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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in May, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The May level of 207.949 (1982-84=100) was 2.7 percent higher than in May 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.8 percent in May prior to seasonal adjustment. The May level of 203.661 (1982-84=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in May 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.4 percent in May on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The May level of 120.032 (December 1999=100) was 2.3 percent higher than in May 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.7 percent in May, following a 0.4 percent increase in April. The index for energy increased sharply for the third consecutive month--up 5.4 percent in May. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 9.8 percent while the index for energy services declined 0.2 percent. The food index rose 0.3 percent in May, slightly less than in April. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.1 percent in May, following a 0.2 percent rise in April. Smaller increases in the indexes for shelter and medical care were responsible for the moderation.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May '07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended May '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006		2007						
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	.0	.4	.2	.4	.6	.4	.7	7.0	2.7
Food and beverages	-.1	-.1	.7	.8	.3	.4	.3	4.2	3.9
Housing	.4	.4	.2	.4	.2	.2	.2	2.5	3.3
Apparel	-.1	.2	.3	.5	-1.0	-.3	-.3	-6.6	-.8
Transportation	-.8	1.7	-.8	.1	2.8	1.2	2.8	30.6	1.3
Medical care	.2	.2	.8	.5	.1	.4	.3	3.3	4.0
Recreation	.1	-.3	.1	.0	.0	.1	.2	.9	.4
Education and communication	-.2	.2	-.1	.3	.5	.3	.6	5.3	2.7
Other goods and services	.1	.6	.8	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.0	3.9
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.2	4.2	-1.5	.9	5.9	2.4	5.4	71.0	4.7
Food	-.1	.0	.7	.8	.3	.4	.3	4.2	3.9
All Items less food and energy	.1	.1	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	1.6	2.2

During the first five months of 2007, the CPI-U rose at a 5.5 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The acceleration thus far this year was due to larger increases in the energy and food components. The index for energy advanced at a 36.0 percent SAAR in the first five months of 2007 compared with 2.9 percent in 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 63.9 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 6.8 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 6.2 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.1 percent rise for all of 2006. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.1 percent SAAR in the first five months, following a 2.6 percent rise for all of 2006.

The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in May. The index for food at home increased 0.4 percent, following a 0.5 percent rise in April. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs registered a substantial increase for the third consecutive month--up 1.2 percent in May. The indexes for pork and for other meats turned up in May after declining in April, advancing 2.0 and 0.8 percent, respectively. Poultry prices rose 0.8 percent; beef prices slowed from their recent trend, increasing 0.1 percent. Through the first five months of 2007, beef prices have risen 5.1 percent, poultry prices, 4.3 percent, and pork prices, 3.4 percent. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose 0.4 percent in April, declined 0.5 percent in May. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fruits and vegetables rose 1.0 percent.) The indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables declined 1.8 and 0.3 percent, respectively, while the index for fresh fruits increased 0.7 percent. The index for dairy products increased 0.5 percent as a 2.2 percent increase in milk prices more than offset a 0.4 percent decline in prices for cheese. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.9 percent, reflecting an upturn in prices for carbonated drinks and for coffee. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home were each virtually unchanged in May. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.2 percent.

The index for housing increased 0.2 percent in May, the same as in each of the two preceding months. The index for shelter rose 0.2 percent in May, following an increase of 0.3 percent in April. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.3 percent; the index for owners' equivalent rent, 0.1 percent; and the index for lodging away from home, 1.6 percent. The index for household energy declined 0.1 percent as a 0.9 percent decrease in the index for natural gas was partially offset by increases in the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity--up 1.9 and 0.1 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity rose 1.7 percent, reflecting the switch to seasonal rates in some areas.) The index for household furnishings and operations was virtually unchanged in May.

The transportation index rose sharply for the third consecutive month--up 2.8 percent in May. A 10.4 percent increase in the index for motor fuels was partially offset by declines in the indexes for new and used vehicles and for public transportation. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 9.5 percent. As of May, the price of gasoline was 4.0 percent higher than its previous peak level recorded in July 2006.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.2 percent, while the index for used cars and trucks increased 0.1 percent. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have declined 1.0 percent and prices for used cars and trucks, 4.6 percent. The index for public transportation declined 0.5 percent in April, reflecting a 0.6 percent decrease in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares rose 0.4 percent.)

The index for apparel declined 0.3 percent in May the same as in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices decreased 1.2 percent. Prices for women's and girls' apparel registered the largest decline--down 2.3 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in May and are 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation rose 0.2 percent in May. The index for cable and satellite television and radio service increased 1.0 percent. This increase was partially offset by a 3.1 percent decline in the index for televisions. Television prices have declined 26.9 percent during the 12 month period ended in May.

The index for education and communication advanced 0.6 percent in May. Educational costs rose 0.4 percent and the index for communication costs increased 0.7 percent. Within the communication group, the index for telephone services rose 0.9 percent. Land-line local service charges increased 0.3 percent, land-line

long distance charges advanced 2.7 percent, while wireless telephone service charges declined 0.1 percent. The indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 2.0 percent. The index for internet services and electronic information providers advanced for the third consecutive month--up 0.1 percent in May--but was 23.6 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.3 percent in May. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.4 percent, following a 0.4 percent decline in April. The index for miscellaneous personal services rose 0.3 percent, reflecting increases for legal and for financial services, each up 0.5 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 0.8 percent in May.

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 May '07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended May '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006		2007						
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	.1	.5	.1	.4	.8	.5	.8	8.5	2.8
Food and beverages	-.1	-.1	.7	.8	.3	.4	.4	4.6	3.9
Housing	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2	.2	2.8	3.4
Apparel	-.1	.2	-.1	.5	-.8	-.4	-.3	-5.9	-.8
Transportation	-.9	1.9	-1.0	.0	3.0	1.4	3.1	34.7	1.4
Medical care	.2	.1	.8	.5	.1	.4	.3	3.3	4.1
Recreation	.2	-.3	.1	.0	-.1	.0	.2	.5	.4
Education and communication	-.3	.1	-.1	.3	.4	.3	.6	5.3	2.5
Other goods and services	.0	.8	1.0	.4	.2	.1	.3	2.8	4.2
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.2	4.3	-1.5	.8	6.2	2.6	5.8	76.2	4.9
Food	-.1	-.1	.6	.8	.3	.4	.4	4.7	4.0
All Items less food and energy	.0	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	1.6	2.1

Consumer Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Consumer Price Index Levels to Three Decimal Places

Effective with the January 2007 release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Bureau of Labor Statistics began computing percent changes based upon three decimal place indexes rather than one decimal place indexes. This change applied to the All Items Consumer Price Index and all component indexes for the CPI-U, CPI-W, and C-CPI-U, for the U.S. City Average and for all other published areas. In addition, CPI index values were displayed to three decimal places in all paper and electronic publications. As in the past, percent changes were rounded and displayed to one decimal place.

The change in procedure addressed a rounding issue that resulted in published percent changes that were 0.1 percentage point higher or lower than the same percent changes based on unrounded index values (i.e., indexes to three or more decimal places). These differences were particularly important when percent changes were very small. Publishing the index values to three decimal places, and using these values to compute percent changes, essentially eliminated the possibility of rounding differences. This change only affected the presentation of the index data. Index values continue to be calculated from underlying price data in the same manner as in the past, and no systematic upward or downward effect on the data was introduced. The levels of the indexes are affected only in that they are published to three decimal places rather than one place. Official CPI data previously published were not be revised.

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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>.

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	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 unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2002 through December 2006 were replaced in January 2007. 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: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2007.

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.

In January 2007, BLS adjusted 37 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, fuel oil, motor fuels, vehicles, jewelry, admission to sporting events and educational books and supplies. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the effects of implementing new fuel requirements in the United States.

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 on (202) 691-6968 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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Apr. 2007	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items	100.000	206.686	207.949	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	619.140	622.921	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.992	201.292	202.225	3.9	.5	.3	.4	.3
Food	13.885	200.820	201.791	3.9	.5	.3	.4	.3
Food at home	7.896	199.020	200.334	4.4	.7	.4	.5	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.103	220.494	220.939	4.3	.2	-.3	.9	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.112	193.665	195.886	6.1	1.1	1.1	.9	1.2
Dairy and related products .....	.821	185.821	187.266	3.5	.8	1.3	.5	.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.211	261.967	264.710	6.7	1.0	-1.4	.4	-.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	151.799	152.869	4.3	.7	1.7	-.8	.9
Other food at home	1.743	172.633	172.657	1.6	.0	.2	.5	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	175.932	175.453	2.4	-.3	.4	.7	-.2
Fats and oils .....	.227	169.817	171.495	1.7	1.0	-.3	-.1	.8
Other foods ¹	1.214	188.103	187.921	1.4	-.1	.3	.6	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.327	115.310	114.692	.3	-.5	-.5	.9	-.5
Food away from home ¹	5.989	204.725	205.233	3.3	.2	.1	.3	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.281	143.155	143.160	5.3	.0	-.1	1.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.107	206.166	206.599	2.9	.2	.6	.2	.2
Housing	42.691	208.541	208.902	3.3	.2	.2	.2	.2
Shelter	32.776	239.735	239.877	3.8	.1	.1	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	5.930	232.980	233.549	4.4	.2	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home ²	2.648	144.832	144.112	4.5	-.5	-2.3	1.9	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.830	244.993	245.236	3.5	.1	.3	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.559	116.386	.1	-1.0	.0	.2	-1.0
Fuels and utilities	5.264	196.393	198.574	3.4	1.1	1.2	.0	.0
Household energy	4.368	177.515	179.798	3.1	1.3	1.4	-.1	-.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	240.090	241.473	.7	.6	3.5	2.1	1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	182.283	184.737	3.3	1.3	1.3	-.2	-.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	142.184	142.552	5.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.651	127.423	127.309	.1	-.1	.2	-.3	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	140.252	140.465	3.5	.2	.1	.3	.2
Apparel	3.726	122.934	121.452	-.8	-1.2	-1.0	-.3	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	115.190	114.342	-1.9	-.7	-.6	.6	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.590	117.118	114.444	.0	-2.3	-1.4	-.5	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	115.489	113.632	-3.9	-1.6	.2	-1.9	-1.2
Footwear .....	.749	123.672	123.041	-2.2	-.5	-.7	-.5	.0
Transportation	17.249	185.231	189.961	1.3	2.6	2.8	1.2	2.8
Private transportation	16.188	181.478	186.376	1.3	2.7	2.9	1.4	3.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.581	94.307	93.981	-1.9	-.3	.1	-.1	-.2
New vehicles	4.982	136.963	136.295	-1.0	-.5	.3	.0	-.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.716	134.363	134.481	-4.6	.1	-.2	.0	.1
Motor fuel	4.347	242.944	265.781	5.9	9.4	10.6	4.7	10.4
Gasoline (all types)	4.303	241.897	264.830	6.0	9.5	10.6	4.7	10.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.370	120.714	120.990	3.4	.2	.2	.2	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	221.508	221.999	3.3	.2	.4	.3	.2
Public transportation	1.060	227.567	228.251	-.4	.3	.1	-.4	-.5
Medical care	6.281	348.225	349.087	4.0	.2	.1	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.446	288.349	288.661	.8	.1	-.3	.4	.0
Medical care services	4.834	366.070	367.127	5.0	.3	.2	.4	.4
Professional services	2.817	299.248	299.700	3.7	.2	.1	.0	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.630	492.110	494.122	6.0	.4	.4	.8	.7

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

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CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Apr. 2007	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.552	111.481	111.659	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Video and audio ²	1.719	103.181	103.560	-1.8	.4	-5	.0	.6
Education and communication ²	6.034	118.301	118.787	2.7	.4	.5	.3	.6
Education ²	3.076	168.152	168.403	6.0	.1	.6	.4	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	414.217	414.694	7.8	.1	1.7	.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.872	484.601	485.337	5.8	.2	.5	.4	.5
Communication ²	2.958	83.203	83.772	-5	.7	.3	.1	.7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.769	80.683	81.151	-7	.6	.4	.1	.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.225	97.617	98.491	3.5	.9	.4	.1	.9
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.543	10.869	10.787	-15.7	-.8	.1	.1	-.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.203	10.172	9.971	-7.7	-2.0	.2	-.2	-2.0
Other goods and services	3.476	331.743	332.785	3.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.712	547.663	549.703	6.2	.4	.2	-.4	.4
Personal care	2.764	195.058	195.641	3.3	.3	.1	.4	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.708	158.657	158.594	2.6	.0	.4	.0	.0
Personal care services ¹ .....	.677	215.380	216.228	3.6	.4	.2	.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.188	323.321	324.661	3.9	.4	.1	.7	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.305	167.777	169.767	1.7	1.2	1.2	.7	1.3
Food and beverages	14.992	201.292	202.225	3.9	.5	.3	.4	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	25.313	148.749	151.136	.6	1.6	1.8	.8	1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.191	184.555	190.075	2.4	3.0	2.9	1.0	2.9
Apparel	3.726	122.934	121.452	-.8	-1.2	-1.0	-.3	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.465	227.113	237.116	3.5	4.4	4.9	2.3	5.0
Durables	11.122	112.989	112.637	-2.0	-.3	.1	-.2	-.2
Services	59.695	245.265	245.793	3.4	.2	.2	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.407	249.877	250.055	3.8	.1	.0	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.559	116.386	.1	-1.0	.0	-.2	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	182.283	184.737	3.3	1.3	1.3	-.2	-.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	142.184	142.552	5.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	140.252	140.465	3.5	.2	.1	.3	.2
Transportation services	5.638	232.217	231.777	.5	-.2	.0	-.2	-.4
Medical care services	4.834	366.070	367.127	5.0	.3	.2	.4	.4
Other services	10.730	283.271	284.541	3.2	.4	.3	.4	.6
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.115	207.680	208.991	2.5	.6	.7	.4	.7
All items less shelter	67.224	196.062	197.783	2.2	.9	.9	.5	.9
All items less medical care	93.719	199.512	200.779	2.6	.6	.6	.4	.7
Commodities less food	26.420	150.894	153.228	.6	1.5	1.7	.8	1.8
Nondurables less food	15.299	185.861	191.064	2.4	2.8	2.8	1.0	2.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.572	224.126	233.150	3.4	4.0	4.5	2.1	4.5
Nondurables	29.183	193.570	196.916	3.1	1.7	1.6	.7	1.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.288	258.261	259.262	3.0	.4	.4	.2	.4
Services less medical care services	54.861	235.378	235.870	3.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Energy	8.715	207.265	219.071	4.7	5.7	5.9	2.4	5.4
All items less energy	91.285	208.243	208.400	2.5	.1	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.401	210.311	210.316	2.2	.0	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.735	140.995	140.518	-.7	-.3	-.1	-.1	-.1
Energy commodities	4.685	243.957	265.562	5.6	8.9	10.1	4.6	9.8
Services less energy services	55.666	251.714	252.050	3.4	.1	.1	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.484	\$.481	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.162	\$.161	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Nov. 2006	May 2007
All items	203.906	205.146	205.999	207.387	3.8	-3.7	4.0	7.0	0.0	5.5
Food and beverages	200.150	200.756	201.562	202.227	3.1	2.3	5.9	4.2	2.7	5.1
Food	199.728	200.281	201.111	201.794	3.3	2.1	6.1	4.2	2.7	5.1
Food at home	197.721	198.554	199.525	200.339	3.4	1.9	7.0	5.4	2.6	6.2
Cereals and bakery products	219.067	218.512	220.386	220.379	4.4	3.0	7.2	2.4	3.7	4.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	190.383	192.493	194.211	196.611	3.3	2.4	5.2	13.7	2.8	9.4
Dairy and related products	183.143	185.540	186.388	187.354	-2.0	.2	6.5	9.5	-9	8.0
Fruits and vegetables	267.426	263.665	264.641	263.352	11.5	4.8	18.0	-6.0	8.1	5.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	150.507	153.069	151.879	153.191	1.6	5.0	3.3	7.3	3.3	5.3
Other food at home	171.243	171.658	172.566	172.559	1.4	-2.3	4.2	3.1	-5	3.6
Sugar and sweets	173.767	174.394	175.639	175.236	4.0	1.6	.6	3.4	2.8	2.0
Fats and oils	170.528	169.938	169.685	171.038	-1.4	4.6	2.4	1.2	1.6	1.8
Other foods ¹	186.358	186.962	188.103	187.921	1.5	-4.4	5.2	3.4	-1.5	4.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.939	114.331	115.310	114.692	-1.7	.0	4.1	-9	-9	1.6
Food away from home ¹	203.909	204.082	204.725	205.233	3.1	2.8	4.7	2.6	2.9	3.6
Other food away from home ²	141.604	141.393	143.105	143.226	3.3	4.1	9.0	4.7	3.7	6.8
Alcoholic beverages ¹	204.385	205.663	206.166	206.599	.8	.8	5.6	4.4	.8	5.0
Housing	207.616	208.072	208.547	208.912	3.6	3.0	4.2	2.5	3.3	3.3
Shelter	238.043	238.176	238.981	239.550	4.4	4.4	3.7	2.6	4.4	3.1
Rent of primary residence ³	231.642	232.437	233.001	233.654	4.5	4.7	5.1	3.5	4.6	4.3
Lodging away from home ²	139.913	136.702	139.332	141.581	3.0	4.2	6.0	4.9	3.6	5.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	243.988	244.646	245.079	245.277	4.6	4.2	3.2	2.1	4.4	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.320	117.333	117.559	116.386	-3	7.4	-3.3	-3.1	3.5	-3.2
Fuels and utilities	198.215	200.689	200.647	200.602	.0	-2.0	11.5	4.9	-1.0	8.1
Household energy	179.714	182.293	182.151	182.006	-1.4	-2.9	12.2	5.2	-2.1	8.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	223.344	231.088	235.916	240.264	25.6	-32.3	-9.7	33.9	-7.8	10.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	185.812	188.185	187.716	187.275	-3.3	.0	14.3	3.2	-1.6	8.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	141.349	141.806	142.184	142.552	6.3	3.5	6.9	3.4	4.9	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	127.238	127.483	127.151	127.099	.9	.0	-.2	-.4	.5	-.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.733	139.861	140.252	140.465	3.9	5.7	2.4	2.1	4.8	2.3
Apparel	120.805	119.541	119.165	118.772	.0	-3	4.1	-6.6	-.2	-1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	112.314	111.598	112.218	111.817	.7	-2.4	-3.8	-1.8	-9	-2.8
Women's and girls' apparel	113.628	112.077	111.548	110.951	1.1	-4	9.4	-9.1	.4	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.619	115.794	113.572	112.180	3.1	-4.0	-3.0	-11.4	-.5	-7.3
Footwear	122.984	122.184	121.597	121.648	-5.7	2.0	-.7	-4.3	-1.9	-2.5
Transportation	175.749	180.584	182.835	187.879	6.6	-27.5	3.8	30.6	-12.1	16.5
Private transportation	171.567	176.599	178.995	184.318	7.0	-28.5	3.5	33.2	-12.6	17.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.141	94.273	94.193	94.027	.8	-5.3	-2.3	-.5	-2.3	-1.4
New vehicles	136.204	136.601	136.633	136.303	.0	-3.4	-.9	.3	-1.7	-.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	134.597	134.382	134.363	134.481	4.3	-13.6	-7.6	-.3	-5.0	-4.1
Motor fuel	200.921	222.136	232.663	256.776	20.0	-66.5	17.5	166.8	-36.6	77.0
Gasoline (all types)	199.842	221.080	231.531	255.731	20.3	-66.6	17.4	168.2	-36.6	77.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	120.196	120.485	120.714	120.990	4.2	4.5	2.4	2.7	4.3	2.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	220.213	221.071	221.683	222.104	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.6
Public transportation	227.931	228.152	227.233	226.040	5.4	-11.0	8.4	-3.3	-3.1	2.4
Medical care	345.686	345.994	347.316	348.467	3.6	3.2	6.0	3.3	3.4	4.6
Medical care commodities	287.830	286.925	288.197	288.277	2.0	-.3	1.0	.6	.8	.8
Medical care services	362.812	363.568	364.892	366.427	4.1	4.4	7.5	4.0	4.2	5.8
Professional services	297.958	298.146	298.225	298.929	2.8	3.3	7.4	1.3	3.1	4.3
Hospital and related services ³	484.918	486.910	490.706	493.924	5.9	4.3	6.3	7.6	5.1	7.0

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—		
	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Nov. 2006	May 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.150	111.118	111.184	111.400	1.1	0.4	-0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0
Video and audio ²	103.065	102.541	102.512	103.089	-8	-3.0	-3.5	.1	-1.9	-1.7
Education and communication ²	117.952	118.496	118.824	119.491	3.5	.3	1.5	5.3	1.9	3.4
Education ²	167.882	168.862	169.614	170.365	6.9	6.0	4.9	6.0	6.4	5.5
Educational books and supplies	405.288	412.206	414.225	415.517	7.2	6.9	6.6	10.5	7.1	8.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	484.536	486.972	489.125	491.336	7.0	5.8	4.8	5.7	6.4	5.3
Communication ²	82.841	83.117	83.201	83.771	.5	-4.7	-2.2	4.6	-2.1	1.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	80.311	80.601	80.683	81.151	.5	-4.8	-2.4	4.2	-2.2	.9
Telephone services ^{1 2}	97.096	97.514	97.617	98.491	3.0	2.5	2.5	5.9	2.7	4.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.853	10.860	10.869	10.787	-9.1	-30.8	-17.9	-2.4	-20.7	-10.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.174	10.191	10.172	9.971	-7.2	-10.8	-4.8	-7.7	-9.0	-6.3
Other goods and services	330.076	330.604	331.436	332.499	2.7	3.3	6.8	3.0	3.0	4.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	548.896	550.021	547.663	549.703	2.8	-1.3	24.7	.6	.7	12.0
Personal care	193.702	193.988	194.830	195.427	2.6	4.5	2.5	3.6	3.5	3.1
Personal care products ¹	158.038	158.592	158.657	158.594	.8	3.1	5.1	1.4	1.9	3.2
Personal care services ¹	214.616	215.091	215.380	216.228	2.7	4.3	4.4	3.0	3.5	3.7
Miscellaneous personal services	320.360	320.565	322.914	324.032	3.6	5.3	2.1	4.7	4.5	3.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	163.297	165.295	166.375	168.578	4.2	-12.9	4.0	13.6	-4.8	8.7
Food and beverages	200.150	200.756	201.562	202.227	3.1	2.3	5.9	4.2	2.7	5.1
Commodities less food and beverages	142.968	145.505	146.671	149.471	4.4	-20.6	3.0	19.5	-8.9	11.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	173.440	178.529	180.348	185.615	6.6	-23.6	3.2	31.2	-9.8	16.3
Apparel	120.805	119.541	119.165	118.772	.0	-3	4.1	-6.6	-2	-1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	208.104	218.217	223.233	234.300	8.4	-39.4	8.5	60.7	-19.0	32.0
Durables	112.806	112.900	112.714	112.434	.3	-4.1	-2.8	-1.3	-1.9	-2.0
Services	244.229	244.701	245.331	245.870	3.4	3.2	4.3	2.7	3.3	3.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	248.104	248.206	249.045	249.718	4.4	4.2	3.8	2.6	4.3	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.320	117.333	117.559	116.386	-3	7.4	-3.3	-3.1	3.5	-3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	185.812	188.185	187.716	187.275	-3.3	.0	14.3	3.2	-1.6	8.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	141.349	141.806	142.184	142.552	6.3	3.5	6.9	3.4	4.9	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.733	139.861	140.252	140.465	3.9	5.7	2.4	2.1	4.8	2.3
Transportation services	232.643	232.641	232.243	231.426	2.6	-7	2.2	-2.1	1.0	.0
Medical care services	362.812	363.568	364.892	366.427	4.1	4.4	7.5	4.0	4.2	5.8
Other services	281.756	282.570	283.650	285.213	3.7	2.2	1.8	5.0	2.9	3.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	204.620	205.973	206.831	208.336	3.8	-4.6	3.8	7.5	-5	5.6
All items less shelter	192.816	194.509	195.393	197.122	3.6	-7.4	4.3	9.2	-2.1	6.7
All items less medical care	196.746	198.011	198.840	200.225	3.7	-4.2	4.1	7.3	-3	5.6
Commodities less food	145.217	147.723	148.873	151.608	4.3	-19.9	3.1	18.8	-8.6	10.7
Nondurables less food	175.288	180.116	181.876	186.872	6.1	-21.9	3.0	29.2	-9.0	15.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	206.835	216.051	220.611	230.622	7.6	-36.4	8.0	54.6	-17.3	29.2
Nondurables	187.249	190.237	191.486	194.573	4.7	-11.6	4.7	16.6	-3.8	10.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	257.370	258.518	259.061	260.009	3.2	.2	4.4	4.2	1.7	4.3
Services less medical care services	234.204	234.638	235.366	236.073	3.9	2.1	3.9	3.2	3.0	3.5
Energy	188.952	200.164	204.969	216.073	9.8	-44.5	14.9	71.0	-21.9	40.2
All items less energy	207.083	207.278	207.720	208.092	3.2	1.8	3.1	2.0	2.5	2.5
All items less food and energy	209.135	209.263	209.634	209.948	3.2	1.8	2.6	1.6	2.5	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.330	140.229	140.050	139.880	.6	-2.5	.7	-1.3	-1.0	-3
Energy commodities	203.310	223.786	234.008	257.001	20.3	-64.9	15.3	155.3	-35.0	71.6
Services less energy services	250.220	250.502	251.242	251.880	4.2	3.5	3.5	2.7	3.8	3.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May2007 from—			Percent change to Apr.2007 from—		
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007
U.S. city average	M	203.499	205.352	206.686	207.949	2.7	1.3	0.6	2.6	1.6	0.6
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	216.651	218.334	219.501	220.591	2.3	1.0	.5	2.2	1.3	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.330	220.936	222.001	222.924	2.2	.9	.4	2.4	1.2	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.546	128.691	129.563	130.488	2.4	1.4	.7	1.8	1.6	.7
Midwest urban	M	194.458	196.389	197.405	199.194	2.9	1.4	.9	2.3	1.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.507	198.335	199.378	200.818	2.9	1.3	.7	2.5	1.5	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.854	125.151	125.724	127.247	2.9	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	188.122	190.365	191.685	193.467	2.9	1.6	.9	2.1	1.9	.7
South urban	M	195.950	197.904	199.618	200.804	2.7	1.5	.6	2.5	1.9	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	198.516	200.538	201.818	202.840	2.8	1.1	.5	2.7	1.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.521	125.726	127.000	127.893	2.6	1.7	.7	2.3	2.0	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.043	198.204	200.366	200.919	2.6	1.4	.3	2.7	2.2	1.1
West urban	M	208.995	210.778	212.036	213.063	3.0	1.1	.5	3.3	1.5	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.549	214.393	215.540	216.640	3.0	1.0	.5	3.3	1.4	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.805	127.848	128.843	129.129	2.7	1.0	.2	3.2	1.6	.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	186.673	188.309	189.327	190.327	2.7	1.1	.5	2.7	1.4	.5
B/C ³	M	125.243	126.424	127.440	128.347	2.7	1.5	.7	2.4	1.8	.8
D	M	194.945	196.999	198.516	200.118	2.9	1.6	.8	2.6	1.8	.8
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	200.630	202.483	204.019	205.686	3.7	1.6	.8	3.2	1.7	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	214.760	216.500	217.845	218.596	2.9	1.0	.3	3.5	1.4	.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	223.066	224.551	225.780	227.146	2.5	1.2	.6	2.5	1.2	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	226.427	-	226.247	1.5	-1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	194.244	-	196.216	2.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	190.156	-	192.779	.8	1.4	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	131.945	-	132.982	3.2	.8	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	194.886	-	199.039	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	198.064	-	200.418	-	-	-	-	1.6	1.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	181.217	-	184.140	-	-	-	-	1.6	1.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	207.989	-	210.904	-	-	-	-	3.5	1.4	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	213.152	-	215.270	-	-	-	-	1.7	1.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	213.688	-	215.842	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.0	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	211.704	-	215.767	-	-	-	-	4.0	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 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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Apr. 2007	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items	100.000	202.130	203.661	2.8	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
All items (1967=100)	-	602.083	606.643	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.475	200.488	201.478	3.9	.5	.3	.4	.4
Food	15.457	200.009	201.043	4.0	.5	.3	.4	.4
Food at home	9.244	197.989	199.355	4.4	.7	.5	.5	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.285	220.926	221.259	4.3	.2	-.1	.9	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.623	193.089	195.331	5.9	1.2	1.1	.9	1.3
Dairy and related products .....	.928	185.326	186.948	3.6	.9	1.3	.5	.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.332	260.068	262.669	6.8	1.0	-1.3	.6	-.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.082	150.995	152.173	4.3	.8	1.8	-.8	.9
Other food at home	1.993	171.898	172.024	1.5	.1	.2	.5	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	174.459	174.084	2.1	-.2	.4	.7	-.3
Fats and oils .....	.283	170.574	172.401	2.0	1.1	-.2	-.2	.8
Other foods ¹	1.373	188.165	188.049	1.4	-.1	.3	.6	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.368	115.432	115.035	.6	-.3	-.7	.9	-.3
Food away from home ¹	6.213	204.519	205.046	3.3	.3	.1	.3	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.279	142.991	143.031	5.3	.0	.0	1.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	206.342	206.636	3.0	.1	.5	.3	.1
Housing	40.463	203.588	204.033	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.2
Shelter	30.570	231.957	232.181	3.8	.1	.2	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	8.021	232.126	232.690	4.5	.2	.4	.3	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.430	144.370	143.880	5.3	-.3	-2.1	2.4	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.776	222.062	222.264	3.5	.1	.3	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.945	116.828	.2	-.9	.0	.2	-.9
Fuels and utilities	5.779	194.974	197.052	3.5	1.1	1.3	.0	-.1
Household energy	4.842	175.223	177.372	3.2	1.2	1.5	-.1	-.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	239.516	241.052	.9	.6	3.0	2.3	1.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	180.803	183.103	3.4	1.3	1.4	-.2	-.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	142.451	142.786	5.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.114	122.881	122.786	.0	-.1	.1	-.2	-.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	142.471	142.780	3.2	.2	.1	.3	.2
Apparel	4.041	122.475	120.931	-.8	-1.3	-.8	-.4	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	115.103	113.986	-2.2	-1.0	-.1	.3	-.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.680	116.826	114.316	.3	-2.1	-1.2	-.5	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	117.530	115.555	-3.9	-1.7	-.5	-2.0	-1.0
Footwear .....	.954	123.339	122.983	-1.7	-.3	-.8	-.4	.2
Transportation	19.515	184.930	190.265	1.4	2.9	3.0	1.4	3.1
Private transportation	18.793	182.156	187.595	1.5	3.0	3.1	1.5	3.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.626	93.234	93.000	-2.1	-.3	.1	.0	-.1
New vehicles	5.210	138.077	137.535	-.9	-.4	.3	.0	-.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.675	135.192	135.320	-4.6	.1	-.2	.0	.1
Motor fuel	5.441	243.574	266.737	6.1	9.5	10.5	4.8	10.5
Gasoline (all types)	5.388	242.613	265.874	6.2	9.6	10.5	4.8	10.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.444	120.367	120.709	3.6	.3	.2	.2	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	224.086	224.623	3.3	.2	.4	.3	.2
Public transportation .....	.723	226.521	227.024	-.2	.2	.1	-.2	-.6
Medical care	5.228	348.109	348.801	4.1	.2	.1	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.135	281.216	281.502	.8	.1	-.3	.5	.0
Medical care services	4.094	366.870	367.696	5.1	.2	.2	.4	.4
Professional services	2.338	301.599	301.979	3.7	.1	.1	.0	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.378	487.336	488.523	5.9	.2	.4	.8	.5

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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Apr. 2007	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May	
Recreation ²	5.022	108.680	108.905	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2	
Video and audio ²	1.867	102.690	103.137	-1.5	.4	-6	.1	.6	
Education and communication ²	5.605	115.280	115.830	2.5	.5	.4	.3	.6	
Education ²	2.329	166.441	166.667	6.0	.1	.6	.5	.4	
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	417.583	417.791	8.2	.0	1.7	.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.121	469.472	470.148	5.8	.1	.5	.5	.4	
Communication ²	3.276	85.523	86.140	.2	.7	.3	.1	.7	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.124	83.760	84.304	.0	.6	.4	.1	.6	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.633	97.738	98.610	3.5	.9	.4	.1	.9	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.492	11.322	11.243	-15.5	-.7	.2	.3	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.178	10.036	9.843	-8.0	-1.9	.4	.0	-1.9
Other goods and services	3.652	342.057	343.096	4.2	.3	.2	.1	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.139	548.812	550.888	6.1	.4	.2	-.4	.4	
Personal care	2.513	193.075	193.595	3.4	.3	.2	.4	.3	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.771	158.578	158.566	2.5	.0	.3	.0	.0
Personal care services ¹ .....	.618	215.658	216.489	3.8	.4	.3	.2	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	324.252	325.617	4.1	.4	.1	.8	.4
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	44.175	169.746	172.126	1.9	1.4	1.4	.7	1.6	
Food and beverages	16.475	200.488	201.478	3.9	.5	.3	.4	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.700	152.034	154.964	.8	1.9	2.1	.9	2.3	
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.699	191.650	198.237	2.8	3.4	3.4	1.2	3.3	
Apparel	4.041	122.475	120.931	-1.3	-1.3	-8	-.4	-.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.658	238.898	250.737	4.0	5.0	5.2	2.6	5.6	
Durables	12.001	112.945	112.686	-2.0	-.2	.0	-.2	-.2	
Services	55.825	240.106	240.672	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.227	223.590	223.833	3.8	.1	.2	.3	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.945	116.828	.2	-.9	.0	.2	-.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	180.803	183.103	3.4	1.3	1.4	-.2	-.3	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	142.451	142.786	5.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	142.471	142.780	3.2	.2	.1	.3	.2
Transportation services	5.600	232.218	231.542	.5	-.3	.0	-.1	-.4	
Medical care services	4.094	366.870	367.696	5.1	.2	.2	.4	.4	
Other services	9.761	273.342	274.697	3.0	.5	.3	.4	.6	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.543	202.335	203.955	2.5	.8	.9	.5	.9	
All items less shelter	69.430	193.443	195.463	2.3	1.0	1.0	.5	1.1	
All items less medical care	94.772	195.998	197.543	2.7	.8	.8	.5	.8	
Commodities less food	28.718	153.999	156.872	.9	1.9	2.0	.9	2.2	
Nondurables less food	16.717	192.687	198.945	2.9	3.2	3.2	1.1	3.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.676	235.083	245.886	3.9	4.6	5.0	2.4	5.2	
Nondurables	32.174	196.887	200.781	3.4	2.0	1.9	.8	1.9	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.598	228.811	229.694	2.9	.4	.5	.2	.4	
Services less medical care services	51.732	230.708	231.253	3.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	
Energy	10.282	207.932	220.348	4.9	6.0	6.2	2.6	5.8	
All items less energy	89.718	202.300	202.489	2.4	.1	.1	.2	.2	
All items less food and energy	74.261	203.154	203.163	2.1	.0	.1	.2	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.932	141.450	141.011	-.6	-.3	-.1	-.1	-.1	
Energy commodities	5.786	244.148	266.260	5.9	9.1	10.1	4.6	10.0	
Services less energy services	51.329	246.539	246.894	3.4	.1	.2	.3	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.495	\$.491	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.166	\$.165	-	-	-	-	-	

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Nov. 2006	May 2007
Expenditure category										
All items	198.984	200.527	201.449	203.070	3.9	-5.1	4.1	8.5	-0.7	6.3
Food and beverages	199.249	199.913	200.788	201.521	3.1	2.3	5.7	4.6	2.7	5.2
Food	198.801	199.437	200.328	201.088	3.1	2.5	5.6	4.7	2.8	5.2
Food at home	196.534	197.484	198.516	199.429	3.4	2.1	6.2	6.0	2.7	6.1
Cereals and bakery products	219.095	218.810	220.802	220.710	4.4	3.4	6.2	3.0	3.9	4.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	189.882	191.953	193.636	196.102	3.1	2.6	4.7	13.8	2.8	9.2
Dairy and related products	182.501	184.953	185.923	187.105	-2.4	-2	6.9	10.5	-1.3	8.7
Fruits and vegetables	264.940	261.391	262.893	261.575	11.2	5.7	16.2	-5.0	8.4	5.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	149.749	152.389	151.119	152.510	2.2	4.7	2.9	7.6	3.4	5.2
Other food at home	170.572	170.984	171.861	171.900	1.7	-1.9	3.5	3.2	-1	3.3
Sugar and sweets	172.484	173.102	174.315	173.743	3.8	1.2	.4	3.0	2.5	1.7
Fats and oils	171.051	170.779	170.483	171.928	-5	4.8	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.8
Other foods ¹	186.473	187.026	188.165	188.049	1.5	-4.0	4.8	3.4	-1.3	4.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.151	114.402	115.432	115.035	-7	-3	3.7	-.4	-5	1.6
Food away from home ¹	203.689	203.838	204.519	205.046	3.1	3.0	4.6	2.7	3.0	3.7
Other food away from home ²	141.338	141.285	142.978	143.120	2.4	4.2	9.7	5.1	3.3	7.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	204.616	205.729	206.342	206.636	.2	2.4	5.5	4.0	1.3	4.7
Housing	202.830	203.510	203.924	204.238	3.5	2.6	4.5	2.8	3.1	3.7
Shelter	230.467	230.875	231.576	232.091	4.5	4.1	3.7	2.8	4.3	3.3
Rent of primary residence ³	230.703	231.583	232.171	232.806	4.8	4.5	5.0	3.7	4.6	4.4
Lodging away from home ²	138.634	135.688	138.971	141.776	4.5	2.4	5.2	9.4	3.4	7.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	221.169	221.773	222.148	222.344	4.5	3.9	3.3	2.1	4.2	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.622	117.653	117.945	116.828	.0	7.0	-3.3	-2.7	3.5	-3.0
Fuels and utilities	196.694	199.210	199.188	199.088	-4	-1.9	12.0	5.0	-1.1	8.4
Household energy	177.263	179.858	179.743	179.556	-1.8	-2.7	13.1	5.3	-2.3	9.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	223.337	230.061	235.366	239.903	26.3	-33.4	-7.4	33.1	-8.3	11.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	184.020	186.511	186.072	185.598	-4.0	.2	14.7	3.5	-1.9	9.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	141.636	142.070	142.451	142.786	6.6	3.2	6.9	3.3	4.9	5.1
Household furnishings and operations	122.719	122.902	122.617	122.542	1.0	.0	-.6	-.6	.5	-.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.886	142.069	142.471	142.780	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.5	3.8	2.7
Apparel	120.061	119.132	118.646	118.255	.7	.0	2.2	-5.9	.3	-1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	111.899	111.739	112.055	111.391	1.8	-2.4	-5.9	-1.8	-.4	-3.9
Women's and girls' apparel	113.167	111.805	111.258	110.729	2.2	-.4	8.4	-8.3	.9	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.322	117.687	115.362	114.205	3.4	-2.0	-2.9	-13.2	.7	-8.2
Footwear	122.846	121.891	121.393	121.623	-4.8	2.0	.1	-3.9	-1.4	-1.9
Transportation	174.491	179.761	182.297	187.996	7.5	-29.8	3.7	34.7	-13.1	18.2
Private transportation	171.483	176.866	179.472	185.340	7.6	-30.5	3.5	36.5	-13.5	18.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.035	93.159	93.122	93.015	1.3	-6.5	-2.8	-.1	-2.7	-1.5
New vehicles	137.293	137.675	137.725	137.497	-.3	-3.1	-.9	.6	-1.7	-.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	135.411	135.203	135.192	135.320	4.0	-13.5	-7.6	-.3	-5.2	-4.0
Motor fuel	201.411	222.605	233.190	257.662	20.7	-66.4	16.9	167.8	-36.3	76.9
Gasoline (all types)	200.433	221.570	232.197	256.779	20.8	-66.6	17.0	169.4	-36.4	77.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.897	120.170	120.367	120.709	4.5	4.8	2.4	2.7	4.7	2.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	222.687	223.605	224.295	224.729	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.6
Public transportation	226.645	226.760	226.292	224.919	4.0	-8.8	7.9	-3.0	-2.6	2.3
Medical care	345.415	345.778	347.186	348.209	3.6	3.5	6.0	3.3	3.6	4.6
Medical care commodities	280.701	279.756	281.058	281.075	2.0	-.3	.7	.5	.9	.6
Medical care services	363.443	364.265	365.689	367.054	4.2	4.5	7.5	4.0	4.3	5.8
Professional services	300.252	300.458	300.604	301.184	3.1	3.2	7.3	1.2	3.1	4.2
Hospital and related services ³	480.230	482.119	486.111	488.533	6.1	4.6	5.9	7.1	5.4	6.5

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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

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					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	May 2007	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	May 2007	Nov. 2006	May 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.489	108.351	108.379	108.634	1.1	0.7	-0.8	0.5	0.9	-0.1
Video and audio ²	102.658	102.032	102.106	102.693	-4	-2.3	-3.2	.1	-1.3	-1.6
Education and communication ²	114.825	115.329	115.644	116.328	3.2	.4	1.1	5.3	1.8	3.2
Education ²	166.001	166.936	167.711	168.397	7.0	6.1	5.0	5.9	6.5	5.4
Educational books and supplies	408.597	415.361	417.479	418.662	7.5	7.7	7.3	10.2	7.6	8.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	469.130	471.264	473.429	475.426	7.0	6.0	4.7	5.5	6.5	5.1
Communication ²	85.107	85.404	85.521	86.139	.9	-3.7	-1.4	4.9	-1.4	1.7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	83.337	83.645	83.760	84.304	1.0	-3.7	-1.7	4.7	-1.4	1.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	97.233	97.625	97.738	98.610	3.0	2.9	2.2	5.8	3.0	4.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	11.272	11.292	11.322	11.243	-5.9	-31.9	-19.5	-1.0	-19.9	-10.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	9.997	10.040	10.036	9.843	-7.3	-10.9	-7.7	-6.0	-9.1	-6.9
Other goods and services	340.563	341.327	341.796	342.916	2.8	2.1	9.3	2.8	2.4	6.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	550.097	551.161	548.812	550.888	2.7	-1.4	24.2	.6	.7	11.8
Personal care	191.628	192.086	192.859	193.446	2.8	3.7	3.0	3.8	3.2	3.4
Personal care products ¹	157.992	158.528	158.578	158.566	.8	2.6	5.2	1.5	1.7	3.3
Personal care services ¹	214.773	215.318	215.658	216.489	3.1	4.4	4.3	3.2	3.8	3.8
Miscellaneous personal services	321.057	321.437	323.928	325.230	3.6	4.9	2.7	5.3	4.3	4.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	164.641	166.963	168.201	170.823	4.6	-14.5	4.1	15.9	-5.4	9.8
Food and beverages	199.249	199.913	200.788	201.521	3.1	2.3	5.7	4.6	2.7	5.2
Commodities less food and beverages	145.360	148.351	149.718	153.103	5.4	-22.9	3.3	23.1	-9.9	12.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	178.618	184.774	187.019	193.212	7.0	-25.7	2.8	36.9	-10.9	18.6
Apparel	120.061	119.132	118.646	118.255	.7	.0	2.2	-5.9	.3	-1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	217.028	228.357	234.256	247.338	9.9	-42.8	10.2	68.7	-20.7	36.4
Durables	112.926	112.934	112.746	112.470	.3	-4.1	-2.7	-1.6	-1.9	-2.2
Services	239.197	239.874	240.432	240.902	3.5	2.9	4.3	2.9	3.2	3.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	222.103	222.481	223.171	223.723	4.3	4.3	3.7	2.9	4.3	3.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.622	117.653	117.945	116.828	.0	7.0	-3.3	-2.7	3.5	-3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	184.020	186.511	186.072	185.598	-4.0	.2	14.7	3.5	-1.9	9.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	141.636	142.070	142.451	142.786	6.6	3.2	6.9	3.3	4.9	5.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.886	142.069	142.471	142.780	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.5	3.8	2.7
Transportation services	232.505	232.557	232.280	231.324	2.1	.3	1.7	-2.0	1.2	-2
Medical care services	363.443	364.265	365.689	367.054	4.2	4.5	7.5	4.0	4.3	5.8
Other services	271.752	272.525	273.512	275.131	3.6	1.8	1.4	5.1	2.7	3.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	198.835	200.544	201.471	203.249	4.1	-6.6	4.0	9.2	-1.4	6.6
All items less shelter	189.663	191.634	192.646	194.686	3.6	-9.0	4.5	11.0	-2.9	7.7
All items less medical care	192.863	194.431	195.330	196.957	3.8	-5.7	4.2	8.8	-1.0	6.4
Commodities less food	147.428	150.381	151.734	155.051	5.3	-22.0	3.1	22.3	-9.4	12.3
Nondurables less food	180.295	186.144	188.232	194.216	6.7	-24.5	3.2	34.6	-10.2	17.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	214.716	225.427	230.802	242.814	8.7	-39.8	9.1	63.5	-19.1	33.6
Nondurables	189.616	193.124	194.614	198.318	4.9	-12.7	4.4	19.7	-4.3	11.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	228.013	229.109	229.610	230.420	2.7	.0	4.5	4.3	1.3	4.4
Services less medical care services	229.602	230.290	230.911	231.538	3.8	2.0	3.7	3.4	2.9	3.6
Energy	188.349	200.028	205.146	217.017	10.9	-46.0	15.0	76.2	-22.6	42.3
All items less energy	201.176	201.470	201.876	202.235	3.1	1.6	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.6
All items less food and energy	202.045	202.268	202.572	202.846	3.1	1.4	2.5	1.6	2.2	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.753	140.665	140.479	140.348	.6	-2.5	.4	-1.1	-1.0	-4
Energy commodities	203.201	223.710	234.055	257.569	21.1	-65.1	15.3	158.1	-35.0	72.5
Services less energy services	245.136	245.594	246.269	246.851	4.1	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.6	3.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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 May2007 from—			Percent change to Apr.2007 from—		
		Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007
U.S. city average	M	198.544	200.612	202.130	203.661	2.8	1.5	0.8	2.5	1.8	0.8
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	212.649	214.517	215.802	217.008	2.3	1.2	.6	2.3	1.5	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.892	215.629	216.766	217.739	2.3	1.0	.4	2.5	1.3	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.587	128.888	129.856	130.881	2.3	1.5	.8	1.8	1.8	.8
Midwest urban	M	189.121	191.145	192.379	194.553	2.9	1.8	1.1	2.2	1.7	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	190.087	192.051	193.403	195.325	3.0	1.7	1.0	2.3	1.7	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.121	124.508	125.159	126.897	2.9	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.7	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	186.458	188.484	189.901	191.801	2.9	1.8	1.0	2.1	1.8	.8
South urban	M	192.574	194.734	196.730	198.175	2.7	1.8	.7	2.4	2.2	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.032	198.254	199.837	201.167	2.8	1.5	.7	2.6	1.9	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.842	124.185	125.598	126.639	2.7	2.0	.8	2.2	2.2	1.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.444	197.902	200.520	201.358	2.6	1.7	.4	2.7	2.6	1.3
West urban	M	203.036	205.173	206.521	207.795	2.9	1.3	.6	3.3	1.7	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.885	207.180	208.393	209.674	3.0	1.2	.6	3.3	1.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.161	127.333	128.376	128.962	2.7	1.3	.5	3.2	1.8	.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	184.447	186.331	187.531	188.791	2.8	1.3	.7	2.7	1.7	.6
B/C ³	M	124.203	125.513	126.624	127.710	2.7	1.8	.9	2.3	1.9	.9
D	M	193.060	195.247	197.059	198.771	2.8	1.8	.9	2.5	2.1	.9
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	193.451	195.472	197.067	199.109	3.7	1.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	206.632	208.929	210.195	211.145	3.0	1.1	.5	3.6	1.7	.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	216.771	218.510	219.791	221.396	2.7	1.3	.7	2.7	1.4	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	225.918	-	225.395	1.1	-2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	184.014	-	186.889	1.7	1.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	191.750	-	195.216	1.2	1.8	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	131.234	-	132.330	3.2	.8	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	193.446	-	197.856	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	192.717	-	195.417	-	-	-	-	1.7	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	179.288	-	182.774	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.9	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	205.688	-	208.921	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	212.986	-	214.668	-	-	-	-	1.7	.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	208.803	-	211.189	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	205.746	-	210.388	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.3	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2007 from—	
		Apr. 2007	May 2007	May 2006	Apr. 2007
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	119.543	120.032	2.3	0.4
Food and beverages	15.072	118.596	119.151	3.8	.5
Food	13.943	118.584	119.165	3.8	.5
Food at home	8.029	115.552	116.325	4.2	.7
Food away from home	5.914	122.681	122.983	3.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	119.009	119.237	2.8	.2
Housing	42.173	124.713	124.894	3.2	.1
Shelter	32.495	126.701	126.754	3.6	.0
Fuels and utilities	4.702	147.904	149.589	3.7	1.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.400	96.293	-4	-1
Apparel	4.076	92.585	91.417	-1.1	-1.3
Transportation	17.095	120.770	122.721	.5	1.6
Private transportation	15.988	121.573	123.649	.5	1.7
Public transportation	1.107	111.931	112.257	-6	.3
Medical care	6.055	135.687	136.026	3.8	.2
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.932	122.069	.6	.1
Medical care services	4.597	140.486	140.898	4.8	.3
Recreation	5.863	105.393	105.491	-6	.1
Education and communication	6.190	104.544	104.949	1.7	.4
Education	2.751	156.367	156.594	5.9	.1
Communication	3.439	74.557	74.991	-1.5	.6
Other goods and services	3.475	123.411	123.773	3.7	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	127.634	127.890	3.3	.2
Commodities	41.237	109.528	110.303	1.1	.7
Durables	12.340	85.458	85.155	-2.5	-4
Nondurables	28.897	122.030	123.450	2.6	1.2
All items less food and energy	78.707	115.068	115.036	1.9	.0
Energy	7.351	177.158	186.106	4.6	5.1

Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.