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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in February before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The February level of 211.693 (1982-84=100) was 4.0 percent higher than in February 2007.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.2 percent in February prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 207.254 (1982-84=100) was 4.4 percent higher than in February 2007.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in February on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The February level of 122.251 (December 1999=100) was 3.7 percent higher than in February 2007. Please note that the indexes for the post-2006 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was virtually unchanged in February, following a 0.4 percent rise in January. Each of the three groups--food, energy, and all items less food and energy--contributed to the deceleration. The index for food at home, which rose 0.9 percent in January, increased 0.3 percent. The moderation reflected a downturn in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for energy turned down in February as a 1.9 percent decline in the index for energy commodities more than offset a 1.7 percent increase in the index for energy services. The index for all items less food and energy was virtually unchanged after increasing 0.3 percent in January. The deceleration reflects smaller increases in the indexes for shelter, for medical care, for recreation, for education and communication, and for other goods and services, and a decline in the index for apparel.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008		
All items .....	.0	.4	.3	.9	.4	.4	.0	3.1	4.0
Food and beverages .....	.4	.5	.2	.4	.1	.7	.4	4.6	4.5
Housing .....	.1	.3	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	2.8	2.8
Apparel	-.5	.2	.1	.6	.1	.4	-.3	.8	-1.0
Transportation	-.6	.7	.3	3.5	1.0	.5	-.7	3.5	9.0
Medical care .....	.5	.4	.5	.4	.3	.5	.1	3.9	4.5
Recreation	-.1	.2	.3	.2	.0	.2	.1	1.4	1.1
Education and communication .....	.3	.2	.3	.0	.3	.4	.1	3.2	3.2
Other goods and services ...	.1	.3	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	3.9	2.9
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.7	1.4	1.0	6.9	1.7	.7	-.5	7.6	18.9
Food .....	.4	.5	.2	.4	.1	.7	.4	4.7	4.6
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.0	2.3	2.3

The food and beverages index rose 0.4 percent in February. The index for food at home, which advanced 0.9 percent in January, increased 0.3 percent in February. Downturns in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for nonalcoholic beverages were responsible for the moderation. The index for fruits and vegetables declined 1.3 percent, following a 2.2 percent rise in January. The indexes for fresh vegetables and for fresh fruits declined 4.0 and 0.4 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables increased 1.7 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which advanced 0.8 percent in January, declined 0.1 percent in February. Price decreases for pork and for poultry--down 1.4 and 0.6 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.5 percent increase in beef prices. The index for nonalcoholic beverages, which rose 1.6 percent in January, declined 0.1 percent in February, reflecting a decline in prices for coffee. On the other hand, the other three grocery store food groups advanced more in February than in January. The index for cereal and bakery products rose 1.8 percent, its largest monthly advance since January 1975. The index for dairy products, which rose 0.2 percent in January, increased 0.8 percent in February. The index for other food at home increased 1.0 percent, following a 0.4 percent rise in January. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.4 percent, the same as in January.

The index for housing increased 0.2 percent in February. The index for shelter was virtually unchanged in February, following a 0.3 percent increase in January. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively, while the index for lodging away from home fell 1.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 2.8 percent.) The index for household fuels, which declined 0.1 percent in January, increased 1.5 percent as a 7.2 percent increase in the index for natural gas more than offset decreases in the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity--down 1.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations was virtually unchanged in February.

The transportation index decreased 0.7 percent in February. The index for gasoline declined 2.0 percent, accounting for about 95 percent of the overall transportation decrease. As of February, gasoline prices were 2.6 percent below their peak level recorded in May 2007. The index for new vehicles declined 0.3 percent in February. (As of February, about 84 percent of the new car sample consisted of 2008 models. The 2008 models will continue to be phased in, with adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2008 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-07-1787 dated November 14, 2007.) The index for used cars was virtually unchanged. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices declined 0.8 percent, while prices for used cars and trucks rose 2.0 percent. The index for public transportation decreased 0.1 percent in February, reflecting in part a 0.3 percent decrease in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment airline fares rose 1.2 percent in February and are 7.6 percent higher than in February 2007.)

The index for apparel declined 0.3 percent in February, following increases in each of the preceding five months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices increased 1.8 percent, reflecting the introduction of spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.1 percent in February. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services also rose 0.1 percent. The index for professional services was virtually unchanged, while the index for hospital and related services advanced 0.3 percent.

The index for recreation increased 0.1 percent in February. Increases in the indexes for pets, pet products and services, for recreational books, and for toys were partially offset by declines in the indexes for video and audio and for sporting goods.

The index for education and communication increased 0.1 percent in February. Educational costs rose 0.3 percent, while communication costs were virtually unchanged. Within the communication group, declines in the indexes for telephone services and for personal computers and peripheral equipment--down 0.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively--were offset by increases in the indexes for computer software and accessories and for internet services and electronic information providers--each up 0.6 percent.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.2 percent in February. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.4 percent accounting for about 42 percent of the monthly increase in this major group.

The advance in the index for miscellaneous personal services, reflecting increases in laundry and dry cleaning, other apparel services, and financial services, was partially offset by declines in prices for personal care 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 was virtually unchanged in February.

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 Feb. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008		
All items .....	.0	.4	.3	1.0	.4	.4	.0	3.4	4.4
Food and beverages .....	.5	.5	.2	.3	.1	.7	.3	4.6	4.6
Housing .....	.0	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	.2	2.8	2.9
Apparel	-.2	.0	.1	.4	.2	.8	-.3	2.5	-.3
Transportation	-.6	.7	.3	3.8	1.1	.7	-.7	4.2	9.9
Medical care .....	.5	.4	.5	.4	.3	.6	.1	4.0	4.7
Recreation	-.1	.3	.2	.1	.1	.2	.1	1.5	.8
Education and communication .....	.3	.1	.3	.0	.2	.3	.1	2.6	2.8
Other goods and services ...	.1	.4	.2	.2	.4	.5	.3	4.7	3.2
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.8	1.4	1.1	7.2	1.8	.8	-.7	7.7	19.7
Food .....	.5	.5	.2	.3	.1	.7	.3	4.5	4.6
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.0	2.4	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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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.

Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.06 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005-December 2005 in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.pdf>

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	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

Percent Change

Index point difference	.616
Divided by the previous index	201.800
Equals	0.003
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.003x100
Equals percent change	0.3

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 before adjustment 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 2003 through December 2007 were replaced in January 2008. 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 in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 48 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2008.

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 seasonal factors introduced in January 2008, BLS adjusted 20 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

For a complete list of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment series and explanations, please refer to the article “Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment”, located on our website at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>.

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 Jeff Wilson at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at Wilson.Jeff@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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	211.080	211.693	4.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	632.301	634.139	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.914	208.837	209.462	4.5	.3	.1	.7	.4
Food	13.833	208.618	209.166	4.6	.3	.1	.7	.4
Food at home	7.660	207.983	208.329	5.1	.2	.0	.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.030	228.661	233.389	6.6	2.1	.6	.6	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.807	200.035	199.688	4.8	-.2	-.1	.8	-.1
Dairy and related products .....	.887	206.905	208.166	13.3	.6	-.2	.2	.8
Fruits and vegetables	1.156	279.072	272.129	1.3	-2.5	-.3	2.2	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.928	157.863	157.805	4.0	.0	-.3	1.6	-.1
Other food at home	1.852	176.085	177.863	3.7	1.0	.2	.4	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.277	180.193	180.588	3.6	.2	.4	-.1	.4
Fats and oils .....	.205	181.813	184.878	7.7	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.5
Other foods	1.369	190.037	192.064	3.1	1.1	.0	.4	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.404	115.162	118.182	2.8	2.6	-.1	-.1	2.6
Food away from home ¹	6.173	211.070	211.878	3.9	.4	.2	.4	.4
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.297	146.649	148.385	4.8	1.2	-.6	.6	1.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.080	210.425	212.044	3.7	.8	.2	.4	.4
Housing	42.427	212.244	213.026	2.8	.4	.3	.2	.2
Shelter	32.596	243.871	244.786	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	5.765	239.850	240.325	3.7	.2	.4	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	2.564	140.176	144.092	3.5	2.8	.3	1.1	-1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.942	250.106	250.481	2.6	.1	.3	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.325	117.435	117.622	.3	.2	.0	.4	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.128	204.796	205.795	5.6	.5	.3	.0	1.3
Household energy	4.215	185.107	185.994	5.6	.5	.3	-.1	1.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.351	306.937	308.269	33.0	.4	2.5	3.7	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.864	186.475	187.376	3.4	.5	.1	-.5	1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.913	148.277	149.057	5.5	.5	.5	.6	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.702	126.515	126.753	-.6	.2	.0	.1	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.737	142.828	143.500	2.7	.5	.3	.5	.5
Apparel	3.731	115.795	117.839	-1.0	1.8	.1	.4	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.935	110.691	112.917	1.5	2.0	-.2	.7	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.600	104.367	106.340	-4.1	1.9	.8	.2	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.185	113.861	115.750	.3	1.7	-.9	1.2	-.4
Footwear .....	.679	121.148	122.377	.4	1.0	-.9	.6	.0
Transportation	17.688	190.839	190.520	9.0	-.2	1.0	.5	-.7
Private transportation	16.583	186.978	186.571	9.2	-.2	1.0	.6	-.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.191	94.834	94.581	.0	-.3	.0	-.1	-.2
New vehicles	4.632	136.827	136.279	-.8	-.4	-.1	-.3	-.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.773	137.203	137.248	2.0	.0	.2	.2	.0
Motor fuel	5.482	260.523	259.242	32.7	-.5	2.8	1.1	-2.0
Gasoline (all types)	5.215	259.338	257.845	32.7	-.6	2.8	1.2	-2.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.356	124.282	125.225	4.2	.8	.4	.3	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.123	227.732	228.731	3.7	.4	.3	.7	.3
Public transportation	1.106	234.334	235.724	5.2	.6	.9	.4	-.1
Medical care	6.231	360.459	362.155	4.5	.5	.3	.5	.1
Medical care commodities	1.601	295.355	296.130	2.9	.3	.3	.5	.1
Medical care services	4.630	380.135	382.196	5.0	.5	.3	.6	.1
Professional services	2.626	306.529	307.928	3.2	.5	.3	.4	.0
Hospital and related services ³	1.467	523.313	527.971	8.2	.9	.5	1.0	.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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	
Recreation ²	5.647	112.083	112.365	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	
Video and audio ²	1.843	102.986	103.171	.0	.2	.3	.0	-.2	
Education and communication ²	6.086	121.762	121.766	3.2	.0	.3	.4	.1	
Education ²	2.944	177.440	177.460	5.7	.0	.5	.6	.3	
Educational books and supplies .....	.207	437.822	439.052	7.7	.3	.8	.1	-.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.736	511.301	511.253	5.5	.0	.5	.6	.3	
Communication ²	3.142	83.396	83.391	.7	.0	.0	.1	.0	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.975	80.642	80.638	.4	.0	.0	.1	.0	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.342	98.906	98.837	1.8	-.1	.0	.1	-.1	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.634	10.229	10.253	-5.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2 6} .....	.242	9.026	8.985	-11.7	-.5	-.1	1.0	-.5
Other goods and services	3.277	339.052	340.191	2.9	.3	.3	.4	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.731	572.684	575.227	4.8	.4	.8	1.1	.4
Personal care	2.546	198.112	198.716	2.4	.3	.1	.2	.2	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.639	158.201	157.677	-.2	-.3	-.2	.0	-.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.629	219.932	220.848	2.9	.4	.5	.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.044	332.183	333.826	4.1	.5	.4	.6	.4	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	41.269	171.179	171.530	5.3	.2	.5	.5	-.2	
Food and beverages	14.914	208.837	209.462	4.5	.3	.1	.7	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages	26.356	150.303	150.530	5.8	.2	.7	.4	-.5	
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.519	188.692	189.420	11.1	.4	-.2	1.4	-.1	
Apparel	3.731	115.795	117.839	-1.0	1.8	.1	.4	-.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.787	238.389	238.297	15.5	.0	1.2	1.6	.0	
Durables	10.837	112.300	112.094	-1.0	-.2	-.1	-.1	-.2	
Services	58.731	250.648	251.527	3.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.271	254.239	255.199	2.9	.4	.3	.4	.0	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.325	117.435	117.622	.3	.2	.0	.4	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.864	186.475	187.376	3.4	.5	.1	-.5	1.7	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.913	148.277	149.057	5.5	.5	.5	.6	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.737	142.828	143.500	2.7	.5	.3	.5	.5
Transportation services	5.350	237.347	237.929	2.5	.2	.4	.5	.1	
Medical care services	4.630	380.135	382.196	5.0	.5	.3	.6	.1	
Other services	10.641	290.905	291.406	3.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	
Special indexes									
All items less food	86.167	211.512	212.136	3.9	.3	.4	.3	.0	
All items less shelter	67.404	200.609	201.110	4.6	.2	.4	.4	.0	
All items less medical care	93.769	203.569	204.136	4.0	.3	.4	.4	.0	
Commodities less food	27.436	152.531	152.799	5.7	.2	.6	.4	-.5	
Nondurables less food	16.599	190.000	190.781	10.6	.4	.2	1.0	-.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.868	234.667	234.736	14.3	.0	1.3	1.2	-.3	
Nondurables	30.432	199.346	200.030	7.7	.3	.3	.8	.0	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.460	265.311	266.154	3.5	.3	.3	.2	.3	
Services less medical care services	54.101	240.201	241.004	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2	
Energy	9.698	219.465	219.311	18.9	-.1	1.7	.7	-.5	
All items less energy	90.302	211.846	212.545	2.6	.3	.2	.4	.1	
All items less food and energy	76.469	213.138	213.866	2.3	.3	.2	.3	.0	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.602	139.845	140.324	.0	.3	.0	.2	-.1	
Energy commodities	5.834	264.660	263.508	32.7	-.4	2.8	1.3	-1.9	
Services less energy services	54.867	257.220	258.098	3.2	.3	.3	.4	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$. 474	\$. 472	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$. 158	\$. 158	-	-	-	-	-	

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.

⁶ This item will be rebased to December 2007=100 beginning with the release of March 2008 data. All historical data will be revised to reflect the new 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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2008
All items	210.930	211.680	212.516	212.571	5.1	2.0	6.3	3.1	3.5	4.7
Food and beverages	206.740	206.929	208.326	209.087	4.1	5.2	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.4
Food	206.414	206.584	208.026	208.778	4.2	5.3	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.5
Food at home	204.982	205.001	206.921	207.633	5.3	5.4	4.4	5.3	5.4	4.9
Cereals and bakery products	226.575	227.852	229.175	233.287	2.5	5.0	6.5	12.4	3.8	9.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	198.357	198.250	199.747	199.499	13.1	1.4	2.5	2.3	7.1	2.4
Dairy and related products	205.627	205.278	205.698	207.341	9.6	36.1	6.7	3.4	22.1	5.0
Fruits and vegetables	267.159	266.288	272.105	268.642	-3.7	-3.2	10.9	2.2	-3.4	6.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	154.933	154.480	156.941	156.743	6.2	5.8	-5	4.8	6.0	2.1
Other food at home	175.064	175.436	176.178	177.957	2.1	3.5	2.7	6.8	2.8	4.7
Sugar and sweets	179.285	179.933	179.774	180.431	3.3	4.4	4.2	2.6	3.8	3.4
Fats and oils	176.692	178.470	180.743	183.396	1.3	8.1	5.9	16.1	4.6	10.8
Other foods	189.597	189.640	190.435	192.472	2.0	2.5	1.7	6.2	2.2	3.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.396	115.267	115.162	118.182	-9	4.9	-2.3	10.0	2.0	3.7
Food away from home ¹	209.854	210.233	211.070	211.878	2.6	5.0	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.0
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	146.628	145.814	146.649	148.385	4.4	6.3	3.5	4.9	5.4	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	209.711	210.143	210.953	211.841	3.9	4.2	2.8	4.1	4.0	3.5
Housing	211.861	212.409	212.920	213.313	2.9	2.1	3.5	2.8	2.5	3.1
Shelter	243.295	243.974	244.744	244.837	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.8
Rent of primary residence ³	238.050	238.925	239.745	240.191	3.6	3.0	4.5	3.6	3.3	4.1
Lodging away from home ²	144.578	145.050	146.695	144.953	5.4	8.8	-9	1.0	7.1	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	248.790	249.425	250.051	250.413	2.3	2.5	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.997	117.003	117.435	117.622	-3.1	1.9	.2	2.2	-7	1.2
Fuels and utilities	204.915	205.615	205.567	208.175	7.2	-1.2	10.2	6.5	3.0	8.3
Household energy	185.667	186.261	185.991	188.722	7.7	-2.5	11.2	6.7	2.5	8.9
Fuel oil and other fuels	288.217	295.293	306.227	302.465	28.4	16.5	72.4	21.3	22.3	44.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	188.264	188.470	187.489	190.706	6.2	-4.0	6.7	5.3	1.0	6.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	146.602	147.262	148.142	148.647	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.6
Household furnishings and operations	126.406	126.414	126.493	126.510	-6	-1.1	-1.0	.3	-8	-3
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.610	142.100	142.828	143.500	2.1	1.4	1.8	5.4	1.8	3.6
Apparel	119.125	119.240	119.759	119.352	-6.0	-1.9	3.4	.8	-4.0	2.1
Men's and boys' apparel	112.341	112.167	112.941	114.213	-1.6	.6	.4	6.8	-5	3.6
Women's and girls' apparel	109.575	110.443	110.658	108.393	-8.0	-6.1	2.1	-4.2	-7.0	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.708	114.632	116.049	115.627	-9.4	-2	12.2	-3	-4.9	5.8
Footwear	123.519	122.469	123.246	123.304	-3.3	1.7	3.9	-7	-8	1.6
Transportation	192.718	194.653	195.722	194.390	16.7	-5	19.5	3.5	7.8	11.2
Private transportation	188.833	190.738	191.811	190.437	18.0	-8	20.0	3.4	8.2	11.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.372	94.405	94.318	94.156	-3	2.2	-9	-9	.9	-9
New vehicles	136.038	135.953	135.597	135.195	.2	.1	-9	-2.5	.2	-1.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	136.616	136.943	137.203	137.248	-3	8.1	-1.5	1.9	3.8	.2
Motor fuel	272.290	279.928	283.011	277.448	76.8	-8.5	77.6	7.8	27.2	38.4
Gasoline (all types)	271.068	278.588	281.880	276.131	77.4	-8.7	77.9	7.7	27.3	38.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	123.487	123.928	124.282	125.225	2.7	2.5	5.9	5.7	2.6	5.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	225.440	226.137	227.730	228.425	3.4	3.9	2.2	5.4	3.7	3.8
Public transportation	236.368	238.571	239.414	239.080	-1.0	4.8	12.8	4.7	1.9	8.6
Medical care	357.745	358.861	360.815	361.168	3.5	5.5	5.2	3.9	4.5	4.6
Medical care commodities	293.352	294.241	295.763	296.151	1.0	3.4	3.5	3.9	2.2	3.7
Medical care services	377.152	378.338	380.459	380.787	4.3	6.1	5.8	3.9	5.2	4.8
Professional services	304.874	305.907	307.011	307.160	1.8	4.7	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.2
Hospital and related services ³	514.748	517.505	522.889	524.634	7.6	7.7	9.7	7.9	7.6	8.8

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2008
Recreation ²	111.978	112.008	112.242	112.373	0.6	-0.5	2.7	1.4	0.1	2.1
Video and audio ²	102.974	103.291	103.337	103.147	-4	-2.3	2.2	.7	-1.3	1.4
Education and communication ²	120.792	121.127	121.578	121.745	5.2	2.4	2.1	3.2	3.8	2.7
Education ²	174.992	175.861	176.895	177.406	5.8	5.2	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.8
Educational books and supplies	432.699	436.329	436.635	436.364	10.5	12.4	4.6	3.4	11.5	4.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	504.173	506.547	509.715	511.324	5.5	4.7	6.1	5.8	5.1	6.0
Communication ²	83.254	83.287	83.392	83.388	4.6	-5	-1.9	.6	2.0	-6
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	80.519	80.546	80.642	80.638	4.2	-1.0	-2.1	.6	1.6	-8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	98.775	98.792	98.906	98.837	5.9	1.3	-.2	.3	3.6	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.204	10.215	10.229	10.253	-2.4	-10.7	-10.4	1.9	-6.6	-4.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2 6}	8.946	8.936	9.026	8.985	-7.7	-16.8	-22.2	1.8	-12.4	-11.0
Other goods and services	336.671	337.641	339.063	339.869	2.8	2.0	3.2	3.9	2.4	3.5
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	561.967	566.696	572.684	575.227	.6	4.1	5.0	9.8	2.3	7.3
Personal care	197.373	197.648	198.120	198.473	3.3	1.4	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.5
Personal care products ¹	158.561	158.236	158.201	157.677	1.4	-2.0	2.0	-2.2	-.3	-.1
Personal care services ¹	218.604	219.656	219.932	220.848	3.0	1.5	2.9	4.2	2.3	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services	329.106	330.466	332.309	333.716	4.2	2.7	3.7	5.7	3.4	4.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	171.679	172.460	173.359	173.011	8.0	.9	10.3	3.1	4.4	6.6
Food and beverages	206.740	206.929	208.326	209.087	4.1	5.2	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.4
Commodities less food and beverages	151.881	152.893	153.519	152.726	10.4	-1.6	14.0	2.2	4.2	8.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	193.322	192.968	195.609	195.406	18.1	-5.7	31.2	4.4	5.5	17.0
Apparel	119.125	119.240	119.759	119.352	-6.0	-1.9	3.4	.8	-4.0	2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	239.667	242.577	246.553	246.666	26.9	.3	24.5	12.2	12.8	18.2
Durables	112.158	112.098	112.020	111.756	-1.3	-4	-.9	-1.4	-.8	-1.1
Services	249.821	250.537	251.317	251.804	3.1	2.8	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	253.589	254.282	255.206	255.267	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.997	117.003	117.435	117.622	-3.1	1.9	.2	2.2	-.7	1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	188.264	188.470	187.489	190.706	6.2	-4.0	6.7	5.3	1.0	6.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	146.602	147.262	148.142	148.647	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.610	142.100	142.828	143.500	2.1	1.4	1.8	5.4	1.8	3.6
Transportation services	236.041	236.887	238.174	238.389	-1.0	4.2	3.1	4.0	1.5	3.6
Medical care services	377.152	378.338	380.459	380.787	4.3	6.1	5.8	3.9	5.2	4.8
Other services	288.944	289.835	290.834	291.364	4.7	2.0	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	211.701	212.548	213.281	213.221	5.2	1.5	6.6	2.9	3.4	4.7
All items less shelter	200.627	201.415	202.288	202.328	6.2	1.5	7.9	3.4	3.9	5.6
All items less medical care	203.518	204.248	205.033	205.076	5.2	1.8	6.3	3.1	3.5	4.7
Commodities less food	154.047	155.044	155.681	154.934	10.1	-1.4	13.5	2.3	4.2	7.8
Nondurables less food	193.857	194.184	196.169	195.304	21.6	-6.5	27.7	3.0	6.6	14.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	235.954	239.022	241.905	241.207	27.8	-1.2	23.8	9.2	12.4	16.3
Nondurables	200.294	200.818	202.477	202.376	13.0	-1.3	15.8	4.2	5.6	9.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	263.971	264.852	265.500	266.373	4.0	2.7	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.7
Services less medical care services	239.387	240.112	240.726	241.233	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0
Energy	225.218	229.076	230.633	229.390	39.4	-5.7	43.6	7.6	14.6	24.3
All items less energy	211.070	211.498	212.281	212.471	2.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.8
All items less food and energy	212.626	213.103	213.765	213.851	1.7	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.163	140.200	140.422	140.316	-1.2	.4	.5	.4	-.4	.5
Energy commodities	274.623	282.263	286.070	280.566	73.2	-7.0	77.3	8.9	26.9	39.0
Services less energy services	256.130	256.897	257.857	258.078	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ This item will be rebased to December 2007=100 beginning with the release of March 2008 data. All historical data will be revised to reflect the new 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 Feb.2008 from—			Percent change to Jan.2008 from—		
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007
U.S. city average	M	210.177	210.036	211.080	211.693	4.0	0.8	0.3	4.3	0.4	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	223.356	223.425	224.325	225.213	4.0	.8	.4	3.9	.4	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	225.766	225.688	226.310	227.411	3.7	.8	.5	3.6	.2	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.049	132.323	133.301	133.511	4.7	.9	.2	4.8	.9	.7
Midwest urban	M	200.762	200.227	201.427	201.896	3.8	.8	.2	4.3	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	202.012	201.519	202.830	203.347	3.5	.9	.3	4.0	.4	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.392	128.040	128.753	128.922	4.1	.7	.1	4.8	.3	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.569	195.819	196.708	197.596	5.0	.9	.5	4.9	.1	.5
South urban	M	203.437	203.457	204.510	205.060	4.6	.8	.3	4.9	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	205.698	206.078	207.221	207.605	4.6	.7	.2	4.8	.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	129.556	129.368	129.937	130.351	4.7	.8	.3	4.9	.3	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	202.550	202.878	204.524	205.189	4.7	1.1	.3	4.3	1.0	.8
West urban	M	214.904	214.733	215.739	216.339	3.5	.7	.3	3.8	.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	218.196	218.020	219.036	219.799	3.4	.8	.3	3.8	.4	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	130.581	130.481	131.328	131.538	3.7	.8	.2	4.0	.6	.6
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	192.224	192.140	193.045	193.685	3.8	.8	.3	4.0	.4	.5
B/C ³	M	129.848	129.718	130.431	130.728	4.4	.8	.2	4.7	.4	.5
D	M	202.525	202.333	203.200	203.803	4.5	.7	.3	4.4	.3	.4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	207.821	207.155	208.757	209.526	4.4	1.1	.4	4.7	.5	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	219.943	219.373	220.918	221.431	3.1	.9	.2	3.9	.4	.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	229.504	229.395	229.869	231.020	3.6	.7	.5	3.7	.2	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	230.689	-	231.980	-	-	-	-	3.4	.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	197.726	-	199.686	-	-	-	-	4.2	1.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	196.465	-	197.079	-	-	-	-	4.3	.3	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	135.151	-	136.293	-	-	-	-	4.9	.8	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	202.751	-	204.166	4.8	.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	200.201	-	202.378	2.2	1.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	186.246	-	187.585	3.5	.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	217.319	-	219.082	5.3	.8	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	219.025	-	220.935	3.7	.9	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	218.485	-	219.612	2.8	.5	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	218.966	-	221.728	4.7	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: 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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	206.744	207.254	4.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	615.828	617.345	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.926	208.055	208.674	4.6	.3	.1	.7	.3
Food	14.901	207.794	208.317	4.6	.3	.1	.7	.3
Food at home	8.595	206.870	207.242	5.2	.2	.0	.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.110	229.105	233.915	6.7	2.1	.5	.6	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.192	199.686	199.141	4.8	-.3	.0	.7	-.2
Dairy and related products .....	.965	206.652	207.750	13.4	.5	-.2	.1	.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.218	275.843	268.954	1.1	-2.5	-.4	2.2	-1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.094	157.130	157.456	4.3	.2	-.4	1.5	.2
Other food at home	2.016	175.572	177.442	3.9	1.1	.2	.5	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.279	178.902	179.740	3.8	.5	.3	.1	.6
Fats and oils .....	.232	182.307	185.292	7.5	1.6	.9	1.2	1.5
Other foods	1.504	190.364	192.430	3.2	1.1	.0	.5	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.438	115.658	118.828	3.2	2.7	-.1	.0	2.7
Food away from home ¹	6.305	210.776	211.517	3.8	.4	.2	.4	.4
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.218	145.625	146.924	4.0	.9	-.5	.8	.9
Alcoholic beverages	1.025	210.473	212.507	3.9	1.0	.3	.4	.5
Housing	39.994	207.692	208.268	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.2
Shelter	30.397	236.550	237.158	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	7.979	238.955	239.419	3.7	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	1.233	139.825	143.046	3.6	2.3	.2	1.3	-1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.888	226.703	227.057	2.7	.2	.3	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.297	117.740	117.921	.3	.2	.0	.3	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.637	202.663	203.584	5.3	.5	.3	.0	1.2
Household energy	4.670	182.025	182.823	5.3	.4	.3	-.1	1.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.323	306.087	307.599	33.1	.5	2.3	3.7	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.347	184.522	185.324	3.2	.4	.1	-.4	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.966	148.528	149.317	5.4	.5	.5	.5	.3
Household furnishings and operations	3.960	122.322	122.547	-.3	.2	.0	.2	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.339	145.431	145.825	2.8	.3	.3	.5	.3
Apparel	3.998	115.866	117.883	-.3	1.7	.2	.8	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.031	111.494	113.592	2.3	1.9	.3	1.0	.8
Women's and girls' apparel	1.619	104.456	106.512	-3.4	2.0	.8	.5	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.251	116.323	118.442	.3	1.8	-1.3	1.7	.1
Footwear .....	.821	121.137	122.408	.6	1.0	-.7	.6	.3
Transportation	20.054	190.918	190.639	9.9	-.1	1.1	.7	-.7
Private transportation	19.287	188.093	187.762	10.1	-.2	1.1	.7	-.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.952	93.842	93.664	.2	-.2	.0	.0	-.2
New vehicles	4.172	137.931	137.445	-.7	-.4	-.1	-.2	-.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.103	138.052	138.094	2.0	.0	.2	.2	.0
Motor fuel	6.940	261.531	260.402	32.9	-.4	2.8	1.2	-1.9
Gasoline (all types)	6.597	260.457	259.112	32.9	-.5	2.8	1.2	-2.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.446	124.416	125.238	4.5	.7	.4	.5	.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.169	230.255	231.349	3.7	.5	.3	.7	.3
Public transportation .....	.767	232.594	233.979	4.8	.6	.7	.5	-.1
Medical care	5.192	360.710	362.329	4.7	.4	.3	.6	.1
Medical care commodities	1.295	287.703	288.335	2.8	.2	.3	.5	.0
Medical care services	3.897	381.507	383.510	5.2	.5	.3	.6	.1
Professional services	2.159	309.169	310.426	3.2	.4	.3	.4	.0
Hospital and related services ³	1.260	518.853	523.654	8.4	.9	.5	1.2	.4

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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	
Recreation ²	5.341	109.046	109.315	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	
Video and audio ²	1.987	102.839	103.028	.4	.2	.4	.1	-.1	
Education and communication ²	5.987	118.097	118.079	2.8	.0	.2	.3	.1	
Education ²	2.377	175.134	175.118	5.4	.0	.5	.6	.2	
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	441.207	441.927	7.5	.2	.8	.1	-.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.174	493.797	493.672	5.2	.0	.5	.7	.3	
Communication ²	3.609	85.935	85.919	.9	.0	.0	.1	.0	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.488	84.008	83.992	.8	.0	.0	.1	.0	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.869	98.988	98.931	1.7	-.1	.0	.1	-.1	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.619	10.737	10.754	-4.6	.2	.1	.1	.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2 6} .....	.228	8.937	8.895	-11.0	-.5	-.3	1.1	-.5
Other goods and services	3.508	350.630	351.979	3.2	.4	.4	.5	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.183	574.724	577.359	5.0	.5	.9	1.1	.5	
Personal care	2.325	195.885	196.564	2.4	.3	.1	.2	.2	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.647	158.167	157.877	-.1	-.2	-.1	-.2	-.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.560	220.324	221.338	3.1	.5	.5	.2	.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.910	333.154	334.868	4.2	.5	.3	.5	.4
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	44.745	173.711	174.083	6.0	.2	.5	.6	-.2	
Food and beverages	15.926	208.055	208.674	4.6	.3	.1	.7	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	28.819	154.345	154.603	6.9	.2	.8	.6	-.6	
Nondurables less food and beverages	17.315	196.910	197.606	12.7	.4	.0	1.6	-.1	
Apparel	3.998	115.866	117.883	-.3	1.7	.2	.8	-.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	13.318	251.751	251.621	17.2	-.1	1.6	1.4	-.4	
Durables	11.504	112.688	112.560	-.5	-.1	.0	.0	-.2	
Services	55.255	245.484	246.154	3.1	.3	.3	.3	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.100	228.071	228.660	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.297	117.740	117.921	.3	.2	.0	.3	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.347	184.522	185.324	3.2	.4	.1	-.4	1.5	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.966	148.528	149.317	5.4	.5	.5	.5	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.339	145.431	145.825	2.8	.3	.3	.5	.3
Transportation services	5.266	236.883	237.426	2.2	.2	.3	.5	.1	
Medical care services	3.897	381.507	383.510	5.2	.5	.3	.6	.1	
Other services	10.042	279.780	280.199	3.0	.1	.3	.3	.1	
Special indexes									
All items less food	85.099	206.371	206.877	4.3	.2	.4	.4	-.1	
All items less shelter	69.603	198.113	198.592	5.0	.2	.4	.5	.0	
All items less medical care	94.808	200.329	200.800	4.4	.2	.4	.4	.0	
Commodities less food	29.844	156.365	156.670	6.8	.2	.8	.6	-.5	
Nondurables less food	18.341	197.892	198.660	12.1	.4	.0	1.5	-.1	
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.343	247.136	247.188	16.1	.0	1.5	1.3	-.3	
Nondurables	33.241	203.268	203.933	8.5	.3	.0	1.1	.1	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.155	234.576	235.258	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	
Services less medical care services	51.358	235.557	236.154	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.2	
Energy	11.610	220.163	219.983	19.7	-.1	1.8	.8	-.7	
All items less energy	88.390	205.991	206.588	2.7	.3	.2	.4	.1	
All items less food and energy	73.489	205.992	206.605	2.3	.3	.2	.3	.0	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.581	140.696	141.238	.4	.4	.1	.3	-.1	
Energy commodities	7.264	264.633	263.601	32.9	-.4	2.8	1.4	-1.9	
Services less energy services	50.908	252.103	252.756	3.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.484	\$.483	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.162	\$.162	-	-	-	-	-	

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.

⁶ This item will be rebased to December 2007=100 beginning with the release of March 2008 data. All historical data will be revised to reflect the new 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—		
	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2008
Expenditure category										
All items	206.586	207.386	208.301	208.298	6.0	1.8	6.9	3.4	3.9	5.1
Food and beverages	205.952	206.145	207.555	208.257	4.6	5.2	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.3
Food	205.618	205.780	207.222	207.901	4.6	5.3	4.1	4.5	4.9	4.3
Food at home	204.016	204.017	205.887	206.527	5.9	5.5	4.3	5.0	5.7	4.7
Cereals and bakery products	226.906	228.116	229.488	233.733	3.0	5.1	6.4	12.6	4.0	9.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	198.016	197.974	199.343	198.931	13.3	1.7	2.5	1.9	7.3	2.2
Dairy and related products	205.536	205.206	205.370	206.877	10.5	36.6	6.8	2.6	22.9	4.7
Fruits and vegetables	264.861	263.920	269.770	265.318	-2.9	-3.3	10.7	.7	-3.1	5.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	154.322	153.768	156.112	156.437	6.3	5.7	-.3	5.6	6.0	2.6
Other food at home	174.463	174.809	175.682	177.521	2.1	3.6	2.7	7.2	2.8	4.9
Sugar and sweets	177.710	178.326	178.505	179.535	2.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.5	4.2
Fats and oils	177.527	179.208	181.290	184.099	1.0	7.5	6.3	15.7	4.2	10.9
Other foods	189.803	189.809	190.770	192.783	2.2	2.6	1.6	6.4	2.4	4.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.803	115.658	115.658	118.828	-.4	4.6	-1.9	10.9	2.1	4.3
Food away from home ¹	209.518	209.931	210.776	211.517	2.7	4.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	145.233	144.454	145.625	146.924	5.1	5.4	.8	4.7	5.3	2.8
Alcoholic beverages	209.491	210.180	211.034	212.072	4.1	4.5	1.9	5.0	4.3	3.4
Housing	207.123	207.639	208.096	208.533	3.2	1.8	3.9	2.8	2.5	3.3
Shelter	235.668	236.320	236.955	237.099	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.9	2.9
Rent of primary residence ³	237.208	237.988	238.767	239.179	3.8	3.2	4.4	3.4	3.5	3.9
Lodging away from home ²	144.435	144.750	146.621	143.829	8.6	7.1	.6	-1.7	7.9	-.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	225.451	226.048	226.656	226.982	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.370	117.396	117.740	117.921	-2.7	1.6	.3	1.9	-.6	1.1
Fuels and utilities	202.933	203.522	203.514	205.930	7.6	-1.9	10.1	6.0	2.8	8.0
Household energy	182.704	183.168	182.988	185.477	8.1	-3.3	11.0	6.2	2.3	8.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	287.993	294.530	305.305	301.932	28.7	18.2	70.7	20.8	23.3	43.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	186.277	186.409	185.607	188.475	6.7	-4.8	7.0	4.8	.8	5.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	146.890	147.594	148.371	148.883	5.0	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5
Household furnishings and operations	122.149	122.123	122.389	122.330	-.6	-.6	-.8	.6	-.6	-.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	144.275	144.659	145.431	145.825	2.5	2.1	2.1	4.4	2.3	3.2
Apparel	118.615	118.809	119.760	119.341	-4.5	-1.2	2.2	2.5	-2.9	2.3
Men's and boys' apparel	112.382	112.718	113.796	114.759	-1.6	.7	1.5	8.7	-.5	5.1
Women's and girls' apparel	109.374	110.224	110.735	108.555	-6.1	-3.6	-.7	-3.0	-4.9	-1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.008	116.423	118.421	118.510	-10.8	1.1	10.6	1.7	-5.1	6.0
Footwear	123.012	122.170	122.938	123.294	-2.7	.2	4.1	.9	-1.2	2.5
Transportation	192.987	195.050	196.402	194.963	18.9	-.6	21.0	4.2	8.7	12.3
Private transportation	190.157	192.213	193.565	192.100	19.7	-.8	21.4	4.2	9.0	12.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.401	93.445	93.452	93.308	.0	2.8	-1.2	-.4	1.4	-.8
New vehicles	137.175	137.046	136.764	136.345	.5	-.3	-1.3	-2.4	.4	-1.8
Used cars and trucks ¹	137.457	137.791	138.052	138.094	-.3	8.2	-1.6	1.9	3.9	.1
Motor fuel	273.216	280.926	284.180	278.651	77.7	-8.5	77.3	8.2	27.5	38.5
Gasoline (all types)	272.061	279.754	283.087	277.354	78.5	-8.7	77.3	8.0	27.7	38.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	123.302	123.786	124.416	125.238	2.7	2.9	5.8	6.4	2.8	6.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	227.993	228.691	230.251	231.051	3.5	3.9	2.0	5.5	3.7	3.7
Public transportation	234.266	236.012	237.118	236.848	-.9	4.1	11.8	4.5	1.6	8.1
Medical care	357.778	358.906	361.100	361.337	3.6	5.6	5.5	4.0	4.6	4.8
Medical care commodities	285.747	286.734	288.251	288.297	.8	2.9	3.7	3.6	1.9	3.7
Medical care services	378.222	379.384	381.817	382.130	4.3	6.4	6.0	4.2	5.3	5.1
Professional services	307.357	308.431	309.634	309.636	1.8	4.8	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.2
Hospital and related services ³	509.438	512.146	518.313	520.557	7.2	7.5	10.1	9.0	7.3	9.6

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2007	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2008
Recreation ²	108.936	108.995	109.201	109.351	0.3	-1.3	2.6	1.5	-0.5	2.1
Video and audio ²	102.659	103.054	103.205	103.080	-4	-2.5	2.8	1.7	-1.4	2.2
Education and communication ²	117.277	117.559	117.947	118.044	5.3	2.1	1.3	2.6	3.7	1.9
Education ²	172.588	173.490	174.582	174.995	5.7	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.5
Educational books and supplies	436.077	439.590	439.883	439.326	10.2	12.4	4.6	3.0	11.3	3.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	486.458	488.861	492.237	493.569	5.3	4.2	5.3	6.0	4.8	5.6
Communication ²	85.810	85.837	85.933	85.917	4.9	.0	-1.6	.5	2.5	-5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	83.894	83.917	84.008	83.992	4.7	-3	-1.7	.5	2.2	-6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	98.874	98.887	98.988	98.931	5.8	1.4	-4	.2	3.6	-1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.710	10.722	10.737	10.754	-1.0	-9.5	-9.0	1.7	-5.4	-3.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2 6}	8.866	8.843	8.937	8.895	-6.0	-16.1	-21.6	1.3	-11.2	-10.9
Other goods and services	347.645	348.898	350.676	351.684	2.5	2.3	3.4	4.7	2.4	4.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	563.435	568.410	574.724	577.359	.6	4.2	5.1	10.3	2.3	7.6
Personal care	195.302	195.524	195.924	196.315	3.5	1.5	2.6	2.1	2.5	2.4
Personal care products ¹	158.579	158.407	158.167	157.877	1.5	-1.9	2.0	-1.8	-2	.1
Personal care services ¹	218.897	219.945	220.324	221.338	3.2	1.6	2.9	4.5	2.4	3.7
Miscellaneous personal services	330.664	331.721	333.520	334.915	4.7	3.0	4.0	5.2	3.9	4.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	174.229	175.167	176.292	175.865	9.6	1.1	11.1	3.8	5.2	7.4
Food and beverages	205.952	206.145	207.555	208.257	4.6	5.2	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.3
Commodities less food and beverages	155.974	157.215	158.122	157.241	12.6	-1.3	15.6	3.3	5.4	9.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	201.748	201.649	204.777	204.470	21.7	-6.4	34.1	5.5	6.7	19.0
Apparel	118.615	118.809	119.760	119.341	-4.5	-1.2	2.2	2.5	-2.9	2.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	253.733	257.755	261.377	260.305	34.6	-2.1	29.1	10.8	14.8	19.6
Durables	112.470	112.476	112.528	112.347	-1.3	-3	-2	-4	-8	-3
Services	244.542	245.199	245.868	246.368	3.3	2.4	3.7	3.0	2.8	3.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	227.238	227.878	228.476	228.609	3.0	2.9	3.4	2.4	2.9	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.370	117.396	117.740	117.921	-2.7	1.6	.3	1.9	-6	1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	186.277	186.409	185.607	188.475	6.7	-4.8	7.0	4.8	.8	5.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	146.890	147.594	148.371	148.883	5.0	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	144.275	144.659	145.431	145.825	2.5	2.1	2.1	4.4	2.3	3.2
Transportation services	235.256	235.963	237.214	237.465	-1.1	4.0	2.2	3.8	1.4	3.0
Medical care services	378.222	379.384	381.817	382.130	4.3	6.4	6.0	4.2	5.3	5.1
Other services	278.127	278.909	279.758	280.128	4.7	1.5	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	206.575	207.491	208.298	208.176	6.3	1.2	7.5	3.1	3.7	5.3
All items less shelter	198.217	199.078	200.108	200.052	7.4	1.4	8.6	3.8	4.3	6.1
All items less medical care	200.258	201.041	201.908	201.898	6.2	1.6	7.0	3.3	3.9	5.2
Commodities less food	157.933	159.164	160.074	159.239	12.3	-1.1	15.1	3.3	5.4	9.0
Nondurables less food	202.374	202.296	205.318	205.143	20.6	-5.8	31.9	5.6	6.6	18.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	248.761	252.459	255.821	254.991	32.0	-1.6	26.7	10.4	14.0	18.3
Nondurables	204.803	204.783	206.961	207.202	12.8	-1.0	18.4	4.8	5.7	11.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	233.423	234.129	234.673	235.467	4.0	2.4	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4
Services less medical care services	234.646	235.252	235.849	236.298	3.4	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.9
Energy	226.219	230.224	232.031	230.458	42.1	-6.3	45.4	7.7	15.4	25.1
All items less energy	205.063	205.468	206.280	206.471	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.8
All items less food and energy	205.315	205.774	206.456	206.548	1.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.789	140.900	141.352	141.277	-9	1.0	.3	1.4	.0	.8
Energy commodities	274.866	282.540	286.486	281.012	74.6	-7.2	77.0	9.2	27.3	39.0
Services less energy services	250.837	251.555	252.403	252.625	3.0	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.1

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.

⁶ This item will be rebased to December 2007=100 beginning with the release of March 2008 data. All historical data will be revised to reflect the new 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 Feb.2008 from—			Percent change to Jan.2008 from—		
		Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Jan. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007
U.S. city average	M	205.891	205.777	206.744	207.254	4.4	0.7	0.2	4.6	0.4	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	219.871	220.146	221.065	221.702	4.3	.7	.3	4.2	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	220.710	220.824	221.492	222.315	3.9	.7	.4	3.9	.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.485	132.856	133.766	133.893	4.9	.8	.1	5.0	1.0	.7
Midwest urban	M	196.056	195.493	196.617	197.110	4.2	.8	.3	4.7	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.343	195.839	196.963	197.549	3.9	.9	.3	4.3	.3	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.129	127.740	128.561	128.695	4.5	.7	.1	5.3	.3	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	194.907	194.099	194.850	195.774	5.0	.9	.5	4.8	.0	.4
South urban	M	200.849	200.850	201.814	202.291	5.0	.7	.2	5.3	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.991	204.370	205.304	205.588	4.9	.6	.1	5.3	.6	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.407	128.206	128.767	129.144	5.1	.7	.3	5.4	.3	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	202.913	203.333	204.954	205.523	5.2	1.1	.3	4.9	1.0	.8
West urban	M	209.629	209.488	210.342	210.816	3.8	.6	.2	4.2	.3	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.268	211.095	212.040	212.614	3.8	.7	.3	4.2	.4	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	130.356	130.309	130.935	131.148	4.0	.6	.2	4.3	.4	.5
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	190.680	190.622	191.461	191.982	4.1	.7	.3	4.4	.4	.4
B/C ³	M	129.268	129.156	129.830	130.092	4.7	.7	.2	5.1	.4	.5
D	M	201.016	200.867	201.685	202.292	4.8	.7	.3	4.5	.3	.4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	200.887	200.217	201.525	202.497	4.7	1.1	.5	4.9	.3	.7
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	212.844	212.282	213.825	214.231	3.7	.9	.2	4.6	.5	.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	223.716	223.873	224.557	225.281	3.9	.6	.3	4.1	.4	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	230.440	-	231.291	-	-	-	-	3.1	.4	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	188.488	-	190.115	-	-	-	-	4.7	.9	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	198.521	-	199.407	-	-	-	-	4.8	.4	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	134.844	-	135.826	-	-	-	-	5.3	.7	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	202.034	-	203.473	5.2	.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	195.866	-	197.670	2.6	.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	184.975	-	185.904	3.7	.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	215.561	-	216.971	5.5	.7	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	218.791	-	220.718	3.6	.9	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	214.204	-	214.913	2.9	.3	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	214.024	-	216.332	5.1	1.1	-	-	-	-

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, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2008 from—	
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	121.895	122.251	3.7	0.3
Food and beverages	14.726	122.754	123.139	4.4	.3
Food	13.648	122.818	123.160	4.4	.3
Food at home	7.557	120.057	120.290	4.8	.2
Food away from home	6.091	126.480	126.964	3.9	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	122.294	123.233	4.1	.8
Housing	42.421	126.224	126.688	2.6	.4
Shelter	32.409	128.649	129.138	2.8	.4
Fuels and utilities	5.004	150.932	151.681	5.0	.5
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	95.406	95.553	-1.1	.2
Apparel	3.988	86.315	87.846	-1.1	1.8
Transportation	17.393	126.959	126.754	8.8	-.2
Private transportation	16.285	127.949	127.677	9.1	-.2
Public transportation	1.108	115.411	116.081	5.7	.6
Medical care	6.085	140.429	141.042	4.2	.4
Medical care commodities	1.615	125.286	125.545	2.9	.2
Medical care services	4.470	146.032	146.791	4.7	.5
Recreation	5.935	104.981	105.181	.0	.2
Education and communication	6.196	106.292	106.297	2.2	.0
Education	2.771	164.392	164.408	5.5	.0
Communication	3.425	73.458	73.460	-4	.0
Other goods and services	3.257	126.147	126.540	2.8	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	130.051	130.502	3.0	.3
Commodities	41.573	111.721	111.962	4.6	.2
Durables	11.817	84.227	84.059	-1.6	-.2
Nondurables	29.756	126.020	126.500	7.2	.4
All items less food and energy	77.561	116.208	116.594	2.0	.3
Energy	8.790	186.870	186.798	18.9	.0

Indexes for 2008 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2007 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.