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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FEBRUARY 2004

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The February level of 186.2 (1982-84=100) was 1.7 percent higher than in February 2003.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.6 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 181.9 was 1.5 percent higher than in February 2003.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 108.7 (December 1999=100) was 1.4 percent higher than in February 2003. Please note that the indexes for the post-2002 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February, following an increase of 0.5 percent in January. Energy costs, which rose 4.7 percent in January, advanced 1.7 percent in February. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy advanced 2.5 percent and the index for energy services increased 0.9 percent. The index for food rose 0.2 percent in February after registering no change in January. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in February, the same as in January.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb.'04	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2003					2004			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.4	.3	-.1	-.2	.2	.5	.3	3.7	1.7
Food and beverages	.3	.3	.4	.4	.5	-.1	.2	2.6	3.1
Housing	.1	.1	.2	-.1	.2	.4	.2	3.0	2.1
Apparel	.1	.2	.2	-.5	-.3	-.3	-.1	-3.0	-1.7
Transportation	1.2	.9	-1.4	-1.3	-.2	1.7	.7	9.0	-.1
Medical care	.3	.4	.2	.3	.5	.2	.6	5.4	4.2
Recreation	.0	.1	-.1	.2	.1	.0	.3	1.5	1.1
Education and communication	.4	.2	.0	.2	.2	.1	.3	2.2	1.4
Other goods and services	.2	.1	.1	.0	.2	.3	.2	3.0	1.6
Special indexes:									
Energy	3.1	3.3	-3.5	-3.0	.3	4.7	1.7	30.1	3.8
Food	.4	.2	.5	.4	.5	.0	.2	2.7	3.3
All items less food and energy	.1	.1	.2	.0	.1	.2	.2	1.7	1.2

The food and beverages index advanced 0.2 percent in February. The index for food at home, which declined 0.3 percent in January, increased 0.1 percent in February, reflecting upturns in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for other food at home. The index for fruits and vegetables rose 1.0 percent in February, following a 1.8 percent decline in January. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables increased 1.6 and 0.6 percent, respectively. The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fresh fruits and fresh vegetables declined 2.3 and 0.9 percent, respectively.) The indexes for other food at home and for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.8 and 0.1 percent, respectively. Partially offsetting these increases were declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for dairy products. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.7 percent in February. The index for beef and veal, which rose sharply in 2003, fell 1.6 percent in February after declining 1.8 percent in January. The indexes for pork, for poultry, and for fish and seafood also declined in February—down 0.5, 0.7, and 0.5 percent, respectively. The index for dairy products declined for the second consecutive month—down 0.2 percent in February. The index for cereals and bakery products was virtually unchanged in February. The other two components of the food and beverage index—food away from home and alcoholic beverages—each increased 0.3 percent.

The index for housing rose 0.2 percent in February. Shelter costs increased 0.1 percent in February, the same as in January. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.2 percent, while the index for lodging away from home fell 1.6 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home rose 2.4 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.9 percent in February, following a 1.6 percent rise in January. The index for fuel oil increased 1.1 percent in February. The indexes for natural gas and for electricity rose 2.2 and 0.2 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, natural gas prices declined 1.0 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.2 percent in February.

The transportation index, which rose 1.7 percent in January, advanced 0.7 percent in February. The index for gasoline rose 2.5 percent in February, following an 8.1 percent rise in January, accounting for about 80 percent of the February advance in the transportation component. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 4.7 percent in February.) As of February, the price of gasoline was 3.3 percent lower than its peak level of March 2003. The index for new vehicles registered its first increase since August—up 0.4 percent in February. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have fallen 0.6 percent. (As of January, about 90 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2004 models.) The index for used cars and trucks also turned up in February, advancing 0.2 percent, but this index has declined 11.7 percent in the last 12 months. Airline fares rose 1.2 percent in February, but are 6.1 percent lower than in September 2001.

The index for apparel declined 0.1 percent in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 2.4 percent, reflecting the introduction of women's and girls' spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent in February to a level 4.2 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.7 percent in February. Charges for physician's services and for hospital and related services increased 1.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which was unchanged in January, rose 0.3 percent in February. Upturns in the indexes for toys and for video and audio, coupled with larger increases in the indexes for sporting goods and for pets, pet products and services, more than offset a larger decline in the index for photography.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in February. The education index rose 0.5 percent, while the index for communication costs was unchanged. Within the latter group, a 0.1 percent increase in the index for telephone services was offset by a 1.2 percent decline in the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.2 percent in February. A 0.1 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products was more than offset by a 0.3 percent increase in the index for personal care. Within personal care, the indexes for legal services and funeral expenses rose 0.8 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.3 percent in 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.'04	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2003					2004			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.4	.3	-.2	-.3	.2	.6	.3	4.1	1.5
Food and beverages	.4	.3	.5	.5	.4	-.1	.2	2.4	3.2
Housing	.1	.2	.1	-.1	.2	.5	.2	3.4	2.2
Apparel	.1	.4	.2	-.4	-.3	-.1	.0	-1.3	-.9
Transportation	1.3	.8	-1.7	-1.6	-.2	1.8	.6	9.4	-.9
Medical care	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4	.3	.7	5.6	4.2
Recreation	.0	.0	-.1	.2	.1	-.1	.4	1.5	.8
Education and communication	.3	.1	.0	.1	.1	.1	.2	1.5	.7
Other goods and services	.3	-.1	.1	-.1	.3	.3	.2	2.9	1.2
Special indexes									
Energy	3.3	3.4	-3.6	-3.1	.3	4.9	1.6	31.0	3.8
Food	.4	.3	.5	.5	.5	-.1	.2	2.4	3.3
All items less food and energy	.1	-.1	.1	-.1	.1	.2	.2	1.7	.9

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

**CPI (Old Weights)**

For the first six months of 2004, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 1999-2000 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 2002 through 2003. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From January to February, the Old Weight CPI-U rose 0.5 percent and the Old Weight CPI-W rose 0.6 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

#### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1999 through 2003 were replaced at the end of 2003. 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: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2004.

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

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

For the fuel oil, natural gas, motor fuels, and educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of labor and supply problems for coffee. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, decreases in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly and dry weather in California.

For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk production levels and higher demand for cheese. 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 vehicles, New cars, and New trucks, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

For additional information on seasonal adjustment in the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or contact Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at [Chow.Daniel@bls.gov](mailto:Chow.Daniel@bls.gov). If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U  Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
		All items .....	100.000	185.2	186.2	1.7	0.5	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	554.9	557.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.384	184.3	184.5	3.1	.1	.5	-.1	.2
Food .....	14.383	183.8	184.1	3.3	.2	.5	.0	.2
Food at home .....	8.256	184.0	184.0	3.6	.0	.7	-.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.202	203.9	204.4	1.3	.2	.1	.1	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.320	179.9	179.7	9.1	-.1	1.0	.0	-.7
Dairy and related products .....	.842	172.4	172.1	2.9	-.2	1.1	-.3	-.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.221	232.4	229.7	2.9	-1.2	.3	-1.8	1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.905	140.7	141.4	.4	.5	.7	.3	.1
Other food at home .....	1.765	162.8	163.7	.9	.6	.6	-.4	.8
Sugar and sweets .....	.305	163.0	163.9	1.3	.6	-.5	-.3	.8
Fats and oils .....	.251	160.7	162.3	2.3	1.0	.5	1.1	1.1
Other foods .....	1.210	178.0	178.9	.6	.5	.8	-.7	.8
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.308	109.1	109.5	-.9	.4	.7	-.6	.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.127	184.9	185.5	2.7	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.332	123.9	124.0	3.2	.1	.3	1.0	.1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.001	189.4	189.9	2.2	.3	.1	.4	.3
Housing .....	42.089	186.3	187.0	2.1	.4	.2	.4	.2
Shelter .....	32.878	215.2	216.0	2.1	.4	.2	.1	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	6.157	208.3	208.8	2.5	.2	.2	.1	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.954	117.2	120.0	2.0	2.4	1.1	-.2	-1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.383	222.6	222.9	1.9	.1	.1	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.385	114.8	115.0	.8	.2	.0	.4	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.741	156.3	156.9	5.8	.4	.5	1.6	.9
Fuels .....	3.830	139.2	139.5	5.8	.2	.4	1.9	.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.231	149.9	155.1	-.8	3.5	-.5	6.8	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.599	145.5	145.5	6.3	.0	.6	1.6	.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.910	120.6	121.8	5.9	1.0	.3	.5	1.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.470	125.3	125.7	-1.6	.3	-.1	.4	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.704	122.7	123.4	1.1	.6	.2	.1	.6
Apparel .....	3.975	115.8	118.6	-1.7	2.4	-.3	-.3	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.024	115.5	117.1	-.2	1.4	.0	-.1	.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.704	105.7	110.3	-1.9	4.4	-.4	-.7	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.195	117.7	119.3	-2.5	1.4	-.8	.2	.3
Footwear .....	.778	115.9	117.0	-2.3	.9	-.3	-.8	.3
Transportation .....	16.881	157.0	158.8	-.1	1.1	-.2	1.7	.7
Private transportation .....	15.817	153.2	154.9	-.3	1.1	-.2	1.9	.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.912	94.3	94.4	-3.7	.1	-.5	-.1	.2
New vehicles .....	4.817	138.0	138.3	-.6	.2	-.1	-.1	.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.007	130.8	131.0	-11.7	.2	-.8	-.2	.2
Motor fuel .....	3.249	136.7	143.1	1.9	4.7	.0	8.1	2.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.222	136.1	142.5	2.0	4.7	.1	8.1	2.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.369	108.0	108.0	-.2	.0	-.2	.3	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.349	198.2	198.2	1.9	.0	.5	.1	-.1
Public transportation .....	1.064	206.3	208.1	2.2	.9	-.8	.2	.0
Medical care .....	6.074	303.6	306.0	4.2	.8	.5	.2	.6
Medical care commodities .....	1.499	265.5	266.7	2.4	.5	.3	.1	.4
Medical care services .....	4.575	313.8	316.6	4.7	.9	.5	.3	.7
Professional services .....	2.749	265.5	268.0	3.6	.9	.5	.2	.8
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.489	409.7	412.5	6.3	.7	.5	.3	.5

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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.872	107.9	108.4	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.736	103.6	104.1	.3	.5	-.1	-.3	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.948	111.1	111.2	1.4	.1	.2	.1	.3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.841	140.1	140.4	7.2	.2	.7	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	345.4	348.6	4.7	.9	2.4	-.5	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.623	403.6	404.2	7.4	.1	.6	.6	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.107	88.1	88.1	-4.1	.0	-.3	-.3	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.925	86.1	86.1	-4.4	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.315	97.0	97.1	-3.4	.1	.0	-.2	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.610	15.3	15.2	-10.1	-.7	-.6	.0	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.230	16.2	16.0	-16.2	-1.2	-.6	.0	-1.2
Other goods and services .....	3.776	301.4	302.3	1.6	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.806	473.0	472.6	.0	-.1	.3	.6	-.1
Personal care .....	2.970	179.7	180.4	2.1	.4	.2	.2	.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.680	153.8	154.5	.8	.5	.1	.3	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.650	194.6	195.2	2.3	.3	.1	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.448	288.8	290.4	3.6	.6	.2	.3	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.117	151.1	152.3	.2	.8	.1	.7	.5
Food and beverages .....	15.384	184.3	184.5	3.1	.1	.5	-.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.733	132.6	134.2	-1.6	1.2	-.2	1.1	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.458	148.4	151.4	.1	2.0	.7	1.2	.4
Apparel .....	3.975	115.8	118.6	-1.7	2.4	-.3	-.3	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.483	172.3	175.6	.9	1.9	.0	2.8	1.1
Durables .....	11.275	115.1	115.3	-3.7	.2	-.2	-.1	.4
Services .....	59.883	219.1	219.9	2.8	.4	.2	.3	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.494	224.1	224.9	2.1	.4	.2	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.385	114.8	115.0	.8	.2	.0	.4	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.599	145.5	145.5	6.3	.0	.6	1.6	.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.910	120.6	121.8	5.9	1.0	.3	.5	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.704	122.7	123.4	1.1	.6	.2	.1	.6
Transportation services .....	6.319	218.7	219.3	2.8	.3	-.3	.5	.0
Medical care services .....	4.575	313.8	316.6	4.7	.9	.5	.3	.7
Other services .....	10.896	258.4	259.2	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.617	185.5	186.6	1.5	.6	.1	.5	.3
All items less shelter .....	67.122	175.6	176.7	1.6	.6	.2	.6	.5
All items less medical care .....	93.926	179.1	180.1	1.6	.6	.2	.4	.3
Commodities less food .....	25.734	134.7	136.3	-1.4	1.2	-.1	1.0	.6
Nondurables less food .....	14.459	150.8	153.7	.3	1.9	.7	1.0	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.484	173.0	176.1	1.0	1.8	.1	2.2	1.3
Nondurables .....	28.842	166.4	168.1	1.7	1.0	.6	.5	.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.389	229.7	230.6	3.5	.4	.3	.3	.4
Services less medical care services .....	55.308	211.0	211.7	2.6	.3	.3	.1	.1
Energy .....	7.080	137.4	140.6	3.8	2.3	.3	4.7	1.7
All items less energy .....	92.920	191.9	192.7	1.6	.4	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	78.537	194.0	194.9	1.2	.5	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.254	138.5	139.3	-2.0	.6	-.1	.0	.2
Energy commodities .....	3.480	138.2	144.6	1.8	4.6	.0	8.0	2.5
Services less energy services .....	56.283	226.6	227.5	2.5	.4	.2	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.540	\$.537	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.180	\$.179	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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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—		
	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2003	Aug. 2003	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2003	Feb. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	184.6	184.9	185.8	186.3	0.2	2.6	0.2	3.7	1.4	2.0
Food and beverages .....	183.1	184.0	183.9	184.3	1.6	3.6	4.7	2.6	2.6	3.7
Food .....	182.6	183.5	183.5	183.8	1.6	3.9	4.7	2.7	2.7	3.7
Food at home .....	182.8	184.0	183.4	183.6	1.6	4.8	6.4	1.8	3.2	4.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	203.8	204.1	204.3	204.2	1.8	2.2	.4	.8	2.0	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	178.7	180.5	180.5	179.3	2.7	10.8	22.4	1.3	6.7	11.4
Dairy and related products .....	170.3	172.2	171.6	171.3	-5	4.2	5.8	2.4	1.8	4.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	229.5	230.3	226.1	228.4	3.7	7.7	2.3	-1.9	5.7	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	139.0	140.0	140.4	140.5	.9	-1.4	-2.3	4.4	-3	1.0
Other food at home .....	162.3	163.2	162.6	163.9	.0	1.2	-1.5	4.0	.6	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	163.3	162.5	162.0	163.3	2.3	.7	2.5	.0	1.5	1.2
Fats and oils .....	158.0	158.8	160.6	162.3	-3.2	.0	1.5	11.3	-1.6	6.3
Other foods .....	177.8	179.3	178.0	179.4	.0	1.6	-2.9	3.6	.8	.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	109.0	109.8	109.1	109.5	-1.4	-.7	-3.2	1.8	-1.1	-.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	183.8	184.3	184.9	185.5	1.8	2.4	2.7	3.8	2.1	3.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	122.3	122.7	123.9	124.0	1.7	2.0	3.0	5.7	1.8	4.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	188.6	188.7	189.4	189.9	1.7	.9	3.2	2.8	1.3	3.0
Housing .....	185.7	186.1	186.8	187.1	3.1	1.3	.9	3.0	2.2	2.0
Shelter .....	214.9	215.3	215.6	215.8	2.7	1.7	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	207.4	207.8	208.1	208.6	3.2	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	120.7	122.0	121.7	119.8	9.5	-1.0	3.0	-2.9	4.1	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	221.6	221.9	222.2	222.7	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.3	114.3	114.8	115.0	.7	5.4	-5.1	2.5	3.0	-1.4
Fuels and utilities .....	154.3	155.0	157.5	158.9	14.3	1.6	-4.3	12.5	7.7	3.8
Fuels .....	137.3	137.9	140.5	141.8	16.4	.9	-6.4	13.8	8.4	3.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	136.9	136.2	145.4	146.9	-30.4	8.5	-3.2	32.6	-13.1	13.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	144.2	145.0	147.3	148.6	20.6	.5	-6.9	12.8	10.1	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	119.5	119.9	120.5	121.8	4.6	4.9	5.9	7.9	4.7	6.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.0	124.9	125.4	125.7	-4.3	-2.2	-1.9	2.3	-3.3	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	122.4	122.6	122.7	123.4	-2.3	1.7	2.0	3.3	-3	2.6
Apparel .....	120.6	120.2	119.8	119.7	-3.9	1.0	-.3	-3.0	-1.5	-1.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	118.1	118.1	118.0	118.3	-3.0	-2.7	4.9	.7	-2.9	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	112.9	112.5	111.7	111.5	-3.1	1.8	-.7	-4.9	-.7	-2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	120.3	119.3	119.5	119.8	.3	-1.3	-7.0	-1.7	-.5	-4.4
Footwear .....	119.3	119.0	118.0	118.3	-8.9	3.1	.0	-3.3	-3.1	-1.7
Transportation .....	155.6	155.3	157.9	159.0	-7.3	6.0	-6.9	9.0	-.9	.8
Private transportation .....	151.4	151.1	153.9	155.0	-8.5	6.5	-7.5	9.9	-1.3	.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.5	94.0	93.9	94.1	-1.2	-3.6	-8.0	-1.7	-2.4	-4.9
New vehicles .....	137.1	137.0	136.9	137.5	-1.2	.3	-2.9	1.2	-.4	-.9
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	132.0	131.0	130.8	131.0	-1.3	-11.9	-28.0	-3.0	-6.8	-16.4
Motor fuel .....	130.9	130.9	141.5	145.1	-36.6	39.0	-18.8	51.0	-6.1	10.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	130.3	130.4	141.0	144.5	-36.9	39.3	-18.6	51.2	-6.3	10.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	107.9	107.7	108.0	108.0	-1.5	.4	.0	.4	-.6	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	197.0	197.9	198.0	197.8	1.7	2.5	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.7
Public transportation .....	211.3	209.7	210.1	210.0	8.4	1.7	1.3	-2.4	5.0	-.6
Medical care .....	301.3	302.7	303.4	305.3	3.2	4.0	4.1	5.4	3.6	4.7
Medical care commodities .....	264.7	265.4	265.7	266.7	2.0	2.9	1.5	3.1	2.5	2.3
Medical care services .....	311.0	312.6	313.5	315.7	3.5	4.3	4.9	6.2	3.9	5.5
Professional services .....	263.7	264.9	265.5	267.5	3.9	1.4	3.1	5.9	2.6	4.5
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	405.1	407.0	408.4	410.4	3.5	8.7	7.3	5.3	6.0	6.3

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—		
	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2003	Aug. 2003	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2003	Feb. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	107.9	108.0	108.0	108.3	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.0	103.9	103.6	103.7	.4	.8	1.2	-1.1	.6	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	110.4	110.6	110.7	111.0	-.4	2.2	1.5	2.2	.9	1.8
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	137.8	138.8	139.5	140.2	6.9	9.7	5.1	7.2	8.3	6.1
Educational books and supplies .....	337.7	345.8	344.0	345.5	4.8	6.9	-2.0	9.6	5.8	3.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	397.2	399.5	402.0	403.8	7.0	9.7	6.0	6.8	8.4	6.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	88.4	88.1	87.8	87.8	-6.8	-4.4	-2.7	-2.7	-5.6	-2.7
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	86.2	86.2	86.1	86.1	-9.4	-4.0	-3.6	-5	-6.8	-2.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	97.2	97.2	97.0	97.1	-9.2	-1.2	-2.4	-4	-5.3	-1.4
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	15.4	15.3	15.3	15.2	-11.3	-16.0	-7.4	-5.1	-13.7	-6.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	16.3	16.2	16.2	16.0	-21.1	-25.9	-9.2	-7.2	-23.6	-8.2
Other goods and services .....	300.1	300.8	301.7	302.3	.4	2.6	.5	3.0	1.5	1.7
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	469.1	470.4	473.0	472.6	-5.9	5.4	-2.3	3.0	-.4	.3
Personal care .....	179.1	179.5	179.9	180.4	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.9	2.0	2.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.2	153.4	153.8	154.5	.8	-.3	-.8	3.4	.3	1.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	194.2	194.3	194.6	195.2	4.5	1.9	.6	2.1	3.2	1.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	287.5	288.2	289.1	289.9	3.5	2.7	4.7	3.4	3.1	4.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	150.5	150.7	151.7	152.4	-4.7	3.5	-2.6	5.1	-.7	1.2
Food and beverages .....	183.1	184.0	183.9	184.3	1.6	3.6	4.7	2.6	2.6	3.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.4	132.2	133.7	134.4	-8.5	3.3	-6.7	6.2	-2.8	-.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	149.4	150.4	152.2	152.8	-15.3	10.8	-1.9	9.4	-3.1	3.6
Apparel .....	120.6	120.2	119.8	119.7	-3.9	1.0	-.3	-3.0	-1.5	-1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	169.3	169.3	174.1	176.0	-15.3	13.3	-7.6	16.8	-2.1	3.9
Durables .....	115.0	114.8	114.7	115.2	-4.0	-4.3	-7.0	.7	-4.1	-3.2
Services .....	218.4	218.9	219.5	220.0	3.8	2.2	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	223.7	224.1	224.3	224.7	2.8	1.6	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.3	114.3	114.8	115.0	.7	5.4	-5.1	2.5	3.0	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	144.2	145.0	147.3	148.6	20.6	.5	-6.9	12.8	10.1	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	119.5	119.9	120.5	121.8	4.6	4.9	5.9	7.9	4.7	6.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	122.4	122.6	122.7	123.4	-2.3	1.7	2.0	3.3	-.3	2.6
Transportation services .....	218.8	218.2	219.2	219.2	5.0	2.4	3.0	.7	3.7	1.9
Medical care services .....	311.0	312.6	313.5	315.7	3.5	4.3	4.9	6.2	3.9	5.5
Other services .....	257.0	257.6	258.0	258.8	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.8
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	185.0	185.2	186.2	186.7	.0	2.4	-.4	3.7	1.2	1.6
All items less shelter .....	174.8	175.1	176.1	176.9	-.7	3.0	-.7	4.9	1.2	2.1
All items less medical care .....	178.6	178.9	179.7	180.2	.0	2.7	.0	3.6	1.4	1.8
Commodities less food .....	134.5	134.3	135.7	136.5	-8.1	3.3	-6.3	6.1	-2.6	-.3
Nondurables less food .....	151.7	152.8	154.3	154.9	-14.7	10.9	-1.8	8.7	-2.7	3.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	170.0	170.2	173.9	176.1	-12.9	10.9	-6.8	15.1	-1.7	3.6
Nondurables .....	166.4	167.4	168.2	168.8	-7.3	7.3	1.7	5.9	-.2	3.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	228.8	229.5	230.2	231.1	4.7	2.9	2.5	4.1	3.8	3.3
Services less medical care services .....	210.5	211.1	211.4	211.7	3.5	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.2
Energy .....	133.7	134.1	140.4	142.8	-12.7	17.3	-12.7	30.1	1.2	6.6
All items less energy .....	191.6	191.9	192.2	192.5	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.6
All items less food and energy .....	194.0	194.1	194.4	194.8	1.3	1.2	.8	1.7	1.3	1.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.3	139.1	139.1	139.4	-2.8	-1.1	-4.2	.3	-2.0	-2.0
Energy commodities .....	131.9	131.9	142.4	146.0	-36.3	37.0	-18.0	50.1	-6.6	11.0
Services less energy services .....	226.0	226.4	226.9	227.2	2.9	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.6	2.4

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2004 from—			Percent change to Jan.2004 from—			
		Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	
U.S. city average .....	M	184.5	184.3	185.2	186.2	1.7	1.0	0.5	1.9	0.4	0.5	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	195.1	194.9	195.9	196.8	2.7	1.0	.5	2.8	.4	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	197.3	197.1	197.9	198.8	2.7	.9	.5	3.0	.3	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	115.3	115.0	116.0	116.6	2.5	1.4	.5	2.6	.6	.9	
Midwest urban .....	M	178.9	178.4	179.4	180.2	1.3	1.0	.4	1.8	.3	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	181.4	180.9	181.8	182.5	1.4	.9	.4	2.0	.2	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.6	113.3	114.1	114.7	1.7	1.2	.5	1.9	.4	.7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	171.4	171.5	171.8	173.0	.3	.9	.7	.6	.2	.2	
South urban .....	M	177.5	177.5	178.2	179.1	1.5	.9	.5	1.8	.4	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	179.1	179.2	179.8	180.8	1.4	.9	.6	1.8	.4	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.3	113.3	113.8	114.3	1.6	.9	.4	1.9	.4	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	175.4	175.1	175.3	176.8	1.1	1.0	.9	1.2	-.1	.1	
West urban .....	M	188.5	188.3	189.4	190.8	1.4	1.3	.7	1.5	.5	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.0	190.6	191.7	193.2	1.2	1.4	.8	1.3	.4	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	114.9	115.2	116.0	117.0	2.2	1.6	.9	1.9	1.0	.7	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	168.9	168.7	169.4	170.4	1.7	1.0	.6	2.0	.3	.4	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.9	113.8	114.6	115.2	1.9	1.2	.5	2.0	.6	.7	
D .....	M	176.6	176.5	176.9	177.9	1.1	.8	.6	1.3	.2	.2	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	185.6	185.5	185.4	186.4	1.2	.5	.5	1.5	-.1	-.1	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	187.1	187.0	188.5	190.1	1.9	1.7	.8	1.8	.7	.8	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	199.4	199.3	199.9	201.1	2.5	.9	.6	2.7	.3	.3	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	206.5	-	208.4	-	-	-	-	4.3	.9	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	177.6	-	178.4	-	-	-	-	2.8	.5	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	175.9	-	175.7	-	-	-	-	1.0	-.1	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	116.7	-	117.1	-	-	-	-	2.2	.3	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	179.0	-	180.8	.1	1.0	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	181.3	-	183.4	.5	1.2	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	164.1	-	168.5	2.7	2.7	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	181.6	-	183.6	1.8	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	189.0	-	191.4	2.6	1.3	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	195.3	-	198.1	.2	1.4	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	191.0	-	193.5	1.2	1.3	-	-	-	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items .....	100.000	180.9	181.9	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	538.7	541.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.151	183.8	184.0	3.2	.1	.4	-.1	.2
Food .....	16.061	183.3	183.5	3.3	.1	.5	-.1	.2
Food at home .....	9.637	183.2	183.2	3.7	.0	.7	-.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.364	203.8	204.4	1.2	.3	.1	.1	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.908	179.9	179.7	9.2	-.1	1.1	-.1	-.6
Dairy and related products .....	.955	172.2	171.7	2.8	-.3	1.1	-.3	-.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.344	229.7	227.5	2.6	-1.0	.2	-2.0	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.076	140.0	140.8	.5	.6	.9	.2	.1
Other food at home .....	1.991	162.3	163.3	.9	.6	.4	-.4	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	162.4	163.2	1.2	.5	-.9	-.2	.6
Fats and oils .....	.303	160.7	162.2	2.2	.9	.4	1.3	.9
Other foods .....	1.366	178.4	179.4	.5	.6	.7	-.8	.7
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.350	109.6	110.1	-.7	.5	.7	-.6	.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.424	184.8	185.3	2.7	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.252	123.6	123.8	2.8	.2	.4	.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.090	189.5	190.0	2.3	.3	.1	.3	.3
Housing .....	39.114	182.1	182.6	2.2	.3	.2	.5	.2
Shelter .....	30.151	209.2	209.8	2.1	.3	.1	.3	.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.065	207.4	208.0	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.722	118.5	121.1	2.6	2.2	.7	.7	-1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.026	202.1	202.3	1.9	.1	.1	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.337	114.9	115.1	1.1	.2	.0	.4	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.079	155.6	156.2	6.0	.4	.5	1.6	.9
Fuels .....	4.146	138.0	138.3	6.0	.2	.6	1.8	.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.216	149.6	154.5	-.8	3.3	-.9	6.9	.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.930	144.7	144.7	6.4	.0	.6	1.6	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.933	120.7	121.9	5.9	1.0	.3	.6	1.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.884	121.0	121.4	-1.7	.3	.0	.4	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.318	123.7	124.9	1.7	1.0	.1	-.1	1.0
Apparel .....	4.357	115.7	118.3	-.9	2.2	-.3	-.1	.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.120	115.6	117.4	.5	1.6	.0	.2	.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.727	105.5	109.8	-1.1	4.1	-.3	-.5	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.250	120.1	122.2	-1.1	1.7	-.6	.7	.7
Footwear .....	1.011	115.6	116.4	-2.4	.7	-.4	-.3	.2
Transportation .....	19.145	154.9	156.8	-.9	1.2	-.2	1.8	.6
Private transportation .....	18.348	152.2	154.0	-1.1	1.2	-.1	1.9	.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.305	92.7	92.8	-5.2	.1	-.5	-.1	.1
New vehicles .....	4.864	139.2	139.5	-.6	.2	-.1	-.1	.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.487	131.6	131.7	-11.7	.1	-.8	-.1	.1
Motor fuel .....	3.967	137.1	143.6	1.9	4.7	.1	8.1	2.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.936	136.6	143.0	1.9	4.7	.2	8.1	2.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.456	107.6	107.6	.1	.0	-.2	.3	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.365	199.9	200.1	2.0	.1	.5	.0	.0
Public transportation .....	.797	204.6	206.2	3.2	.8	-.8	.4	.1
Medical care .....	4.969	302.8	305.4	4.2	.9	.4	.3	.7
Medical care commodities .....	1.142	259.8	260.9	2.3	.4	.2	.1	.3
Medical care services .....	3.827	313.8	316.8	4.8	1.0	.5	.3	.8
Professional services .....	2.256	267.8	270.6	3.7	1.0	.5	.2	.8
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.254	405.9	408.7	6.2	.7	.3	.5	.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 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.697	105.6	106.2	0.8	0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.4	
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.928	102.7	103.2	.2	.5	-1	-4	.1	
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.645	109.8	110.0	.7	.2	.1	.1	.2	
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.299	139.1	139.4	6.7	.2	.7	.7	.4	
Educational books and supplies .....	.215	346.1	349.5	4.8	1.0	2.2	-7	.7	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.084	392.8	393.3	6.9	.1	.5	.7	.4	
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.345	89.6	89.6	-4.1	.0	-3	-3	.1	
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.194	88.2	88.2	-4.3	.0	-1	-1	.0	
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.622	97.2	97.3	-3.4	.1	.0	-2	.1	
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.572	15.8	15.8	-9.7	.0	-6	.0	.0	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.205	15.8	15.7	-15.6	-6	-6	-6	-6	
Other goods and services .....	3.923	309.3	310.0	1.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.248	473.8	473.2	-3	-1	.3	.5	-1	
Personal care .....	2.675	178.4	179.1	1.9	.4	.3	.2	.3	
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.737	154.3	155.0	.6	.5	.1	.2	.5	
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.610	195.1	195.7	2.1	.3	.1	.1	.3	
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.152	288.4	290.2	3.7	.6	.2	.3	.3	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
Commodities .....	44.582	151.5	152.7	-1	.8	.1	.7	.4	
Food and beverages .....	17.151	183.8	184.0	3.2	.1	.4	-1	.2	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.430	133.5	135.2	-2.0	1.3	-2	1.3	.5	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.671	151.0	154.3	.3	2.2	.8	1.3	.4	
Apparel .....	4.357	115.7	118.3	-9	2.2	-3	-1	.0	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.315	176.5	180.2	.8	2.1	.1	2.9	1.3	
Durables .....	12.759	114.0	114.2	-4.8	.2	-2	-1	.4	
Services .....	55.418	215.3	216.0	2.8	.3	.2	.4	.2	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.813	201.4	202.0	2.1	.3	.2	.2	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.337	114.9	115.1	1.1	.2	.0	.4	.2	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.930	144.7	144.7	6.4	.0	.6	1.6	.8	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.933	120.7	121.9	5.9	1.0	.3	.6	1.1	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.318	123.7	124.9	1.7	1.0	.1	-1	1.0	
Transportation services .....	6.241	219.1	219.7	3.0	.3	-2	.5	.0	
Medical care services .....	3.827	313.8	316.8	4.8	1.0	.5	.3	.8	
Other services .....	10.020	251.8	252.6	2.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less food .....	83.939	180.2	181.4	1.2	.7	.1	.7	.3	
All items less shelter .....	69.849	172.5	173.7	1.3	.7	.1	.6	.5	
All items less medical care .....	95.031	175.6	176.6	1.4	.6	.1	.6	.3	
Commodities less food .....	28.520	135.5	137.1	-1.9	1.2	-1	1.2	.6	
Nondurables less food .....	15.761	153.3	156.4	.4	2.0	.7	1.2	.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.405	176.9	180.2	.8	1.9	.1	2.4	1.4	
Nondurables .....	31.823	167.8	169.5	1.8	1.0	.7	.5	.4	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.605	204.1	204.9	3.5	.4	.3	.2	.4	
Services less medical care services .....	51.592	207.6	208.2	2.6	.3	.2	.3	.1	
Energy .....	8.114	136.9	140.2	3.8	2.4	.3	4.9	1.6	
All items less energy .....	91.886	187.2	187.9	1.3	.4	.2	.2	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	75.825	188.3	189.1	.9	.4	.1	.2	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.337	138.2	139.0	-2.5	.6	-1	.0	.2	
Energy commodities .....	4.183	138.3	144.7	1.8	4.6	.0	8.0	2.4	
Services less energy services .....	51.488	223.1	223.9	2.5	.4	.1	.3	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.553	\$.550	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.186	\$.185	-	-	-	-	-	

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base  
<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.  
 - Data not available.  
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2003	Aug. 2003	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2003	Feb. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	180.1	180.4	181.4	181.9	-0.4	2.9	-0.7	4.1	1.2	1.7
Food and beverages .....	182.7	183.5	183.4	183.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	2.4	2.7	3.8
Food .....	182.2	183.1	182.9	183.3	1.8	3.9	5.2	2.4	2.8	3.8
Food at home .....	182.0	183.2	182.6	182.8	1.4	5.1	6.6	1.8	3.2	4.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	203.6	203.8	204.0	204.2	1.6	2.4	-2	1.2	2.0	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	178.6	180.5	180.4	179.3	3.0	10.8	22.7	1.6	6.8	11.6
Dairy and related products .....	170.1	171.9	171.4	170.9	-7	3.7	6.4	1.9	1.4	4.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	227.6	228.1	223.6	226.4	3.1	7.8	1.8	-2.1	5.4	-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	138.2	139.4	139.7	139.9	1.4	-2.0	-2.3	5.0	-3	1.3
Other food at home .....	162.1	162.8	162.2	163.4	-2	1.2	-7	3.2	.5	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	163.2	161.8	161.5	162.5	2.8	.5	3.3	-1.7	1.6	.7
Fats and oils .....	157.9	158.6	160.6	162.1	-3.0	.3	1.0	11.1	-1.4	5.9
Other foods .....	178.5	179.8	178.4	179.7	-4	1.6	-2.0	2.7	.6	.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	109.5	110.3	109.6	110.1	-1.4	-1.4	-2.2	2.2	-1.4	.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	183.7	184.2	184.8	185.3	2.0	2.2	2.9	3.5	2.1	3.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	122.5	123.0	123.7	123.9	2.0	2.0	2.7	4.7	2.0	3.6
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	188.8	188.9	189.5	190.0	2.4	.2	4.1	2.6	1.3	3.3
Housing .....	181.3	181.6	182.5	182.8	2.9	1.6	.9	3.4	2.2	2.1
Shelter .....	208.5	208.8	209.5	209.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	206.5	206.8	207.2	207.8	2.8	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	121.4	122.3	123.2	120.9	9.1	-3	3.4	-1.6	4.3	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	201.2	201.4	201.9	202.1	1.6	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.7	2.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.4	114.4	114.9	115.1	.4	6.1	-4.4	2.5	3.2	-1.0
Fuels and utilities .....	153.6	154.4	156.9	158.3	15.3	1.6	-4.6	12.8	8.2	3.8
Fuels .....	136.1	136.9	139.4	140.6	17.3	1.2	-6.8	13.9	8.9	3.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	136.5	135.3	144.7	145.8	-30.1	8.9	-2.0	30.2	-12.8	12.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	143.3	144.2	146.5	147.7	20.7	.8	-6.9	12.9	10.3	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	119.5	119.9	120.6	121.9	5.0	4.9	5.5	8.3	4.9	6.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	120.7	120.7	121.2	121.4	-5.1	-1.6	-2.3	2.3	-3.4	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.7	123.8	123.7	124.9	-1.3	1.6	2.6	3.9	.2	3.3
Apparel .....	119.9	119.6	119.5	119.5	-3.6	.3	1.0	-1.3	-1.7	-2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.9	117.9	118.1	118.5	-3.0	-2.7	6.0	2.1	-2.9	4.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	112.3	112.0	111.4	111.0	-3.2	2.5	.4	-4.6	-4	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	122.2	121.5	122.4	123.2	1.0	-1.6	-6.9	3.3	-3	-1.9
Footwear .....	118.6	118.1	117.7	117.9	-7.4	.7	-3	-2.3	-3.4	-1.3
Transportation .....	153.4	153.1	155.9	156.9	-8.3	6.1	-9.6	9.4	-1.4	-5
Private transportation .....	150.4	150.2	153.0	154.1	-9.2	6.2	-10.0	10.2	-1.8	-4
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	93.0	92.5	92.4	92.5	-1.2	-4.8	-12.3	-2.1	-3.1	-7.4
New vehicles .....	138.3	138.2	138.1	138.7	-1.1	.6	-2.6	1.2	-3	-7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	132.8	131.7	131.6	131.7	-1.3	-12.1	-27.7	-3.3	-6.8	-16.4
Motor fuel .....	131.2	131.3	141.9	145.5	-37.0	40.2	-19.2	51.3	-6.1	10.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	130.6	130.8	141.4	144.9	-37.0	40.0	-19.1	51.5	-6.1	10.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	107.5	107.3	107.6	107.6	-1.1	.4	.7	.4	-4	.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	198.8	199.7	199.7	199.7	1.6	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.0
Public transportation .....	208.7	207.1	207.9	208.1	10.1	2.1	2.1	-1.1	6.0	.5
Medical care .....	300.6	301.9	302.7	304.7	3.2	3.7	4.4	5.6	3.4	5.0
Medical care commodities .....	259.2	259.8	260.0	260.9	2.1	3.0	1.4	2.6	2.5	2.0
Medical care services .....	311.0	312.5	313.5	315.9	3.5	4.0	5.2	6.5	3.7	5.8
Professional services .....	265.9	267.2	267.8	270.0	3.9	1.5	2.9	6.3	2.7	4.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	402.0	403.1	405.1	406.7	3.2	8.7	8.3	4.8	5.9	6.5

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—		
	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2003	Aug. 2003	Nov. 2003	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2003	Feb. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	105.7	105.8	105.7	106.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	1.5	0.6	0.9
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.2	103.1	102.7	102.8	.4	.8	1.2	-1.5	.6	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	109.3	109.4	109.5	109.7	-1.1	1.5	.7	1.5	.2	1.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	136.9	137.8	138.7	139.3	6.3	9.0	4.5	7.2	7.7	5.8
Educational books and supplies .....	339.2	346.7	344.4	346.7	5.2	6.7	-1.5	9.1	6.0	3.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	386.7	388.7	391.6	393.3	6.2	9.2	5.3	7.0	7.7	6.2
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	89.9	89.6	89.3	89.4	-6.7	-4.3	-2.6	-2.2	-5.5	-2.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	88.4	88.3	88.2	88.2	-9.2	-3.9	-3.1	-9	-6.6	-2.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	97.4	97.4	97.2	97.3	-9.2	-1.2	-2.4	-4	-5.3	-1.4
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	15.9	15.8	15.8	15.8	-10.9	-15.5	-9.5	-2.5	-13.2	-6.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.7	-16.1	-29.7	-7.2	-7.3	-23.2	-7.2
Other goods and services .....	307.8	308.7	309.5	310.0	-7	2.9	-.4	2.9	1.1	1.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	470.2	471.5	473.8	473.2	-6.6	5.6	-2.5	2.6	-.7	.0
Personal care .....	177.8	178.3	178.6	179.1	2.5	1.6	.7	3.0	2.1	1.8
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.8	154.0	154.3	155.0	.5	.3	-1.3	3.2	.4	.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	194.8	194.9	195.1	195.7	4.2	2.1	.4	1.9	3.2	1.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	287.1	287.7	288.6	289.6	3.9	3.2	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	150.9	151.1	152.2	152.8	-5.1	3.5	-3.4	5.1	-.9	.8
Food and beverages .....	182.7	183.5	183.4	183.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	2.4	2.7	3.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.2	133.0	134.7	135.4	-9.2	3.6	-8.5	6.8	-3.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	151.9	153.1	155.1	155.7	-16.4	11.5	-1.6	10.4	-3.4	4.2
Apparel .....	119.9	119.6	119.5	119.5	-3.6	.3	1.0	-1.3	-1.7	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	173.2	173.3	178.3	180.7	-17.1	14.5	-8.1	18.5	-2.6	4.3
Durables .....	114.1	113.9	113.8	114.2	-3.9	-5.3	-9.9	.4	-4.6	-4.9
Services .....	214.4	214.8	215.6	216.1	3.9	2.3	1.9	3.2	3.1	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	200.8	201.2	201.6	201.8	2.2	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	114.4	114.4	114.9	115.1	.4	6.1	-4.4	2.5	3.2	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	143.3	144.2	146.5	147.7	20.7	.8	-6.9	12.9	10.3	2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	119.5	119.9	120.6	121.9	5.0	4.9	5.5	8.3	4.9	6.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.7	123.8	123.7	124.9	-1.3	1.6	2.6	3.9	.2	3.3
Transportation services .....	218.7	218.3	219.4	219.4	5.4	2.6	3.0	1.3	4.0	2.1
Medical care services .....	311.0	312.5	313.5	315.9	3.5	4.0	5.2	6.5	3.7	5.8
Other services .....	250.6	251.0	251.5	252.2	1.6	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.4
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	179.6	179.7	180.9	181.5	-.9	2.7	-1.5	4.3	.9	1.3
All items less shelter .....	171.8	172.0	173.1	173.9	-1.4	3.3	-1.6	5.0	.9	1.6
All items less medical care .....	175.0	175.2	176.2	176.7	-.5	2.8	-.7	3.9	1.2	1.6
Commodities less food .....	135.2	135.0	136.6	137.4	-8.8	3.6	-7.9	6.7	-2.8	-.9
Nondurables less food .....	154.2	155.3	157.1	157.8	-16.0	11.6	-1.3	9.7	-3.2	4.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	173.6	173.8	177.9	180.4	-14.2	11.6	-7.3	16.6	-2.1	4.0
Nondurables .....	167.6	168.7	169.6	170.2	-7.2	7.3	1.7	6.4	-.2	4.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	203.3	204.0	204.5	205.3	4.9	3.0	2.2	4.0	4.0	3.1
Services less medical care services .....	207.0	207.4	208.0	208.2	3.8	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.9	2.2
Energy .....	133.0	133.4	140.0	142.3	-14.6	19.1	-13.2	31.0	.9	6.6
All items less energy .....	186.8	187.1	187.4	187.7	1.1	1.5	.6	1.9	1.3	1.3
All items less food and energy .....	188.2	188.3	188.7	189.0	.9	1.1	-.2	1.7	1.0	.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.0	138.8	138.8	139.1	-2.8	-1.7	-5.8	.3	-2.2	-2.8
Energy commodities .....	132.0	132.0	142.6	146.0	-36.9	38.7	-18.4	49.7	-6.4	10.5
Services less energy services .....	222.3	222.6	223.3	223.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2004 from—			Percent change to Jan.2004 from—			
		Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	
U.S. city average .....	M	180.2	179.9	180.9	181.9	1.5	1.1	0.6	1.8	0.4	0.6	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	191.9	191.7	192.6	193.6	2.7	1.0	.5	2.9	.4	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.8	192.7	193.3	194.3	2.7	.8	.5	3.0	.3	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	115.4	115.2	116.1	116.7	2.4	1.3	.5	2.6	.6	.8	
Midwest urban .....	M	173.9	173.4	174.5	175.3	1.2	1.1	.5	1.6	.3	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	175.7	175.1	176.2	176.9	1.3	1.0	.4	1.9	.3	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	112.7	112.4	113.3	113.8	1.2	1.2	.4	1.4	.5	.8	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	169.1	169.1	169.4	170.6	.3	.9	.7	.6	.2	.2	
South urban .....	M	174.3	174.2	175.0	175.8	1.1	.9	.5	1.4	.4	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	176.4	176.4	177.1	178.0	1.3	.9	.5	1.8	.4	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	111.9	111.8	112.3	112.7	.9	.8	.4	1.3	.4	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	174.5	174.2	174.6	176.0	.7	1.0	.8	.8	.1	.2	
West urban .....	M	183.5	183.3	184.3	185.7	1.4	1.3	.8	1.5	.4	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	184.4	183.9	185.0	186.5	1.1	1.4	.8	1.4	.3	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	114.6	114.8	115.4	116.4	2.1	1.4	.9	1.9	.7	.5	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	167.1	166.8	167.6	168.6	1.7	1.1	.6	2.0	.3	.5	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.0	112.9	113.6	114.2	1.4	1.2	.5	1.6	.5	.6	
D .....	M	174.5	174.3	174.8	175.8	.6	.9	.6	.9	.2	.3	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	179.1	178.8	179.0	179.9	1.0	.6	.5	1.5	-.1	.1	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	180.5	180.2	181.7	183.4	2.1	1.8	.9	2.2	.7	.8	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	194.7	194.6	194.9	196.3	2.6	.9	.7	2.7	.1	.2	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	205.6	-	206.8	-	-	-	-	3.8	.6	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	168.3	-	169.8	-	-	-	-	2.7	.9	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	175.6	-	175.7	-	-	-	-	1.4	.1	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	116.1	-	116.5	-	-	-	-	2.1	.3	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	176.6	-	178.7	.3	1.2	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	175.9	-	178.1	.7	1.3	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	162.2	-	165.7	2.5	2.2	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	178.9	-	180.8	1.6	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	189.0	-	191.2	2.9	1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	191.1	-	194.1	.2	1.6	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	185.3	-	187.8	.9	1.3	-	-	-	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—	
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	108.1	108.7	1.4	0.6
Food and beverages .....	15.076	109.9	110.0	2.9	.1
Food .....	14.086	109.9	110.0	3.0	.1
Food at home .....	8.062	109.1	109.1	3.3	.0
Food away from home .....	6.023	110.9	111.2	2.6	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	109.7	110.0	2.1	.3
Housing .....	41.793	112.1	112.5	2.0	.4
Shelter .....	32.380	113.8	114.2	2.1	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	4.643	120.1	120.5	5.8	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.771	95.7	96.0	-1.9	.3
Apparel .....	4.317	87.6	89.7	-9	2.4
Transportation .....	17.315	104.3	105.4	-8	1.1
Private transportation .....	16.206	104.4	105.5	-1.0	1.1
Public transportation .....	1.109	102.4	103.3	2.1	.9
Medical care .....	5.783	118.9	119.8	4.1	.8
Medical care commodities .....	1.466	113.2	113.7	2.3	.4
Medical care services .....	4.317	120.8	121.9	4.6	.9
Recreation .....	5.978	103.5	103.9	.6	.4
Education and communication .....	6.004	99.5	99.5	-4	.0
Education .....	2.560	129.0	129.3	7.2	.2
Communication .....	3.444	81.0	80.9	-5.6	-.1
Other goods and services .....	3.734	112.9	113.2	1.5	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.567	114.3	114.7	2.6	.3
Commodities .....	41.433	100.2	101.0	-3	.8
Durables .....	12.521	87.1	87.3	-4.4	.2
Nondurables .....	28.912	106.3	107.3	1.6	.9
All items less food and energy .....	78.985	106.7	107.2	.8	.5
Energy .....	6.929	120.9	123.6	4.0	2.2

Indexes for 2004 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2003 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—	
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	185.3	186.3	1.7	0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	-	555.1	558.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.832	184.3	184.6	3.2	.2
Food .....	14.801	183.9	184.1	3.3	.1
Food at home .....	8.558	184.0	184.0	3.6	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.293	204.1	204.4	1.3	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.433	179.8	179.4	8.9	-2
Dairy and related products .....	.889	172.4	172.2	3.0	-1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.252	232.4	230.1	3.0	-1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.933	140.9	141.4	.4	.4
Other food at home .....	1.759	162.8	163.8	1.0	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	163.0	163.9	1.3	.6
Fats and oils .....	.255	160.6	162.4	2.3	1.1
Other foods .....	1.192	178.0	178.9	.6	.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	.280	109.1	109.4	-1.0	.3
Food away from home .....	6.243	185.0	185.5	2.7	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.391	124.1	124.4	3.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.031	189.3	189.9	2.2	.3
Housing .....	40.998	186.3	187.0	2.1	.4
Shelter .....	31.834	215.3	216.1	2.1	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	6.516	208.3	208.8	2.5	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	2.693	118.0	120.9	2.8	2.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> .....	22.261	222.6	222.9	1.9	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	114.6	114.9	.7	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	4.674	156.2	156.8	5.7	.4
Fuels .....	3.787	139.1	139.4	5.7	.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.220	149.9	155.2	-7	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	3.568	145.4	145.4	6.2	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.887	120.6	121.8	5.9	1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.489	125.3	125.7	-1.6	.3
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.822	122.8	123.7	1.4	.7
Apparel .....	4.058	116.2	119.1	-1.2	2.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.034	115.6	116.8	-4	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.673	105.6	110.7	-1.5	4.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.180	117.5	119.5	-2.3	1.7
Footwear .....	.822	116.1	117.4	-2.0	1.1
Transportation .....	17.035	157.1	158.9	.0	1.1
Private transportation .....	15.870	153.3	155.0	-2	1.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	7.674	94.3	94.4	-3.7	.1
New vehicles .....	4.686	138.0	138.3	-6	.2
Used cars and trucks .....	1.753	130.8	131.0	-11.7	.2
Motor fuel .....	3.269	136.7	143.2	2.0	4.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.241	136.1	142.5	2.0	4.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.411	108.0	108.0	-2	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.426	198.2	198.2	1.9	.0
Public transportation .....	1.165	206.3	208.0	2.2	.8
Medical care .....	6.067	303.6	306.1	4.2	.8
Medical care commodities .....	1.390	265.5	266.7	2.4	.5
Medical care services .....	4.677	313.9	316.7	4.8	.9
Professional services .....	2.833	265.5	268.0	3.6	.9
Hospital and related services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.515	409.8	413.0	6.4	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—	
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.897	108.0	108.5	1.2	0.5
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	1.609	103.8	104.3	.5	.5
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.780	111.2	111.3	1.5	.1
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.985	140.2	140.5	7.3	.2
Educational books and supplies .....	.246	345.5	348.9	4.8	1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.740	403.9	404.5	7.5	.1
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	2.794	88.1	88.0	-4.2	-1.1
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	2.600	86.1	86.0	-4.6	-1.1
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.171	97.1	97.1	-3.4	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>4</sup> .....	.429	15.3	15.2	-10.1	-7.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.169	16.2	16.0	-16.2	-1.2
Other goods and services .....	4.333	301.5	302.4	1.6	.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.969	473.1	472.3	-.1	-.2
Personal care .....	3.364	179.7	180.5	2.2	.4
Personal care products .....	.668	153.9	154.5	.8	.4
Personal care services .....	.901	194.6	195.2	2.3	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.601	288.9	290.8	3.7	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Commodities .....	40.254	151.1	152.4	.3	.9
Food and beverages .....	15.832	184.3	184.6	3.2	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.422	132.7	134.4	-1.5	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.706	148.5	151.6	.3	2.1
Apparel .....	4.058	116.2	119.1	-1.2	2.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.648	172.3	175.6	.9	1.9
Durables .....	10.716	115.1	115.3	-3.7	.2
Services .....	59.746	219.2	220.0	2.8	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	31.470	224.2	225.0	2.1	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	114.6	114.9	.7	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	3.568	145.4	145.4	6.2	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.887	120.6	121.8	5.9	1.0
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.822	122.8	123.7	1.4	.7
Transportation services .....	6.774	218.9	219.5	2.9	.3
Medical care services .....	4.677	313.9	316.7	4.8	.9
Other services .....	11.183	258.5	259.4	2.8	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	85.199	185.6	186.7	1.5	.6
All items less shelter .....	68.166	175.6	176.8	1.6	.7
All items less medical care .....	93.933	179.2	180.2	1.6	.6
Commodities less food .....	25.453	134.7	136.4	-1.4	1.3
Nondurables less food .....	14.737	150.9	153.8	.3	1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.679	173.0	176.0	.9	1.7
Nondurables .....	29.538	166.5	168.2	1.8	1.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	28.276	229.8	230.7	3.5	.4
Services less medical care services .....	55.068	211.1	211.8	2.6	.3
Energy .....	7.056	137.4	140.7	3.9	2.4
All items less energy .....	92.944	192.0	192.8	1.6	.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.143	194.1	195.0	1.3	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.965	138.5	139.5	-1.8	.7
Energy commodities .....	3.488	138.2	144.6	1.8	4.6
Services less energy services .....	56.178	226.7	227.6	2.6	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.540	\$.537	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.180	\$.179	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—	
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	180.9	181.9	1.5	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	-	538.7	541.7	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.410	183.8	184.1	3.3	.2
Food .....	16.404	183.4	183.6	3.3	.1
Food at home .....	9.937	183.3	183.3	3.7	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.467	204.0	204.4	1.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.043	179.7	179.5	9.1	-1.1
Dairy and related products .....	.993	172.2	171.8	2.8	-2.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.355	230.1	228.1	2.8	-9.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.096	140.1	140.8	.5	.5
Other food at home .....	1.982	162.4	163.4	.9	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.335	162.7	163.5	1.4	.5
Fats and oils .....	.306	160.7	162.4	2.3	1.1
Other foods .....	1.341	178.3	179.3	.4	.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	.302	109.5	109.8	-1.0	.3
Food away from home .....	6.466	184.9	185.4	2.7	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.280	124.2	124.4	3.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.007	189.4	190.0	2.3	.3
Housing .....	38.367	182.0	182.6	2.2	.3
Shelter .....	29.566	209.1	209.6	2.0	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	8.532	207.4	207.9	2.4	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	1.525	117.9	120.6	2.2	2.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> .....	19.185	202.1	202.3	1.9	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.324	114.7	114.9	.9	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.017	155.6	156.2	6.0	.4
Fuels .....	4.111	138.0	138.3	6.0	.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.206	149.6	154.8	-6	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	3.905	144.7	144.7	6.4	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.906	120.7	121.9	5.9	1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.784	120.9	121.4	-1.7	.4
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.360	124.0	125.3	2.0	1.0
Apparel .....	4.483	115.5	118.0	-1.2	2.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.147	115.3	116.3	-4	.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.744	104.9	109.4	-1.4	4.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.230	119.6	120.9	-2.2	1.1
Footwear .....	1.090	115.8	117.1	-1.8	1.1
Transportation .....	19.281	155.0	156.9	-8	1.2
Private transportation .....	18.361	152.3	154.1	-1.0	1.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	8.868	92.7	92.8	-5.2	.1
New vehicles .....	4.524	139.2	139.6	-5	.3
Used cars and trucks .....	3.283	131.5	131.7	-11.7	.2
Motor fuel .....	4.029	137.1	143.6	1.9	4.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.995	136.6	143.0	1.9	4.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.521	107.6	107.5	.0	-1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.469	199.9	200.0	1.9	.1
Public transportation .....	.920	204.4	205.8	3.0	.7
Medical care .....	4.844	303.0	305.5	4.3	.8
Medical care commodities .....	1.017	259.9	261.0	2.3	.4
Medical care services .....	3.827	314.0	316.9	4.8	.9
Professional services .....	2.290	267.9	270.4	3.6	.9
Hospital and related services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.232	406.3	409.7	6.5	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2004 from—	
		Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Jan. 2004
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.515	105.8	106.4	0.9	0.6
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	1.766	103.0	103.5	.5	.5
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.559	109.9	110.0	.7	.1
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.595	139.1	139.4	6.7	.2
Educational books and supplies .....	.226	346.2	349.3	4.7	.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.369	392.7	393.3	6.9	.2
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	2.965	89.6	89.6	-4.1	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	2.807	88.2	88.1	-4.4	-.1
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.427	97.3	97.3	-3.4	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>4</sup> .....	.381	15.8	15.7	-10.3	-.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.154	15.9	15.7	-15.6	-1.3
Other goods and services .....	4.540	309.4	310.0	1.2	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.508	474.2	473.3	-.3	-.2
Personal care .....	3.033	178.4	179.1	1.9	.4
Personal care products .....	.772	154.6	155.2	.8	.4
Personal care services .....	.901	195.1	195.8	2.2	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.193	288.4	290.0	3.6	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Commodities .....	44.446	151.5	152.8	.0	.9
Food and beverages .....	17.410	183.8	184.1	3.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.036	133.5	135.3	-2.0	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.078	151.0	154.2	.3	2.1
Apparel .....	4.483	115.5	118.0	-1.2	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.596	176.5	180.1	.8	2.0
Durables .....	11.957	114.0	114.3	-4.7	.3
Services .....	55.554	215.3	216.0	2.8	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	29.242	201.3	201.9	2.0	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.324	114.7	114.9	.9	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	3.905	144.7	144.7	6.4	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.906	120.7	121.9	5.9	1.0
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.360	124.0	125.3	2.0	1.0
Transportation services .....	6.796	219.3	219.9	3.1	.3
Medical care services .....	3.827	314.0	316.9	4.8	.9
Other services .....	10.194	251.8	252.6	2.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	83.596	180.2	181.4	1.2	.7
All items less shelter .....	70.434	172.5	173.7	1.3	.7
All items less medical care .....	95.156	175.6	176.6	1.4	.6
Commodities less food .....	28.042	135.5	137.2	-1.8	1.3
Nondurables less food .....	16.085	153.3	156.3	.3	2.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.602	176.9	180.3	.9	1.9
Nondurables .....	32.489	167.7	169.5	1.8	1.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.312	204.2	204.9	3.5	.3
Services less medical care services .....	51.727	207.6	208.2	2.6	.3
Energy .....	8.139	136.9	140.3	3.8	2.5
All items less energy .....	91.861	187.2	187.9	1.3	.4
All items less food and energy .....	75.457	188.3	189.1	.9	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.808	138.2	139.0	-2.5	.6
Energy commodities .....	4.234	138.2	144.7	1.8	4.7
Services less energy services .....	51.649	223.1	223.9	2.5	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.553	\$.550	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.186	\$.185	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 3 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	All items										
	Pricing schedule 1	Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 2004 from—			Percent change to Jan. 2004 from—		
		Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
U.S. city average .....	M	184.5	184.3	185.3	186.3	1.7	1.1	0.5	2.0	0.4	0.5
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	195.1	194.9	195.9	196.7	2.6	.9	.4	2.8	.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	197.3	197.1	197.9	198.7	2.7	.8	.4	3.0	.3	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	115.3	115.0	115.9	116.5	2.4	1.3	.5	2.5	.5	.8
Midwest urban .....	M	178.9	178.4	179.5	180.3	1.4	1.1	.4	1.9	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	181.4	180.9	182.0	182.5	1.4	.9	.3	2.1	.3	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.6	113.3	114.1	114.7	1.7	1.2	.5	1.9	.4	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	171.4	171.5	171.7	173.1	.3	.9	.8	.6	.2	.1
South urban .....	M	177.5	177.5	178.2	179.2	1.6	1.0	.6	1.8	.4	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	179.1	179.2	179.9	181.0	1.5	1.0	.6	1.8	.4	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.3	113.3	113.8	114.3	1.6	.9	.4	1.9	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	175.4	175.1	175.4	176.8	1.1	1.0	.8	1.3	.0	.2
West urban .....	M	188.5	188.3	189.5	191.1	1.6	1.5	.8	1.6	.5	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.0	190.6	191.9	193.6	1.4	1.6	.9	1.4	.5	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	114.9	115.2	116.0	117.0	2.2	1.6	.9	1.9	1.0	.7
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	168.9	168.7	169.6	170.5	1.8	1.1	.5	2.1	.4	.5
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.9	113.8	114.6	115.2	1.9	1.2	.5	2.0	.6	.7
D .....	M	176.6	176.5	176.9	177.9	1.1	.8	.6	1.3	.2	.2
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	185.6	185.5	185.3	186.3	1.2	.4	.5	1.4	-.2	-.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	187.1	187.0	188.6	190.5	2.1	1.9	1.0	1.8	.8	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	199.4	199.3	200.0	201.2	2.5	1.0	.6	2.7	.3	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	206.5	-	208.0	-	-	-	-	4.1	.7	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	177.6	-	178.3	-	-	-	-	2.8	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	175.9	-	176.1	-	-	-	-	1.2	.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	116.7	-	117.2	-	-	-	-	2.3	.4	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	179.0	-	181.1	.2	1.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	181.3	-	183.3	.5	1.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	164.1	-	168.5	2.7	2.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	181.6	-	183.5	1.8	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	189.0	-	191.1	2.4	1.1	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	195.3	-	199.0	.7	1.9	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	191.0	-	193.9	1.4	1.5	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ;

Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

**Table 4 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 2004 from—			Percent change to Jan. 2004 from—		
		Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
U.S. city average .....	M	180.2	179.9	180.9	181.9	1.5	1.1	0.6	1.8	0.4	0.6
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	191.9	191.7	192.5	193.5	2.6	.9	.5	2.8	.3	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.8	192.7	193.2	194.1	2.6	.7	.5	2.9	.2	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	115.4	115.2	116.2	116.8	2.5	1.4	.5	2.7	.7	.9
Midwest urban .....	M	173.9	173.4	174.4	175.2	1.1	1.0	.5	1.5	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	175.7	175.1	176.1	176.7	1.2	.9	.3	1.9	.2	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	112.7	112.4	113.3	113.8	1.2	1.2	.4	1.4	.5	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	169.1	169.1	169.3	170.6	.3	.9	.8	.5	.1	.1
South urban .....	M	174.3	174.2	175.0	175.8	1.1	.9	.5	1.4	.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	176.4	176.4	177.2	178.2	1.4	1.0	.6	1.8	.5	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	111.9	111.8	112.3	112.7	.9	.8	.4	1.3	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	174.5	174.2	174.5	175.9	.6	1.0	.8	.8	.0	.2
West urban .....	M	183.5	183.3	184.3	185.9	1.5	1.4	.9	1.5	.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	184.4	183.9	185.1	186.7	1.2	1.5	.9	1.4	.4	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	114.6	114.8	115.4	116.3	2.0	1.3	.8	1.9	.7	.5
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	167.1	166.8	167.6	168.6	1.7	1.1	.6	2.0	.3	.5
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	113.0	112.9	113.6	114.2	1.4	1.2	.5	1.6	.5	.6
D .....	M	174.5	174.3	174.7	175.8	.6	.9	.6	.9	.1	.2
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	179.1	178.8	178.9	180.0	1.1	.7	.6	1.4	-.1	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	180.5	180.2	181.6	183.5	2.2	1.8	1.0	2.1	.6	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	194.7	194.6	195.0	196.2	2.6	.8	.6	2.8	.2	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	205.6	-	206.3	-	-	-	-	3.5	.3	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	168.3	-	169.4	-	-	-	-	2.5	.7	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	175.6	-	175.8	-	-	-	-	1.4	.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	116.1	-	116.6	-	-	-	-	2.2	.4	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	176.6	-	178.6	.3	1.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	175.9	-	177.8	.6	1.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	162.2	-	166.1	2.7	2.4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	178.9	-	181.0	1.7	1.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	189.0	-	190.7	2.6	.9	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	191.1	-	194.8	.6	1.9	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	185.3	-	187.7	.8	1.3	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ;

Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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