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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.5 percent in September, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The September level of 202.9 (1982-84=100) was 2.1 percent higher than in September 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.6 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September level of 198.4 (1982-84=100) was 1.7 percent higher than in September 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.3 percent in September on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The September level of 117.6 (December 1999=100) was 2.2 percent higher than in September 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 declined 0.5 percent in September, following an increase of 0.2 percent in August. Energy prices, which rose 0.3 percent in August, declined 7.2 percent in (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep.'06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.4	.6	.4	.2	.4	.2	-.5	0.8	2.1
Food and beverages	.1	.0	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	3.3	2.6
Housing	.2	.1	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	3.8	4.1
Apparel	1.0	.6	.2	.0	-1.2	.9	.6	1.3	1.0
Transportation	.9	2.4	1.5	-.2	1.6	.2	-4.1	-9.2	-3.2
Medical care	.4	.4	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	3.7	4.2
Recreation	.4	.3	.2	.1	.3	-.1	.0	.7	1.3
Education and communication	.2	.3	.0	.3	.3	.3	.1	3.1	2.7
Other goods and services	.2	.0	.1	.6	-.2	.3	.5	2.6	2.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.3	3.9	2.4	-.9	2.9	.3	-7.2	-15.6	-4.3
Food	.1	.0	.1	.3	.2	.4	.3	3.5	2.5
All Items less food and energy	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.7	2.9

Effective with release of the January 2007 CPI, BLS will publish index levels to three decimal places. Percent changes based on these more precise indexes will continue to be published to one decimal place. See page 5 for more details.

September. Within energy, the index for petroleum based energy decreased 12.9 percent, while the index for energy services rose 1.2 percent. The food index increased 0.3 percent in September. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in September, the same as in August. Increases in the shelter and apparel components accounted for over 80 percent of the September advance.

Consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 0.8 percent in the third quarter of 2006, following increases in the first and second quarters at annual rates of 4.3 and 5.1 percent, respectively. This brings the year-to-date annual rate to 3.4 percent, the same as for all of 2005. The index for energy, which advanced at annual rates of 21.8 and 23.8 percent in the first two quarters, declined at a 15.6 percent rate in the third quarter of 2006. Thus far this year, energy costs have risen at an 8.3 percent SAAR after increasing 17.1 percent in all of 2005. In the first nine months of 2006, petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 16.3 percent rate while charges for energy services decreased at a 0.1 percent rate. The food index rose at a 2.6 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 2006. The index for grocery store food prices increased at a 2.2 percent rate. Among the six major grocery store food groups, the index for fruits and vegetables registered the largest increase during this span--up at a 7.9 percent rate. The index for dairy products recorded the largest decline--down at a 2.0 percent annual rate.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 2.7 percent SAAR in the third quarter, following increases at rates of 2.8 and 3.6 percent in the first two quarters of 2006. The advance at a 3.0 percent SAAR for the first nine months of 2006 compares with a 2.2 percent rise in all of 2005. Almost 80 percent of the overall acceleration was accounted for by the larger increase in the index for shelter. Shelter costs, which rose 2.6 percent in all of 2005, have risen at a 4.1 percent annual rate in the first nine months of 2006. An upturn in the index for apparel accounted for about 18 percent of the acceleration thus far in 2006. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and three-quarter years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 9 mos. ended in Sep.	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
All items	2.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	3.4	
Food and beverages	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.6	
Housing	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.4	
Apparel	-.5	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-1.1	1.9	
Transportation	5.4	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	5.2	
Medical care	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.9	
Recreation	.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.6	
Education and communication	1.6	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.9	
Other goods and services	5.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	2.5	
Special indexes									
Energy	13.4	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	8.3	
Energy commodities	29.5	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	16.3	
Energy services	1.2	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	-.1	
All items less energy	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.9	
Food	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.6	
All items less food and energy	1.9	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	3.0	

The food and beverages index increased 0.4 percent in September. The index for food at home rose 0.5 percent in September, following a 0.4 percent increase in August. A 3.0 percent increase in the index for fruits and vegetables accounted for about 90 percent of the September advance in grocery store food prices. The indexes for fresh vegetables, for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables increased 6.6, 0.8, and 0.2 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.5 percent in September. Beef prices, which increased 1.4 percent in August, fell 0.2 percent in September. This decline was more than offset by increases in the prices for pork, other meats, poultry, fish and seafood, and eggs. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.2 percent in September after increasing 0.8 percent in August, reflecting declines in the indexes for carbonated drinks and for coffee. The index for cereal and bakery products increased 0.1 percent in September, while the indexes for dairy products and other food at home were unchanged and declined 0.5 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.1 percent.

The index for housing increased 0.3 percent in September. The index for shelter rose 0.3 percent, following a 0.2 percent rise in August. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively, the same as in August. The index for lodging away from home, which fell 0.4 percent in August, rose 0.7 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home declined 4.3 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities--up 0.7 percent in September--increased for the third consecutive month after registering declines in each of the preceding five months. The index for natural gas increased for the second consecutive month--up 2.9 percent in September. The index for electricity increased 0.5 percent. The index for fuel oil registered its first decline in six months--down 6.1 percent in September. During the last 12 months, the index for electricity increased 11.8 percent while the indexes for natural gas and for fuel oil have decreased 6.1 and 1.9 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations, which rose 0.2 percent in August, increased 0.1 percent in September.

The transportation index declined 4.1 percent in September, reflecting price decreases for gasoline, for new and used motor vehicles, and for airline fares. The index for gasoline declined 13.5 percent, accounting for about 98 percent of the decline in the overall transportation group. The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in September. (About 25 percent of the new car sample in September was represented by 2007 models.) New vehicle prices are 0.4 percent higher than in September 2005. The index for used cars and trucks decreased 1.0 percent in September and was 0.4 percent lower than in September 2005. The index for public transportation declined 0.7 percent, reflecting a 2.3 percent drop in airline fares. Airline fares have declined 4.1 percent in the last two months after advancing 12.6 percent in the first seven months of the year.

The index for apparel, which increased 0.9 percent in August, rose 0.6 percent in September to a level 1.0 percent higher than in September 2005. (Reflecting price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear, apparel prices advanced 4.8 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment; prices for women's and girls' clothing increased 8.4 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in September and were 4.2 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent in August. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.3 percent.

The index for recreation was unchanged in September. A 1.6 percent decline in the index for sporting goods was largely offset by increases of 1.0 percent in the index for toys, and 0.5 percent in the indexes for admissions, and for pets, pet products and services.

The index for education and communication increased 0.1 percent in September. Educational costs rose 0.2 percent, while the index for communication declined 0.1 percent. Within the former group, the index for college textbooks rose 0.8 percent while the index for college tuition was virtually unchanged. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for college tuition and fees rose 1.9 percent in September and were 6.5 percent higher than a year ago.) Within the communication group, the index for telephone services rose 0.2 percent, reflecting increases in charges for local and long distance land-line telephone services and for wireless telephone services--up 0.5, 0.1, and 0.2 percent--respectively. This advance was more than offset by a 1.6 percent decline in the index for information technology, hardware, and services. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 0.9 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.5 percent in September. Increases in the indexes for personal care products and for financial services--up 1.0 and 2.7 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products.

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 0.7 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.'06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.5	.6	.5	.2	.5	.4	-.7	0.6	1.7
Food and beverages	.1	-.1	.2	.3	.2	.4	.3	3.3	2.5
Housing	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	3.7	3.9
Apparel	1.1	.7	.1	-.2	-1.2	1.2	.8	3.4	1.5
Transportation	1.1	2.6	1.5	-.2	1.8	.2	-4.4	-9.8	-3.4
Medical care	.5	.4	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	4.2	4.3
Recreation	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	-.2	.0	.0	1.2
Education and communication	.2	.3	.0	.2	.3	.4	.1	3.2	2.4
Other goods and services	.3	-.1	.0	.6	-.1	.2	.3	1.9	2.4
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.4	4.2	2.5	-.9	3.1	.3	-7.5	-16.5	-5.1
Food	.1	-.1	.1	.3	.2	.4	.4	3.6	2.5
All Items less food and energy	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.1	2.6	2.7

Consumer Price Index data for October are scheduled for release on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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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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	0.040×100
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. 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	Aug. 2006	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	203.9	202.9	2.1	-0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	-	610.9	607.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.051	196.0	196.7	2.6	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food	13.942	195.5	196.2	2.5	.4	.2	.4	.3
Food at home	7.988	193.1	194.1	2.2	.5	.2	.4	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.098	214.6	213.6	2.5	-5	.9	.0	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.133	187.1	188.0	1.5	.5	-6	1.0	.5
Dairy and related products .....	.852	180.0	179.9	-1.0	-1	.1	-8	.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	249.2	258.2	7.2	3.6	.9	1.0	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	146.9	147.5	1.6	.4	-5	.8	.2
Other food at home	1.777	170.6	169.8	1.3	-5	.5	-2	-5
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	173.5	172.1	3.8	-8	.7	.2	-6
Fats and oils .....	.231	167.5	167.9	-9	.2	-5	.1	-2
Other foods ¹	1.244	186.1	185.0	1.0	-6	.7	-4	-6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.328	113.8	114.2	2.4	.4	.5	-1.0	.4
Food away from home ¹	5.953	200.2	200.5	3.0	.1	.3	.3	.1
Other food away from home ² .....	.277	137.3	137.6	3.3	.2	.4	.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.109	201.2	201.4	2.4	.1	-1	.0	.1
Housing	42.380	205.1	205.0	4.1	.0	.3	.2	.3
Shelter	32.260	234.2	233.9	4.2	-1	.4	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	5.832	226.2	227.1	3.9	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.611	141.1	135.0	8.3	-4.3	.6	-4	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.442	239.7	240.4	4.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.2	116.4	-2	.2	.0	-2	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.371	199.0	199.6	5.7	.3	.4	.3	.7
Fuels	4.494	181.5	182.0	5.8	.3	.3	.3	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	245.3	237.1	.5	-3.3	3.1	1.7	-4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	186.4	187.4	6.2	.5	.1	.2	1.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	137.8	138.2	5.2	.3	.6	.2	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.749	127.1	127.1	1.1	.0	.0	.2	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	137.0	137.4	4.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
Apparel	3.786	116.1	121.7	1.0	4.8	-1.2	.9	.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	110.8	114.4	.4	3.2	-4	.9	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.612	105.7	114.6	2.0	8.4	-2.1	1.6	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	115.6	116.5	.9	.8	1.5	-2	-1.9
Footwear .....	.759	120.6	124.2	-1.4	3.0	-1.1	-1	.0
Transportation	17.415	188.5	180.6	-3.2	-4.2	1.6	.2	-4.1
Private transportation	16.329	184.5	176.5	-3.6	-4.3	1.7	.2	-4.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.858	95.5	95.3	-1	-2	.2	.0	-3
New vehicles	5.155	136.4	136.3	.4	-1	.1	-1	-1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.799	142.4	141.0	-4	-1.0	.4	.2	-1.0
Motor fuel	4.191	254.4	220.1	-11.8	-13.5	5.1	.3	-13.4
Gasoline (all types)	4.148	253.2	219.0	-11.9	-13.5	5.3	.2	-13.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.362	118.2	118.7	5.3	.4	.8	.3	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.131	216.2	217.0	4.0	.4	.6	-1	.2
Public transportation	1.087	234.3	229.5	4.0	-2.0	.4	.3	-7
Medical care	6.220	337.7	338.3	4.2	.2	.2	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.457	287.6	288.1	3.7	.2	.3	.3	.2
Medical care services	4.764	352.1	352.7	4.4	.2	.2	.4	.4
Professional services	2.815	290.2	290.6	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.576	471.1	472.0	7.3	.2	.2	.8	.3

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	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	Aug. 2006	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.637	111.3	111.1	1.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.783	104.7	104.5	.1	-2	-1	-2	-1
Education and communication ²	6.047	117.5	118.4	2.7	.8	.3	.3	.1
Education ²	2.967	163.9	166.6	6.0	1.6	.6	.7	.2
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	391.3	393.9	5.8	.7	.3	1.2	-1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.771	473.4	481.7	6.1	1.8	.6	.7	.2
Communication ²	3.080	84.3	84.2	-5	-1	.0	.0	-1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.895	81.8	81.7	-8	-1	.1	-1	-1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.245	95.9	96.1	1.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.650	12.5	12.3	-7.5	-1.6	.0	-1.6	-1.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.236	10.6	10.5	-14.6	-9	-9	.0	-9
Other goods and services	3.463	321.7	323.3	2.6	.5	-2	.3	.5
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.710	521.1	520.8	2.1	-1	.0	-1	-1
Personal care	2.752	190.1	191.3	2.8	.6	-2	.4	.6
Personal care products ¹ .....	.710	154.9	156.4	1.0	1.0	-1	-1	1.0
Personal care services ¹ .....	.675	210.1	210.7	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.172	314.4	316.4	3.8	.6	-1	.6	.7
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.790	166.6	164.4	-7	-1.3	.7	.2	-1.7
Food and beverages	15.051	196.0	196.7	2.6	.4	.2	.3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	25.739	149.4	146.0	-2.6	-2.3	.9	.2	-2.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.163	184.5	177.7	-3.6	-3.7	1.2	-4	-5.8
Apparel	3.786	116.1	121.7	1.0	4.8	-1.2	.9	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.377	231.2	216.6	-5.0	-6.3	2.3	.4	-6.9
Durables	11.576	114.3	113.8	-7	-4	.3	.0	-5
Services	59.210	240.9	241.1	4.1	.1	.3	.3	.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.884	244.1	243.8	4.3	-1	.5	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.2	116.4	-2	.2	.0	-2	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	186.4	187.4	6.2	.5	.1	.2	1.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	137.8	138.2	5.2	.3	.6	.2	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	137.0	137.4	4.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
Transportation services	5.707	232.2	231.7	2.1	-2	.2	.3	.1
Medical care services	4.764	352.1	352.7	4.4	.2	.2	.4	.4
Other services	10.669	279.1	280.8	3.5	.6	.3	.3	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.058	205.4	204.1	2.1	-6	.5	.2	-6
All items less shelter	67.740	194.4	193.1	1.1	-7	.5	.3	-9
All items less medical care	93.780	197.1	196.0	1.9	-6	.5	.3	-6
Commodities less food	26.848	151.4	148.0	-2.5	-2.2	.9	.3	-2.8
Nondurables less food	15.272	185.5	179.1	-3.3	-3.5	1.1	-3	-5.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.486	227.3	214.2	-4.5	-5.8	2.1	.4	-6.2
Nondurables	29.214	191.0	187.8	-6	-1.7	.7	.0	-2.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.325	255.4	256.2	3.8	.3	.2	.2	.3
Services less medical care services	54.446	231.6	231.8	4.0	.1	.3	.3	.3
Energy	8.685	214.7	199.1	-4.3	-7.3	2.9	.3	-7.2
All items less energy	91.315	204.4	204.9	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.373	206.7	207.2	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.319	139.9	140.9	.5	.7	-1	.2	-1
Energy commodities	4.530	255.0	222.3	-11.0	-12.8	5.0	.4	-12.9
Services less energy services	55.055	246.5	246.6	3.9	.0	.4	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.490	\$.493	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.164	\$.165	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	202.3	203.2	203.7	202.7	-1.8	4.3	5.1	0.8	1.2	2.9
Food and beverages	195.3	195.7	196.2	196.9	2.3	2.7	1.9	3.3	2.5	2.6
Food	194.7	195.1	195.8	196.4	2.5	2.5	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.6
Food at home	192.5	192.8	193.5	194.5	2.3	1.7	.6	4.2	2.0	2.4
Cereals and bakery products	211.9	213.8	213.8	214.1	2.3	1.9	1.9	4.2	2.1	3.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	186.0	184.9	186.8	187.7	2.0	.4	.2	3.7	1.2	1.9
Dairy and related products	181.2	181.3	179.8	179.8	2.0	1.5	-4.3	-3.1	1.8	-3.7
Fruits and vegetables	249.5	251.7	254.1	261.7	5.5	2.6	1.1	21.0	4.1	10.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	147.1	146.3	147.5	147.8	1.4	3.0	-.3	1.9	2.2	.8
Other food at home	170.1	171.0	170.6	169.7	1.2	2.2	2.6	-.9	1.7	.8
Sugar and sweets	171.5	172.7	173.1	172.1	7.9	1.7	4.3	1.4	4.8	2.8
Fats and oils	168.2	167.4	167.5	167.1	-3.5	1.0	1.7	-2.6	-1.3	-.5
Other foods ¹	185.6	186.9	186.1	185.0	.4	2.6	2.4	-1.3	1.5	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.4	115.0	113.8	114.2	3.3	2.2	5.0	-.7	2.7	2.1
Food away from home ¹	199.2	199.7	200.2	200.5	2.9	3.3	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.0
Other food away from home ²	136.3	136.8	137.3	137.5	2.7	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.6	201.3	201.2	201.4	-.4	7.8	3.0	-.4	3.6	1.3
Housing	202.8	203.5	204.0	204.7	6.0	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.6	3.4
Shelter	232.0	232.9	233.4	234.2	4.5	3.6	5.0	3.8	4.0	4.4
Rent of primary residence ³	224.6	225.4	226.2	227.1	3.3	3.5	4.2	4.5	3.4	4.4
Lodging away from home ²	135.8	136.6	136.1	137.1	21.5	7.7	1.5	3.9	14.4	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	238.1	239.0	239.7	240.4	2.6	3.8	5.6	3.9	3.2	4.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.4	116.2	116.4	-1.7	.3	.7	.0	-.7	.3
Fuels and utilities	192.6	193.3	193.9	195.2	18.9	5.5	-7.0	5.5	12.0	-.9
Fuels	174.9	175.4	176.0	177.2	22.1	5.3	-9.1	5.4	13.4	-2.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	241.5	248.9	253.2	240.9	-14.2	-13.6	39.0	-1.0	-13.9	17.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.3	179.4	179.7	181.9	25.9	7.0	-12.1	5.9	16.1	-3.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	136.4	137.2	137.5	138.1	5.3	5.2	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.0
Household furnishings and operations	127.1	127.1	127.4	127.5	2.6	-.9	1.9	1.3	.8	1.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.3	136.6	137.0	137.4	7.2	4.9	4.2	3.3	6.0	3.7
Apparel	120.0	118.6	119.7	120.4	-2.0	1.4	3.1	1.3	-.3	2.2
Men's and boys' apparel	113.7	113.3	114.3	115.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.7	6.1	-1.4	2.1
Women's and girls' apparel	111.8	109.4	111.1	112.2	.7	1.1	4.8	1.4	.9	3.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.4	118.2	118.0	115.8	.0	7.2	-1.4	-2.0	3.5	-1.7
Footwear	123.8	122.4	122.3	122.3	-6.0	7.4	-1.9	-4.8	.5	-3.3
Transportation	185.2	188.2	188.5	180.8	-24.2	10.5	15.9	-9.2	-8.5	2.6
Private transportation	181.3	184.4	184.7	176.8	-25.5	10.7	16.3	-9.6	-9.2	2.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.9	96.1	96.1	95.8	-2.1	1.3	.8	-.4	-.4	.2
New vehicles	137.6	137.8	137.7	137.5	1.2	2.3	-1.7	-.3	1.8	-1.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	141.5	142.1	142.4	141.0	-6.3	2.3	4.4	-1.4	-2.1	1.4
Motor fuel	239.3	251.6	252.3	218.4	-62.1	41.5	63.3	-30.6	-26.8	6.4
Gasoline (all types)	238.0	250.6	251.2	217.3	-62.4	41.8	63.1	-30.5	-26.9	6.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	117.0	117.9	118.2	118.7	4.7	5.0	5.7	5.9	4.8	5.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	215.7	216.9	216.6	217.0	3.1	5.8	4.4	2.4	4.5	3.4
Public transportation	229.5	230.5	231.1	229.5	2.7	2.9	10.4	.0	2.8	5.1
Medical care	336.0	336.6	338.0	339.1	5.3	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.7	3.8
Medical care commodities	286.0	286.8	287.6	288.1	5.1	4.6	2.4	3.0	4.9	2.7
Medical care services	350.3	350.9	352.4	353.8	5.3	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.2
Professional services	288.6	289.3	290.2	291.2	4.0	1.0	2.2	3.7	2.5	2.9
Hospital and related services ³	468.5	469.3	473.0	474.4	7.2	10.0	7.1	5.1	8.5	6.1

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 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.1	111.4	111.3	111.3	0.7	1.8	2.2	0.7	1.3	1.5
Video and audio ²	105.2	105.1	104.9	104.8	-1.1	1.9	1.1	-1.5	.4	-2
Education and communication ²	116.6	117.0	117.4	117.5	2.5	3.2	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.8
Education ²	161.5	162.4	163.6	164.0	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.3	5.9	6.3
Educational books and supplies	387.1	388.2	392.9	392.4	6.7	4.6	6.3	5.6	5.7	6.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	466.3	469.0	472.5	473.6	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.0	6.2
Communication ²	84.3	84.3	84.3	84.2	-1.4	.5	-5	-5	-5	-5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.8	81.9	81.8	81.7	-1.0	-1.5	-5	-5	-1.2	-5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.4	95.6	95.9	96.1	.4	-8	1.7	3.0	-2	2.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.3	-5.9	-3.0	-8.9	-12.0	-4.5	-10.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.5	-18.1	-9.9	-22.4	-7.3	-14.1	-15.2
Other goods and services	321.5	321.0	322.0	323.6	3.2	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	521.5	521.5	521.1	520.8	2.4	4.7	1.9	-5	3.5	.7
Personal care	189.9	189.5	190.3	191.5	3.5	1.7	2.6	3.4	2.6	3.0
Personal care products ¹	155.2	155.0	154.9	156.4	1.6	-.5	.0	3.1	.5	1.6
Personal care services ¹	209.1	209.5	210.1	210.7	4.0	3.7	1.2	3.1	3.8	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services	313.0	312.6	314.4	316.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.8	3.6	4.2
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	165.7	166.9	167.3	164.4	-11.1	5.3	7.3	-3.1	-3.2	2.0
Food and beverages	195.3	195.7	196.2	196.9	2.3	2.7	1.9	3.3	2.5	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages	148.5	149.9	150.2	145.9	-18.4	6.9	10.9	-6.8	-6.6	1.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	183.5	185.7	185.0	174.2	-21.8	5.0	29.2	-18.8	-9.4	2.5
Apparel	120.0	118.6	119.7	120.4	-2.0	1.4	3.1	1.3	-3	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	225.3	230.4	231.4	215.5	-35.4	17.1	28.5	-16.3	-13.0	3.7
Durables	114.6	114.9	114.9	114.3	-1.4	.0	-.7	-1.0	-.7	-.9
Services	238.5	239.2	239.9	240.8	5.3	3.6	3.4	3.9	4.5	3.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	241.5	242.7	243.3	244.0	4.3	3.4	5.0	4.2	3.9	4.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.4	116.2	116.4	-1.7	.3	.7	.0	-.7	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.3	179.4	179.7	181.9	25.9	7.0	-12.1	5.9	16.1	-3.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	136.4	137.2	137.5	138.1	5.3	5.2	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.3	136.6	137.0	137.4	7.2	4.9	4.2	3.3	6.0	3.7
Transportation services	231.0	231.5	232.2	232.5	.9	.9	3.9	2.6	.9	3.3
Medical care services	350.3	350.9	352.4	353.8	5.3	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.2
Other services	277.4	278.2	279.1	279.7	3.3	3.4	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	203.5	204.6	205.1	203.8	-2.4	4.5	5.5	.6	1.0	3.0
All items less shelter	192.9	193.9	194.4	192.7	-4.5	4.8	4.9	-.4	.0	2.2
All items less medical care	195.4	196.4	196.9	195.8	-2.1	4.3	5.1	.8	1.0	2.9
Commodities less food	150.5	151.8	152.2	147.9	-17.7	6.8	10.5	-6.7	-6.2	1.5
Nondurables less food	184.5	186.6	186.0	176.0	-20.8	5.2	27.0	-17.2	-8.7	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	222.0	226.7	227.5	213.4	-33.0	15.9	25.8	-14.6	-11.9	3.7
Nondurables	190.0	191.4	191.4	186.3	-11.2	4.7	13.9	-7.6	-3.6	2.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	253.4	253.8	254.4	255.2	6.2	3.1	3.2	2.9	4.6	3.0
Services less medical care services	229.5	230.1	230.7	231.4	5.3	3.1	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.8
Energy	204.2	210.2	210.8	195.7	-34.7	21.8	23.8	-15.6	-10.8	2.2
All items less energy	203.7	204.1	204.6	205.1	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.8	2.7	3.1
All items less food and energy	206.0	206.4	206.9	207.4	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.7	2.7	3.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.0	140.8	141.1	141.0	-.3	1.4	.9	.0	.6	.4
Energy commodities	240.6	252.7	253.6	220.9	-60.0	36.9	61.6	-28.9	-26.0	7.2
Services less energy services	244.5	245.4	246.0	246.8	3.9	3.4	4.5	3.8	3.7	4.2

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 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.2006 from—			Percent change to Aug.2006 from—		
		June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006
U.S. city average	M	202.9	203.5	203.9	202.9	2.1	-0.3	-0.5	3.8	0.5	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	216.7	217.5	218.1	216.3	2.6	-6	-8	4.5	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.3	220.1	220.7	219.1	2.8	-5	-7	4.5	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.7	128.2	128.5	127.2	2.2	-8	-1.0	4.5	.6	.2
Midwest urban	M	194.1	194.6	195.1	193.7	.6	-5	-7	2.8	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.6	196.3	196.9	195.7	1.0	-3	-6	2.8	.7	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.0	124.1	124.1	123.2	.1	-7	-7	2.6	.1	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	189.3	190.1	190.9	189.1	1.0	-5	-9	3.4	.8	.4
South urban	M	196.3	197.0	197.1	195.8	2.0	-6	-7	4.1	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	198.2	198.9	199.2	198.3	2.3	-3	-5	4.3	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.0	125.5	125.4	124.4	1.7	-9	-8	3.7	.3	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.7	198.0	198.3	197.1	2.7	-5	-6	5.1	.8	.2
West urban	M	206.4	206.7	207.5	207.8	3.0	.5	.1	4.0	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	209.5	210.0	210.7	211.3	3.3	.6	.3	4.1	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.6	125.6	126.2	125.9	2.3	.2	-.2	3.4	.5	.5
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	185.6	186.2	186.7	186.1	2.4	-1	-3	4.0	.6	.3
B/C ³	M	125.3	125.6	125.7	124.8	1.5	-6	-7	3.6	.3	.1
D	M	195.3	196.0	196.6	195.6	2.1	-2	-5	4.2	.7	.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	199.0	199.3	200.4	199.6	.7	.2	-.4	2.3	.7	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	211.1	211.4	211.9	212.9	3.4	.7	.5	4.3	.4	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	222.6	223.1	224.1	222.9	3.3	-1	-5	4.7	.7	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	225.1	-	224.5	2.0	-3	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	193.1	-	190.7	-5	-1.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	191.7	-	192.0	1.6	.2	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	130.7	-	130.2	2.8	-.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	196.0	-	197.3	-	-	-	-	4.1	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	196.8	-	198.6	-	-	-	-	3.3	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	182.4	-	182.5	-	-	-	-	4.0	.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	203.8	-	205.6	-	-	-	-	5.1	.9	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	213.9	-	216.4	-	-	-	-	4.7	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	209.1	-	210.7	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	208.2	-	209.6	-	-	-	-	4.9	.7	-

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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

Table 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	Aug. 2006	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	199.6	198.4	1.7	-0.6	0.5	0.4	-0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	594.6	591.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.537	195.2	195.9	2.5	.4	.2	.4	.3
Food	15.519	194.7	195.5	2.5	.4	.2	.4	.4
Food at home	9.347	192.2	193.3	2.2	.6	.1	.5	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.275	214.8	214.1	2.9	-3	.7	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.653	186.7	187.5	1.3	.4	-5	1.1	.4
Dairy and related products .....	.965	179.4	179.4	-1.3	.0	-1	-9	.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.338	247.9	257.3	7.7	3.8	.8	1.4	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.087	146.3	146.8	1.5	.3	-6	.9	.1
Other food at home	2.030	170.0	169.3	1.3	-4	.5	-2	-5
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	172.5	171.3	3.8	-7	.8	.2	-7
Fats and oils .....	.287	168.2	168.6	-5	.2	-2	-1	-1
Other foods ¹	1.406	186.2	185.3	1.1	-5	.6	-4	-5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.370	114.2	114.5	2.3	.3	.2	-9	.3
Food away from home ¹	6.172	199.9	200.2	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.275	136.7	137.1	3.1	.3	.2	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	200.7	200.9	2.5	.1	-1	.0	.1
Housing	40.161	200.3	200.4	3.9	.0	.3	.4	.3
Shelter	30.069	226.5	226.6	4.0	.0	.4	.4	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	7.880	225.3	226.2	3.9	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.412	141.1	134.0	7.6	-5.0	.4	.1	-3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.429	217.3	218.0	4.0	.3	.4	.4	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.6	116.8	-1	.2	.0	-1	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.900	197.2	197.7	5.3	.3	.3	.3	.7
Fuels	4.984	178.6	179.0	5.4	.2	.3	.2	.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	244.6	235.8	.2	-3.6	3.3	1.6	-4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	184.3	185.3	5.8	.5	.0	.2	1.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	138.2	138.5	5.2	.2	.5	.2	.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.193	122.7	122.7	1.1	.0	.1	.1	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	139.7	139.8	4.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Apparel	4.090	115.7	121.4	1.5	4.9	-1.2	1.2	.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	110.9	114.5	1.1	3.2	.0	.9	1.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1.689	105.4	114.3	2.9	8.4	-2.5	2.5	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	117.7	118.5	.8	.7	1.3	.4	-1.8
Footwear .....	.964	120.3	123.9	-8	3.0	-9	-2	.4
Transportation	19.669	188.6	180.1	-3.4	-4.5	1.8	.2	-4.4
Private transportation	18.931	185.8	177.1	-3.7	-4.7	1.8	.2	-4.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.944	94.8	94.5	-2	-3	.2	.0	-3
New vehicles	5.380	137.4	137.4	.4	.0	.1	-1	-1
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.801	143.2	141.9	-4	-9	.4	.1	-9
Motor fuel	5.244	255.1	220.8	-11.8	-13.4	5.2	.2	-13.4
Gasoline (all types)	5.193	254.1	219.7	-11.9	-13.5	5.2	.2	-13.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.434	117.8	118.4	5.4	.5	.8	.3	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.130	218.6	219.4	3.9	.4	.4	-1	.1
Public transportation .....	.738	231.4	227.8	4.1	-1.6	.1	.2	-2
Medical care	5.171	337.3	337.8	4.3	.1	.3	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.140	280.6	281.1	4.0	.2	.3	.2	.2
Medical care services	4.030	352.5	353.1	4.3	.2	.3	.5	.4
Professional services	2.336	292.5	292.8	2.5	.1	.3	.2	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.332	466.7	467.5	7.3	.2	.3	.7	.3

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 Sep. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	Aug. 2006	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.097	108.5	108.3	1.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.928	104.1	103.9	.2	-2	-1	-2	.0
Education and communication ²	5.635	114.5	115.3	2.4	.7	.3	.4	.1
Education ²	2.243	161.7	164.7	6.2	1.9	.5	.9	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	393.0	395.4	5.8	.6	.3	1.3	-2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.044	457.7	466.6	6.3	1.9	.5	.8	.4
Communication ²	3.392	86.2	86.2	-1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.244	84.5	84.4	-5	-1	.1	.0	-1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.653	96.0	96.2	.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.590	13.1	12.9	-7.2	-1.5	.0	-1.5	-1.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.208	10.5	10.3	-14.9	-1.9	-1.0	1.0	-1.9
Other goods and services	3.640	331.0	332.2	2.4	.4	-1	.2	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.137	522.9	522.4	2.0	-1	.0	-1	-1
Personal care	2.504	188.2	189.2	2.6	.5	-1	.4	.5
Personal care products ¹ .....	.774	155.0	156.3	.8	.8	-1	.0	.8
Personal care services ¹ .....	.616	210.2	210.8	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	315.1	316.8	3.8	.5	.0	.5	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.601	168.8	166.1	-8	-1.6	.8	.2	-1.9
Food and beverages	16.537	195.2	195.9	2.5	.4	.2	.4	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	28.064	153.0	148.9	-2.7	-2.7	1.1	.3	-3.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.599	191.8	183.6	-3.9	-4.3	1.2	-3	-6.5
Apparel	4.090	115.7	121.4	1.5	4.9	-1.2	1.2	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.509	243.4	226.2	-5.5	-7.1	2.8	.3	-7.7
Durables	12.465	114.5	114.0	-7	-4	.2	.0	-5
Services	55.399	235.9	236.3	3.9	.2	.3	.3	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.721	218.3	218.4	4.0	.0	.4	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.6	116.8	-1	.2	.0	-1	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	184.3	185.3	5.8	.5	.0	.2	1.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	138.2	138.5	5.2	.2	.5	.2	.5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	139.7	139.8	4.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Transportation services	5.659	231.1	231.3	1.9	.1	.1	.3	.3
Medical care services	4.030	352.5	353.1	4.3	.2	.3	.5	.4
Other services	9.726	269.6	271.0	3.3	.5	.3	.3	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.481	200.4	198.8	1.6	-8	.6	.3	-8
All items less shelter	69.931	192.0	190.3	.8	-9	.6	.3	-1.1
All items less medical care	94.829	193.8	192.5	1.6	-7	.5	.3	-7
Commodities less food	29.082	154.8	150.8	-2.5	-2.6	1.0	.3	-3.1
Nondurables less food	16.617	192.5	184.7	-3.6	-4.1	1.3	-4	-6.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.527	238.7	223.1	-4.9	-6.5	2.5	.4	-7.1
Nondurables	32.136	194.4	190.5	-7	-2.0	.8	.1	-3.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.679	226.3	227.2	3.6	.4	.1	.2	.4
Services less medical care services	51.369	227.0	227.4	3.8	.2	.3	.3	.3
Energy	10.228	215.3	198.7	-5.1	-7.7	3.1	.3	-7.5
All items less energy	89.772	198.6	199.2	2.6	.3	.2	.4	.2
All items less food and energy	74.253	199.8	200.4	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.491	140.4	141.4	.6	.7	-1	.2	.0
Energy commodities	5.591	255.4	222.3	-11.3	-13.0	5.1	.3	-12.9
Services less energy services	50.762	241.4	241.7	3.7	.1	.3	.4	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.501	\$.504	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.168	\$.169	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	197.9	198.9	199.6	198.2	-3.0	4.6	5.0	0.6	0.7	2.8
Food and beverages	194.4	194.7	195.4	196.0	2.7	2.5	1.5	3.3	2.6	2.4
Food	193.9	194.2	194.9	195.6	2.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.5	2.5
Food at home	191.5	191.7	192.6	193.5	2.6	1.5	.4	4.2	2.0	2.3
Cereals and bakery products	212.3	213.8	214.0	214.5	2.7	2.3	2.3	4.2	2.5	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.4	184.4	186.4	187.1	1.7	.4	-9	3.7	1.1	1.4
Dairy and related products	180.9	180.8	179.2	179.2	1.8	1.1	-4.1	-3.7	1.4	-3.9
Fruits and vegetables	247.1	249.2	252.6	260.1	6.8	1.5	1.5	22.8	4.1	11.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.5	145.6	146.9	147.1	1.7	3.1	-.3	1.6	2.4	.7
Other food at home	169.5	170.4	170.0	169.1	1.4	2.2	2.4	-.9	1.8	.7
Sugar and sweets	170.6	172.0	172.3	171.1	7.7	1.4	4.6	1.2	4.5	2.9
Fats and oils	168.5	168.2	168.0	167.9	-3.3	2.4	.2	-1.4	-.5	-.6
Other foods ¹	185.9	187.0	186.2	185.3	1.1	2.4	2.4	-1.3	1.8	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.0	115.2	114.2	114.5	3.6	1.8	5.8	-1.7	2.7	1.9
Food away from home ¹	198.9	199.4	199.9	200.2	2.9	3.3	3.1	2.6	3.1	2.9
Other food away from home ²	136.0	136.3	136.7	136.9	2.7	3.9	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.8
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.0	200.8	200.7	200.9	.6	8.8	1.0	-.2	4.6	.4
Housing	198.1	198.7	199.4	199.9	5.7	3.3	2.7	3.7	4.5	3.2
Shelter	224.6	225.5	226.3	226.8	3.9	3.5	4.8	4.0	3.7	4.4
Rent of primary residence ³	223.7	224.5	225.3	226.2	3.5	3.3	4.2	4.5	3.4	4.4
Lodging away from home ²	135.4	135.9	136.1	135.7	22.7	10.3	-1.2	.9	16.3	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	215.9	216.7	217.6	218.0	2.5	3.8	5.6	3.9	3.2	4.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.7	116.7	116.6	116.8	-1.7	.3	.7	.3	-.7	.5
Fuels and utilities	190.9	191.5	192.0	193.3	19.1	5.3	-7.6	5.1	12.0	-1.4
Fuels	172.2	172.7	173.1	174.4	22.1	4.9	-9.6	5.2	13.2	-2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels	240.7	248.7	252.6	240.2	-14.8	-14.7	39.7	-.8	-14.8	17.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	177.4	177.4	177.7	179.8	25.6	6.6	-12.5	5.5	15.7	-3.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	136.8	137.5	137.8	138.5	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1
Household furnishings and operations	122.7	122.8	122.9	123.1	1.3	.0	1.6	1.3	.7	1.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.0	139.3	139.7	139.8	7.7	3.9	5.0	2.3	5.8	3.7
Apparel	119.4	118.0	119.4	120.4	-1.7	1.7	2.4	3.4	.0	2.9
Men's and boys' apparel	113.4	113.4	114.4	115.9	-1.0	-2.4	-.4	9.1	-1.7	4.3
Women's and girls' apparel	111.1	108.3	111.0	112.3	1.5	.0	5.6	4.4	.7	5.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.1	119.6	120.1	117.9	1.0	7.4	-4.3	-.7	4.1	-2.5
Footwear	123.3	122.2	121.9	122.4	-5.7	8.8	-2.6	-2.9	1.3	-2.7
Transportation	185.0	188.3	188.6	180.3	-25.6	11.1	17.2	-9.8	-9.1	2.8
Private transportation	182.2	185.5	185.8	177.3	-26.6	11.5	17.5	-10.3	-9.5	2.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.1	95.3	95.3	95.0	-2.9	1.7	.8	-.4	-.6	.2
New vehicles	138.7	138.9	138.8	138.7	.9	2.6	-1.7	.0	1.7	-.9
Used cars and trucks ¹	142.4	143.0	143.2	141.9	-6.6	2.3	4.6	-1.4	-2.2	1.6
Motor fuel	239.7	252.2	252.8	219.0	-61.9	40.2	62.5	-30.3	-26.9	6.4
Gasoline (all types)	238.7	251.2	251.8	218.0	-62.0	40.4	62.9	-30.4	-26.9	6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	116.6	117.5	117.8	118.4	4.7	4.7	6.1	6.3	4.7	6.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	218.4	219.3	219.1	219.4	3.3	5.6	4.9	1.8	4.4	3.4
Public transportation	227.7	228.0	228.5	228.0	3.3	3.5	9.3	.5	3.4	4.8
Medical care	335.1	336.2	337.5	338.6	5.7	3.7	3.5	4.2	4.7	3.9
Medical care commodities	279.1	280.0	280.6	281.1	6.1	4.6	2.6	2.9	5.3	2.8
Medical care services	350.2	351.3	352.9	354.2	5.5	3.4	3.9	4.6	4.5	4.3
Professional services	290.9	291.8	292.5	293.4	3.7	.8	2.2	3.5	2.2	2.9
Hospital and related services ³	463.7	465.3	468.6	469.9	7.9	8.7	7.3	5.5	8.3	6.4

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 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	June 2006	Sep. 2006	Mar. 2006	Sep. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.5	108.7	108.5	108.5	0.4	1.9	2.6	0.0	1.1	1.3
Video and audio ²	104.5	104.4	104.2	104.2	-1.5	1.9	1.5	-1.1	.2	.2
Education and communication ²	113.7	114.0	114.5	114.6	1.8	2.9	1.8	3.2	2.3	2.5
Education ²	159.5	160.3	161.7	162.3	5.9	6.1	5.7	7.2	6.0	6.5
Educational books and supplies	388.5	389.5	394.5	393.9	6.3	5.4	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	451.1	453.5	457.2	459.2	5.8	6.2	5.7	7.4	6.0	6.5
Communication ²	86.1	86.2	86.2	86.2	-9	.0	-.5	.5	-.5	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.4	84.5	84.5	84.4	-9	-.5	-.5	.0	-.7	-.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.5	95.7	96.0	96.2	.0	-.4	1.3	3.0	-.2	2.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.3	13.3	13.1	12.9	-8.4	.0	-8.5	-11.5	-4.3	-10.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.3	-15.5	-10.0	-25.5	-7.4	-12.8	-16.9
Other goods and services	330.8	330.5	331.3	332.4	2.7	3.0	2.0	1.9	2.9	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	523.5	523.3	522.9	522.4	2.2	4.7	2.0	-.8	3.4	.6
Personal care	187.9	187.7	188.4	189.4	3.1	2.2	1.9	3.2	2.6	2.6
Personal care products ¹	155.1	155.0	155.0	156.3	1.0	-.5	-.3	3.1	.3	1.4
Personal care services ¹	209.2	209.7	210.2	210.8	4.2	3.1	1.3	3.1	3.6	2.2
Miscellaneous personal services	313.5	313.6	315.1	316.8	3.7	3.7	3.5	4.3	3.7	3.9
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	167.6	168.9	169.3	166.0	-12.3	6.1	8.3	-3.8	-3.6	2.1
Food and beverages	194.4	194.7	195.4	196.0	2.7	2.5	1.5	3.3	2.6	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages	151.6	153.3	153.7	148.8	-20.0	8.0	12.2	-7.2	-7.1	2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	190.5	192.8	192.2	179.8	-23.5	5.8	33.0	-20.6	-10.0	2.7
Apparel	119.4	118.0	119.4	120.4	-1.7	1.7	2.4	3.4	.0	2.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	235.9	242.6	243.4	224.7	-37.4	18.6	30.5	-17.7	-13.9	3.7
Durables	114.8	115.0	115.0	114.4	-1.4	.7	-.7	-1.4	-.3	-1.0
Services	233.6	234.3	235.1	235.8	5.2	3.5	2.8	3.8	4.4	3.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	216.3	217.2	217.9	218.6	3.9	3.4	4.6	4.3	3.7	4.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.7	116.7	116.6	116.8	-1.7	.3	.7	.3	-.7	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	177.4	177.4	177.7	179.8	25.6	6.6	-12.5	5.5	15.7	-3.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	136.8	137.5	137.8	138.5	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.0	139.3	139.7	139.8	7.7	3.9	5.0	2.3	5.8	3.7
Transportation services	230.5	230.8	231.5	232.2	1.4	.7	2.8	3.0	1.1	2.9
Medical care services	350.2	351.3	352.9	354.2	5.5	3.4	3.9	4.6	4.5	4.3
Other services	268.1	268.8	269.6	270.2	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	198.5	199.6	200.2	198.5	-4.2	5.1	5.8	.0	.3	2.9
All items less shelter	190.3	191.4	192.0	189.9	-5.8	5.0	5.2	-.8	-.5	2.1
All items less medical care	192.1	193.1	193.7	192.3	-3.5	4.8	5.2	.4	.5	2.8
Commodities less food	153.5	155.1	155.5	150.7	-19.2	8.2	11.7	-7.1	-6.5	1.9
Nondurables less food	191.1	193.6	192.9	181.1	-22.2	6.3	29.9	-19.3	-9.1	2.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	232.2	238.1	239.0	222.0	-35.5	17.5	29.2	-16.4	-12.9	3.9
Nondurables	193.2	194.7	194.8	188.6	-11.9	4.9	15.7	-9.2	-3.9	2.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	224.6	224.9	225.4	226.2	6.4	2.9	2.3	2.9	4.6	2.6
Services less medical care services	225.1	225.7	226.4	227.0	5.0	2.9	3.8	3.4	4.0	3.6
Energy	204.5	210.8	211.4	195.5	-36.9	22.1	25.3	-16.5	-12.2	2.3
All items less energy	198.0	198.3	199.0	199.4	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.9
All items less food and energy	199.2	199.6	200.2	200.5	2.3	2.9	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.4	141.3	141.6	141.6	-.8	1.7	.9	.6	.4	.7
Energy commodities	240.5	252.8	253.6	220.8	-60.2	36.0	61.3	-29.0	-26.4	7.1
Services less energy services	239.7	240.4	241.3	241.9	3.7	3.3	4.3	3.7	3.5	4.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2006 from—			Percent change to Aug.2006 from—		
		June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006
U.S. city average	M	198.6	199.2	199.6	198.4	1.7	-0.4	-0.6	3.9	0.5	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	213.0	213.5	214.2	212.7	2.3	-4	-7	4.6	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	214.0	214.3	215.1	214.0	2.4	-1	-5	4.4	.5	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.1	128.6	128.9	127.5	2.2	-9	-1.1	4.9	.6	.2
Midwest urban	M	189.5	190.0	190.4	188.7	.3	-7	-9	2.9	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	190.1	190.7	191.3	189.8	.6	-5	-8	2.8	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.6	123.8	123.8	122.5	-3	-1.1	-1.1	2.7	.2	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	187.6	188.6	189.3	187.3	.9	-7	-1.1	3.7	.9	.4
South urban	M	193.5	194.3	194.5	192.9	1.6	-7	-8	4.2	.5	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.3	197.1	197.5	196.4	2.0	-4	-6	4.4	.6	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.7	124.2	124.2	122.9	1.3	-1.0	-1.0	3.9	.4	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.9	198.1	198.5	196.9	2.2	-6	-8	5.1	.8	.2
West urban	M	201.5	201.7	202.5	202.4	2.7	.3	.0	3.9	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.0	203.3	204.0	204.3	3.0	.5	.1	4.0	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.4	125.5	126.0	125.6	2.3	.1	-3	3.6	.5	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	184.0	184.5	185.1	184.3	2.0	-1	-4	3.9	.6	.3
B/C ³	M	124.6	125.0	125.1	124.0	1.3	-8	-9	3.8	.4	.1
D	M	194.1	194.8	195.4	194.1	1.8	-4	-7	4.3	.7	.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	192.4	192.8	193.8	192.8	.3	.0	-5	2.4	.7	.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	204.2	204.5	205.0	205.3	3.2	.4	.1	4.4	.4	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	216.7	216.8	217.8	216.9	2.8	.0	-4	4.6	.5	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	223.9	-	224.3	1.9	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	184.3	-	181.7	-8	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	193.9	-	193.7	1.5	-1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	129.8	-	129.9	2.1	.1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	194.4	-	195.8	-	-	-	-	4.0	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	192.0	-	194.0	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	181.4	-	182.0	-	-	-	-	4.4	.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	202.5	-	204.6	-	-	-	-	5.6	1.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	213.2	-	215.8	-	-	-	-	4.8	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	205.2	-	206.7	-	-	-	-	3.6	.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	203.8	-	205.1	-	-	-	-	5.0	.6	-

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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

Table 7. Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2006 from—	
		Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	Aug. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	117.9	117.6	2.2	-0.3
Food and beverages	15.072	115.7	116.1	2.5	.3
Food	13.943	115.7	116.1	2.5	.3
Food at home	8.029	112.6	113.2	2.1	.5
Food away from home	5.914	120.0	120.2	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	115.8	115.9	2.4	.1
Housing	42.173	123.1	123.1	3.9	.0
Shelter	32.495	123.8	123.7	4.2	-.1
Fuels and utilities	4.702	153.2	153.7	5.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.9	96.8	.5	-.1
Apparel	4.076	86.8	90.8	.2	4.6
Transportation	17.095	122.8	119.0	-1.7	-3.1
Private transportation	15.988	123.4	119.5	-2.0	-3.2
Public transportation	1.107	115.3	112.8	3.8	-2.2
Medical care	6.055	131.9	132.1	4.0	.2
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.7	121.8	3.6	.1
Medical care services	4.597	135.4	135.6	4.1	.1
Recreation	5.863	105.9	105.7	.8	-.2
Education and communication	6.190	103.9	104.6	1.9	.7
Education	2.751	152.1	154.7	6.1	1.7
Communication	3.439	75.9	75.7	-1.4	-.3
Other goods and services	3.475	119.1	120.2	2.5	.9
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	125.6	125.7	3.9	.1
Commodities	41.237	108.4	107.5	-.2	-.8
Durables	12.340	87.1	86.6	-1.0	-.6
Nondurables	28.897	118.9	117.9	.3	-.8
All items less food and energy	78.707	113.3	113.6	2.7	.3
Energy	7.351	184.8	172.9	-3.0	-6.4

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.