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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 1.9 percent in November, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The November level of 212.425 (1982-84=100) was 1.1 percent higher than in November 2007.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 2.3 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November level of 207.296 (1982-84=100) was 0.7 percent higher than in November 2007.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 2.0 percent in November on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The November level of 122.284 (December 1999=100) was 0.7 percent higher than in November 2007. Please note that the indexes for the post-2006 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U decreased 1.7 percent in November, the second consecutive record decrease. For the 12 month period ending in November the CPI was up 1.1 percent, compared to 5.6 percent for the twelve months ending July of this year. Falling energy prices, particularly gasoline, drove the decline in the overall index. Excluding energy, the index was virtually unchanged.

The energy index fell 17.0 percent in November. The decrease was about twice the October decline and energy prices are now 32.4 percent below the July peak earlier this year. The gasoline index fell 29.5 percent in November and gas prices are now 47.0 percent below their July peak. The natural gas index also (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Nov. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008		
All items	0.6	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	-1.7	-10.2	1.1
Food and beverages .....	.3	.7	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	4.1	5.9
Housing .....	.5	.5	.6	-.1	-.1	.0	-.1	-1.0	2.7
Apparel	-.3	.1	1.2	.5	-.1	-1.0	-.3	-3.3	.0
Transportation	2.0	3.8	1.7	-1.5	-.6	-5.4	-9.8	-48.1	-8.9
Medical care .....	.2	.2	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	2.9	2.7
Recreation .....	.1	.1	.4	.5	.2	.1	.0	1.2	2.0
Education and communication .....	.4	.5	.5	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.1	3.6
Other goods and services ...	.4	.4	.4	.2	.2	.3	.0	1.9	3.8
Special indexes:									
Energy	4.4	6.6	4.0	-3.1	-1.9	-8.6	-17.0	-69.3	-13.3
Food .....	.3	.8	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	4.0	6.0
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.3	.3	.2	.1	-.1	.0	.4	2.0

declined in November, the fourth consecutive decrease. After seasonal adjustment, the index was down 21.7 percent from July to November.

Food prices increased 0.2 percent November following a 0.3 percent rise in October. Excluding food and energy, the CPI was virtually unchanged in November and is up 2.0 percent since November 2007. Continuing declines in the indexes for new and used motor vehicles, lodging away from home, airline fares and some technology-related commodities offset small increases in a variety of other service and commodity items.

For the first eleven months of 2008, the all items index rose at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate (SAAR) of 0.7 percent after increasing 4.1 percent in all of 2007. The energy index, which rose 17.4 percent during 2007, has declined at a SAAR of 16.0 percent through the first eleven months of 2008. The food index has risen at a 6.5 percent SAAR for the first eleven months of 2008 after increasing 4.9 percent in 2007. Excluding food and energy, the CPI has advanced at a 1.9 percent SAAR so far in 2008 after rising 2.4 percent in 2007.

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in November after increasing 0.3 percent in October. The food at home index was unchanged in November. The index for meat, poultry, fish and eggs turned down in November for the first time since February, falling 0.7 percent as the indexes for beef, fish, and eggs all declined. The fruits and vegetables index also declined for the third month in a row, with the decrease being driven by a decline in the fresh fruits index. These declines were offset by increases in the other grocery store food groups, including a 0.6 percent advance in the other food at home index and a 0.4 percent increase in the index for dairy and related products. Compared to November 2007, the food at home index was up 7.0 percent, with the largest increase in the cereal and bakery products index at 12.0 percent and the smallest increase in dairy and related products at 3.5 percent. The food away from home index rose 0.3 percent in November and the index for alcoholic beverages increased 0.5 percent.

The housing index fell 0.1 percent in November after being virtually unchanged in October. The index for shelter, virtually unchanged in October, rose 0.2 percent in November. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent both rose 0.3 percent, while the index for lodging away from home fell 1.1 percent in November, its second straight significant decline. The index for household energy, down 0.9 percent in October, fell 2.0 percent in November. Both the fuel oil and natural gas indexes posted substantial declines for the fourth consecutive month; the fuel oil index decreased 14.6 percent in November and the natural gas index fell 5.2 percent. The electricity index rose for the second straight month, increasing 0.6 percent in November. The index for household furnishings and operations, virtually unchanged in October, fell 0.2 percent in November.

The transportation index declined 9.8 percent in November after falling 5.4 percent in October as several major components of the index continued to decline. The index for motor fuel fell 29.0 percent in November after decreasing 13.9 percent in October and is 28.6 percent lower than in November 2007. New and used motor vehicles, down 0.7 percent in October, fell 0.9 percent in November. The index for used cars and trucks declined 2.2 percent in November and the new vehicles index fell 0.6 percent and has declined 2.9 percent since November 2007. The index for public transportation, down 3.3 percent in October, fell 2.7 percent in November, with the airline fare index declining 4.0 percent. It was the third consecutive decrease in the airline fare index, but it is still up 4.0 percent since November 2007.

The apparel index turned up in November, rising 0.3 percent after declining 1.0 percent in October. (Before seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 0.8 percent in November and are virtually unchanged from their November 2007 level.)

The index for medical care rose 0.2 percent in November, the same increase as in October, and was 2.7 percent higher than in November 2007. The medical care commodities index rose 0.6 percent in November following a 0.2 percent increase in October as the index for prescription drugs rose 0.6 percent in November after increasing 0.3 percent in each of the two prior months. The index for medical care services rose 0.1 percent in November after rising 0.2 percent in October. Within medical care services, the physicians' services index rose 0.3 percent after increasing 0.1 percent in October and the index for hospital and related services was virtually unchanged in November after advancing 0.4 percent in October.

After rising 0.1 percent in October, the index for recreation was virtually unchanged in November. The indexes for video and audio and for toys decreased in November while the indexes for pets, pet products and services, for sporting goods, and for admissions all posted increases.

The index for education and communication rose 0.2 percent in November, the same increase as the previous month. The index for education repeated its October increase of 0.4 percent while the communication index rose 0.1 percent after being virtually unchanged in October. Within communication, the telephone services index rose 0.1 percent while the index for information technology, hardware and services declined 0.1 percent.

The other goods and services index was virtually unchanged in November after rising 0.3 percent in October. The indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal care were both virtually unchanged in November after posting respective increases of 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent in October.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers decreased 2.1 percent in November.

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 Nov. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008		
All items	0.7	1.2	0.9	-0.2	-0.1	-1.2	-2.1	-12.9	0.7
Food and beverages .....	.3	.8	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	4.2	6.0
Housing .....	.5	.5	.7	.0	-2	.0	-.1	-.8	3.1
Apparel	-.2	.0	.8	1.0	.0	-1.2	.2	-3.9	.2
Transportation	2.1	4.0	1.8	-1.7	-.7	-6.0	-10.9	-52.1	-10.4
Medical care .....	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	.1	.2	2.7	2.7
Recreation .....	.0	.2	.4	.5	.2	.0	-.1	.8	1.9
Education and communication .....	.3	.5	.5	.2	.0	.2	.2	1.6	3.4
Other goods and services ...	.5	.6	.5	.2	.2	.3	.1	2.4	4.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	4.5	6.8	4.0	-3.2	-1.7	-9.0	-17.8	-70.8	-14.3
Food .....	.3	.8	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	4.1	6.2
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.3	.3	.2	.1	-.1	.0	.1	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for December are scheduled for release on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2003 through December 2007 were replaced in January 2008. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 48 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Oct. 2008	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items	100.000	216.573	212.425	1.1	-1.9	0.0	-1.0	-1.7
All items (1967=100)	-	648.758	636.332	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.914	218.705	218.752	5.9	.0	.6	.3	.2
Food	13.833	218.738	218.749	6.0	.0	.6	.3	.2
Food at home	7.660	219.660	219.086	7.0	-.3	.6	.1	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.030	252.832	252.723	12.0	.0	1.1	.6	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.807	210.706	209.602	5.5	-.5	1.0	.6	-.7
Dairy and related products .....	.887	212.733	213.102	3.5	.2	-.6	-1.0	.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.156	285.484	283.677	5.7	-.6	-.5	-2.2	-.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.928	163.727	163.015	5.6	-.4	.7	1.2	.1
Other food at home	1.852	189.348	189.301	8.8	.0	1.1	.6	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.277	190.515	191.756	7.4	.7	1.7	.7	.6
Fats and oils .....	.205	208.300	205.806	17.4	-1.2	1.7	.5	.0
Other foods	1.369	202.993	203.058	7.8	.0	.8	.6	.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.404	122.699	123.543	7.1	.7	.1	1.3	.7
Food away from home ¹	6.173	219.290	220.043	4.9	.3	.5	.5	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.297	153.544	153.978	5.0	.3	.6	1.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.080	216.972	217.492	4.1	.2	.5	.4	.5
Housing	42.427	217.383	216.467	2.7	-.4	-.1	.0	-.1
Shelter	32.596	247.844	247.463	2.2	-.2	.3	.0	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	5.765	245.855	246.681	3.6	.3	.3	.4	.3
Lodging away from home ²	2.564	141.140	133.555	-2.3	-5.4	.9	-1.6	-1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.942	253.902	254.669	2.3	.3	.2	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.325	119.916	120.232	2.8	.3	1.2	.0	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.128	221.199	216.285	7.0	-2.2	-2.8	-.6	-1.6
Household energy	4.215	201.176	195.599	7.0	-2.8	-3.4	-.9	-2.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.351	318.667	281.869	-3.4	-11.5	-5.8	-8.8	-13.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.864	203.503	199.435	7.9	-2.0	-3.2	-.1	-1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.913	155.557	156.193	6.7	.4	.3	1.0	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.702	128.789	128.554	1.8	-.2	.5	.0	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.737	150.052	149.998	5.9	.0	.7	-.1	.0
Apparel	3.731	122.243	121.262	.0	-.8	-.1	-1.0	.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.935	115.067	114.239	-.5	-.7	-.3	-.5	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.600	111.833	110.588	-1.4	-1.1	-.3	-2.2	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.185	116.158	116.010	-1.1	-.1	1.3	.6	.5
Footwear .....	.679	126.442	126.788	1.4	.3	-.4	.3	1.1
Transportation	17.688	192.709	173.644	-8.9	-9.9	-.6	-5.4	-9.8
Private transportation	16.583	187.976	168.527	-9.8	-10.3	-.6	-5.5	-10.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.191	92.071	91.618	-3.1	-.5	-.9	-.7	-.9
New vehicles	4.632	132.264	132.359	-2.9	.1	-.7	-.5	-.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.773	129.733	126.869	-7.1	-2.2	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2
Motor fuel	5.482	268.537	187.189	-28.6	-30.3	-.8	-13.9	-29.0
Gasoline (all types)	5.215	266.382	184.235	-29.4	-30.8	-.6	-14.2	-29.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.356	131.917	132.947	7.7	.8	.6	.7	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.123	238.227	239.048	5.9	.3	.4	.3	.3
Public transportation	1.106	252.323	243.385	4.1	-3.5	-1.0	-3.3	-2.7
Medical care	6.231	365.746	366.613	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.601	295.791	297.317	1.4	.5	.2	.2	.6
Medical care services	4.630	387.440	387.992	3.1	.1	.4	.2	.1
Professional services	2.626	312.914	313.328	3.1	.1	.2	.1	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.467	540.853	543.183	5.4	.4	.6	.4	.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Oct. 2008	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.647	114.169	114.078	2.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.843	102.193	101.831	-9	-4	.1	-6	-1
Education and communication ²	6.086	125.686	125.758	3.6	.1	.1	.2	.2
Education ²	2.944	186.669	186.733	5.7	.0	.4	.4	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.207	463.825	462.694	7.2	-2	.4	.2	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.736	537.606	537.906	5.6	.1	.4	.5	.4
Communication ²	3.142	84.535	84.601	1.6	.1	-2	.0	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.975	81.652	81.723	1.5	.1	-2	.0	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.342	101.407	101.538	2.8	.1	.0	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.634	9.874	9.867	-3.3	-1	-1.1	-3	-1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.242	89.945	88.984	-11.1	-1.1	-2.3	-9	-1.1
Other goods and services	3.277	349.276	349.040	3.8	-1	.2	.3	.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.731	599.744	599.820	6.7	.0	.0	.4	.0
Personal care	2.546	203.107	202.921	2.9	-1	.3	.2	.0
Personal care products ¹ .....	.639	159.826	161.000	1.5	.7	.2	.1	.7
Personal care services ¹ .....	.629	225.564	226.197	3.5	.3	.2	.4	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.044	343.131	340.174	3.5	-9	.5	.0	-8
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	41.269	175.257	167.673	-2.0	-4.3	-1	-2.3	-4.1
Food and beverages	14.914	218.705	218.752	5.9	.0	.6	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	26.356	151.874	141.397	-6.4	-6.9	-5	-3.8	-6.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.519	195.127	173.346	-9.0	-11.2	-9	-5.5	-9.5
Apparel	3.731	122.243	121.262	.0	-8	-1	-1.0	.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.787	244.935	209.569	-12.0	-14.4	-1.4	-7.9	-14.0
Durables	10.837	109.677	109.191	-2.6	-4	-6	-6	-6
Services	58.731	257.559	256.967	3.2	-2	.0	.0	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.271	258.368	257.961	2.2	-2	.3	.0	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.325	119.916	120.232	2.8	.3	1.2	.0	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.864	203.503	199.435	7.9	-2.0	-3.2	-1	-1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.913	155.557	156.193	6.7	.4	.3	1.0	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.737	150.052	149.998	5.9	.0	.7	-1	.0
Transportation services	5.350	247.762	247.030	4.5	-3	.1	-4	-3
Medical care services	4.630	387.440	387.992	3.1	.1	.4	.2	.1
Other services	10.641	299.923	299.996	3.6	.0	.2	.2	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.167	216.250	211.421	.3	-2.2	-1	-1.2	-2.0
All items less shelter	67.404	206.776	201.075	.5	-2.8	-2	-1.4	-2.6
All items less medical care	93.769	209.021	204.721	1.0	-2.1	-1	-1.0	-1.8
Commodities less food	27.436	154.250	144.055	-6.0	-6.6	-4	-3.6	-6.4
Nondurables less food	16.599	196.442	175.979	-8.2	-10.4	-9	-5.3	-8.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.868	241.183	209.344	-10.6	-13.2	-1.4	-7.0	-12.6
Nondurables	30.432	207.435	195.773	-1.7	-5.6	-3	-2.6	-4.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.460	276.297	275.425	4.5	-3	-3	-1	-2
Services less medical care services	54.101	246.997	246.351	3.2	-3	-1	.0	.0
Energy	9.698	231.561	189.938	-13.3	-18.0	-1.9	-8.6	-17.0
All items less energy	90.302	216.695	216.417	2.6	-1	.2	.0	.0
All items less food and energy	76.469	217.023	216.690	2.0	-2	.1	-1	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.602	140.659	140.236	-2	-3	-2	-4	-2
Energy commodities	5.834	272.921	193.395	-27.1	-29.1	-1.1	-13.6	-28.1
Services less energy services	54.867	263.156	262.901	2.9	-1	.3	.0	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.462	\$.471	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.154	\$.157	-	-	-	-	-

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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2008
Expenditure category										
All items	218.880	218.813	216.710	213.060	3.1	4.9	7.2	-10.2	4.0	-1.9
Food and beverages	216.778	217.996	218.569	218.981	4.6	5.9	9.1	4.1	5.2	6.6
Food	216.807	218.029	218.582	218.939	4.7	6.2	9.6	4.0	5.4	6.7
Food at home	217.949	219.225	219.380	219.428	5.3	7.9	12.5	2.7	6.6	7.5
Cereals and bakery products	249.024	251.760	253.199	253.738	12.4	18.7	9.4	7.8	15.5	8.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	207.479	209.534	210.721	209.295	2.3	4.3	12.2	3.5	3.3	7.8
Dairy and related products	215.356	214.066	211.930	212.757	3.4	.9	15.3	-4.7	2.1	4.8
Fruits and vegetables	291.493	290.047	283.770	282.618	2.2	8.4	27.9	-11.6	5.3	6.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	160.411	161.609	163.526	163.684	4.8	4.4	5.1	8.4	4.6	6.7
Other food at home	186.154	188.124	189.320	190.510	6.8	10.4	8.4	9.7	8.6	9.0
Sugar and sweets	186.956	190.197	191.438	192.492	2.6	11.0	3.8	12.4	6.7	8.0
Fats and oils	202.996	206.381	207.508	207.407	16.1	21.7	23.3	9.0	18.9	15.9
Other foods	199.930	201.577	202.881	204.414	6.2	8.7	7.1	9.3	7.4	8.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	121.033	121.144	122.699	123.543	10.0	1.9	7.9	8.6	5.9	8.2
Food away from home ¹	217.063	218.225	219.290	220.043	3.9	4.0	5.9	5.6	4.0	5.8
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	151.133	152.040	153.544	153.978	4.9	3.5	4.0	7.7	4.2	5.8
Alcoholic beverages	215.105	216.276	217.103	218.212	4.1	2.3	3.9	5.9	3.2	4.9
Housing	218.101	217.891	217.793	217.577	2.8	4.9	4.2	-1.0	3.8	1.6
Shelter	247.258	247.971	248.058	248.472	2.6	1.6	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.2
Rent of primary residence ³	244.296	244.977	245.840	246.558	3.6	2.9	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.9
Lodging away from home ²	143.846	145.173	142.808	141.218	1.0	-4.3	1.4	-7.1	-1.7	-3.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	252.970	253.493	253.871	254.580	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.562	119.944	119.916	120.232	2.2	2.7	.5	5.8	2.4	3.1
Fuels and utilities	230.876	224.377	223.111	219.524	6.5	29.5	16.8	-18.3	17.5	-2.3
Household energy	212.286	205.021	203.206	199.099	6.7	35.5	18.2	-22.6	20.3	-4.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	375.211	353.309	322.208	278.365	21.3	111.7	11.9	-69.7	60.2	-41.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	212.549	205.785	205.538	203.484	5.3	29.9	18.8	-16.0	16.9	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	153.832	154.269	155.827	156.427	5.7	4.3	10.0	6.9	5.0	8.5
Household furnishings and operations	128.222	128.917	128.936	128.711	.3	2.7	2.8	1.5	1.5	2.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	149.169	150.193	150.052	149.998	5.4	10.0	6.2	2.2	7.7	4.2
Apparel	120.157	120.005	118.843	119.165	.8	-4.3	7.4	-3.3	-1.8	1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	113.420	113.108	112.533	111.786	6.8	-2	-2.5	-5.6	3.3	-4.1
Women's and girls' apparel	110.057	109.678	107.255	108.001	-4.2	-11.3	19.9	-7.3	-7.9	5.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	111.741	113.172	113.815	114.398	-3	-7.5	-5.8	9.9	-3.9	1.8
Footwear	124.023	123.572	123.896	125.281	-7	3.2	-9	4.1	1.3	1.6
Transportation	206.303	205.036	194.031	175.106	3.5	8.7	16.8	-48.1	6.1	-22.2
Private transportation	201.552	200.367	189.326	169.911	3.4	8.0	16.2	-49.5	5.7	-23.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.702	92.900	92.229	91.425	-9	-1.5	-.4	-9.4	-1.2	-5.0
New vehicles	134.548	133.567	132.889	132.153	-2.5	-1.5	-.4	-6.9	-2.0	-3.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	135.405	132.916	129.733	126.869	1.9	-2.7	-2.7	-22.9	-.4	-13.4
Motor fuel	320.647	317.962	273.671	194.333	7.8	23.1	44.9	-86.5	15.2	-55.8
Gasoline (all types)	318.255	316.443	271.580	191.383	7.7	21.6	45.2	-86.9	14.4	-56.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	130.327	131.048	131.917	132.947	5.7	5.2	11.5	8.3	5.5	9.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	236.340	237.284	238.108	238.802	5.4	6.1	8.0	4.2	5.7	6.1
Public transportation	264.183	261.556	252.920	246.102	4.7	19.3	25.0	-24.7	11.7	-3.0
Medical care	364.710	365.836	366.470	367.316	3.9	1.8	2.1	2.9	2.8	2.5
Medical care commodities	294.694	295.231	295.741	297.469	3.9	-2.0	.0	3.8	.9	1.9
Medical care services	386.458	387.816	388.489	388.922	3.9	3.2	2.9	2.6	3.5	2.7
Professional services	312.575	313.273	313.601	314.457	3.0	4.0	3.2	2.4	3.5	2.8
Hospital and related services ³	537.549	540.539	542.655	542.537	7.9	4.6	5.3	3.8	6.3	4.5

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—	
	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2008
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	113.876	114.120	114.214	114.222	1.4	1.0	4.4	1.2	1.2	2.8
Video and audio ²	102.658	102.801	102.168	102.084	.7	-2.7	.8	-2.2	-1.0	-7
Education and communication ²	124.505	124.615	124.888	125.157	3.2	4.2	5.0	2.1	3.7	3.5
Education ²	182.734	183.462	184.260	184.919	5.6	5.9	6.3	4.9	5.8	5.6
Educational books and supplies	459.494	461.555	462.451	463.867	3.4	6.9	15.0	3.9	5.2	9.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	525.789	527.863	530.257	532.175	5.8	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.8	5.3
Communication ²	84.702	84.526	84.538	84.604	.6	2.6	3.7	-.5	1.6	1.6
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.815	81.635	81.652	81.723	.6	2.2	3.7	-.4	1.4	1.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.301	101.311	101.407	101.538	.3	4.3	5.8	.9	2.2	3.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.012	9.901	9.874	9.867	1.9	-5.2	-4.1	-5.7	-1.7	-4.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	92.921	90.797	89.945	88.984	1.8	-13.3	-15.9	-15.9	-6.1	-15.9
Other goods and services	347.715	348.540	349.441	349.336	3.9	5.3	4.0	1.9	4.6	2.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	597.361	597.581	599.744	599.820	9.8	4.2	11.6	1.7	7.0	6.5
Personal care	202.169	202.768	203.231	203.144	2.2	5.7	1.9	1.9	3.9	1.9
Personal care products ¹	159.252	159.643	159.826	161.000	-2.2	2.9	1.2	4.5	.3	2.8
Personal care services ¹	224.151	224.614	225.564	226.197	4.2	5.2	.9	3.7	4.7	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services	341.606	343.441	343.499	340.689	5.7	6.5	3.1	-1.1	6.1	1.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	179.687	179.530	175.334	168.069	3.1	5.3	10.4	-23.5	4.2	-8.1
Food and beverages	216.778	217.996	218.569	218.981	4.6	5.9	9.1	4.1	5.2	6.6
Commodities less food and beverages	158.775	158.058	152.036	141.850	2.2	5.1	11.2	-36.3	3.6	-15.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	207.465	205.585	194.214	175.859	4.4	10.8	14.6	-48.4	7.6	-23.1
Apparel	120.157	120.005	118.843	119.165	.8	-4.3	7.4	-3.3	-1.8	1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	270.166	266.376	245.230	210.977	12.2	14.7	25.5	-62.8	13.4	-31.7
Durables	111.140	110.513	109.868	109.244	-1.4	-1.9	-.3	-6.7	-1.7	-3.5
Services	257.642	257.662	257.742	257.820	3.2	4.6	4.8	.3	3.9	2.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	257.717	258.498	258.583	259.077	2.7	1.6	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.562	119.944	119.916	120.232	2.2	2.7	.5	5.8	2.4	3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	212.549	205.785	205.538	203.484	5.3	29.9	18.8	-16.0	16.9	-1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	153.832	154.269	155.827	156.427	5.7	4.3	10.0	6.9	5.0	8.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	149.169	150.193	150.052	149.998	5.4	10.0	6.2	2.2	7.7	4.2
Transportation services	248.277	248.422	247.447	246.653	4.0	6.9	10.1	-2.6	5.5	3.5
Medical care services	386.458	387.816	388.489	388.922	3.9	3.2	2.9	2.6	3.5	2.7
Other services	297.887	298.481	298.953	299.356	3.4	4.3	4.8	2.0	3.8	3.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	219.250	218.972	216.434	212.128	2.9	4.7	6.8	-12.4	3.8	-3.3
All items less shelter	210.264	209.885	206.884	201.569	3.4	6.5	9.5	-15.5	5.0	-3.8
All items less medical care	211.433	211.322	209.135	205.347	3.1	5.1	7.5	-11.0	4.1	-2.2
Commodities less food	160.922	160.257	154.412	144.517	2.3	4.9	10.9	-35.0	3.6	-15.1
Nondurables less food	208.004	206.042	195.181	177.989	3.0	14.8	12.1	-46.4	8.7	-22.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	263.228	259.597	241.328	210.875	9.2	17.0	21.2	-58.8	13.1	-29.4
Nondurables	213.122	212.583	207.029	196.797	4.2	11.2	10.6	-27.3	7.7	-10.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	277.598	276.660	276.380	275.814	3.7	8.9	8.3	-2.5	6.3	2.7
Services less medical care services	247.327	247.172	247.197	247.090	3.1	4.9	5.3	-.4	4.0	2.4
Energy	262.107	257.086	235.053	195.144	7.6	28.2	32.9	-69.3	17.5	-36.1
All items less energy	216.080	216.528	216.484	216.580	2.7	2.5	4.4	.9	2.6	2.6
All items less food and energy	216.650	216.956	216.801	216.849	2.3	1.8	3.4	.4	2.1	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.885	140.655	140.136	139.853	.4	-.9	2.5	-2.9	-.2	-.2
Energy commodities	325.603	321.888	278.005	200.024	8.9	27.2	42.6	-85.8	17.7	-54.9
Services less energy services	262.367	263.046	263.159	263.444	3.1	2.9	3.8	1.7	3.0	2.7

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 Nov.2008 from—			Percent change to Oct.2008 from—		
		Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008
U.S. city average	M	219.086	218.783	216.573	212.425	1.1	-2.9	-1.9	3.7	-1.1	-1.0
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	233.788	232.841	230.837	227.236	1.7	-2.4	-1.6	4.0	-1.3	-0.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	236.107	235.314	233.165	229.625	1.7	-2.4	-1.5	3.8	-1.2	-0.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.537	137.723	136.730	134.445	1.8	-2.4	-1.7	4.6	-1.3	-0.7
Midwest urban	M	209.351	209.252	206.019	201.737	.5	-3.6	-2.1	3.3	-1.6	-1.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	210.341	210.283	207.049	202.922	.5	-3.5	-2.0	3.0	-1.6	-1.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.969	133.982	131.946	129.018	.5	-3.7	-2.2	3.6	-1.5	-1.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	206.251	205.522	202.086	197.883	.7	-3.7	-2.1	3.6	-2.0	-1.7
South urban	M	212.387	212.650	210.108	205.559	1.0	-3.3	-2.2	3.9	-1.1	-1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	214.496	214.854	212.617	208.644	1.4	-2.9	-1.9	3.8	-0.9	-1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	135.004	135.093	133.285	130.324	.6	-3.5	-2.2	3.6	-1.3	-1.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	214.655	215.258	213.103	206.659	2.0	-4.0	-3.0	6.2	-0.7	-1.0
West urban	M	222.823	222.132	221.034	217.113	1.0	-2.3	-1.8	3.3	-0.8	-0.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	226.541	225.910	224.967	220.925	1.3	-2.2	-1.8	3.5	-0.7	-0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	135.207	134.834	133.795	131.440	.7	-2.5	-1.8	3.0	-1.0	-0.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	200.278	199.982	198.148	194.628	1.3	-2.7	-1.8	3.6	-1.1	-0.9
B/C ³	M	135.315	135.160	133.587	130.857	.8	-3.2	-2.0	3.7	-1.3	-1.2
D	M	212.138	211.740	209.755	204.856	1.2	-3.3	-2.3	4.4	-1.1	-0.9
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	215.971	215.465	213.363	209.053	.6	-3.0	-2.0	3.2	-1.2	-1.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	228.484	227.449	226.159	222.229	1.0	-2.3	-1.7	3.4	-1.0	-0.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	240.550	240.089	238.403	234.498	2.2	-2.3	-1.6	4.3	-0.9	-0.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	238.519	-	232.354	.7	-2.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	206.219	-	198.187	.2	-3.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	205.883	-	200.051	1.8	-2.8	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	142.036	-	138.547	2.5	-2.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	211.404	-	206.388	-	-	-	-	2.2	-2.4	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	209.484	-	205.238	-	-	-	-	1.7	-2.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	192.723	-	191.140	-	-	-	-	3.4	-0.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	225.473	-	223.699	-	-	-	-	4.0	-0.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	228.337	-	225.113	-	-	-	-	2.8	-1.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	225.411	-	225.824	-	-	-	-	3.6	.2	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	227.745	-	225.915	-	-	-	-	3.4	-0.8	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Oct. 2008	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items	100.000	212.182	207.296	0.7	-2.3	-0.1	-1.2	-2.1
All items (1967=100)	-	632.025	617.472	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.926	218.141	218.178	6.0	.0	.6	.3	.2
Food	14.901	218.120	218.114	6.2	.0	.6	.3	.2
Food at home	8.595	218.600	217.956	7.0	-3	.6	.1	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.110	253.561	253.498	12.2	.0	.9	.7	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.192	210.314	209.297	5.5	-5	.9	.6	-7
Dairy and related products .....	.965	211.808	212.184	3.1	.2	-7	-1.1	.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.218	283.549	281.279	5.8	-8	-4	-2.3	-3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.094	163.265	162.472	5.8	-5	1.0	1.3	.1
Other food at home	2.016	188.806	188.685	8.8	-1	1.1	.6	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.279	189.574	190.501	7.7	.5	1.6	.6	.6
Fats and oils .....	.232	208.973	206.870	17.5	-1.0	1.7	.6	.1
Other foods	1.504	203.138	203.126	7.7	.0	.9	.6	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.438	123.026	123.837	6.9	.7	.1	1.2	.7
Food away from home ¹	6.305	219.219	220.107	5.1	.4	.5	.5	.4
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.218	152.910	153.464	5.7	.4	.7	1.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.025	216.953	217.626	4.1	.3	.5	.4	.5
Housing	39.994	213.156	212.591	3.1	-3	-2	.0	-1
Shelter	30.397	240.517	240.740	2.4	.1	.2	.1	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	7.979	244.624	245.425	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.233	140.763	133.747	-1.8	-5.0	.8	-1.2	-7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.888	230.028	230.743	2.3	.3	.2	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.297	120.258	120.589	2.7	.3	1.2	.0	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.637	219.325	214.700	7.3	-2.1	-2.6	-5	-1.5
Household energy	4.670	198.191	193.000	7.4	-2.6	-3.2	-8	-1.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.323	317.012	283.747	-2.9	-10.5	-5.8	-8.5	-12.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.347	201.651	197.507	8.1	-2.1	-2.9	-2	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.966	156.005	156.702	6.9	.4	.3	1.1	.4
Household furnishings and operations	3.960	124.719	124.466	2.0	-2	.6	.0	-2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.339	152.612	152.247	5.5	-2	.5	-2	-2
Apparel	3.998	121.957	121.149	.2	-7	.0	-1.2	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.031	115.495	114.651	-1	-7	-3	-4	-8
Women's and girls' apparel	1.619	111.880	110.612	-1.4	-1.1	.4	-3.1	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.251	118.496	118.611	-1.1	.1	1.5	.3	.7
Footwear .....	.821	126.352	126.689	1.6	.3	-4	.4	.8
Transportation	20.054	192.198	170.870	-10.4	-11.1	-7	-6.0	-10.9
Private transportation	19.287	188.871	167.301	-11.0	-11.4	-7	-6.1	-11.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.952	90.530	89.783	-4.0	-8	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1
New vehicles	4.172	133.351	133.380	-2.9	.0	-8	-.5	-6
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.103	130.444	127.540	-7.2	-2.2	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2
Motor fuel	6.940	269.639	187.770	-28.7	-30.4	-8	-13.9	-29.1
Gasoline (all types)	6.597	267.580	184.855	-29.4	-30.9	-6	-14.2	-29.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.446	132.088	133.125	8.0	.8	.6	.8	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.169	240.688	241.509	5.8	.3	.4	.3	.3
Public transportation .....	.767	249.168	240.496	3.7	-3.5	-1.1	-3.3	-2.8
Medical care	5.192	366.000	366.800	2.7	.2	.3	.1	.2
Medical care commodities	1.295	287.725	289.046	1.3	.5	.2	.1	.6
Medical care services	3.897	388.947	389.493	3.2	.1	.4	.1	.1
Professional services	2.159	315.458	315.825	3.1	.1	.2	.1	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.260	537.382	539.864	5.7	.5	.6	.3	-1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Oct. 2008	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.341	110.947	110.826	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Video and audio ²	1.987	102.267	101.974	-5	-3	.2	-6	-1
Education and communication ²	5.987	121.569	121.636	3.4	.1	.0	.2	.2
Education ²	2.377	184.091	184.115	5.8	.0	.3	.5	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	466.885	465.576	7.0	-3	.7	.3	.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.174	518.726	518.938	5.7	.0	.2	.5	.4
Communication ²	3.609	87.226	87.300	1.7	.1	-2	.0	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.488	85.214	85.292	1.7	.1	-2	.0	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.869	101.436	101.564	2.7	.1	.0	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.619	10.375	10.367	-3.2	-1	-1.1	-4	-1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.228	89.690	88.631	-11.6	-1.2	-2.4	-1.1	-1.2
Other goods and services	3.508	362.354	362.550	4.4	.1	.2	.3	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.183	602.533	602.881	7.0	.1	.1	.4	.1
Personal care	2.325	200.930	201.036	3.0	.1	.3	.2	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.647	159.914	160.994	1.5	.7	.2	.1	.7
Personal care services ¹ .....	.560	225.800	226.433	3.4	.3	.2	.4	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.910	344.622	342.853	3.8	-5	.5	-1	-4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.745	177.906	168.926	-2.6	-5.0	-1	-2.7	-4.9
Food and beverages	15.926	218.141	218.178	6.0	.0	.6	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	28.819	155.982	143.544	-7.4	-8.0	-5	-4.4	-7.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	17.315	203.762	178.209	-10.3	-12.5	-9	-6.2	-10.8
Apparel	3.998	121.957	121.149	.2	-7	.0	-1.2	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	13.318	259.204	217.500	-13.5	-16.1	-1.6	-8.4	-15.4
Durables	11.504	109.782	109.038	-3.0	-7	-7	-8	-7
Services	55.255	252.369	252.144	3.4	-1	-1	.1	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.100	231.885	232.096	2.4	.1	.3	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.297	120.258	120.589	2.7	.3	1.2	.0	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.347	201.651	197.507	8.1	-2.1	-2.9	-2	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.966	156.005	156.702	6.9	.4	.3	1.1	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.339	152.612	152.247	5.5	-2	.5	-2	-2
Transportation services	5.266	246.003	246.126	4.3	.0	.1	-2	-1
Medical care services	3.897	388.947	389.493	3.2	.1	.4	.1	.1
Other services	10.042	287.898	288.082	3.4	.1	.2	.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.099	210.949	205.214	-3	-2.7	-2	-1.5	-2.5
All items less shelter	69.603	204.149	197.342	-1	-3.3	-2	-1.8	-3.1
All items less medical care	94.808	205.726	200.707	.6	-2.4	-1	-1.3	-2.3
Commodities less food	29.844	158.132	145.985	-7.0	-7.7	-5	-4.2	-7.5
Nondurables less food	18.341	204.734	180.533	-9.5	-11.8	-8	-5.9	-10.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.343	254.473	216.516	-12.2	-14.9	-1.4	-7.9	-14.3
Nondurables	33.241	211.680	198.009	-2.5	-6.5	-2	-3.0	-5.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.155	244.331	243.599	4.5	-3	-4	-.2	-.2
Services less medical care services	51.358	242.316	242.058	3.4	-1	-1	.0	.0
Energy	11.610	232.106	188.375	-14.3	-18.8	-1.7	-9.0	-17.8
All items less energy	88.390	210.649	210.541	2.7	-1	.2	.0	.0
All items less food and energy	73.489	209.511	209.383	2.0	-1	.1	-1	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.581	141.375	140.793	-3	-4	-2	-5	-3
Energy commodities	7.264	272.894	192.494	-27.5	-29.5	-1.1	-13.7	-28.3
Services less energy services	50.908	257.774	258.008	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.471	\$.482	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.158	\$.162	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.
² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.
⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
⁶ 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)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2008
Expenditure category										
All items	215.130	214.946	212.361	207.847	3.4	5.4	8.0	-12.9	4.4	-3.0
Food and beverages	216.195	217.401	218.005	218.417	4.6	6.0	9.6	4.2	5.3	6.8
Food	216.160	217.375	217.962	218.330	4.5	6.3	9.9	4.1	5.4	7.0
Food at home	216.812	218.085	218.328	218.329	5.0	7.8	12.6	2.8	6.4	7.6
Cereals and bakery products	249.930	252.230	254.031	254.580	12.6	18.7	10.1	7.7	15.6	8.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	207.265	209.114	210.380	208.935	1.9	4.7	12.5	3.3	3.3	7.8
Dairy and related products	214.768	213.317	211.048	211.860	2.6	.5	15.5	-5.3	1.6	4.6
Fruits and vegetables	289.447	288.190	281.464	280.614	.7	10.1	28.6	-11.7	5.3	6.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	159.322	160.916	163.076	163.225	5.6	2.6	4.9	10.2	4.1	7.5
Other food at home	185.692	187.670	188.794	189.849	7.2	10.5	8.4	9.3	8.8	8.8
Sugar and sweets	186.049	189.095	190.215	191.433	4.2	10.6	4.3	12.1	7.3	8.1
Fats and oils	203.666	207.065	208.358	208.546	15.7	21.8	22.9	9.9	18.7	16.3
Other foods	200.172	201.892	203.095	204.360	6.4	8.8	6.9	8.6	7.6	7.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	121.443	121.589	123.026	123.837	10.9	1.4	7.6	8.1	6.0	7.8
Food away from home ¹	217.002	218.147	219.219	220.107	3.9	4.2	6.3	5.8	4.1	6.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	150.301	151.321	152.910	153.464	4.7	4.4	4.9	8.7	4.6	6.8
Alcoholic beverages	215.219	216.292	217.149	218.182	5.0	1.9	4.1	5.6	3.5	4.8
Housing	213.851	213.496	213.543	213.408	2.8	5.7	4.6	-.8	4.2	1.9
Shelter	239.715	240.297	240.616	241.193	2.5	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4
Rent of primary residence ³	243.215	243.875	244.675	245.342	3.4	2.9	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.7
Lodging away from home ²	142.928	144.035	142.329	141.362	-1.7	-2.3	-.2	-4.3	-2.0	-2.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	229.239	229.663	229.991	230.644	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.894	120.279	120.258	120.589	1.9	2.4	.9	5.8	2.1	3.4
Fuels and utilities	228.472	222.522	221.400	218.105	6.0	29.4	17.1	-17.0	17.1	-1.4
Household energy	208.571	202.000	200.368	196.628	6.2	35.0	18.4	-21.0	19.7	-3.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	371.762	350.353	320.577	279.760	20.8	101.8	13.9	-67.9	56.1	-39.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	210.473	204.284	203.862	201.644	4.8	30.9	18.8	-15.8	17.1	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	154.174	154.652	156.289	156.953	5.5	4.1	10.5	7.4	4.8	8.9
Household furnishings and operations	124.141	124.860	124.842	124.587	.6	2.5	3.5	1.4	1.5	2.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.083	152.850	152.612	152.247	4.4	11.4	6.2	.4	7.8	3.3
Apparel	120.050	120.102	118.614	118.864	2.5	-4.8	7.6	-3.9	-1.3	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	113.971	113.679	113.184	112.252	8.7	-1.5	-1.3	-5.9	3.5	-3.6
Women's and girls' apparel	110.267	110.689	107.308	107.834	-3.0	-12.3	21.4	-8.5	-7.7	5.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.771	115.496	115.890	116.742	1.7	-6.9	-8.8	10.9	-2.7	.6
Footwear	124.021	123.558	124.008	125.026	.9	2.5	-.1	3.3	1.7	1.6
Transportation	207.328	205.872	193.620	172.496	4.2	8.9	17.4	-52.1	6.5	-25.0
Private transportation	203.988	202.585	190.310	168.891	4.2	8.5	17.2	-53.0	6.3	-25.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.659	91.646	90.675	89.665	-.4	-1.8	-1.0	-12.3	-1.1	-6.8
New vehicles	135.721	134.684	133.947	133.188	-2.4	-1.3	-.5	-7.3	-1.8	-4.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	136.186	133.669	130.444	127.540	1.9	-2.7	-2.8	-23.1	-.5	-13.5
Motor fuel	321.941	319.245	274.761	194.879	8.2	23.2	44.6	-86.6	15.5	-55.9
Gasoline (all types)	319.790	317.912	272.741	191.944	8.0	21.9	44.9	-87.0	14.8	-56.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	130.228	131.072	132.088	133.125	6.4	4.9	11.5	9.2	5.7	10.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	238.826	239.756	240.510	241.219	5.5	5.8	7.9	4.1	5.6	6.0
Public transportation	261.046	258.294	249.715	242.846	4.5	19.7	23.3	-25.1	11.8	-3.9
Medical care	364.964	366.132	366.635	367.415	4.0	1.7	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.5
Medical care commodities	286.645	287.227	287.613	289.320	3.6	-2.5	.3	3.8	.5	2.0
Medical care services	387.963	389.352	389.891	390.239	4.2	3.2	3.0	2.4	3.7	2.7
Professional services	315.066	315.757	316.135	316.915	3.0	3.8	3.3	2.4	3.4	2.8
Hospital and related services ³	534.373	537.382	539.145	538.389	9.0	5.1	5.6	3.0	7.1	4.3

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Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.748	110.998	111.021	110.958	1.5	0.8	4.4	0.8	1.2	2.6
Video and audio ²	102.685	102.922	102.257	102.168	1.7	-2.5	1.0	-2.0	-4	-5
Education and communication ²	120.740	120.747	121.001	121.229	2.6	4.0	5.2	1.6	3.3	3.4
Education ²	180.563	181.030	181.968	182.592	5.7	6.0	6.9	4.6	5.9	5.7
Educational books and supplies	461.173	464.432	465.921	466.752	3.0	6.6	13.9	4.9	4.8	9.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	508.443	509.542	512.277	514.115	6.0	6.0	6.3	4.5	6.0	5.4
Communication ²	87.369	87.225	87.228	87.301	.5	2.7	4.1	-.3	1.6	1.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.355	85.208	85.214	85.292	.5	2.5	4.1	-.3	1.5	1.9
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.339	101.350	101.436	101.564	.2	4.1	5.7	.9	2.2	3.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.525	10.414	10.375	10.367	1.7	-4.9	-3.6	-5.9	-1.7	-4.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	92.931	90.722	89.690	88.631	1.3	-13.5	-15.8	-17.3	-6.4	-16.5
Other goods and services	360.634	361.459	362.487	362.769	4.7	5.2	5.1	2.4	5.0	3.7
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	599.823	600.293	602.533	602.881	10.3	4.2	11.8	2.1	7.2	6.8
Personal care	199.951	200.567	201.043	201.221	2.1	5.7	1.8	2.6	3.9	2.2
Personal care products ¹	159.345	159.730	159.914	160.994	-1.8	2.9	.9	4.2	.5	2.5
Personal care services ¹	224.464	224.910	225.800	226.433	4.5	4.8	1.0	3.6	4.6	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services	343.214	345.068	344.743	343.275	5.2	7.0	3.1	.1	6.1	1.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	183.312	183.072	178.054	169.415	3.8	5.7	11.7	-27.0	4.8	-9.7
Food and beverages	216.195	217.401	218.005	218.417	4.6	6.0	9.6	4.2	5.3	6.8
Commodities less food and beverages	164.264	163.433	156.243	144.123	3.3	5.6	12.8	-40.7	4.4	-18.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	218.408	216.425	202.998	180.978	5.5	12.0	16.2	-52.9	8.7	-26.0
Apparel	120.050	120.102	118.614	118.864	2.5	-4.8	7.6	-3.9	-1.3	1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	287.973	283.308	259.494	219.482	10.8	19.2	25.7	-66.3	14.9	-34.9
Durables	111.513	110.738	109.905	109.094	-.4	-2.1	-.9	-8.4	-1.3	-4.7
Services	252.502	252.363	252.575	252.756	3.0	5.1	5.0	.4	4.1	2.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	231.020	231.740	232.006	232.713	2.4	1.9	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.894	120.279	120.258	120.589	1.9	2.4	.9	5.8	2.1	3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	210.473	204.284	203.862	201.644	4.8	30.9	18.8	-15.8	17.1	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	154.174	154.652	156.289	156.953	5.5	4.1	10.5	7.4	4.8	8.9
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.083	152.850	152.612	152.247	4.4	11.4	6.2	.4	7.8	3.3
Transportation services	246.033	246.228	245.773	245.541	3.8	5.8	8.9	-.8	4.8	3.9
Medical care services	387.963	389.352	389.891	390.239	4.2	3.2	3.0	2.4	3.7	2.7
Other services	286.423	286.893	287.198	287.677	2.9	4.2	4.9	1.8	3.6	3.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	214.752	214.323	211.186	205.823	3.1	5.2	7.6	-15.6	4.2	-4.7
All items less shelter	208.500	208.034	204.359	197.934	3.8	6.8	10.4	-18.8	5.3	-5.3
All items less medical care	208.771	208.547	205.889	201.251	3.3	5.6	8.3	-13.6	4.4	-3.3
Commodities less food	166.189	165.404	158.393	146.565	3.3	5.4	12.5	-39.5	4.4	-17.5
Nondurables less food	218.543	216.742	204.058	183.159	5.6	11.6	15.4	-50.7	8.6	-24.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	280.555	276.627	254.725	218.302	10.4	18.3	23.9	-63.3	14.3	-32.6
Nondurables	218.559	218.036	211.430	199.682	4.8	10.3	12.3	-30.3	7.5	-11.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	245.949	244.940	244.551	244.011	3.5	9.3	8.9	-3.1	6.4	2.7
Services less medical care services	242.706	242.484	242.544	242.606	2.8	5.4	5.6	-.2	4.1	2.7
Energy	263.479	258.926	235.743	193.718	7.7	27.7	33.8	-70.8	17.3	-37.5
All items less energy	210.097	210.452	210.401	210.502	2.8	2.5	4.6	.8	2.7	2.6
All items less food and energy	209.244	209.425	209.245	209.292	2.4	1.8	3.5	.1	2.1	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.896	141.581	140.817	140.339	1.4	-1.0	2.8	-4.3	.2	-.8
Energy commodities	325.564	322.124	277.981	199.208	9.2	25.9	43.1	-86.0	17.3	-55.2
Services less energy services	256.890	257.459	257.744	258.206	2.9	3.1	3.8	2.1	3.0	2.9

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 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 Nov.2008 from—			Percent change to Oct.2008 from—		
		Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008
U.S. city average	M	215.247	214.935	212.182	207.296	0.7	-3.6	-2.3	3.8	-1.4	-1.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	230.790	229.949	227.762	223.741	1.8	-2.7	-1.8	4.4	-1.3	-1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	231.465	230.579	228.437	224.621	1.8	-2.6	-1.7	4.2	-1.3	-.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.329	138.881	137.489	134.757	1.7	-3.0	-2.0	4.9	-1.3	-1.0
Midwest urban	M	205.121	205.023	201.236	196.346	.1	-4.2	-2.4	3.5	-1.9	-1.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.989	205.002	201.323	196.770	.2	-4.0	-2.3	3.3	-1.8	-1.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.236	134.215	131.699	128.186	.0	-4.5	-2.7	3.8	-1.9	-1.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	204.812	204.064	200.017	195.114	.1	-4.4	-2.5	3.6	-2.3	-2.0
South urban	M	210.362	210.572	207.312	201.821	.5	-4.2	-2.6	4.0	-1.4	-1.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.439	213.579	210.663	205.753	.9	-3.7	-2.3	3.8	-1.3	-1.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.179	134.285	132.017	128.504	.1	-4.3	-2.7	3.7	-1.6	-1.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	216.031	216.762	213.696	205.777	1.4	-5.1	-3.7	6.3	-1.1	-1.4
West urban	M	217.854	217.028	215.499	210.870	.6	-2.8	-2.1	3.5	-1.1	-.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.827	219.169	217.714	213.143	.9	-2.7	-2.1	3.7	-1.0	-.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	135.464	134.873	133.694	130.684	.3	-3.1	-2.3	3.3	-1.3	-.9
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	199.187	198.842	196.590	192.508	1.0	-3.2	-2.1	3.8	-1.3	-1.1
B/C ³	M	135.138	135.003	133.026	129.723	.4	-3.9	-2.5	3.8	-1.6	-1.5
D	M	211.233	210.844	208.028	202.041	.5	-4.2	-2.9	4.4	-1.5	-1.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	209.435	209.084	206.772	202.022	.6	-3.4	-2.3	3.6	-1.3	-1.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	221.230	220.285	218.726	214.083	.6	-2.8	-2.1	3.5	-1.1	-.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	235.510	234.703	232.778	228.727	2.2	-2.5	-1.7	4.6	-1.2	-.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	238.133	-	231.854	.6	-2.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	197.260	-	188.860	.2	-4.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	209.666	-	201.479	1.5	-3.9	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	141.679	-	137.700	2.1	-2.8	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	211.113	-	205.236	-	-	-	-	2.3	-2.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	205.492	-	200.570	-	-	-	-	2.2	-2.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	193.206	-	190.600	-	-	-	-	3.9	-1.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	224.597	-	222.038	-	-	-	-	4.0	-1.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	228.212	-	225.069	-	-	-	-	3.2	-1.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	221.385	-	221.192	-	-	-	-	3.8	-.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	223.273	-	220.687	-	-	-	-	3.6	-1.2	-

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 Nov. 2008 from—	
		Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Oct. 2008
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	124.784	122.284	0.7	-2.0
Food and beverages	14.726	128.468	128.500	5.8	.0
Food	13.648	128.694	128.705	5.9	.0
Food at home	7.557	126.691	126.365	6.8	-.3
Food away from home	6.091	131.377	131.821	4.8	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	126.005	126.301	3.9	.2
Housing	42.421	129.104	128.534	2.5	-.4
Shelter	32.409	130.711	130.457	2.1	-.2
Fuels and utilities	5.004	162.945	159.272	6.8	-2.3
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	96.520	96.317	1.0	-.2
Apparel	3.988	90.870	90.265	-.1	-.7
Transportation	17.393	127.716	115.537	-8.9	-9.5
Private transportation	16.285	128.137	115.410	-9.7	-9.9
Public transportation	1.108	123.975	119.644	4.0	-3.5
Medical care	6.085	142.298	142.633	2.5	.2
Medical care commodities	1.615	125.280	125.920	1.3	.5
Medical care services	4.470	148.686	148.889	3.0	.1
Recreation	5.935	106.180	105.962	.9	-.2
Education and communication	6.196	109.190	109.242	3.1	.0
Education	2.771	172.818	172.872	5.6	.0
Communication	3.425	74.066	74.111	1.0	.1
Other goods and services	3.257	129.805	126.818	1.3	-2.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	133.507	132.999	2.9	-.4
Commodities	41.573	113.919	109.089	-2.4	-4.2
Durables	11.817	81.889	81.481	-3.2	-.5
Nondurables	29.756	130.954	123.506	-2.0	-5.7
All items less food and energy	77.561	118.058	117.730	1.6	-.3
Energy	8.790	197.346	160.638	-13.8	-18.6

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