advances in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish and eggs and for dairy products--up 0.7 and 1.7 percent, respectively--were partially offset by declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for cereal and bakery products, and for nonalcoholic beverages. Within the meats, poultry, fish, and eggs group, beef and pork prices rose 1.5 and 1.7 percent, respectively. Beef prices have risen 10.0 percent and pork prices 5.5 percent during the last 12 months. Milk prices rose 5.0 percent in September, their largest monthly advance since a 6.5 percent increase in October 1999. On the other hand, the index for fruits and vegetables declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.7 percent in September. Declines in the indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables--down 2.2 and 0.9 percent, respectively--more than offset a 1.0 percent increase in the index for fresh vegetables. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for cereals and bakery products and for nonalcoholic beverages each declined 0.1 percent, while 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 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for housing increased 0.1 percent in September, the same as in August. Shelter costs rose 0.1 percent in September, following an increase of 0.2 percent in August. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent rose 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively, while the index for lodging away from home declined 0.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home fell 5.3 percent, as a 5.9 percent decline in other lodging away from home including hotels and motels more than offset a 2.1 percent rise in the index for housing at school.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.2 percent in September. A 0.6 percent increase in the index for electricity more than offset declines in the indexes for fuel oil and for natural gas--down 1.9 and 0.4 percent, respectively. For the 12 months ended in September, charges for natural gas have risen 24.8 percent, fuel oil prices, 12.1 percent, and charges for electricity, 3.8 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations declined for the seventh consecutive month, down 0.4 percent in September.

The transportation index increased 0.9 percent in September. The index for gasoline advanced for the fourth consecutive month--up 6.3 percent in September. As of September the price of gasoline was 0.6 percent below its peak level of March 2003. The index for new vehicles, which turned up in August, declined 0.4 percent in September. (About 14 percent of the new vehicle sample in September was represented by 2004 models.) New vehicle prices are 1.7 percent lower than in September 2002. The index for used cars and trucks decreased 3.1 percent in September, and this index has declined 8.7 percent in the last 12 months. The index for public transportation declined 0.5 percent in September, reflecting declines in airline and other intercity transportation fares. Airline fares declined for the second consecutive month--down 1.8 percent in September--following increases in each of the preceding six months.

The index for apparel, which rose 0.1 percent in August, increased 0.5 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 4.1 percent, reflecting price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.5 percent in September and are 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.5 percent in September. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which was unchanged in each of the preceding two months, increased 0.2 percent in September. Small price increases within the index for recreational services, primarily for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, more than offset declines in the indexes for toys, for sporting goods, for photography, and for pets, pet products and services.

The index for education and communication increased 0.1 percent in September. Educational costs increased 0.6 percent, while communication costs declined 0.4 percent. The index for college tuition and fees, which rose 2.5 percent in August, increased 0.7 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, this index rose 2.4 percent to a level 9.5 percent above a year ago.) Within the communication group, the index for telephone services decreased 0.4 percent, reflecting a decline in long distance charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 2.4 percent in September and 22.7 percent during the last 12 months.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.1 percent in September. A decline in cigarette prices was more than offset by price increases for haircuts and for miscellaneous personal services. Prices for cigarettes fell 0.7 percent in September and are 4.0 percent lower than their level in September 2002.

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 0.3 percent in September.

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 Sep. '03	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '03
	Changes from preceding month								
	2003								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.5	-.5	-.1	.2	.1	.4	.3	3.2	2.3
Food and beverages	.2	-.1	.3	.4	.1	.3	.3	2.7	2.6
Housing	.6	-.1	.3	.1	.2	.2	.1	1.6	2.6
Apparel	-.2	-.8	-.1	.4	-.5	.3	.7	2.0	-2.0
Transportation	1.1	-1.9	-1.5	.3	.1	1.1	.8	8.2	3.3
Medical care	.2	.1	.4	.3	.4	.2	.5	4.4	4.0
Recreation	.0	-.1	.2	.0	.2	.0	.0	.8	1.1
Education and communication	-.2	-.3	-.2	-.2	.5	.4	-.1	3.0	.5
Other goods and Services	-.3	.3	-.1	.0	.5	.2	.0	2.5	.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.6	-4.8	-3.4	1.1	.4	3.0	3.3	30.2	15.1
Food	.1	-.1	.3	.4	.1	.3	.3	2.7	2.6
All Items less food and energy	.1	.0	.2	.1	.1	.1	.0	.6	.9

Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U)

The C-CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in September on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The September level of 108.1 (December 1999=100) was 1.8 percent higher than in September 2002. Table 7 contains the most recent indexes for all items and the component series that are published. Data are published monthly in the CPI Detailed Report and are available on the CPI home page: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>. Please note that the indexes for the post-2001 period are subject to revision.

Consumer Price Index data for October are scheduled for release on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data; e.g., data from 1998 through 2002 were replaced at the end of 2002. 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: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2003.

Seasonally adjusted data, including the All items index levels, are subject to revision for up to five years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

For the fuel oil, natural gas, motor fuels, and educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a large increase in coffee prices due to adverse weather. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions and decreases in milk supply affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly and dry weather in California. It was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than expected weather and increased rates to conserve supplies for Electricity. For

New vehicles, New cars, and New trucks, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

For a complete list of series that used Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, a list of unusual events modeled for them, or for a description of intervention analysis please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 or sending e-mail to Chow_Dan@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 2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2003 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	184.6	185.2	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	553.0	554.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.583	180.9	181.3	2.5	.2	.1	.3	.2
Food	14.554	180.4	180.7	2.4	.2	.1	.3	.2
Food at home	8.338	179.7	180.1	2.8	.2	-.1	.4	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.281	204.5	203.5	2.6	-.5	.3	.0	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.222	169.7	171.1	5.7	.8	.4	.7	.7
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.876	167.5	170.3	2.4	1.7	.5	1.7	1.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.234	224.9	224.4	2.7	-.2	.3	-.4	-.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.954	139.7	139.2	-.7	-.4	-1.5	.5	-.1
Other food at home	1.771	163.2	163.1	1.4	-.1	-.6	.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.314	162.5	162.3	1.7	-.1	-.2	-.1	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.252	157.7	157.6	1.5	-.1	-.6	.8	.2
Other foods	1.205	179.4	179.4	1.4	.0	-.7	.2	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.287	109.9	111.0	1.2	1.0	-.2	-1.3	1.0
Food away from home ¹	6.216	182.6	182.8	2.0	.1	.2	.2	.1
Other food away from home ² .....	.388	121.4	121.8	2.5	.3	-.3	-.1	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.029	187.1	187.9	2.2	.4	-.1	-.1	.6
Housing	40.854	186.1	185.8	2.4	-.2	.2	.1	.1
Shelter	31.728	214.3	213.8	2.2	-.2	.3	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	6.467	206.1	206.6	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.2
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	2.654	125.1	118.5	.8	-5.3	.7	-.3	-.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	22.243	220.1	220.7	2.1	.3	.3	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.365	115.8	115.9	5.4	.1	.3	.2	.1
Fuels and utilities	4.469	159.2	159.6	8.4	.3	-.2	.1	.2
Fuels	3.604	143.0	143.4	9.5	.3	-.4	-.1	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.205	130.7	130.5	13.3	-.2	1.0	1.2	-1.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.399	151.0	151.5	9.2	.3	-.5	-.1	.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.864	118.0	118.3	4.1	.3	.3	.8	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.658	125.5	125.2	-2.3	-.2	-.2	-.3	-.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.820	121.8	122.3	2.2	.4	-.1	.1	.4
Apparel	4.220	117.2	122.0	-2.1	4.1	.0	.1	.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.065	113.4	117.3	-2.3	3.4	.1	-.6	1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.738	107.9	115.5	-2.1	7.0	-.1	.2	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.193	120.8	124.1	-1.7	2.7	-1.3	2.2	1.1
Footwear .....	.853	117.8	120.3	-1.1	2.1	-.2	.0	.8
Transportation	17.293	158.3	159.4	3.5	.7	.2	1.1	.9
Private transportation	16.121	154.1	155.4	3.6	.8	.1	1.2	.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.170	96.0	95.1	-3.6	-.9	-.4	-.2	-1.0
New vehicles	4.864	136.8	136.4	-1.7	-.3	-.1	.5	-.4
Used cars and trucks	2.025	143.3	139.0	-8.7	-3.0	-1.4	-1.6	-3.1
Motor fuel	3.119	139.0	147.1	20.9	5.8	1.5	6.0	6.2
Gasoline (all types)	3.091	138.4	146.5	21.0	5.9	1.2	6.2	6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.416	107.9	107.7	.3	-.2	-.1	.3	-.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.418	195.7	196.2	2.5	.3	.6	-.3	.2
Public transportation	1.172	213.8	211.2	2.3	-1.2	.5	-.8	-.5
Medical care	5.961	298.4	299.2	4.0	.3	.5	.2	.5
Medical care commodities	1.387	264.1	264.9	2.7	.3	.5	.3	.4
Medical care services	4.574	307.2	308.2	4.4	.3	.4	.2	.5
Professional services ³	2.808	261.7	262.3	2.9	.2	.2	.0	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.451	398.0	399.6	7.0	.4	.7	.5	.6

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 2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2003 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	
Recreation ²	5.943	107.7	107.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
Video and audio ²	1.638	103.7	103.5	1.2	-2	.1	.0	.3	
Education and communication ²	5.798	110.1	110.9	1.3	.7	.5	.5	.1	
Education ²	2.835	136.2	138.7	7.0	1.8	.7	1.3	.6	
Educational books and supplies .....	.236	338.5	338.2	4.6	-1	.5	.7	-1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.599	392.1	400.0	7.3	2.0	.7	1.4	.7	
Communication ²	2.963	89.0	88.6	-4.2	-4	.2	-4	-4	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.765	87.0	86.7	-4.4	-3	.3	-6	-3	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.273	97.8	97.4	-2.7	-4	.6	-3	-4	
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} .....	.492	15.7	15.6	-12.4	-6	-1.2	-1.9	-6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.210	16.7	16.3	-22.7	-2.4	-1.7	-2.9	-2.4
Other goods and services	4.350	299.6	299.9	1.0	.1	.4	.1	.1	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.992	471.8	468.7	-3.5	-7	1.2	.6	-7
Personal care ¹	3.358	178.4	179.0	2.3	.3	.1	.0	.3	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.680	153.5	153.4	-6	-1	.3	-5	-1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.897	193.9	195.4	3.3	.8	.2	.4	.8
Miscellaneous personal services	1.573	284.3	285.3	3.7	.4	.1	.1	.4	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	40.822	150.9	152.0	1.2	.7	.1	.5	.4	
Food and beverages	15.583	180.9	181.3	2.5	.2	.1	.3	.2	
Commodities less food and beverages	25.239	133.9	135.4	.4	1.1	.1	.7	.5	
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.824	149.2	153.1	4.0	2.6	1.1	2.2	.9	
Apparel	4.220	117.2	122.0	-2.1	4.1	.0	.1	.5	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.604	173.0	176.4	6.8	2.0	.7	2.7	1.4	
Durables	11.416	116.7	115.7	-4.1	-9	-5	-3	-9	
Services	59.178	218.0	218.1	3.1	.0	.2	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.364	223.1	222.6	2.2	-2	.3	.1	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.365	115.8	115.9	5.4	.1	.3	.2	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.399	151.0	151.5	9.2	.3	-5	-1	.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.864	118.0	118.3	4.1	.3	.3	.8	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.820	121.8	122.3	2.2	.4	-1	.1	.4
Transportation services	6.722	217.2	216.8	3.2	-2	.4	-2	.1	
Medical care services	4.574	307.2	308.2	4.4	.3	.4	.2	.5	
Other services	11.071	255.5	257.0	3.2	.6	.3	.4	.4	
Special indexes									
All items less food	85.446	185.3	186.0	2.3	.4	.2	.3	.3	
All items less shelter	68.272	175.0	176.0	2.4	.6	.2	.3	.4	
All items less medical care	94.039	178.7	179.2	2.2	.3	.2	.3	.3	
Commodities less food	26.268	135.9	137.3	.4	1.0	.1	.7	.5	
Nondurables less food	14.853	151.5	155.2	4.0	2.4	.9	2.1	.9	
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.633	173.4	176.6	6.3	1.8	.7	2.0	1.7	
Nondurables	29.406	165.2	167.4	3.2	1.3	.5	1.2	.5	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.815	228.4	229.2	4.2	.4	.1	.2	.4	
Services less medical care services	54.604	210.3	210.3	3.0	.0	.2	.1	.3	
Energy	6.723	140.6	144.6	14.7	2.8	.4	2.7	3.0	
All items less energy	93.277	190.8	191.0	1.4	.1	.2	.1	.1	
All items less food and energy	78.724	193.5	193.6	1.2	.1	.2	.1	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.945	139.7	140.2	-2.4	.4	-1	-1	-4	
Energy commodities	3.324	139.2	146.9	20.4	5.5	1.5	5.6	5.8	
Services less energy services	55.779	224.9	224.9	2.7	.0	.3	.2	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.542	\$.540	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.181	\$.180	-	-	-	-	-	

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2003	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Dec. 2002	Mar. 2003	June 2003	Sep. 2003	Mar. 2003	Sep. 2003
Expenditure category										
All items	183.6	183.9	184.5	185.0	1.6	5.2	-0.7	3.1	3.3	1.2
Food and beverages	180.3	180.4	180.9	181.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.5
Food	179.7	179.8	180.4	180.8	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.6
Food at home	179.1	179.0	179.7	180.3	2.1	3.0	3.4	2.7	2.5	3.1
Cereals and bakery products	203.1	203.7	203.7	203.5	-8	9.6	.8	.8	4.3	.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	167.5	168.1	169.2	170.4	3.0	6.8	6.2	7.1	4.9	6.7
Dairy and related products ¹	163.9	164.7	167.5	170.3	2.4	-5	-7.4	16.6	1.0	3.9
Fruits and vegetables	228.8	229.5	228.5	227.0	4.6	-1.2	11.6	-3.1	1.6	4.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	141.0	138.9	139.6	139.5	.6	-3.9	5.0	-4.2	-1.7	.3
Other food at home	163.2	162.3	162.7	163.0	2.5	1.7	2.0	-5	2.1	.7
Sugar and sweets	162.8	162.4	162.3	162.2	2.3	4.6	1.7	-1.5	3.4	.1
Fats and oils	156.8	155.8	157.0	157.3	-1.8	9.4	-2.3	1.3	3.6	-5
Other foods	179.7	178.5	178.9	179.4	3.2	-2	2.9	-7	1.5	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	111.5	111.3	109.9	111.0	1.8	-4	5.2	-1.8	.7	1.6
Food away from home ¹	181.9	182.3	182.6	182.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Other food away from home ²	121.8	121.4	121.3	121.3	4.5	3.7	3.7	-1.6	4.1	1.0
Alcoholic beverages	187.1	187.0	186.9	188.0	2.6	2.8	1.1	1.9	2.7	1.5
Housing	184.8	185.1	185.3	185.4	2.5	4.2	1.5	1.3	3.3	1.4
Shelter	212.7	213.3	213.7	214.0	2.7	1.1	2.5	2.5	1.9	2.5
Rent of primary residence ³	205.4	205.8	206.3	206.8	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.9
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	119.4	120.2	119.8	119.4	1.7	-11.3	14.6	.0	-5.0	7.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	219.3	219.9	220.4	220.7	2.8	2.2	.7	2.6	2.5	1.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.2	115.6	115.8	115.9	8.6	6.2	4.3	2.5	7.4	3.4
Fuels and utilities	156.4	156.1	156.2	156.5	3.4	36.0	-1.3	.3	18.6	-5
Fuels	140.4	139.9	139.8	140.0	3.2	44.5	-2.0	-1.1	22.1	-1.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	134.7	136.0	137.6	135.0	13.4	215.3	-54.4	.9	89.1	-32.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	147.9	147.2	147.0	147.4	3.0	37.4	3.0	-1.3	18.9	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	116.6	117.0	117.9	118.3	3.9	3.2	3.5	6.0	3.6	4.7
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	125.9	125.5	125.0	-1.6	-9	-3.1	-3.4	-1.2	-3.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	121.8	121.7	121.8	122.3	.7	5.8	.7	1.7	3.2	1.2
Apparel	120.5	120.5	120.6	121.2	-2.6	-5.7	-2.0	2.3	-4.2	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	116.5	116.6	115.9	117.9	-3.3	2.4	-12.3	4.9	-5	-4.1
Women's and girls' apparel	113.1	113.0	113.2	113.1	-2.7	-7.1	1.1	.0	-5.0	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	122.2	120.6	123.2	124.5	-4.0	-8.9	-.7	7.7	-6.5	3.5
Footwear	119.4	119.2	119.2	120.1	.0	-8.6	2.4	2.4	-4.4	2.4
Transportation	156.6	156.9	158.6	160.0	.0	17.6	-10.3	9.0	8.5	-1.1
Private transportation	152.5	152.7	154.6	156.0	.0	19.3	-11.7	9.5	9.2	-1.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	97.1	96.7	96.5	95.5	-3.6	-1.2	-3.6	-6.4	-2.4	-5.0
New vehicles	137.6	137.4	138.1	137.6	-.3	-3.1	-3.1	.0	-1.7	-1.6
Used cars and trucks	147.5	145.5	143.1	138.6	-9.6	5.0	-5.8	-22.0	-2.6	-14.3
Motor fuel	128.9	130.8	138.6	147.2	.7	120.0	-43.5	70.1	48.8	-2.0
Gasoline (all types)	128.3	129.9	138.0	146.7	1.0	120.8	-43.7	70.9	49.3	-1.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	107.7	107.6	107.9	107.7	-1.5	3.4	-.7	.0	.9	-.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	195.3	196.4	195.9	196.2	4.7	1.2	2.5	1.9	2.9	2.2
Public transportation	211.8	212.9	211.3	210.3	1.6	-1.9	12.8	-2.8	-.2	4.7
Medical care	296.1	297.5	298.1	299.5	6.1	1.7	3.6	4.7	3.9	4.1
Medical care commodities	261.6	263.0	263.9	264.9	3.1	2.2	.3	5.1	2.7	2.7
Medical care services	305.2	306.4	306.9	308.5	7.1	1.5	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.6
Professional services ³	261.0	261.6	261.7	262.6	4.6	.9	3.8	2.5	2.8	3.1
Hospital and related services ³	392.6	395.5	397.6	400.0	11.5	3.8	5.4	7.8	7.6	6.6

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—		
	June 2003	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Dec. 2002	Mar. 2003	June 2003	Sep. 2003	Mar. 2003	Sep. 2003
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	107.6	107.6	107.6	107.8	1.5	2.3	1.1	0.7	1.9	0.9
Video and audio ²	103.5	103.6	103.6	103.9	4.4	-1.9	.8	1.6	1.2	1.2
Education and communication ²	109.1	109.6	110.1	110.2	.7	2.2	-1.8	4.1	1.5	1.1
Education ²	133.4	134.3	136.1	136.9	5.1	6.7	5.9	10.9	5.9	8.4
Educational books and supplies	335.7	337.4	339.9	336.5	4.3	8.9	4.8	1.0	6.6	2.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	383.6	386.2	391.7	394.5	4.9	6.6	6.1	11.9	5.7	8.9
Communication ²	89.2	89.4	89.0	88.6	-3.0	-2.2	-8.9	-2.7	-2.6	-5.8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	87.2	87.5	87.0	86.7	-3.1	-2.2	-9.9	-2.3	-2.6	-6.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	97.5	98.1	97.8	97.4	-.8	-.8	-8.5	-.4	-.8	-4.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5}	16.2	16.0	15.7	15.6	-12.8	-9.0	-13.5	-14.0	-10.9	-13.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	17.5	17.2	16.7	16.3	-24.0	-13.5	-28.0	-24.7	-18.9	-26.4
Other goods and services	298.1	299.2	299.6	299.9	-1.6	2.0	1.1	2.4	.2	1.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	463.5	469.1	471.8	468.7	-10.5	-4.4	-3.1	4.6	-7.5	.6
Personal care ¹	178.2	178.4	178.4	179.0	1.1	4.2	2.3	1.8	2.6	2.0
Personal care products ¹	153.8	154.2	153.5	153.4	-2.6	-.3	1.3	-1.0	-1.4	.1
Personal care services ¹	192.8	193.2	193.9	195.4	1.5	3.8	2.3	5.5	2.7	3.9
Miscellaneous personal services	283.8	284.1	284.3	285.5	3.4	4.4	4.3	2.4	3.9	3.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	150.5	150.7	151.5	152.1	-.8	7.7	-5.9	4.3	3.4	-.9
Food and beverages	180.3	180.4	180.9	181.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages	133.7	133.8	134.8	135.5	-2.6	10.9	-10.6	5.5	3.9	-2.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	145.6	147.2	150.5	151.8	6.2	18.4	-21.1	18.2	12.1	-3.5
Apparel	120.5	120.5	120.6	121.2	-2.6	-5.7	-2.0	2.3	-4.2	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	168.2	169.4	173.9	176.4	-.5	37.9	-21.7	21.0	17.1	-2.7
Durables	118.2	117.6	117.2	116.1	-4.2	-1.0	-4.0	-6.9	-2.6	-5.5
Services	216.4	216.9	217.3	217.8	3.3	3.8	2.8	2.6	3.5	2.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	221.5	222.2	222.5	222.8	2.4	1.5	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.2	115.6	115.8	115.9	8.6	6.2	4.3	2.5	7.4	3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	147.9	147.2	147.0	147.4	3.0	37.4	3.0	-1.3	18.9	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	116.6	117.0	117.9	118.3	3.9	3.2	3.5	6.0	3.6	4.7
Household operations ^{1 2}	121.8	121.7	121.8	122.3	.7	5.8	.7	1.7	3.2	1.2
Transportation services	216.8	217.6	217.2	217.5	3.3	2.5	5.9	1.3	2.9	3.6
Medical care services	305.2	306.4	306.9	308.5	7.1	1.5	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.6
Other services	253.6	254.4	255.3	256.3	2.9	3.7	1.6	4.3	3.3	3.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	184.3	184.6	185.2	185.8	1.6	5.8	-1.3	3.3	3.7	1.0
All items less shelter	174.2	174.5	175.1	175.8	1.2	7.2	-2.3	3.7	4.1	.7
All items less medical care	177.7	178.0	178.6	179.1	1.4	5.6	-1.1	3.2	3.5	1.0
Commodities less food	135.7	135.8	136.7	137.4	-2.6	10.7	-10.2	5.1	3.8	-2.8
Nondurables less food	148.1	149.4	152.6	154.0	6.4	17.2	-19.8	16.9	11.7	-3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	168.9	170.0	173.4	176.4	.7	33.4	-20.0	19.0	15.9	-2.4
Nondurables	163.1	163.9	165.9	166.8	3.8	10.7	-9.5	9.4	7.2	-.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	226.8	227.1	227.5	228.5	3.5	6.5	3.8	3.0	5.0	3.4
Services less medical care services	208.7	209.2	209.5	210.1	2.8	3.8	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.8
Energy	134.4	135.0	138.7	142.9	2.3	76.5	-24.5	27.8	34.4	-1.8
All items less energy	190.4	190.7	190.9	191.1	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5
All items less food and energy	193.0	193.4	193.6	193.7	1.5	.8	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.0	140.9	140.7	140.2	-2.5	-1.7	-3.1	-2.3	-2.1	-2.7
Energy commodities	129.9	131.8	139.2	147.3	1.3	125.0	-44.4	65.3	51.0	-4.1
Services less energy services	223.4	224.1	224.5	225.0	3.3	1.8	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.9

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in

January, 1999.

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 Sep.2003 from—			Percent change to Aug.2003 from—		
		June 2003	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Aug. 2002	June 2003	July 2003
U.S. city average	M	183.7	183.9	184.6	185.2	2.3	0.7	0.3	2.2	0.5	0.4
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	192.8	193.5	194.3	195.0	2.9	.8	.4	2.6	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.9	195.5	196.6	197.3	3.2	.9	.4	2.8	.9	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	113.9	114.5	114.4	115.0	2.1	.4	.5	2.1	.4	-.1
Midwest urban	M	178.4	178.1	178.8	179.5	1.9	.8	.4	1.7	.2	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	180.7	180.5	181.2	182.0	1.8	.8	.4	1.7	.3	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	113.2	113.1	113.6	113.9	2.2	.7	.3	2.0	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	172.6	171.4	172.1	172.3	1.4	.5	.1	1.4	-.3	.4
South urban	M	177.2	177.3	177.9	178.3	2.4	.6	.2	2.4	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	179.0	179.1	179.8	180.1	2.5	.6	.2	2.5	.4	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	113.1	113.1	113.4	113.8	2.3	.6	.4	2.3	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	174.9	175.0	175.9	176.3	2.1	.7	.2	1.9	.6	.5
West urban	M	188.1	188.4	189.2	189.6	2.1	.6	.2	2.1	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	190.9	190.9	191.7	192.3	2.2	.7	.3	2.0	.4	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	114.4	115.1	115.5	115.6	2.2	.4	.1	2.2	1.0	.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	168.2	168.3	169.0	169.6	2.5	.8	.4	2.2	.5	.4
B/C ³	M	113.4	113.6	113.9	114.3	2.2	.6	.4	2.2	.4	.3
D	M	176.4	176.1	177.1	177.4	1.8	.7	.2	1.8	.4	.6
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	184.1	184.1	184.5	186.1	2.2	1.1	.9	1.6	.2	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	186.3	186.3	186.9	188.2	2.6	1.0	.7	2.1	.3	.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	196.9	197.7	199.1	199.6	3.3	1.0	.3	3.1	1.1	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	203.0	-	206.8	3.9	1.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	176.0	-	178.5	2.2	1.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	176.5	-	177.0	2.2	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	116.8	-	117.2	2.8	.3	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	181.5	-	181.7	-	-	-	-	1.1	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	182.8	-	183.6	-	-	-	-	1.5	.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	162.5	-	164.1	-	-	-	-	2.5	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	179.4	-	180.9	-	-	-	-	3.3	.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	189.7	-	191.1	-	-	-	-	1.5	.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	196.3	-	196.3	-	-	-	-	1.4	.0	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	191.7	-	194.4	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.4	-

¹ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
- 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA;

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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.

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 2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2003 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	180.3	181.0	2.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	537.1	539.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.072	180.2	180.7	2.6	.3	.1	.3	.3
Food	16.071	179.7	180.2	2.6	.3	.1	.3	.3
Food at home	9.646	178.8	179.4	2.9	.3	.0	.4	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.449	204.5	203.5	2.6	-5	.3	.0	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.773	169.5	170.9	5.8	.8	.5	.5	.7
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.977	167.0	170.2	2.5	1.9	.6	1.6	1.9
Fruits and vegetables	1.337	223.8	223.4	2.7	-2	.3	-4	-7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.118	138.9	138.5	-8	-3	-1.5	.4	.1
Other food at home	1.992	162.6	162.8	1.6	.1	-6	.2	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	162.1	162.1	1.6	.0	-4	.1	.0
Fats and oils .....	.302	157.7	157.6	1.5	-1	-6	.9	-1
Other foods	1.353	179.7	180.0	1.6	.2	-6	.1	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.308	110.1	111.3	1.1	1.1	-4	-1.3	1.1
Food away from home ¹	6.425	182.4	182.7	2.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.278	121.6	122.0	2.3	.3	-2	.0	-1
Alcoholic beverages	1.001	186.9	187.7	2.3	.4	.0	.1	.5
Housing	38.134	181.6	181.6	2.6	.0	.2	.2	.1
Shelter	29.422	207.7	207.6	2.3	.0	.2	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	8.456	205.3	205.8	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.1
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	1.499	125.2	119.8	1.8	-4.3	.8	-1	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	19.144	199.9	200.4	2.0	.3	.2	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.323	115.7	115.8	5.2	.1	.3	.3	.1
Fuels and utilities	4.783	158.7	159.1	8.6	.3	-2	.1	.2
Fuels	3.902	141.9	142.3	9.5	.3	-4	-1	.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.192	129.6	129.4	13.0	-2	1.0	.7	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.710	150.1	150.6	9.4	.3	-4	-1	.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.880	118.1	118.4	4.1	.3	.5	.6	.3
Household furnishings and operations	3.929	121.4	121.0	-2.3	-3	-2	-2	-5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.357	122.9	123.4	2.7	.4	.0	.2	.4
Apparel	4.638	116.1	121.0	-2.0	4.2	-5	.3	.7
Men's and boys' apparel	1.176	112.9	116.5	-2.8	3.2	-3	-5	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.801	106.9	114.5	-2.0	7.1	-9	.9	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.244	122.9	126.5	-1.5	2.9	-1.0	1.6	1.3
Footwear	1.136	117.2	119.6	-1.5	2.0	-4	.1	.8
Transportation	19.666	157.1	158.1	3.3	.6	.1	1.1	.8
Private transportation	18.751	154.2	155.3	3.3	.7	.1	1.2	.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.568	95.7	94.4	-4.6	-1.4	-6	-4	-1.5
New vehicles	4.682	137.9	137.6	-1.6	-2	-1	.6	-3
Used cars and trucks	3.783	144.0	139.8	-8.7	-2.9	-1.4	-1.6	-3.2
Motor fuel	3.836	139.4	147.5	20.8	5.8	1.3	6.1	6.3
Gasoline (all types)	3.803	138.8	147.0	20.9	5.9	1.4	6.2	6.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.524	107.3	107.2	.5	-1	-1	.3	-1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.458	197.3	197.9	2.6	.3	.5	-3	.2
Public transportation .....	.915	210.5	208.4	3.2	-1.0	.4	-7	-3
Medical care	4.747	297.4	298.3	4.0	.3	.4	.2	.5
Medical care commodities	1.012	258.6	259.4	2.7	.3	.6	.2	.4
Medical care services	3.735	307.0	307.9	4.4	.3	.4	.1	.5
Professional services ³	2.265	263.9	264.4	3.0	.2	.2	.0	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.177	394.2	395.8	7.3	.4	.7	.4	.7

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 2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2003 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	
Recreation ²	5.567	105.7	105.5	1.1	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	
Video and audio ²	1.795	102.9	102.7	1.3	-2	.2	-1	.2	
Education and communication ²	5.604	109.1	109.7	.5	.5	.5	.4	-1	
Education ²	2.472	135.5	137.8	6.6	1.7	.6	1.3	.4	
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	339.6	339.6	4.8	.0	.4	.8	-1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.256	382.1	389.2	6.7	1.9	.6	1.4	.4	
Communication ²	3.132	90.5	90.2	-3.9	-3	.2	-4	-3	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.972	89.1	88.8	-4.2	-3	.3	-6	-3	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.536	98.0	97.6	-2.7	-4	.6	-3	-4	
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5} .....	.436	16.3	16.1	-13.0	-1.2	-1.8	-1.2	-1.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.191	16.3	16.0	-23.1	-1.8	-1.7	-3.6	-1.8
Other goods and services	4.571	308.0	307.9	.0	.0	.5	.2	.0	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.542	473.2	469.9	-3.8	-7	1.2	.6	-7	
Personal care ¹	3.030	177.4	177.9	2.0	.3	.2	-1	.3	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.786	154.3	154.0	-8	-2	.3	-3	-2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.896	194.6	196.1	3.2	.8	.2	.4	.8
Miscellaneous personal services	1.170	284.4	285.2	3.7	.3	.0	.1	.4	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	45.066	151.6	152.7	1.1	.7	.1	.6	.4	
Food and beverages	17.072	180.2	180.7	2.6	.3	.1	.3	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.994	135.4	136.7	.2	1.0	.0	.8	.4	
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.152	151.7	155.9	4.4	2.8	1.1	2.6	1.0	
Apparel	4.638	116.1	121.0	-2.0	4.2	-5	.3	.7	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.514	177.4	181.2	7.2	2.1	.8	3.0	1.5	
Durables	12.842	116.9	115.5	-4.6	-1.2	-5	-5	-1.1	
Services	54.934	214.0	214.3	3.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.099	200.0	199.9	2.3	-1	.3	.2	.3	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.323	115.7	115.8	5.2	.1	.3	.3	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.710	150.1	150.6	9.4	.3	-4	-1	.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.880	118.1	118.4	4.1	.3	.5	.6	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.357	122.9	123.4	2.7	.4	.0	.2	.4
Transportation services	6.706	216.8	216.8	3.8	.0	.3	-1	.2	
Medical care services	3.735	307.0	307.9	4.4	.3	.4	.1	.5	
Other services	10.123	249.3	250.6	2.7	.5	.3	.3	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food	83.929	180.3	181.0	2.2	.4	.2	.3	.3	
All items less shelter	70.578	172.3	173.3	2.2	.6	.1	.4	.4	
All items less medical care	95.253	175.2	176.0	2.2	.5	.1	.4	.3	
Commodities less food	28.995	137.2	138.6	.4	1.0	.0	.7	.5	
Nondurables less food	16.153	153.9	157.9	4.2	2.6	1.1	2.4	1.0	
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.514	177.5	181.1	6.8	2.0	.9	2.1	1.9	
Nondurables	32.224	166.4	168.8	3.4	1.4	.5	1.5	.5	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.835	203.1	203.7	4.3	.3	.1	.2	.4	
Services less medical care services	51.199	206.6	206.8	3.1	.1	.2	.2	.3	
Energy	7.738	140.0	144.2	15.1	3.0	.4	3.0	3.3	
All items less energy	92.262	186.2	186.4	1.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	
All items less food and energy	76.191	187.9	188.1	.9	.1	.1	.1	.0	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.967	140.1	140.2	-2.9	.1	-2	-1	-6	
Energy commodities	4.028	139.5	147.2	20.5	5.5	1.3	5.9	5.8	
Services less energy services	51.224	221.0	221.3	2.7	.1	.3	.2	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.555	\$.552	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.186	\$.185	-	-	-	-	-	

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

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—		
	June 2003	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Dec. 2002	Mar. 2003	June 2003	Sep. 2003	Mar. 2003	Sep. 2003
Expenditure category										
All items	179.5	179.7	180.4	180.9	1.4	6.2	-1.5	3.2	3.8	0.8
Food and beverages	179.6	179.7	180.2	180.8	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7
Food	179.0	179.2	179.7	180.2	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7
Food at home	178.1	178.1	178.8	179.5	2.1	3.0	3.4	3.2	2.5	3.3
Cereals and bakery products	203.0	203.6	203.7	203.7	-1.2	9.6	1.0	1.4	4.1	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	167.2	168.1	169.0	170.2	3.3	6.8	5.7	7.4	5.0	6.5
Dairy and related products ¹	163.5	164.4	167.0	170.2	2.7	-1.2	-7.5	17.4	.7	4.2
Fruits and vegetables	227.1	227.8	227.0	225.5	4.1	-.5	10.7	-2.8	1.7	3.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.3	138.2	138.8	139.0	.3	-5.0	5.9	-3.7	-2.4	1.0
Other food at home	162.8	161.9	162.3	162.8	2.3	2.0	2.0	.0	2.1	1.0
Sugar and sweets	162.4	161.8	162.0	162.0	1.8	4.1	1.7	-1.0	2.9	.4
Fats and oils	156.8	155.9	157.3	157.2	-1.5	9.4	-2.5	1.0	3.8	-.8
Other foods	180.1	179.1	179.3	180.2	3.4	-.2	3.2	.2	1.6	1.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.1	111.6	110.1	111.3	2.2	-.7	5.9	-2.8	.7	1.5
Food away from home ¹	181.7	182.1	182.4	182.7	2.3	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.2	1.9
Other food away from home ²	121.8	121.5	121.5	121.4	4.5	3.0	3.0	-1.3	3.7	.8
Alcoholic beverages	186.8	186.8	186.9	187.9	3.1	3.9	.0	2.4	3.5	1.2
Housing	180.4	180.7	181.0	181.1	2.7	5.0	1.1	1.6	3.9	1.3
Shelter	206.5	207.0	207.4	207.7	3.0	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Rent of primary residence ³	204.6	205.0	205.5	205.8	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.4	3.1	2.6
Lodging away from home ^{2 3}	119.7	120.6	120.5	120.4	1.7	-8.8	12.6	2.4	-3.7	7.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	199.2	199.6	200.1	200.4	2.9	2.0	.8	2.4	2.5	1.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.0	115.4	115.7	115.8	8.2	5.5	4.3	2.8	6.8	3.5
Fuels and utilities	155.8	155.5	155.6	155.9	3.7	35.5	-.5	.3	18.5	-.1
Fuels	139.2	138.7	138.6	138.9	3.5	43.3	-1.1	-.9	21.8	-1.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	133.9	135.3	136.3	134.4	14.5	202.4	-53.6	1.5	86.1	-31.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	146.8	146.2	146.1	146.5	3.0	37.7	2.8	-.8	19.1	1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	116.7	117.3	118.0	118.4	3.6	3.9	3.1	6.0	3.7	4.5
Household furnishings and operations	121.8	121.6	121.4	120.8	-1.0	-1.9	-3.2	-3.2	-1.4	-3.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	122.7	122.7	122.9	123.4	2.0	5.7	.7	2.3	3.9	1.5
Apparel	119.7	119.1	119.5	120.3	-2.6	-5.5	-2.0	2.0	-4.0	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	116.3	116.0	115.4	117.2	-3.9	2.0	-11.8	3.1	-1.0	-4.6
Women's and girls' apparel	112.3	111.3	112.3	112.4	-2.8	-7.8	2.5	.4	-5.3	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	124.4	123.2	125.2	126.8	-4.6	-9.1	.6	7.9	-6.9	4.2
Footwear	118.9	118.4	118.5	119.4	.3	-5.8	-1.7	1.7	-2.8	.0
Transportation	155.6	155.7	157.4	158.7	-.8	19.9	-11.4	8.2	9.1	-2.1
Private transportation	152.7	152.8	154.6	155.9	-1.1	21.2	-12.5	8.6	9.5	-2.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	97.1	96.5	96.1	94.7	-4.7	.0	-4.0	-9.5	-2.4	-6.8
New vehicles	138.6	138.4	139.2	138.8	-.3	-3.1	-3.4	.6	-1.7	-1.4
Used cars and trucks	148.3	146.2	143.9	139.3	-10.1	4.9	-5.7	-22.2	-2.9	-14.3
Motor fuel	129.4	131.1	139.1	147.8	-.3	119.7	-43.0	70.2	48.0	-1.5
Gasoline (all types)	128.7	130.5	138.6	147.2	.0	118.6	-43.0	71.1	47.8	-1.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	107.1	107.0	107.3	107.2	-1.5	3.4	-.4	.4	.9	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	197.0	198.0	197.5	197.9	4.9	1.4	2.5	1.8	3.1	2.2
Public transportation	208.9	209.7	208.2	207.6	2.0	-1.2	15.3	-2.5	.4	6.0
Medical care	295.3	296.6	297.1	298.5	6.6	1.7	3.5	4.4	4.1	3.9
Medical care commodities	256.1	257.7	258.3	259.4	3.0	2.5	.0	5.3	2.8	2.6
Medical care services	305.1	306.3	306.7	308.2	7.5	1.5	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.3
Professional services ³	263.3	263.8	263.9	264.7	4.9	.8	3.9	2.1	2.8	3.0
Hospital and related services ³	388.9	391.7	393.4	396.1	12.8	3.9	5.1	7.6	8.3	6.3

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—		
	June 2003	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Dec. 2002	Mar. 2003	June 2003	Sep. 2003	Mar. 2003	Sep. 2003
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	105.4	105.6	105.6	105.6	1.9	1.1	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.6
Video and audio ²	102.7	102.9	102.8	103.0	5.2	-1.5	.4	1.2	1.8	.8
Education and communication ²	108.3	108.8	109.2	109.1	.4	1.5	-2.5	3.0	.9	.2
Education ²	133.0	133.8	135.6	136.1	4.5	6.0	5.9	9.7	5.2	7.8
Educational books and supplies	336.8	338.3	341.0	337.6	5.2	8.7	4.6	1.0	6.9	2.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	374.8	377.2	382.5	384.2	4.4	5.8	6.0	10.4	5.1	8.2
Communication ²	90.7	90.9	90.5	90.2	-2.9	-1.7	-8.7	-2.2	-2.3	-5.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	89.3	89.6	89.1	88.8	-3.0	-1.7	-9.7	-2.2	-2.4	-6.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	97.7	98.3	98.0	97.6	-.8	-.8	-8.5	-.4	-.8	-4.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 5}	16.8	16.5	16.3	16.1	-14.3	-8.7	-13.1	-15.7	-11.5	-14.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	-25.9	-13.7	-26.9	-25.1	-20.0	-26.0
Other goods and services	306.0	307.5	308.0	307.9	-3.5	.7	.5	2.5	-1.4	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	464.8	470.5	473.2	469.9	-11.1	-4.3	-3.6	4.5	-7.7	.3
Personal care ¹	177.2	177.5	177.4	177.9	.7	3.2	2.5	1.6	2.0	2.1
Personal care products ¹	154.4	154.8	154.3	154.0	-2.6	-1.0	1.6	-1.0	-1.8	.3
Personal care services ¹	193.5	193.9	194.6	196.1	1.5	3.6	2.3	5.5	2.5	3.9
Miscellaneous personal services	283.9	284.0	284.4	285.5	3.7	4.1	4.9	2.3	3.9	3.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	151.2	151.3	152.2	152.8	-1.3	8.8	-6.6	4.3	3.6	-1.3
Food and beverages	179.6	179.7	180.2	180.8	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	135.1	135.1	136.2	136.8	-3.5	12.4	-11.5	5.1	4.1	-3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	147.4	149.0	152.8	154.4	7.8	19.9	-23.7	20.4	13.7	-4.1
Apparel	119.7	119.1	119.5	120.3	-2.6	-5.5	-2.0	2.0	-4.0	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	171.7	173.1	178.3	181.0	-.9	41.9	-24.0	23.5	18.6	-3.1
Durables	118.4	117.8	117.2	115.9	-4.9	-.3	-4.6	-8.2	-2.6	-6.4
Services	212.6	213.1	213.4	213.9	3.5	4.3	2.7	2.5	3.9	2.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	198.7	199.3	199.6	200.1	2.9	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.4	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.0	115.4	115.7	115.8	8.2	5.5	4.3	2.8	6.8	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	146.8	146.2	146.1	146.5	3.0	37.7	2.8	-.8	19.1	1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	116.7	117.3	118.0	118.4	3.6	3.9	3.1	6.0	3.7	4.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	122.7	122.7	122.9	123.4	2.0	5.7	.7	2.3	3.9	1.5
Transportation services	216.8	217.4	217.1	217.5	4.5	3.1	6.5	1.3	3.8	3.9
Medical care services	305.1	306.3	306.7	308.2	7.5	1.5	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.3
Other services	247.7	248.5	249.3	250.0	2.8	3.1	1.0	3.8	3.0	2.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	179.4	179.7	180.3	180.9	1.1	6.9	-2.4	3.4	4.0	.4
All items less shelter	171.6	171.7	172.4	173.1	.7	8.3	-3.0	3.5	4.4	.2
All items less medical care	174.4	174.6	175.3	175.8	1.2	6.4	-1.8	3.2	3.8	.7
Commodities less food	137.0	137.0	138.0	138.7	-3.1	12.2	-11.1	5.1	4.2	-3.4
Nondurables less food	149.6	151.3	155.0	156.5	7.4	19.3	-23.0	19.8	13.2	-4.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	172.1	173.7	177.3	180.7	.5	37.7	-22.8	21.5	17.6	-3.1
Nondurables	163.8	164.7	167.1	167.9	4.8	10.9	-10.9	10.4	7.8	-.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	201.6	201.8	202.3	203.1	3.7	7.1	3.4	3.0	5.4	3.2
Services less medical care services	205.2	205.6	206.0	206.6	3.0	4.4	2.4	2.8	3.7	2.6
Energy	133.6	134.2	138.2	142.7	1.6	78.6	-25.3	30.2	34.7	-1.4
All items less energy	186.0	186.2	186.4	186.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1
All items less food and energy	187.9	188.1	188.2	188.2	1.3	.9	.9	.6	1.1	.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.5	141.2	141.0	140.2	-3.3	-1.4	-3.3	-3.6	-2.3	-3.5
Energy commodities	130.1	131.8	139.6	147.7	.3	123.8	-43.7	66.1	49.8	-3.3
Services less energy services	219.8	220.5	220.9	221.3	3.6	2.2	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.6

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 converted to a geometric means estimator in

January, 1999.

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 Sep.2003 from—			Percent change to Aug.2003 from—		
		June 2003	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Aug. 2002	June 2003	July 2003
U.S. city average	M	179.6	179.6	180.3	181.0	2.3	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.4	0.4
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	189.2	190.0	190.7	191.9	3.1	1.0	.6	2.7	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	190.0	190.8	191.8	193.0	3.4	1.2	.6	2.9	.9	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	113.9	114.5	114.5	115.1	2.3	.5	.5	2.2	.5	.0
Midwest urban	M	173.7	173.3	174.1	174.6	1.7	.8	.3	1.6	.2	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	175.1	174.8	175.5	176.4	1.7	.9	.5	1.6	.2	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	112.7	112.5	113.0	113.2	1.9	.6	.2	1.8	.3	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	170.1	169.1	169.8	170.0	1.3	.5	.1	1.3	-.2	.4
South urban	M	174.3	174.3	174.8	175.3	2.1	.6	.3	2.0	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	176.2	176.2	177.0	177.5	2.7	.7	.3	2.5	.5	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	112.0	111.9	112.1	112.4	1.7	.4	.3	1.7	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	174.8	174.6	175.5	175.9	1.7	.7	.2	1.6	.4	.5
West urban	M	183.3	183.4	184.2	185.0	2.4	.9	.4	2.2	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	184.5	184.3	185.3	186.1	2.4	1.0	.4	2.2	.4	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	114.1	114.6	114.8	115.3	2.3	.6	.4	2.0	.6	.2
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	166.3	166.3	167.2	168.0	2.6	1.0	.5	2.3	.5	.5
B/C ³	M	112.8	112.9	113.1	113.5	2.0	.5	.4	1.9	.3	.2
D	M	174.9	174.4	175.3	175.6	1.6	.7	.2	1.6	.2	.5
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	178.0	177.8	178.3	179.8	2.3	1.1	.8	1.6	.2	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	179.6	179.6	180.5	181.9	3.2	1.3	.8	2.8	.5	.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	191.9	192.8	194.1	195.0	3.4	1.1	.5	3.2	1.1	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	202.2	-	206.2	4.3	2.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	167.0	-	169.5	2.3	1.5	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	175.9	-	176.7	2.2	.5	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	116.2	-	116.9	2.8	.6	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	178.7	-	179.4	-	-	-	-	1.5	.4	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	176.7	-	177.5	-	-	-	-	1.4	.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	160.7	-	162.5	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	176.8	-	178.3	-	-	-	-	3.2	.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	187.8	-	189.2	-	-	-	-	1.3	.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	192.2	-	192.3	-	-	-	-	1.6	.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	185.7	-	188.2	-	-	-	-	1.8	1.3	-

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: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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.

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, 1999-2000	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2003 from—	
		Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	107.8	108.1	1.8	0.3
Food and beverages	15.451	108.3	108.5	2.4	.2
Food	14.432	108.3	108.4	2.3	.1
Food at home	8.335	107.3	107.5	2.6	.2
Food away from home	6.096	109.5	109.6	2.0	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.019	108.3	108.8	2.2	.5
Housing	40.040	112.1	111.9	2.2	-.2
Shelter	30.643	113.4	113.1	2.2	-.3
Fuels and utilities	4.376	123.3	123.6	8.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations	5.020	96.0	95.7	-2.6	-.3
Apparel	4.819	89.2	93.0	-2.4	4.3
Transportation	17.770	105.9	106.4	2.8	.5
Private transportation	16.520	105.9	106.5	2.8	.6
Public transportation	1.250	105.9	104.6	1.9	-1.2
Medical care	5.563	116.7	117.1	3.8	.3
Medical care commodities	1.330	112.5	112.8	2.5	.3
Medical care services	4.233	118.1	118.4	4.1	.3
Recreation	6.124	103.1	103.0	.7	-.1
Education and communication	6.068	97.0	97.4	-1.3	.4
Education	2.546	125.1	127.3	7.0	1.8
Communication	3.522	80.1	79.6	-6.9	-6
Other goods and services	4.164	112.1	112.2	.9	.1
Commodity and service group					
Services	57.098	113.8	113.8	2.9	.0
Commodities	42.902	100.4	101.0	.4	.6
Durables	12.953	88.4	87.6	-4.8	-.9
Nondurables	29.949	105.9	107.3	2.8	1.3
All items less food and energy	78.851	106.3	106.4	.7	.1
Energy	6.717	125.2	128.8	14.6	2.9

Indexes for 2003 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2002 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.