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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JANUARY 2009

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.4 percent in January, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The January level of 211.143 (1982-84=100) was virtually unchanged from January 2008.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.4 percent in January, prior to seasonal adjustment. The January level of 205.700 (1982-84=100) was 0.5 percent lower than in January 2008.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in January on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The January level of 121.208 (December 1999=100) was 0.5 percent lower than in January 2008. Please note that the indexes for the post-2007 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.3 percent in January after declining in each of the three previous months. The energy index climbed 1.7 percent in January, its first increase in six months, but it was still 31.4 percent below its July 2008 peak level. Within energy, the gasoline index rose 6.0 percent in January after a 19.3 percent decline in December. However, some energy components continued to decline; the fuel oil index fell 3.7 percent in January and the index for natural gas declined 3.6 percent. The food index, which rose sharply during the summer and moderated through the fall, increased 0.1 percent in January after being virtually unchanged in December. The food index has risen 5.3 percent over the past year. The (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan. 2009	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan. 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009		
All items	0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.8	-1.7	-0.8	0.3	-8.4	0.0
Food and beverages .....	.9	.6	.5	.4	.2	.1	.1	1.4	5.2
Housing .....	.6	.0	-1	.0	-1	.0	.0	-3	2.2
Apparel	1.0	.4	-3	-7	.1	-6	.3	-9	-9
Transportation	1.4	-9	-1	-4.8	-9.7	-5.0	1.3	-43.0	-12.6
Medical care .....	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	.4	3.9	2.6
Recreation .....	.3	.4	.2	.2	.0	-2	.0	-5	1.6
Education and communication .....	.5	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.3	3.6
Other goods and services ...	.4	.2	.2	.3	.0	.0	.3	1.5	3.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	3.5	-2.0	-1.0	-7.8	-16.9	-9.3	1.7	-65.4	-20.4
Food .....	.9	.6	.5	.4	.2	.0	.1	1.1	5.3
All items less food and energy .....	.3	.2	.1	.0	.1	.0	.2	.9	1.7

food at home index declined 0.1 percent in January as the fruits and vegetables index continued to fall. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in January after being virtually unchanged in December. Contributing to the increase were larger advances in the indexes for rent and owners equivalent rent and upturns in the indexes for new vehicles and apparel.

The food and beverages index increased 0.1 percent in January, the same increase as in December. A 0.3 percent increase in the index for food away from home and a 0.2 percent rise in the alcoholic beverages index more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in the food at home index. The food at home index has risen 5.7 percent over the past year. Within food at home, the indexes for four of the six major grocery store food groups declined in January. The index for fruits and vegetables fell 1.3 percent, its fifth consecutive monthly decline. The index for fresh fruits fell 2.2 percent and the fresh vegetables index declined 1.6 percent. The dairy and related products index, down 1.1 percent in December, fell 0.6 percent in January, with the milk index declining 1.4 percent. Also declining in January were the indexes for meats, poultry, fish and eggs and for nonalcoholic beverages, each down 0.1 percent. The index for cereals and bakery products was virtually unchanged in January, but was still up 11.3 percent over the last year. The index for other food at home rose 0.6 percent in January, the only major grocery store food group index to increase for the month.

The housing index was virtually unchanged in January for the second straight month. However the shelter index, virtually unchanged in December, rose 0.2 percent in January. Over the last 12 months, the housing index has risen 2.2 percent and the index for shelter was up 1.8 percent. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent both rose 0.3 percent in January after rising 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively, in December. The index for lodging away from home fell 1.1 percent in January and has declined 4.7 percent over the past 12 months. The household energy index fell 0.9 percent in January, its sixth consecutive monthly decline. Within household energy, the electricity index rose 0.2 percent, but the indexes for fuel oil and natural gas both declined. Despite the recent declines, the household energy index was up 4.9 percent over the past 12 months. The index for household furnishings and operations turned down in January, declining 0.1 percent after increasing 0.1 percent in December.

The transportation index rose for the first time since July, increasing 1.3 percent in January. The index has declined 12.6 percent over the past 12 months. The index for motor fuel, which had been declining in recent months, rose 5.3 percent in January. However, the motor fuel index is still 48.1 percent below its peak in July. The index for new and used motor vehicles increased in January after posting 12 straight declines, rising 0.2 percent. The index for new vehicles rose 0.3 percent in January but has declined 2.6 percent over the past year. The index for public transportation continued to decline, falling 1.8 percent in January. The airline fare index fell 2.1 percent in January and was down 0.9 percent compared to a year ago.

After declining 0.6 percent in December, the apparel index turned up in January, rising 0.3 percent. The index for men's and boys' apparel rose 1.6 percent and the index for women's and girls' apparel rose 0.2 percent. (On a not seasonally adjusted basis, the apparel index declined 2.0 percent in January and was down 0.9 percent over the last 12 months.)

The medical care index climbed 0.4 percent in January following a 0.2 percent increase in November and a 0.3 percent advance in December. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.4 percent, with the prescription drugs index rising 0.5 percent. The medical care services index rose 0.5 percent in January. Within this group, the index for physicians' services rose 0.2 percent and the hospital and related services index increased 0.8 percent.

The index for recreation, down 0.2 percent in December, was virtually unchanged in January. The indexes for photography, toys, admissions, and for pets, pet products and services all rose in January. These increases offset declines in the indexes for video and audio and for sporting goods. The recreation index is up 1.6 percent over the past 12 months.

The education and communication index increased 0.3 percent in January and was up 3.6 percent over the past year. The education index, which rose 0.5 percent in December, advanced 0.3 percent in January. The index for communication climbed 0.2 percent for the second straight month. Within communication, the telephone services index rose 0.2 percent and the index for information technology, hardware and services increased 0.1 percent.

After being virtually unchanged in December, the index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in January and was up 3.3 percent over the past 12 months. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.8 percent in January, while the personal care index increased 0.1 percent.

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 January.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan. 2009
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan. 2009	
	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009		
All items	0.8	0.0	0.0	-1.0	-2.1	-1.0	0.3	-10.5	-0.5
Food and beverages .....	.9	.6	.5	.4	.2	.1	.0	1.2	5.3
Housing .....	.6	.0	-.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1	2.6
Apparel .....	.8	.6	.0	-1.0	.0	-.6	.6	.3	-.8
Transportation	1.5	-1.1	-.1	-5.3	-10.9	-5.6	1.5	-46.8	-14.5
Medical care .....	.1	.3	.3	.1	.2	.3	.4	3.8	2.6
Recreation .....	.3	.4	.2	.1	.0	-.1	.0	-.5	1.5
Education and communication .....	.5	.2	.0	.2	.2	.3	.2	2.8	3.3
Other goods and services ...	.5	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	.4	2.5	3.9
Special indexes:									
Energy	3.5	-2.0	-.8	-8.2	-17.8	-9.7	1.9	-67.3	-21.7
Food .....	.9	.6	.5	.4	.2	.1	.0	1.0	5.4
All items less food and energy .....	.3	.2	.1	.0	.1	.0	.2	1.2	1.7

Consumer Price Index data for February are scheduled for release on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Revised seasonally adjusted changes

Over-the-month percent changes in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for All Items and for All Items less food and energy, seasonally adjusted, using former and recalculated seasonal factors for 2008.

All Items

2008	Former	Recalculated	Difference
January	.4	.4	.0
February	.0	.2	.2
March	.3	.4	.1
April	.2	.2	.0
May	.6	.5	-.1
June	1.1	.9	-.2
July	.8	.7	-.1
August	-.1	.0	.1
September	0	.0	.0
October	-1.0	-.8	.2
November	-1.7	-1.7	.0
December	-.7	-.8	-.1

All Items less food and energy

2008	Former	Recalculated	Difference
January	.3	.3	.0
February	.0	.1	.1
March	.2	.2	.0
April	.1	.1	.0
May	.2	.2	.0
June	.3	.3	.0
July	.3	.3	.0
August	.2	.2	.0
September	.1	.1	.0
October	-.1	.0	.1
November	.0	.1	.1
December	.0	.0	.0

C-CPI-U Index Revisions

In accordance with the previously-announced schedule, the Bureau of Labor Statistics is revising the 2007 and 2008 values of the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), effective with the release of January 2009 data.

The C-CPI-U was introduced with release of July data on August 16, 2002. The index in its final form employs a Tornqvist formula and utilizes expenditure data in adjacent time periods in order to reflect the effect

of any substitution that consumers make across item categories in response to changes in relative prices. The C-CPI-U was designed to be a closer approximation to a “cost-of-living” index than the CPI-U and CPI-W. The use of expenditure data for both a base period and a current period distinguishes the C-CPI-U from the other CPI measures, which use only a single expenditure base period to compute price change over time.

Because the current expenditure data required for the calculation of the C-CPI-U are available only with a time lag, the index is issued first in preliminary form, using the latest available expenditure data at the time of publication, and is subject to two subsequent revisions. The preliminary values for each month of the preceding two years are revised annually with release of the January index. Expenditure data for the year 2007 are now available, and the C-CPI-U indexes for that year are now in final form. The initial indexes for 2008 are now revised interim indexes. The C-CPI-U U.S. All Items index values for 2007 and 2008 as originally published and revised are shown below.

For more information on the C-CPI-U, write to:

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U.S. City Average C-CPI-U All Items

2007	Interim	Final
January	117.310	117.330
February	117.897	117.877
March	118.978	118.913
April	119.712	119.666
May	120.290	120.292
June	120.478	120.439
July	120.384	120.377
August	120.198	120.288
September	120.538	120.638
October	120.823	120.885
November	121.443	121.481
December	121.322	121.295
Annual average	119.948	119.957
2008	Initial	Interim
January	121.895	121.868
February	122.251	122.224
March	123.204	123.177
April	123.845	123.817
May	124.645	124.617
June	125.582	125.554
July	126.116	126.088
August	125.843	125.815
September	125.774	125.746
October	124.784	124.757
November	122.284	122.257
December	120.661	120.634
Annual average	n.a.	123.880

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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 2004 through December 2008 were replaced in January 2009. 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: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2009.

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 2009, BLS adjusted 29 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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2008	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
All items	100.000	210.228	211.143	0.0	0.4	-1.7	-0.8	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	629.751	632.491	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.757	218.839	219.729	5.2	.4	.2	.1	.1
Food	14.629	218.805	219.675	5.3	.4	.2	.0	.1
Food at home	8.156	218.683	219.744	5.7	.5	.1	-.2	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.150	253.063	254.445	11.3	.5	.4	.5	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.898	208.890	208.616	4.3	-.1	-.5	-.2	-.1
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.910	210.838	209.632	1.3	-.6	-.2	-1.1	-.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.194	281.706	282.601	1.3	.3	-.7	-1.6	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.982	162.750	164.882	4.4	1.3	.2	.1	-.1
Other food at home	2.022	190.203	192.492	9.3	1.2	.7	.7	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.300	193.312	197.429	9.6	2.1	.6	.9	1.5
Fats and oils .....	.241	206.710	206.886	13.8	.1	.2	1.0	-1.9
Other foods	1.481	203.902	206.343	8.6	1.2	.8	.6	.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.433	123.791	124.012	7.7	.2	.7	.2	.2
Food away from home ¹	6.474	220.684	221.319	4.9	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.314	154.062	153.402	4.6	-.4	.3	.1	-.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.127	217.975	219.113	4.1	.5	.5	.5	.2
Housing	43.421	216.073	216.928	2.2	.4	-.1	.0	.0
Shelter	33.200	247.085	248.292	1.8	.5	.2	.0	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	5.957	247.278	247.974	3.4	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home ²	2.478	129.157	133.559	-4.7	3.4	-.8	-.6	-1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	24.433	254.875	255.500	2.2	.2	.2	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	120.019	120.402	2.5	.3	.3	-.2	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.431	215.184	215.232	5.1	.0	-1.5	-.4	-.7
Household energy	4.460	194.335	194.149	4.9	-.1	-1.8	-.5	-.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.301	256.209	247.163	-19.5	-3.5	-11.1	-8.4	-2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	199.487	199.791	7.1	.2	-1.0	.1	-.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	156.390	157.275	6.1	.6	.4	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.790	128.535	128.761	1.8	.2	-.1	.1	-.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.689	150.438	5.3	-.2	.0	.5	-.2
Apparel	3.691	117.078	114.764	-.9	-2.0	.1	-.6	.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.923	110.767	110.797	.1	.0	-.5	-.5	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.541	105.456	100.638	-3.6	-4.6	.2	-1.0	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	112.568	112.321	-1.4	-.2	.3	-.3	.5
Footwear .....	.688	124.093	122.363	1.0	-1.4	.8	-.4	-.2
Transportation	15.314	164.628	166.738	-12.6	1.3	-9.7	-5.0	1.3
Private transportation	14.189	159.411	161.788	-13.5	1.5	-10.2	-5.2	1.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.931	91.408	91.831	-3.2	.5	-.6	-.3	.2
New vehicles	4.480	132.308	133.273	-2.6	.7	-.4	-.3	.3
Used cars and trucks	1.628	125.883	124.863	-9.0	-.8	-1.4	-.7	-.8
Motor fuel	3.164	149.132	156.604	-39.9	5.0	-28.9	-18.8	5.3
Gasoline (all types)	2.964	146.102	154.488	-40.4	5.7	-29.3	-19.3	6.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.382	133.077	133.414	7.3	.3	.8	.1	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.188	239.356	241.076	5.9	.7	.3	.1	.7
Public transportation	1.125	237.638	234.394	.0	-1.4	-2.3	-1.4	-1.8
Medical care	6.390	367.133	369.830	2.6	.7	.2	.3	.4
Medical care commodities	1.625	298.361	299.998	1.6	.5	.5	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.765	388.267	391.365	3.0	.8	.2	.2	.5
Professional services	2.702	313.886	315.603	3.0	.5	.3	.2	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.545	543.585	551.305	5.3	1.4	.1	.5	.8

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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2008	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	
Recreation ²	5.741	113.674	113.822	1.6	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	
Video and audio ²	1.822	101.629	101.347	-1.6	-3	-1	.1	-5	
Education and communication ²	6.301	125.921	126.151	3.6	.2	.2	.3	.3	
Education ²	3.107	186.916	187.175	5.5	.1	.4	.5	.3	
Educational books and supplies .....	.221	464.544	468.432	7.0	.8	.4	.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.886	538.309	538.765	5.4	.1	.4	.5	.3	
Communication ²	3.194	84.737	84.928	1.8	.2	.1	.2	.2	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.022	81.886	82.030	1.7	.2	.1	.2	.2	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.408	101.688	101.880	3.0	.2	.1	.1	.2	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.614	9.906	9.919	-3.0	.1	-1	.4	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.214	88.529	88.522	-12.4	.0	-1.1	-5	.0
Other goods and services	3.386	349.220	350.259	3.3	.3	.0	.0	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.776	602.644	607.403	6.1	.8	.0	.5	.8
Personal care	2.610	202.774	203.080	2.5	.2	.0	-.1	.1	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.651	161.397	162.588	2.8	.7	.7	.2	.7
Personal care services ¹ .....	.647	226.281	225.734	2.6	-2	.3	.0	-2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.074	339.698	340.608	2.5	.3	-5	.0	.0	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	39.556	163.582	164.360	-4.0	.5	-4.1	-2.1	.5	
Food and beverages	15.757	218.839	219.729	5.2	.4	.2	.1	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages	23.799	135.720	136.427	-9.2	.5	-6.7	-3.5	.8	
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.289	161.681	162.938	-13.6	.8	-9.6	-5.8	1.7	
Apparel	3.691	117.078	114.764	-9	-2.0	.1	-.6	.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.598	192.948	196.490	-17.6	1.8	-12.8	-7.5	2.3	
Durables	10.510	108.811	109.025	-2.9	.2	-5	-.4	-.1	
Services	60.444	256.731	257.780	2.8	.4	.0	.1	.1	
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.867	257.567	258.830	1.8	.5	.2	.1	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	120.019	120.402	2.5	.3	.3	-.2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	199.487	199.791	7.1	.2	-1.0	.1	-.8	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	156.390	157.275	6.1	.6	.4	.3	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.689	150.438	5.3	-2	.0	.5	-2
Transportation services	5.567	246.287	247.006	4.1	.3	-3	.0	.3	
Medical care services	4.765	388.267	391.365	3.0	.8	.2	.2	.5	
Other services	11.002	300.067	300.614	3.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	
Special indexes									
All items less food	85.371	208.855	209.777	-.8	.4	-2.0	-.9	.3	
All items less shelter	66.800	198.127	198.936	-.8	.4	-2.5	-1.2	.3	
All items less medical care	93.610	202.442	203.281	-.1	.4	-1.8	-.9	.3	
Commodities less food	24.926	138.536	139.258	-8.7	.5	-6.4	-3.3	.8	
Nondurables less food	14.416	165.032	166.282	-12.5	.8	-9.0	-5.3	1.6	
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.726	194.403	197.704	-15.8	1.7	-11.8	-6.6	2.1	
Nondurables	29.046	189.557	190.649	-4.4	.6	-4.8	-2.5	.8	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.577	275.370	276.227	4.1	.3	-.1	.3	.1	
Services less medical care services	55.679	246.090	247.013	2.8	.4	.1	.1	.1	
Energy	7.624	171.158	174.622	-20.4	2.0	-16.9	-9.3	1.7	
All items less energy	92.376	215.930	216.586	2.2	.3	.1	.0	.2	
All items less food and energy	77.746	216.100	216.719	1.7	.3	.1	.0	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.461	139.228	139.111	-.5	-.1	-.1	-.2	.1	
Energy commodities	3.465	155.745	162.395	-38.6	4.3	-27.8	-18.0	4.6	
Services less energy services	56.285	262.636	263.759	2.5	.4	.1	.1	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$. 476	\$. 474	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$. 159	\$. 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 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2008	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	July 2008	Jan. 2009
All items	216.889	213.263	211.577	212.174	2.9	8.9	-3.1	-8.4	5.8	-5.8
Food and beverages	218.575	219.023	219.181	219.309	5.9	7.8	6.0	1.4	6.8	3.7
Food	218.586	218.988	219.082	219.193	6.1	8.1	6.1	1.1	7.1	3.6
Food at home	219.387	219.515	219.179	218.879	7.9	9.6	6.6	-9	8.7	2.8
Cereals and bakery products	253.228	254.287	255.655	255.719	17.8	15.7	8.1	4.0	16.8	6.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	210.251	209.204	208.726	208.536	3.3	7.4	10.3	-3.2	5.4	3.3
Dairy and related products ¹	212.733	213.102	210.838	209.632	1.5	12.7	-2.3	-5.7	7.0	-4.0
Fruits and vegetables	284.228	282.374	277.783	274.270	5.5	16.6	-1.1	-13.3	10.9	-7.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	163.478	163.799	164.038	163.804	8.1	-6	9.8	.8	3.7	5.2
Other food at home	189.255	190.551	191.809	192.914	11.4	8.1	9.9	8.0	9.7	8.9
Sugar and sweets	191.279	192.364	194.164	197.086	9.6	4.7	11.4	12.7	7.1	12.1
Fats and oils	207.469	207.855	209.848	205.904	25.1	20.8	14.4	-3.0	22.9	5.4
Other foods	202.826	204.429	205.566	207.193	9.8	6.8	8.8	8.9	8.3	8.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.699	123.543	123.791	124.012	12.1	7.0	7.5	4.3	9.5	5.9
Food away from home ¹	219.290	220.043	220.684	221.319	3.9	6.3	5.5	3.8	5.1	4.6
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	153.544	153.978	154.062	153.402	5.6	6.8	6.6	-4	6.2	3.0
Alcoholic beverages	217.130	218.167	219.154	219.504	3.9	2.9	5.3	4.4	3.4	4.9
Housing	217.788	217.622	217.592	217.646	3.6	6.0	-.4	-.3	4.8	-.3
Shelter	248.063	248.455	248.519	248.938	1.4	2.6	1.6	1.4	2.0	1.5
Rent of primary residence ³	245.836	246.480	246.928	247.744	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.4
Lodging away from home ²	142.649	141.484	140.600	139.122	-9.6	6.0	-5.1	-9.5	-2.1	-7.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	253.911	254.522	254.683	255.349	2.4	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	119.916	120.232	120.019	120.402	3.4	1.2	3.9	1.6	2.3	2.8
Fuels and utilities	223.185	219.934	219.092	217.515	19.8	31.3	-14.1	-9.8	25.4	-12.0
Household energy	203.339	199.606	198.564	196.727	23.3	36.8	-18.2	-12.4	29.9	-15.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	323.363	287.529	263.242	256.210	33.0	56.4	-48.7	-60.6	44.2	-55.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	205.620	203.527	203.746	202.120	22.5	35.0	-14.5	-6.6	28.6	-10.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	155.635	156.219	156.646	157.027	4.4	6.7	9.7	3.6	5.5	6.6
Household furnishings and operations	128.839	128.735	128.910	128.759	1.9	2.4	3.1	-.2	2.2	1.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.052	149.998	150.689	150.438	8.5	7.1	4.8	1.0	7.8	2.9
Apparel	118.802	118.905	118.221	118.523	-3.9	3.6	-2.4	-.9	-.2	-1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	112.572	112.064	111.478	113.210	1.5	-1.3	-2.1	2.3	.1	.1
Women's and girls' apparel	107.100	107.286	106.214	106.470	-14.6	6.9	-3.0	-2.3	-4.5	-2.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.528	113.858	113.474	114.014	-4.3	-4.6	2.0	1.7	-4.5	1.9
Footwear	124.076	125.046	124.534	124.325	3.7	5.0	-5.2	.8	4.4	-2.3
Transportation	195.027	176.111	167.353	169.489	.4	25.3	-21.3	-43.0	12.2	-33.0
Private transportation	190.377	170.921	161.950	164.414	-.2	25.0	-21.9	-44.4	11.7	-34.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.162	91.614	91.321	91.534	-2.3	-1.2	-6.5	-2.7	-1.7	-4.6
New vehicles	132.754	132.190	131.766	132.132	-2.2	.8	-6.9	-1.9	-.7	-4.4
Used cars and trucks	129.506	127.738	126.872	125.893	-3.1	-7.7	-14.1	-10.7	-5.4	-12.4
Motor fuel	278.245	197.861	160.675	169.176	-.4	80.2	-46.8	-86.3	34.0	-73.0
Gasoline (all types)	276.131	195.185	157.460	166.839	-2.0	79.9	-46.4	-86.7	32.8	-73.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	131.917	132.947	133.077	133.414	5.8	10.1	9.0	4.6	7.9	6.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	238.227	239.048	239.356	241.076	5.0	7.6	6.0	4.9	6.3	5.4
Public transportation	252.717	246.856	243.444	239.071	10.1	30.1	-12.8	-19.9	19.7	-16.4
Medical care	366.402	367.299	368.302	369.914	2.0	2.0	2.6	3.9	2.0	3.2
Medical care commodities	296.175	297.631	298.814	299.887	1.5	-1.9	1.7	5.1	-.2	3.4
Medical care services	388.199	388.825	389.723	391.533	2.1	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.7	3.2
Professional services	313.580	314.450	315.052	316.115	1.6	4.5	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.9
Hospital and related services ³	542.353	543.141	545.921	550.035	4.8	4.9	5.9	5.8	4.9	5.8

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—		
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2008	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	July 2008	Jan. 2009
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	114.168	114.196	114.002	114.022	1.3	2.3	3.2	-0.5	1.8	1.3
Video and audio ²	102.207	102.128	102.189	101.677	-1.6	-2.2	-.5	-2.1	-1.9	-1.3
Education and communication ²	124.882	125.166	125.567	125.900	3.4	5.6	2.1	3.3	4.5	2.7
Education ²	184.250	184.945	185.829	186.426	5.7	5.5	5.9	4.8	5.6	5.4
Educational books and supplies	461.222	462.974	465.315	466.752	5.7	5.7	11.8	4.9	5.7	8.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	530.337	532.337	534.870	536.592	5.7	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.6	5.1
Communication ²	84.534	84.604	84.746	84.926	1.3	5.7	-1.4	1.9	3.5	.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.652	81.723	81.886	82.030	1.4	5.3	-1.5	1.9	3.3	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.407	101.538	101.688	101.880	2.4	7.6	.3	1.9	5.0	1.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.874	9.867	9.906	9.919	-2.3	-3.2	-8.2	1.8	-2.8	-3.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	89.945	88.984	88.529	88.522	-8.2	-15.7	-18.7	-6.2	-12.1	-12.6
Other goods and services	349.261	349.385	349.529	350.529	4.2	4.9	2.6	1.5	4.6	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	599.744	599.820	602.644	607.403	2.6	14.9	2.0	5.2	8.6	3.6
Personal care	203.095	203.181	203.007	203.284	4.7	2.2	2.8	.4	3.4	1.6
Personal care products ¹	159.826	161.000	161.397	162.588	3.1	-1.0	2.1	7.1	1.0	4.6
Personal care services ¹	225.564	226.197	226.281	225.734	5.3	1.7	3.3	.3	3.5	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services	343.049	341.188	341.063	341.123	5.4	4.1	3.1	-2.2	4.7	.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	175.699	168.455	164.891	165.772	1.9	13.2	-8.5	-20.8	7.4	-14.9
Food and beverages	218.575	219.023	219.181	219.309	5.9	7.8	6.0	1.4	6.8	3.7
Commodities less food and beverages	152.538	142.365	137.385	138.547	-2	16.4	-15.9	-31.9	7.7	-24.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	194.197	175.495	165.287	168.119	2.8	34.9	-28.6	-43.8	17.8	-36.7
Apparel	118.800	118.905	118.221	118.523	-3.9	3.6	-2.4	-.9	-.2	-1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	245.600	214.232	198.177	202.707	5.6	42.5	-33.9	-53.6	22.6	-44.6
Durables	109.872	109.345	108.961	108.857	-2.3	-.7	-5.0	-3.6	-1.5	-4.3
Services	257.741	257.841	258.073	258.406	3.6	5.9	.9	1.0	4.7	1.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	258.625	259.074	259.268	259.773	1.1	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	119.916	120.232	120.019	120.402	3.4	1.2	3.9	1.6	2.3	2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	205.620	203.527	203.746	202.120	22.5	35.0	-14.5	-6.6	28.6	-10.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	155.635	156.219	156.646	157.027	4.4	6.7	9.7	3.6	5.5	6.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.052	149.998	150.689	150.438	8.5	7.1	4.8	1.0	7.8	2.9
Transportation services	247.582	246.922	246.912	247.648	4.5	9.8	2.0	.1	7.1	1.1
Medical care services	388.199	388.825	389.723	391.533	2.1	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.7	3.2
Other services	298.927	299.430	300.093	300.534	3.5	4.8	2.9	2.2	4.1	2.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	216.642	212.356	210.379	211.055	2.4	9.0	-4.5	-9.9	5.6	-7.3
All items less shelter	207.134	201.862	199.458	200.133	3.5	12.0	-5.3	-12.8	7.7	-9.1
All items less medical care	209.321	205.557	203.785	204.338	2.9	9.4	-3.5	-9.2	6.1	-6.4
Commodities less food	154.902	145.017	140.192	141.335	-.1	15.8	-15.2	-30.7	7.6	-23.3
Nondurables less food	195.575	177.942	168.525	171.218	2.9	32.7	-26.9	-41.3	16.9	-34.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	241.852	213.399	199.276	203.422	5.7	39.0	-31.4	-50.0	21.2	-41.4
Nondurables	206.802	196.837	191.854	193.462	5.5	19.6	-13.5	-23.4	12.4	-18.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	276.353	276.182	276.902	277.056	6.1	9.4	.2	1.0	7.7	.6
Services less medical care services	247.137	247.277	247.630	247.839	3.5	5.8	1.0	1.1	4.7	1.0
Energy	237.300	197.086	178.835	181.938	9.1	60.3	-36.0	-65.4	32.3	-53.0
All items less energy	216.449	216.604	216.630	216.970	2.2	3.9	1.9	1.0	3.0	1.4
All items less food and energy	216.758	216.868	216.882	217.265	1.5	3.1	1.1	.9	2.3	1.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.050	139.870	139.578	139.745	-.7	1.1	-1.7	-.9	.2	-1.3
Energy commodities	282.428	203.872	167.125	174.862	1.4	78.6	-46.9	-85.3	34.6	-72.1
Services less energy services	263.149	263.463	263.696	264.221	2.3	3.9	2.2	1.6	3.1	1.9

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=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 Jan.2009 from—			Percent change to Dec.2008 from—		
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008
U.S. city average	M	216.573	212.425	210.228	211.143	0.0	-0.6	0.4	0.1	-2.9	-1.0
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	230.837	227.236	225.091	225.436	.5	-8	.2	.7	-2.5	-9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	233.165	229.625	227.681	227.852	.7	-8	.1	.9	-2.4	-8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	136.730	134.445	132.830	133.308	.0	-8	.4	.4	-2.9	-1.2
Midwest urban	M	206.019	201.737	199.582	200.815	-3	-5	.6	-3	-3.1	-1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	207.049	202.922	200.465	202.001	-4	-5	.8	-5	-3.2	-1.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.946	129.018	128.018	128.636	-1	-3	.5	.0	-3.0	-8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	202.086	197.883	195.383	195.843	-4	-1.0	.2	-.2	-3.3	-1.3
South urban	M	210.108	205.559	203.501	204.288	-1	-6	.4	.0	-3.1	-1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.617	208.644	206.414	207.035	-1	-8	.3	.2	-2.9	-1.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.285	130.324	129.099	129.615	-2	-5	.4	-.2	-3.1	-9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	213.103	206.659	204.428	205.766	.6	-4	.7	.8	-4.1	-1.1
West urban	M	221.034	217.113	214.685	215.923	.1	-5	.6	.0	-2.9	-1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	224.967	220.925	218.698	219.806	.4	-5	.5	.3	-2.8	-1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.795	131.440	129.725	130.682	-5	-6	.7	-.6	-3.0	-1.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	198.148	194.628	192.646	193.412	.2	-6	.4	.3	-2.8	-1.0
B/C ³	M	133.587	130.857	129.519	130.135	-2	-6	.5	-.2	-3.0	-1.0
D	M	209.755	204.856	202.359	203.409	.1	-7	.5	.0	-3.5	-1.2
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	213.363	209.053	205.959	207.616	-5	-7	.8	-.6	-3.5	-1.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	226.159	222.229	219.620	220.719	-1	-7	.5	.1	-2.9	-1.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	238.403	234.498	233.012	233.402	1.5	-5	.2	1.6	-2.3	-.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	232.354	-	230.806	-5	-7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	198.187	-	198.232	-7	.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	200.051	-	198.623	.8	-7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	138.547	-	137.598	1.0	-7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	206.388	-	196.961	-	-	-	-	-2.9	-4.6	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	205.238	-	197.991	-	-	-	-	-1.1	-3.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	191.140	-	185.930	-	-	-	-	-.2	-2.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	223.699	-	218.324	-	-	-	-	.5	-2.4	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	225.113	-	218.186	-	-	-	-	-.4	-3.1	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	225.824	-	218.528	-	-	-	-	.0	-3.2	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	225.915	-	222.580	-	-	-	-	1.7	-1.5	-

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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2008	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
All items	100.000	204.813	205.700	-0.5	0.4	-2.1	-1.0	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	610.075	612.719	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.942	218.269	219.123	5.3	.4	.2	.1	.0
Food	15.865	218.155	218.998	5.4	.4	.2	.1	.0
Food at home	9.201	217.498	218.485	5.6	.5	.0	-.1	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.249	253.759	255.055	11.3	.5	.4	.5	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.315	208.639	208.161	4.2	-.2	-.5	-.2	-.2
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.992	209.922	208.530	.9	-.7	.2	-1.1	-.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.266	278.835	279.906	1.5	.4	-.9	-1.6	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.167	162.280	164.514	4.7	1.4	.2	.1	-.2
Other food at home	2.212	189.527	191.782	9.2	1.2	.7	.6	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.304	192.120	195.867	9.5	2.0	.7	.9	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.274	207.439	207.400	13.8	.0	.3	.8	-2.0
Other foods	1.634	203.937	206.490	8.5	1.3	.7	.5	.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.472	124.144	124.477	7.6	.3	.7	.2	.3
Food away from home ¹	6.664	220.847	221.497	5.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.233	153.646	153.397	5.3	-.2	.4	.1	-.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	218.445	219.458	4.3	.5	.5	.5	.1
Housing	41.313	212.452	213.078	2.6	.3	.0	.0	.0
Shelter	31.224	240.752	241.651	2.2	.4	.2	.1	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	8.279	246.026	246.696	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.209	129.982	134.235	-4.0	3.3	-.5	-.5	-1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	21.430	230.926	231.503	2.1	.2	.3	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	120.360	120.715	2.5	.3	.3	-.2	.3
Fuels and utilities	6.030	213.861	213.882	5.5	.0	-1.3	-.3	-.8
Household energy	4.996	192.050	191.852	5.4	-.1	-1.7	-.4	-1.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.283	260.185	251.976	-17.7	-3.2	-10.2	-7.8	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	197.545	197.703	7.1	.1	-1.0	.1	-1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	156.864	157.733	6.2	.6	.4	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.059	124.314	124.454	1.7	.1	-.1	.0	-.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.814	152.273	4.7	-.4	-.2	.4	-.4
Apparel	3.979	117.006	114.969	-.8	-1.7	.0	-.6	.6
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	111.232	111.879	.3	.6	-.6	-.5	2.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	105.413	100.751	-3.5	-4.4	.1	-1.1	.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.249	115.003	114.775	-1.3	-.2	.4	-.5	.5
Footwear .....	.840	124.152	122.753	1.3	-1.1	.6	-.2	.0
Transportation	17.067	160.914	163.215	-14.5	1.4	-10.9	-5.6	1.5
Private transportation	16.284	157.272	159.719	-15.1	1.6	-11.2	-5.8	1.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.627	89.482	89.774	-4.3	.3	-.7	-.4	.1
New vehicles	4.057	133.317	134.490	-2.5	.9	-.4	-.3	.4
Used cars and trucks	2.863	126.526	125.485	-9.1	-.8	-1.4	-.6	-.8
Motor fuel	4.029	149.650	157.265	-39.9	5.1	-29.0	-18.7	5.3
Gasoline (all types)	3.770	146.644	155.204	-40.4	5.8	-29.5	-19.1	6.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.482	133.295	133.645	7.4	.3	.8	.1	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.242	241.855	243.594	5.8	.7	.3	.1	.7
Public transportation .....	.784	235.199	232.422	-.1	-1.2	-2.4	-1.4	-1.5
Medical care	5.355	367.301	370.001	2.6	.7	.2	.3	.4
Medical care commodities	1.320	290.080	291.710	1.4	.6	.5	.4	.3
Medical care services	4.035	389.744	392.831	3.0	.8	.1	.2	.5
Professional services	2.234	316.435	318.110	2.9	.5	.3	.2	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.338	540.101	547.655	5.6	1.4	.1	.5	.8

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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2008	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	
Recreation ²	5.454	110.487	110.630	1.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	
Video and audio ²	1.982	101.810	101.488	-1.3	-3	-1	.1	-5	
Education and communication ²	6.221	121.819	122.025	3.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	
Education ²	2.527	184.352	184.642	5.4	.2	.4	.5	.2	
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	467.179	471.061	6.8	.8	.3	.5	.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.308	519.500	519.987	5.3	.1	.4	.5	.2	
Communication ²	3.694	87.444	87.599	1.9	.2	.1	.2	.2	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.568	85.454	85.581	1.9	.1	.1	.2	.1	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.965	101.720	101.876	2.9	.2	.1	.2	.2	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.604	10.406	10.418	-3.0	.1	-1	.4	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.202	88.176	88.178	-12.8	.0	-1.2	-.5	.0
Other goods and services	3.668	362.986	364.333	3.9	.4	.1	.1	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.267	605.662	610.503	6.2	.8	.1	.5	.8	
Personal care	2.401	200.918	201.209	2.7	.1	.1	.0	.1	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.662	161.295	162.683	2.9	.9	.7	.2	.9
Personal care services ¹ .....	.580	226.578	225.951	2.6	-3	.3	.1	-3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.947	342.530	343.022	3.0	.1	-3	.1	-1
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	42.689	164.233	165.151	-4.9	.6	-4.8	-2.4	.6	
Food and beverages	16.942	218.269	219.123	5.3	.4	.2	.1	.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	25.747	137.015	137.932	-10.6	.7	-7.7	-4.0	1.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.587	164.879	166.694	-15.3	1.1	-11.2	-6.3	2.2	
Apparel	3.979	117.006	114.969	-8	-1.7	.0	-.6	.6	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.609	198.108	202.400	-19.6	2.2	-14.4	-8.3	2.8	
Durables	11.160	108.576	108.689	-3.5	.1	-.6	-.4	-.1	
Services	57.311	252.176	253.033	3.1	.3	.1	.1	.1	
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.918	232.112	232.981	2.2	.4	.3	.1	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	120.360	120.715	2.5	.3	.3	-.2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	197.545	197.703	7.1	.1	-1.0	.1	-1.0	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	156.864	157.733	6.2	.6	.4	.2	.2	
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.814	152.273	4.7	-.4	-.2	.4	-.4
Transportation services	5.512	245.881	246.931	4.2	.4	-.1	.1	.5	
Medical care services	4.035	389.744	392.831	3.0	.8	.1	.2	.5	
Other services	10.432	288.227	288.627	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.135	202.292	203.186	-1.5	.4	-2.5	-1.2	.4	
All items less shelter	68.776	193.918	194.811	-1.7	.5	-3.1	-1.4	.4	
All items less medical care	94.645	198.153	198.978	-.7	.4	-2.2	-1.0	.3	
Commodities less food	26.824	139.620	140.543	-10.1	.7	-7.4	-3.8	1.0	
Nondurables less food	15.664	167.933	169.708	-14.2	1.1	-10.6	-5.9	2.1	
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.686	198.909	202.906	-17.9	2.0	-13.4	-7.5	2.6	
Nondurables	31.530	190.910	192.284	-5.4	.7	-5.7	-2.9	1.1	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.392	243.646	244.376	4.2	.3	-.1	.3	.0	
Services less medical care services	53.275	242.079	242.819	3.1	.3	.1	.2	.1	
Energy	9.024	168.726	172.463	-21.7	2.2	-17.8	-9.7	1.9	
All items less energy	90.976	210.168	210.707	2.3	.3	.1	.0	.2	
All items less food and energy	75.111	208.925	209.404	1.7	.2	.1	.0	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.513	139.731	139.614	-.8	-.1	-.2	-.2	.2	
Energy commodities	4.311	154.744	161.781	-38.9	4.5	-28.2	-18.1	4.9	
Services less energy services	52.598	258.039	258.976	2.7	.4	.2	.1	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.488	\$.486	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.164	\$.163	-	-	-	-	-	

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 Indexes on a December 2007=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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2008	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	July 2008	Jan. 2009
CPI-W										
All items	212.601	208.101	206.067	206.778	3.0	9.9	-4.1	-10.5	6.4	-7.4
Food and beverages	218.043	218.475	218.667	218.714	5.8	8.1	6.3	1.2	7.0	3.8
Food	217.996	218.380	218.504	218.536	6.0	8.4	6.4	1.0	7.2	3.7
Food at home	218.387	218.414	218.100	217.690	7.5	9.8	6.9	-1.3	8.7	2.7
Cereals and bakery products	254.038	255.122	256.440	256.432	17.8	15.8	8.4	3.8	16.8	6.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	209.896	208.861	208.532	208.092	2.8	7.6	10.7	-3.4	5.2	3.4
Dairy and related products ¹	211.808	212.184	209.922	208.530	.9	13.0	-3.3	-6.0	6.8	-4.7
Fruits and vegetables	282.679	280.199	275.625	272.072	5.8	18.2	-1.0	-14.2	11.9	-7.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	163.051	163.379	163.589	163.227	8.4	-6	11.0	.4	3.8	5.6
Other food at home	188.700	189.935	191.118	192.226	11.0	8.4	9.8	7.7	9.7	8.8
Sugar and sweets	190.131	191.411	193.170	195.556	10.1	4.7	11.3	11.9	7.4	11.6
Fats and oils	208.300	208.914	210.685	206.547	25.7	20.1	14.8	-3.3	22.8	5.4
Other foods	202.985	204.430	205.514	207.338	9.0	7.3	8.7	8.9	8.1	8.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	123.026	123.837	124.144	124.477	11.1	7.8	6.8	4.8	9.5	5.8
Food away from home ¹	219.219	220.107	220.847	221.497	3.9	6.5	5.7	4.2	5.2	5.0
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	152.910	153.464	153.646	153.397	4.8	8.1	7.3	1.3	6.4	4.3
Alcoholic beverages	217.234	218.369	219.567	219.832	3.6	3.5	5.1	4.9	3.5	5.0
Housing	213.541	213.447	213.500	213.570	4.4	6.4	-.3	.1	5.4	-.1
Shelter	240.638	241.167	241.355	241.879	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1
Rent of primary residence ³	244.622	245.224	245.683	246.440	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.2
Lodging away from home ²	142.375	141.612	140.971	139.451	-8.4	4.6	-3.8	-8.0	-2.1	-5.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	230.036	230.625	230.792	231.392	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.258	120.589	120.360	120.715	3.2	1.1	4.3	1.5	2.2	2.9
Fuels and utilities	221.405	218.484	217.920	216.117	19.6	31.1	-12.8	-9.2	25.2	-11.0
Household energy	200.433	197.108	196.397	194.348	22.8	36.4	-16.6	-11.6	29.4	-14.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	322.137	289.361	266.721	261.002	29.2	51.7	-45.6	-56.9	40.0	-51.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	203.861	201.730	201.987	200.013	22.4	35.2	-13.9	-7.3	28.6	-10.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	156.056	156.679	157.070	157.447	4.4	6.4	10.4	3.6	5.4	7.0
Household furnishings and operations	124.735	124.600	124.653	124.546	1.8	2.7	3.2	-.6	2.2	1.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.612	152.247	152.814	152.273	8.4	8.0	3.5	-.9	8.2	1.3
Apparel	118.586	118.644	117.923	118.677	-4.7	2.8	-1.6	.3	-1.0	-.6
Men's and boys' apparel	113.150	112.498	111.922	114.105	.7	-1.5	-1.2	3.4	-.4	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	107.111	107.198	106.026	106.642	-15.6	5.4	-1.0	-1.7	-5.7	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.841	116.261	115.672	116.306	-2.6	-4.9	.8	1.6	-3.8	1.2
Footwear	124.181	124.867	124.559	124.556	4.4	4.3	-4.4	1.2	4.4	-1.6
Transportation	194.765	173.617	163.954	166.362	.2	26.5	-23.4	-46.8	12.6	-36.2
Private transportation	191.488	170.016	160.223	162.806	-.1	26.3	-23.8	-47.7	12.3	-36.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	90.578	89.915	89.570	89.682	-2.3	-2.7	-8.3	-3.9	-2.5	-6.1
New vehicles	133.797	133.231	132.783	133.378	-1.8	.5	-7.2	-1.2	-.7	-4.3
Used cars and trucks	130.207	128.402	127.590	126.534	-3.2	-7.8	-14.2	-10.8	-5.6	-12.5
Motor fuel	279.523	198.375	161.274	169.900	.1	79.4	-46.6	-86.4	34.0	-73.0
Gasoline (all types)	277.297	195.487	158.198	167.678	-1.7	79.4	-46.5	-86.6	32.8	-73.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	132.088	133.125	133.295	133.645	5.3	9.7	9.9	4.8	7.5	7.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	240.688	241.509	241.855	243.594	4.8	7.7	5.8	4.9	6.2	5.4
Public transportation	249.564	243.594	240.296	236.685	8.9	31.6	-14.1	-19.1	19.7	-16.6
Medical care	366.655	367.450	368.451	370.068	1.7	2.0	2.8	3.8	1.9	3.3
Medical care commodities	288.112	289.453	290.504	291.485	.9	-1.9	1.9	4.8	-.5	3.3
Medical care services	389.700	390.230	391.178	393.024	2.0	3.3	3.2	3.5	2.6	3.3
Professional services	316.078	316.894	317.551	318.623	1.5	4.2	2.6	3.3	2.8	3.0
Hospital and related services ³	538.729	539.315	541.934	546.425	5.4	5.2	5.9	5.8	5.3	5.8

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—		
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2008	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	July 2008	Jan. 2009
Recreation ²	110.941	110.939	110.795	110.813	1.3	2.3	2.7	-0.5	1.8	1.1
Video and audio ²	102.310	102.240	102.323	101.794	-9	-2.0	-4	-2.0	-1.4	-1.2
Education and communication ²	120.990	121.236	121.592	121.817	3.1	5.7	1.8	2.8	4.4	2.3
Education ²	181.938	182.620	183.489	183.869	5.6	5.5	6.3	4.3	5.6	5.3
Educational books and supplies	464.228	465.758	468.077	469.011	5.1	5.9	12.0	4.2	5.5	8.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	512.363	514.306	516.743	517.817	5.6	5.5	5.8	4.3	5.6	5.1
Communication ²	87.225	87.301	87.450	87.598	1.5	5.9	-1.2	1.7	3.6	.3
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.214	85.292	85.454	85.581	1.5	5.6	-1.3	1.7	3.5	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.436	101.564	101.720	101.876	2.4	7.5	.2	1.7	4.9	1.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.375	10.367	10.406	10.418	-2.4	-2.6	-8.2	1.7	-2.5	-3.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	89.690	88.631	88.176	88.178	-8.6	-15.7	-19.5	-6.6	-12.2	-13.3
Other goods and services	362.377	362.805	363.328	364.631	4.0	6.6	2.6	2.5	5.3	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	602.533	602.881	605.662	610.503	2.5	15.2	2.3	5.4	8.7	3.8
Personal care	200.950	201.251	201.207	201.461	4.7	2.3	2.8	1.0	3.5	1.9
Personal care products ¹	159.914	160.994	161.295	162.683	3.6	-9	1.7	7.1	1.4	4.4
Personal care services ¹	225.800	226.433	226.578	225.951	5.1	1.6	3.3	.3	3.4	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services	344.645	343.491	343.848	343.462	5.7	4.6	3.1	-1.4	5.1	.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	178.513	169.885	165.761	166.831	1.8	14.6	-9.9	-23.7	8.0	-17.1
Food and beverages	218.043	218.475	218.667	218.714	5.8	8.1	6.3	1.2	7.0	3.8
Commodities less food and beverages	156.862	144.748	138.964	140.426	-4	18.4	-17.8	-35.8	8.6	-27.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	202.819	180.093	168.682	172.433	2.4	40.1	-31.5	-47.8	19.8	-40.2
Apparel	118.586	118.644	117.923	118.677	-4.7	2.8	-1.6	.3	-1.0	-6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	259.794	222.275	203.893	209.548	5.8	47.5	-36.8	-57.7	24.9	-48.3
Durables	109.941	109.240	108.798	108.637	-2.1	-1.2	-6.2	-4.7	-1.6	-5.4
Services	252.582	252.766	253.092	253.417	4.0	6.1	.9	1.3	5.1	1.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	232.028	232.611	232.887	233.312	1.7	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.258	120.589	120.360	120.715	3.2	1.1	4.3	1.5	2.2	2.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	203.861	201.730	201.987	200.013	22.4	35.2	-13.9	-7.3	28.6	-10.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	156.056	156.679	157.070	157.447	4.4	6.4	10.4	3.6	5.4	7.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.612	152.247	152.814	152.273	8.4	8.0	3.5	-9	8.2	1.3
Transportation services	245.912	245.719	245.957	247.099	3.9	8.6	2.6	1.9	6.2	2.3
Medical care services	389.700	390.230	391.178	393.024	2.0	3.3	3.2	3.5	2.6	3.3
Other services	287.178	287.718	288.397	288.590	3.2	4.8	2.6	2.0	4.0	2.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	211.463	206.112	203.702	204.532	2.5	10.2	-5.8	-12.5	6.2	-9.2
All items less shelter	204.682	198.293	195.424	196.211	3.4	13.2	-6.6	-15.6	8.2	-11.2
All items less medical care	206.135	201.510	199.400	200.078	3.0	10.3	-4.4	-11.2	6.6	-7.9
Commodities less food	159.001	147.181	141.555	142.991	-2	17.9	-17.1	-34.6	8.4	-26.4
Nondurables less food	203.866	182.304	171.591	175.208	2.7	37.7	-29.9	-45.4	18.9	-38.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	255.126	220.873	204.294	209.514	5.9	44.1	-34.6	-54.5	23.6	-45.4
Nondurables	211.081	199.078	193.307	195.377	5.9	22.0	-15.6	-26.6	13.7	-21.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	244.548	244.382	245.083	245.075	6.3	10.0	-.2	.9	8.2	.4
Services less medical care services	242.513	242.767	243.176	243.374	3.9	6.0	1.1	1.4	5.0	1.2
Energy	238.171	195.711	176.692	180.037	8.5	61.2	-36.3	-67.3	32.2	-54.4
All items less energy	210.373	210.543	210.598	210.987	2.2	3.8	1.9	1.2	3.0	1.5
All items less food and energy	209.203	209.331	209.372	209.834	1.5	2.9	1.0	1.2	2.2	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.715	140.424	140.094	140.375	-9	1.0	-2.3	-1.0	.1	-1.6
Energy commodities	282.643	202.960	166.230	174.341	1.2	78.1	-46.6	-85.5	34.2	-72.2
Services less energy services	257.753	258.207	258.541	259.134	2.5	3.7	2.5	2.2	3.1	2.3

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 Indexes on a December 2007=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 Jan.2009 from—			Percent change to Dec.2008 from—		
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008
U.S. city average	M	212.182	207.296	204.813	205.700	-0.5	-0.8	0.4	-0.5	-3.5	-1.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	227.762	223.741	221.446	221.704	.3	-9	.1	.6	-2.8	-1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	228.437	224.621	222.628	222.707	.5	-9	.0	.8	-2.5	-9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	137.489	134.757	132.938	133.345	-3	-1.0	.3	.1	-3.3	-1.3
Midwest urban	M	201.236	196.346	193.987	195.245	-7	-6	.6	-.8	-3.6	-1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	201.323	196.770	194.120	195.621	-7	-6	.8	-.9	-3.6	-1.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.699	128.186	127.005	127.768	-6	-3	.6	-.6	-3.6	-9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	200.017	195.114	192.391	192.907	-1.0	-1.1	.3	-.9	-3.8	-1.4
South urban	M	207.312	201.821	199.399	200.067	-9	-9	.3	-.7	-3.8	-1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	210.663	205.753	203.121	203.519	-9	-1.1	.2	-.6	-3.6	-1.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.017	128.504	127.055	127.529	-1.0	-8	.4	-.9	-3.8	-1.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	213.696	205.777	203.054	204.316	-3	-7	.6	-.1	-5.0	-1.3
West urban	M	215.499	210.870	208.088	209.367	-5	-7	.6	-.7	-3.4	-1.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	217.714	213.143	210.637	211.857	-1	-6	.6	-.2	-3.3	-1.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.694	130.684	128.641	129.639	-1.0	-8	.8	-1.3	-3.8	-1.6
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	196.590	192.508	190.272	191.023	-2	-8	.4	-.2	-3.2	-1.2
B/C ³	M	133.026	129.723	128.157	128.783	-8	-7	.5	-.8	-3.7	-1.2
D	M	208.028	202.041	199.228	200.057	-8	-1.0	.4	-.8	-4.2	-1.4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	206.772	202.022	198.434	200.222	-6	-9	.9	-.9	-4.0	-1.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	218.726	214.083	211.007	212.454	-6	-8	.7	-.6	-3.5	-1.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	232.778	228.727	227.223	227.503	1.3	-5	.1	1.5	-2.4	-.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	231.854	-	230.095	-5	-8	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	188.860	-	188.798	-7	.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	201.479	-	199.416	.0	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	137.700	-	136.359	.4	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	205.236	-	195.310	-	-	-	-	-3.3	-4.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	200.570	-	192.808	-	-	-	-	-1.6	-3.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	190.600	-	183.088	-	-	-	-	-1.0	-3.9	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	222.038	-	215.867	-	-	-	-	.1	-2.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	225.069	-	217.610	-	-	-	-	-.5	-3.3	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	221.192	-	213.685	-	-	-	-	-.2	-3.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	220.687	-	216.424	-	-	-	-	1.1	-1.9	-

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 Jan. 2009 from—	
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2008
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	120.634	121.208	-0.5	0.5
Food and beverages	14.726	128.368	128.877	5.1	.4
Food	13.648	128.554	129.049	5.2	.4
Food at home	7.557	125.778	126.363	5.5	.5
Food away from home	6.091	132.092	132.469	4.8	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	126.380	127.069	4.1	.5
Housing	42.421	128.110	128.626	2.0	.4
Shelter	32.409	130.116	130.787	1.7	.5
Fuels and utilities	5.004	159.370	159.345	5.1	.0
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	95.519	95.606	1.0	.1
Apparel	3.988	86.697	84.775	-1.4	-2.2
Transportation	17.393	109.410	111.132	-13.2	1.6
Private transportation	16.285	109.042	110.987	-14.0	1.8
Public transportation	1.108	116.373	114.670	-3	-1.5
Medical care	6.085	142.732	143.725	2.4	.7
Medical care commodities	1.615	126.168	126.833	1.4	.5
Medical care services	4.470	148.833	149.960	2.8	.8
Recreation	5.935	105.192	105.210	.4	.0
Education and communication	6.196	109.496	109.680	3.1	.2
Education	2.771	172.827	173.075	5.4	.1
Communication	3.425	74.095	74.235	1.2	.2
Other goods and services	3.257	126.569	126.949	.8	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	132.808	133.356	2.6	.4
Commodities	41.573	105.946	106.544	-4.8	.6
Durables	11.817	80.680	80.775	-3.5	.1
Nondurables	29.756	118.735	119.615	-5.2	.7
All items less food and energy	77.561	117.161	117.453	1.2	.2
Energy	8.790	142.529	146.297	-22.0	2.6

Indexes for 2009 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2008 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.