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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MARCH 2008

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent in March, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The March level of 213.528 (1982-84=100) was 4.0 percent higher than in March 2007.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.9 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March level of 209.147 (1982-84=100) was 4.3 percent higher than in March 2007.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent in March on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The March level of 123.204 (December 1999=100) was 3.6 percent higher than in March 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 advanced 0.3 percent in March, following virtually no change in February. The energy index increased 1.9 percent in March after declining 0.5 percent in February. Within energy, the index for petroleum based energy increased 2.0 percent and the index for energy services rose 1.9 percent. The food index, which rose 0.4 percent in February, increased 0.2 percent in March. The index for food at home also rose 0.2 percent. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in March, following virtually no change in February. A larger increase in the index for household furnishings and operations and an upturn in the index for airline fares more than offset a larger decline in the apparel index.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Mar. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008		
All items .....	.4	.3	.9	.4	.4	.0	.3	3.1	4.0
Food and beverages .....	.5	.2	.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	5.1	4.4
Housing .....	.3	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.4	3.4	3.0
Apparel .....	.2	.1	.6	.1	.4	-.3	-1.3	-4.7	-1.4
Transportation .....	.7	.3	3.5	1.0	.5	-.7	.7	2.4	8.2
Medical care .....	.4	.5	.4	.3	.5	.1	.1	3.2	4.6
Recreation .....	.2	.3	.2	.0	.2	.1	.3	2.3	1.3
Education and communication .....	.2	.3	.0	.3	.4	.1	.3	3.2	3.0
Other goods and services ...	.3	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	.4	4.5	3.2
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	1.4	1.0	6.9	1.7	.7	-.5	1.9	8.6	17.0
Food .....	.5	.2	.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	5.3	4.5
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.0	.2	2.0	2.4

For the first three months of 2008, consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 3.1 percent. This compares with an increase of 4.1 percent for all of 2007. The index for energy, which rose 17.4 percent in 2007, advanced at a 8.6 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2008. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 5.6 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 12.8 percent annual rate. The food index rose at a 5.3 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2008, following a 4.9 percent increase in all of 2007. The index for grocery store food prices increased at a 5.9 percent annual rate, reflecting increases in each of the six major groups ranging from annual rates of 0.7 percent in the index for dairy products to 15.7 percent in the index for cereal and bakery products.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.0 percent SAAR in the first quarter, following a 2.4 percent rise in all of 2007. The moderation thus far in 2008 largely reflects smaller increases in the indexes for shelter--up at a 2.0 percent rate after advancing 3.1 percent in all of 2007--and medical care, coupled with a larger decline in the index for apparel. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and one-quarter years are shown below.

Expenditure Category	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 3 mos. ended Mar. 2008
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
All items .....	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	2.5	4.1	3.1
Food and beverages .....	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	4.8	5.1
Housing .....	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	3.4
Apparel .....	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-1.1	.9	-.3	-4.7
Transportation .....	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	1.6	8.3	2.4
Medical care .....	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	3.2
Recreation .....	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.0	.8	2.3
Education and communication .....	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.3	3.0	3.2
Other goods and services .....	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	3.0	3.3	4.5
Special indexes:								
Energy .....	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	2.9	17.4	8.6
Energy commodities .....	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	6.1	29.4	5.6
Energy services .....	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	-.6	3.4	12.8
All items less energy .....	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.5
Food .....	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	4.9	5.3
All items less food and energy .....	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.0

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in March. The index for grocery store food also increased 0.2 percent. Another large increase in the index for cereal and bakery products was partially offset by a downturn in the index for dairy products; the other four major grocery store food groups registered small increases. The index for cereal and bakery products, which increased 1.8 percent in February, rose 1.3 percent in March. Prices for bread increased 2.1 percent in March and were 14.7 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for dairy products declined 0.8 percent in March, as milk prices fell 2.2 percent. Despite the drop in March, milk prices were still 13.3 percent higher than in March 2007. The index for fruits and vegetables rose 0.1 percent. A 2.0 percent increase in the index for fresh vegetables more than offset declines in the indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables--down 1.1 and 0.9 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs was virtually unchanged in March. Increases in prices for beef, for poultry, and for other meats were offset by declines in prices for pork and for fish and seafood. The indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home increased 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.2 percent in February, increased 0.4 percent in March. Each of the three major groups contributed to the larger advance. The index for shelter increased 0.1 percent in March after registering virtually no change in February. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.2 percent, while the index for lodging away from home fell 0.6 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 3.7 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 2.0 percent, following a 1.3 percent rise in February. Upturns in the indexes for electricity and for fuel oil more than offset a smaller increase in charges for natural gas. The index for natural gas, which rose 7.2 percent in February, increased 4.6 percent in March. The index for fuel oil increased 10.1 percent in March and is 48.4 percent higher than in March 2007. The index for electricity rose 0.8 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which was virtually unchanged in February, increased 0.5 percent in March. About two-thirds of the advance reflects a 1.7 percent increase in prices for furniture and bedding.

The transportation index increased 0.7 percent in March after declining 0.7 percent in February, reflecting the upturn in gasoline prices. The index for motor fuels, which declined 2.0 percent in February, advanced 1.6 percent in March and accounted for almost three-fourths of the transportation increase in March. As of March, the price of gasoline was 4.4 percent higher than its previous peak level recorded in May 2007. The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in March and was 1.1 percent lower than in March 2007. The index for used cars and trucks was virtually unchanged in March. The index for public transportation advanced 2.5 percent in March, reflecting increases in airline fares and intercity train fares. Airline fares increased 3.0 percent in March and have risen 10.2 percent in the last 12 months.

The index for apparel fell 1.3 percent in March, following a 0.3 percent decrease in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 2.6 percent, reflecting the continued introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's and girls' apparel registered the largest advance--up 4.0 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.1 percent in March and are 4.6 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.1 percent in March. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which rose 0.1 percent in February, advanced 0.3 percent in March. Increases in the indexes for pets, pet products and services and for admissions to sporting events--each up 1.1--and for cable and satellite television and radio service--up 0.6 percent--largely accounted for the March advance.

The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in March. Educational costs increased 0.4 percent and communication costs rose 0.1 percent. Within the latter category, increases in charges for telephone services more than offset a decline in the index for information technology, hardware and services. Local-and long distance-land-line telephone charges rose 0.5 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while charges for wireless telephone services were unchanged. The index for information technology, hardware and services declined 0.1 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment, for computer software and accessories, and for internet services.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in March. The index for personal care rose 0.6 percent, reflecting increases in the indexes for haircuts, tax return preparation, and miscellaneous personal goods. These increases were partially offset by a 0.1 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.4 percent in March.

**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 Mar. 2008	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008		
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Apparel .....	.0	.1	.4	.2	.8	-.3	-1.2	-3.1	-1.0
Transportation .....	.7	.3	3.8	1.1	.7	-.7	.7	2.8	9.0
Medical care .....	.4	.5	.4	.3	.6	.1	.1	3.2	4.6
Recreation .....	.3	.2	.1	.1	.2	.1	.3	2.5	1.2
Education and communication .....	.1	.3	.0	.2	.3	.1	.2	2.6	2.6
Other goods and services ...	.4	.2	.2	.4	.5	.3	.4	4.8	3.4
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	1.4	1.1	7.2	1.8	.8	-.7	1.9	8.3	17.6
Food .....	.5	.2	.3	.1	.7	.3	.2	5.2	4.5
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.0	.1	2.1	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

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

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## 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](mailto: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 Mar. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items .....	100.000	211.693	213.528	4.0	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	634.139	639.636	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	14.914	209.462	209.692	4.4	.1	.7	.4	.2
Food .....	13.833	209.166	209.385	4.5	.1	.7	.4	.2
Food at home .....	7.660	208.329	208.203	4.7	-1.1	.9	.3	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.030	233.389	236.261	8.1	1.2	.6	1.8	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.807	199.688	199.775	3.8	.0	.8	-1.1	.0
Dairy and related products .....	.887	208.166	206.171	11.0	-1.0	.2	.8	-8.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.156	272.129	268.446	1.7	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.928	157.805	158.089	2.7	.2	1.6	-1.1	.3
Other food at home .....	1.852	177.863	178.238	3.7	.2	.4	1.0	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.277	180.588	182.214	4.3	.9	-1.1	.4	1.0
Fats and oils .....	.205	184.878	182.808	7.0	-1.1	1.3	1.5	-7.7
Other foods .....	1.369	192.064	192.597	3.0	.3	.4	1.1	.0
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.404	118.182	117.321	2.6	-7.7	-1.1	2.6	-7.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.173	211.878	212.537	4.1	.3	.4	.4	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	148.385	148.564	5.1	.1	.6	1.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.080	212.044	212.407	3.3	.2	.4	.4	-1.1
Housing .....	42.427	213.026	214.389	3.0	.6	.2	.2	.4
Shelter .....	32.596	244.786	245.995	2.9	.5	.3	.0	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.765	240.325	240.874	3.6	.2	.3	.2	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.564	144.092	149.434	5.1	3.7	1.1	-1.2	-6.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.942	250.481	250.966	2.6	.2	.3	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.325	117.622	117.701	.3	.1	.4	.2	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.128	205.795	209.221	6.5	1.7	.0	1.3	2.0
Household energy .....	4.215	185.994	189.693	6.8	2.0	-1.1	1.5	2.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.351	308.269	332.139	40.2	7.7	3.7	-1.2	7.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.864	187.376	190.105	4.1	1.5	-5.1	1.7	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.913	149.057	149.315	5.3	.2	.6	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.702	126.753	127.423	-2.2	.5	.1	.0	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.737	143.500	145.034	3.7	1.1	.5	.5	1.1
Apparel .....	3.731	117.839	120.881	-1.4	2.6	.4	-.3	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.935	112.917	114.994	1.2	1.8	.7	1.1	-8.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.600	106.340	110.645	-5.4	4.0	.2	-2.0	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.185	115.750	116.037	-1.7	.2	1.2	-.4	-1.7
Footwear .....	.679	122.377	124.407	.7	1.7	.6	.0	-1.1
Transportation .....	17.688	190.520	195.189	8.2	2.5	.5	-.7	.7
Private transportation .....	16.583	186.571	191.067	8.3	2.4	.6	-.7	.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.191	94.581	94.318	-2.2	-3.3	-1.1	-2.2	-1.1
New vehicles .....	4.632	136.279	135.727	-1.1	-4.4	-3.3	-.3	-1.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.773	137.248	137.225	2.1	.0	.2	.0	.0
Motor fuel .....	5.482	259.242	278.739	26.4	7.5	1.1	-2.0	1.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.215	257.845	276.497	26.0	7.2	1.2	-2.0	1.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.356	125.225	126.325	4.8	.9	.3	.8	.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.123	228.731	229.765	3.9	.5	.7	.3	.5
Public transportation .....	1.106	235.724	242.929	7.5	3.1	.4	-.1	2.5
Medical care .....	6.231	362.155	363.000	4.6	.2	.5	.1	.1
Medical care commodities .....	1.601	296.130	297.308	3.6	.4	.5	.1	.4
Medical care services .....	4.630	382.196	382.872	4.8	.2	.6	.1	.1
Professional services .....	2.626	307.928	308.726	3.3	.3	.4	.0	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.467	527.971	528.968	7.9	.2	1.0	.3	.2

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 Mar. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.647	112.365	112.731	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.843	103.171	103.548	.6	.4	.0	-.2	.2	
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.086	121.766	121.832	3.0	.1	.4	.1	.3	
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.944	177.460	177.407	5.5	.0	.6	.3	.4	
Educational books and supplies .....	.207	439.052	439.906	6.3	.2	.1	-.1	.3	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.736	511.253	511.013	5.5	.0	.6	.3	.4	
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.142	83.391	83.502	.5	.1	.1	.0	.1	
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.975	80.638	80.752	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.342	98.837	99.031	1.6	.2	.1	-.1	.2	
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.634	10.253	10.246	-5.7	-.1	.1	.2	-.1	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.242	100.545	100.359	-12.0	-.2	1.0	-.4	-.2	
Other goods and services .....	3.277	340.191	341.827	3.2	.5	.4	.2	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.731	575.227	574.890	4.5	-.1	1.1	.4	-.1	
Personal care .....	2.546	198.716	199.982	2.9	.6	.2	.2	.6	
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.639	157.677	158.440	-.1	.5	.0	-.3	.5	
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.629	220.848	222.752	3.6	.9	.1	.4	.9	
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.044	333.826	335.427	4.4	.5	.6	.4	.3	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
Commodities .....	41.269	171.530	173.884	4.9	1.4	.5	-.2	.3	
Food and beverages .....	14.914	209.462	209.692	4.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.356	150.530	153.682	5.2	2.1	.4	-5.5	.4	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.519	189.420	196.185	9.9	3.6	1.4	-.1	.8	
Apparel .....	3.731	117.839	120.881	-1.4	2.6	.4	-.3	-1.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.787	238.297	247.546	13.8	3.9	1.6	.0	1.5	
Durables .....	10.837	112.094	112.059	-1.0	.0	-.1	-.2	.0	
Services .....	58.731	251.527	252.817	3.3	.5	.3	.2	.4	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.271	255.199	256.470	3.0	.5	.4	.0	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.325	117.622	117.701	.3	.1	.4	.2	.1	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.864	187.376	190.105	4.1	1.5	-5.5	1.7	1.9	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.913	149.057	149.315	5.3	.2	.6	.3	.3	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.737	143.500	145.034	3.7	1.1	.5	.5	1.1	
Transportation services .....	5.350	237.929	239.556	3.2	.7	.5	.1	.7	
Medical care services .....	4.630	382.196	382.872	4.8	.2	.6	.1	.1	
Other services .....	10.641	291.406	292.218	3.5	.3	.3	.2	.4	
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less food .....	86.167	212.136	214.236	3.9	1.0	.3	.0	.4	
All items less shelter .....	67.404	201.110	203.217	4.5	1.0	.4	.0	.4	
All items less medical care .....	93.769	204.136	205.992	3.9	.9	.4	.0	.4	
Commodities less food .....	27.436	152.799	155.881	5.2	2.0	.4	-.5	.4	
Nondurables less food .....	16.599	190.781	197.167	9.4	3.3	1.0	-.4	.9	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.868	234.736	243.109	12.9	3.6	1.2	-.3	1.6	
Nondurables .....	30.432	200.030	203.767	7.1	1.9	.8	.0	.7	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	26.460	266.154	267.567	3.8	.5	.2	.3	.7	
Services less medical care services .....	54.101	241.004	242.310	3.2	.5	.3	.2	.4	
Energy .....	9.698	219.311	230.505	17.0	5.1	.7	-.5	1.9	
All items less energy .....	90.302	212.545	213.420	2.7	.4	.4	.1	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	76.469	213.866	214.866	2.4	.5	.3	.0	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.602	140.324	141.056	.0	.5	.2	-.1	-.1	
Energy commodities .....	5.834	263.508	283.362	27.3	7.5	1.3	-1.9	2.0	
Services less energy services .....	54.867	258.098	259.249	3.3	.4	.4	.1	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .472	\$ .468	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .158	\$ .156	-	-	-	-	-	

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.  
<sup>6</sup> 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—		
	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	211.680	212.516	212.571	213.301	4.3	2.5	6.2	3.1	3.4	4.6
Food and beverages .....	206.929	208.326	209.087	209.517	4.8	5.0	2.6	5.1	4.9	3.9
Food .....	206.584	208.026	208.778	209.255	4.9	5.1	2.6	5.3	5.0	3.9
Food at home .....	205.001	206.921	207.633	207.971	5.9	4.6	2.5	5.9	5.2	4.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	227.852	229.175	233.287	236.325	6.1	4.3	6.8	15.7	5.2	11.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	198.250	199.747	199.499	199.527	10.7	1.0	.7	2.6	5.8	1.6
Dairy and related products .....	195.278	205.698	207.341	205.624	18.4	24.3	2.4	.7	21.3	1.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	266.288	272.105	268.642	268.864	-3.2	1.2	5.2	3.9	-1.0	4.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	154.480	156.941	156.743	157.218	1.2	4.3	-1.6	7.3	2.7	2.7
Other food at home .....	175.436	176.178	177.957	178.157	3.4	2.8	2.5	6.3	3.1	4.4
Sugar and sweets .....	179.933	179.774	180.431	182.273	3.8	4.8	3.4	5.3	4.3	4.4
Fats and oils .....	178.470	180.743	183.396	182.190	3.2	6.1	10.2	8.6	4.7	9.4
Other foods .....	189.640	190.435	192.472	192.565	3.4	1.6	.8	6.3	2.5	3.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.267	115.162	118.182	117.321	6.3	-5.0	2.2	7.3	.5	4.8
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	210.233	211.070	211.878	212.537	3.7	5.7	2.8	4.5	4.7	3.6
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.814	146.649	148.385	148.564	5.2	10.4	-2.5	7.8	7.8	2.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	210.143	210.953	211.841	211.645	3.6	3.7	3.0	2.9	3.6	2.9
Housing .....	212.409	212.920	213.313	214.204	3.4	1.9	3.5	3.4	2.6	3.4
Shelter .....	243.974	244.744	244.837	245.200	3.9	3.0	2.9	2.0	3.4	2.5
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	238.925	239.745	240.191	240.763	3.3	3.2	4.9	3.1	3.2	4.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	145.050	146.695	144.953	144.128	22.8	4.7	-2.8	-2.5	13.4	-2.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	249.425	250.051	250.413	250.941	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.5	2.4	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.003	117.435	117.622	117.701	-8	-1.1	.8	2.4	-9	1.6
Fuels and utilities .....	205.615	205.567	208.175	212.311	4.0	-1.4	10.4	13.7	1.3	12.0
Household energy .....	186.261	185.991	188.722	193.154	3.9	-2.9	11.4	15.6	.5	13.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	295.293	306.227	302.465	326.372	24.1	17.1	78.2	49.2	20.6	63.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	188.470	187.489	190.706	194.239	2.4	-4.4	6.5	12.8	-1.1	9.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	147.262	148.142	148.647	149.080	4.3	6.2	5.7	5.0	5.3	5.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.414	126.493	126.510	127.205	-1.0	-1.8	-3	2.5	-1.4	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.100	142.828	143.500	145.034	1.9	.5	4.0	8.5	1.2	6.3
Apparel .....	119.240	119.759	119.352	117.819	-3.8	.2	3.1	-4.7	-1.8	-9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	112.167	112.941	114.213	113.256	.1	2.8	-2.1	3.9	1.4	.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.443	110.658	108.393	105.548	-8.2	-1.3	6.0	-16.6	-4.8	-5.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	114.632	116.049	115.627	113.658	-8.9	1.3	4.8	-3.4	-3.9	.7
Footwear .....	122.469	123.246	123.304	123.193	-2.6	1.2	2.0	2.4	-7	2.2
Transportation .....	194.653	195.722	194.390	195.797	9.3	1.6	21.1	2.4	5.4	11.3
Private transportation .....	190.738	191.811	190.437	191.585	10.0	1.4	21.6	1.8	5.6	11.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.405	94.318	94.156	94.068	-3	1.2	-1	-1.4	.4	-8
New vehicles .....	135.953	135.597	135.195	135.024	-6	-5	-5	-2.7	-6	-1.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	136.943	137.203	137.248	137.225	2.1	6.3	-6	.8	4.1	.1
Motor fuel .....	279.928	283.011	277.448	281.996	36.9	.0	81.1	3.0	17.0	36.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	278.588	281.880	276.131	279.818	36.8	.0	80.9	1.8	17.0	35.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.928	124.282	125.225	126.325	1.3	4.7	5.5	8.0	3.0	6.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	226.137	227.730	228.425	229.641	3.0	3.2	3.0	6.3	3.1	4.7
Public transportation .....	238.571	239.414	239.080	245.136	-1	5.4	14.0	11.5	2.6	12.7
Medical care .....	358.861	360.815	361.168	361.697	4.3	5.9	5.0	3.2	5.1	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	294.241	295.763	296.151	297.377	2.0	3.8	4.4	4.3	2.9	4.3
Medical care services .....	378.338	380.459	380.787	380.994	5.0	6.5	5.1	2.8	5.7	4.0
Professional services .....	305.907	307.011	307.160	307.527	2.7	4.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.9
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	517.505	522.889	524.634	525.672	7.4	9.2	8.7	6.5	8.3	7.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	112.008	112.242	112.373	112.656	0.8	0.3	1.9	2.3	0.6	2.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.291	103.337	103.147	103.370	2.3	-1.7	1.7	.3	.3	1.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	121.127	121.578	121.745	122.075	3.6	2.8	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.9
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	175.861	176.895	177.406	178.144	4.9	5.0	6.9	5.3	5.0	6.1
Educational books and supplies .....	436.329	436.635	436.364	437.600	5.2	12.3	7.0	1.2	8.7	4.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	506.547	509.715	511.324	513.503	4.9	4.5	6.9	5.6	4.7	6.3
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	83.287	83.392	83.388	83.500	2.3	.5	-1.9	1.0	1.4	-5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	80.546	80.642	80.638	80.752	1.4	.5	-2.1	1.0	.9	-6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.792	98.906	98.837	99.031	4.0	1.6	-.4	1.0	2.8	.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.215	10.229	10.253	10.246	-9.3	-4.5	-9.6	1.2	-6.9	-4.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	100.000	100.998	100.545	100.359	-17.9	-9.7	-20.2	1.4	-13.9	-10.0
Other goods and services .....	337.641	339.063	339.869	341.374	3.0	2.4	3.0	4.5	2.7	3.7
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	566.696	572.684	575.227	574.890	1.7	5.4	5.1	5.9	3.5	5.5
Personal care .....	197.648	198.120	198.473	199.641	3.4	1.6	2.4	4.1	2.5	3.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.236	158.201	157.677	158.440	.5	-2.8	1.5	.5	-1.2	1.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	219.656	219.932	220.848	222.752	1.4	3.2	3.9	5.8	2.3	4.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	330.466	332.309	333.716	334.878	5.1	3.7	3.3	5.4	4.4	4.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	172.460	173.359	173.011	173.575	5.3	2.0	10.3	2.6	3.6	6.4
Food and beverages .....	206.929	208.326	209.087	209.517	4.8	5.0	2.6	5.1	4.9	3.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	152.893	153.519	152.726	153.327	5.6	.2	15.0	1.1	2.8	7.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	192.968	195.609	195.406	196.898	8.8	-2.8	27.1	8.4	2.8	17.4
Apparel .....	119.240	119.759	119.352	117.819	-3.8	.2	3.1	-4.7	-1.8	-9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	242.577	246.553	246.666	250.287	14.9	-1	29.0	13.3	7.2	20.9
Durables .....	112.098	112.020	111.756	111.800	-1.8	-.8	-.3	-1.1	-1.3	-.7
Services .....	250.537	251.317	251.804	252.703	3.5	2.7	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	254.282	255.206	255.267	255.657	3.9	3.0	2.8	2.2	3.4	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.003	117.435	117.622	117.701	-.8	-1.1	.8	2.4	-.9	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	188.470	187.489	190.706	194.239	2.4	-4.4	6.5	12.8	-1.1	9.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	147.262	148.142	148.647	149.080	4.3	6.2	5.7	5.0	5.3	5.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.100	142.828	143.500	145.034	1.9	.5	4.0	8.5	1.2	6.3
Transportation services .....	236.887	238.174	238.389	240.053	.2	3.5	3.7	5.5	1.8	4.6
Medical care services .....	378.338	380.459	380.787	380.994	5.0	6.5	5.1	2.8	5.7	4.0
Other services .....	289.835	290.834	291.364	292.410	4.1	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	212.548	213.281	213.221	213.992	4.1	2.0	6.8	2.7	3.1	4.8
All items less shelter .....	201.415	202.288	202.328	203.213	4.4	2.2	7.9	3.6	3.3	5.7
All items less medical care .....	204.248	205.033	205.076	205.807	4.3	2.2	6.3	3.1	3.2	4.7
Commodities less food .....	155.044	155.681	154.934	155.514	5.5	.3	14.4	1.2	2.9	7.6
Nondurables less food .....	194.184	196.169	195.304	197.043	11.6	-4.1	26.3	6.0	3.5	15.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	239.022	241.905	241.207	245.015	15.3	-1.6	29.5	10.4	6.5	19.6
Nondurables .....	200.818	202.477	202.376	203.730	8.0	.2	14.9	5.9	4.0	10.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	264.852	265.500	266.373	268.136	3.8	2.3	3.9	5.1	3.1	4.5
Services less medical care services .....	240.112	240.726	241.233	242.188	3.8	2.3	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.4
Energy .....	229.076	230.633	229.390	233.839	20.1	-1.4	45.6	8.6	8.9	25.8
All items less energy .....	211.498	212.281	212.471	212.819	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.6
All items less food and energy .....	213.103	213.765	213.851	214.176	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.200	140.422	140.316	140.180	-.9	.4	.7	-.1	-.3	.3
Energy commodities .....	282.263	286.070	280.566	286.164	36.0	1.0	80.9	5.6	17.2	38.3
Services less energy services .....	256.897	257.857	258.078	258.722	3.6	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.4	3.1

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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 Mar.2008 from—			Percent change to Feb.2008 from—		
		Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008
U.S. city average .....	M	210.036	211.080	211.693	213.528	4.0	1.2	0.9	4.0	0.8	0.3
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	223.425	224.325	225.213	226.926	3.9	1.2	.8	4.0	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	225.688	226.310	227.411	229.087	3.7	1.2	.7	3.7	.8	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	132.323	133.301	133.511	134.611	4.6	1.0	.8	4.7	.9	.2
Midwest urban .....	M	200.227	201.427	201.896	203.723	3.7	1.1	.9	3.8	.8	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	201.519	202.830	203.347	205.141	3.4	1.1	.9	3.5	.9	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.040	128.753	128.922	130.121	4.0	1.1	.9	4.1	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	195.819	196.708	197.596	199.472	4.8	1.4	.9	5.0	.9	.5
South urban .....	M	203.457	204.510	205.060	206.676	4.4	1.1	.8	4.6	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	206.078	207.221	207.605	209.065	4.3	.9	.7	4.6	.7	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.368	129.937	130.351	131.442	4.5	1.2	.8	4.7	.8	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	202.878	204.524	205.189	206.933	4.4	1.2	.8	4.7	1.1	.3
West urban .....	M	214.733	215.739	216.339	218.533	3.7	1.3	1.0	3.5	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	218.020	219.036	219.799	221.997	3.5	1.4	1.0	3.4	.8	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.481	131.328	131.538	132.896	3.9	1.2	1.0	3.7	.8	.2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	192.140	193.045	193.685	195.314	3.7	1.2	.8	3.8	.8	.3
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.718	130.431	130.728	131.892	4.3	1.1	.9	4.4	.8	.2
D .....	M	202.333	203.200	203.803	205.730	4.4	1.2	.9	4.5	.7	.3
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	207.155	208.757	209.526	211.542	4.5	1.3	1.0	4.4	1.1	.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	219.373	220.918	221.431	223.606	3.3	1.2	1.0	3.1	.9	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	229.395	229.869	231.020	233.122	3.8	1.4	.9	3.6	.7	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	231.980	-	233.084	2.9	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	199.686	-	202.500	4.3	1.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	197.079	-	198.596	4.4	.8	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	136.293	-	138.090	4.7	1.3	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	202.751	-	204.166	-	-	-	-	4.8	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	200.201	-	202.378	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	186.246	-	187.585	-	-	-	-	3.5	.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	217.319	-	219.082	-	-	-	-	5.3	.8	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	219.025	-	220.935	-	-	-	-	3.7	.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	218.485	-	219.612	-	-	-	-	2.8	.5	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	218.966	-	221.728	-	-	-	-	4.7	1.3	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items .....	100.000	207.254	209.147	4.3	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	617.345	622.985	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.926	208.674	208.927	4.4	.1	.7	.3	.2
Food .....	14.901	208.317	208.571	4.5	.1	.7	.3	.2
Food at home .....	8.595	207.242	207.196	4.8	.0	.9	.3	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.110	233.915	236.764	8.2	1.2	.6	1.8	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.192	199.141	199.484	3.9	.2	.7	-.2	.1
Dairy and related products .....	.965	207.750	205.660	11.1	-1.0	.1	.7	-.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.218	268.954	266.030	1.7	-1.1	2.2	-1.7	.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.094	157.456	157.488	2.7	.0	1.5	.2	.1
Other food at home .....	2.016	177.442	177.713	3.8	.2	.5	1.0	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.279	179.740	181.033	4.5	.7	.1	.6	.9
Fats and oils .....	.232	185.292	183.706	6.8	-.9	1.2	1.5	-.8
Other foods .....	1.504	192.430	192.832	3.1	.2	.5	1.1	.0
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.438	118.828	117.754	2.9	-.9	.0	2.7	-.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.305	211.517	212.193	4.1	.3	.4	.4	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.218	146.924	147.188	4.3	.2	.8	.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.025	212.507	212.748	3.4	.1	.4	.5	-.2
Housing .....	39.994	208.268	209.388	3.0	.5	.2	.2	.5
Shelter .....	30.397	237.158	237.965	2.9	.3	.3	.1	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	7.979	239.419	239.932	3.6	.2	.3	.2	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.233	143.046	148.110	4.8	3.5	1.3	-1.9	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.888	227.057	227.488	2.6	.2	.3	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	117.921	117.999	.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.637	203.584	206.861	6.1	1.6	.0	1.2	1.9
Household energy .....	4.670	182.823	186.315	6.3	1.9	-1.1	1.4	2.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.323	307.599	329.271	39.5	7.0	3.7	-1.1	7.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.347	185.324	188.143	3.9	1.5	-.4	1.5	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.966	149.317	149.555	5.3	.2	.5	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.960	122.547	123.184	.0	.5	.2	.0	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	145.825	147.316	3.7	1.0	.5	.3	1.0
Apparel .....	3.998	117.883	120.809	-1.0	2.5	.8	-.3	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.031	113.592	115.808	1.7	2.0	1.0	.8	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.619	106.512	110.712	-4.8	3.9	.5	-2.0	-2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.251	118.442	118.990	-1.0	.5	1.7	.1	-1.6
Footwear .....	.821	122.408	124.343	1.2	1.6	.6	.3	.1
Transportation .....	20.054	190.639	195.710	9.0	2.7	.7	-.7	.7
Private transportation .....	19.287	187.762	192.740	9.1	2.7	.7	-.8	.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.952	93.664	93.455	.1	-.2	.0	-.2	-.1
New vehicles .....	4.172	137.445	136.910	-1.0	-.4	-.2	-.3	-.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.103	138.094	138.070	2.1	.0	.2	.0	.0
Motor fuel .....	6.940	260.402	279.975	26.7	7.5	1.2	-1.9	1.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	6.597	259.112	277.842	26.3	7.2	1.2	-2.0	1.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.446	125.238	126.330	5.1	.9	.5	.7	.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.169	231.349	232.344	3.9	.4	.7	.3	.5
Public transportation .....	.767	233.979	240.729	7.0	2.9	.5	-.1	2.4
Medical care .....	5.192	362.329	363.069	4.6	.2	.6	.1	.1
Medical care commodities .....	1.295	288.335	289.254	3.4	.3	.5	.0	.3
Medical care services .....	3.897	383.510	384.149	5.0	.2	.6	.1	.0
Professional services .....	2.159	310.426	311.259	3.3	.3	.4	.0	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.260	523.654	524.534	8.1	.2	1.2	.4	.2

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 Mar. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.341	109.315	109.742	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.987	103.028	103.525	1.1	.5	.1	-.1	.2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.987	118.079	118.155	2.6	.1	.3	.1	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.377	175.118	175.101	5.3	.0	.6	.2	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	441.927	442.639	6.1	.2	.1	-.1	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.174	493.672	493.546	5.2	.0	.7	.3	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.609	85.919	86.016	.7	.1	.1	.0	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.488	83.992	84.091	.5	.1	.1	.0	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.869	98.931	99.090	1.5	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.619	10.754	10.745	-4.8	-.1	.1	.2	-.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.228	100.582	100.265	-11.7	-.3	1.1	-.5	-.3
Other goods and services .....	3.508	351.979	353.351	3.4	.4	.5	.3	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.183	577.359	576.910	4.7	-.1	1.1	.5	-.1
Personal care .....	2.325	196.564	197.803	2.8	.6	.2	.2	.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.647	157.877	158.730	.1	.5	-.2	-.2	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.560	221.338	223.043	3.6	.8	.2	.5	.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.910	334.868	336.476	4.5	.5	.5	.4	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.745	174.083	176.727	5.6	1.5	.6	-.2	.4
Food and beverages .....	15.926	208.674	208.927	4.4	.1	.7	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.819	154.603	158.156	6.3	2.3	.6	-.6	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	17.315	197.606	205.166	11.1	3.8	1.6	-.1	.8
Apparel .....	3.998	117.883	120.809	-1.0	2.5	.8	-.3	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	13.318	251.621	262.252	15.2	4.2	1.4	-.4	1.8
Durables .....	11.504	112.560	112.549	-.5	.0	.0	-.2	.0
Services .....	55.255	246.154	247.197	3.2	.4	.3	.2	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	30.100	228.660	229.443	2.9	.3	.3	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	117.921	117.999	.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.347	185.324	188.143	3.9	1.5	-.4	1.5	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.966	149.317	149.555	5.3	.2	.5	.3	.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	145.825	147.316	3.7	1.0	.5	.3	1.0
Transportation services .....	5.266	237.426	238.496	2.7	.5	.5	.1	.5
Medical care services .....	3.897	383.510	384.149	5.0	.2	.6	.1	.0
Other services .....	10.042	280.199	281.017	3.1	.3	.3	.1	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.099	206.877	209.055	4.2	1.1	.4	-.1	.4
All items less shelter .....	69.603	198.592	200.904	4.9	1.2	.5	.0	.4
All items less medical care .....	94.808	200.800	202.713	4.2	1.0	.4	.0	.4
Commodities less food .....	29.844	156.670	160.152	6.2	2.2	.6	-.5	.4
Nondurables less food .....	18.341	198.660	205.843	10.7	3.6	1.5	-.1	.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	14.343	247.188	256.899	14.3	3.9	1.3	-.3	1.7
Nondurables .....	33.241	203.933	208.101	7.8	2.0	1.1	.1	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.155	235.258	236.483	3.5	.5	.2	.3	.7
Services less medical care services .....	51.358	236.154	237.201	3.0	.4	.3	.2	.4
Energy .....	11.610	219.983	231.533	17.6	5.3	.8	-.7	1.9
All items less energy .....	88.390	206.588	207.296	2.6	.3	.4	.1	.2
All items less food and energy .....	73.489	206.605	207.406	2.3	.4	.3	.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.581	141.238	141.973	.3	.5	.3	-.1	-.1
Energy commodities .....	7.264	263.601	283.359	27.3	7.5	1.4	-1.9	1.9
Services less energy services .....	50.908	252.756	253.589	3.1	.3	.3	.1	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.483	\$.478	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.162	\$.161	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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—		
	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	207.386	208.301	208.298	209.064	4.5	2.5	7.0	3.3	3.5	5.1
Food and beverages .....	206.145	207.555	208.257	208.709	5.2	4.9	2.5	5.1	5.1	3.8
Food .....	205.780	207.222	207.901	208.406	5.2	5.0	2.5	5.2	5.1	3.9
Food at home .....	204.017	205.887	206.527	206.912	6.2	4.6	2.4	5.8	5.4	4.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	228.116	229.488	233.733	236.729	6.3	4.5	6.4	16.0	5.4	11.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	197.974	199.343	199.931	199.175	10.9	1.4	.8	2.4	6.0	1.6
Dairy and related products .....	205.206	205.370	206.877	205.091	19.6	24.6	2.5	-.2	22.0	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	263.920	269.770	265.318	266.563	-2.8	.5	5.2	4.1	-1.2	4.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	153.768	156.112	156.437	156.572	1.0	4.6	-2.0	7.5	2.8	2.6
Other food at home .....	174.809	175.682	177.521	177.582	3.5	2.7	2.7	6.5	3.1	4.6
Sugar and sweets .....	178.326	178.505	179.535	181.198	3.3	4.2	3.9	6.6	3.7	5.2
Fats and oils .....	179.208	181.290	184.099	182.605	3.2	6.4	9.9	7.8	4.8	8.8
Other foods .....	189.809	190.770	192.783	192.789	3.5	1.6	1.0	6.4	2.5	3.7
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.658	115.658	118.828	117.754	7.0	-6.0	3.8	7.4	.3	5.6
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	209.931	210.776	211.517	212.193	3.7	5.7	2.6	4.4	4.7	3.5
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.454	145.625	146.924	147.188	5.5	8.0	-3.6	7.8	6.7	1.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	210.180	211.034	212.072	211.736	4.7	3.4	2.6	3.0	4.0	2.8
Housing .....	207.639	208.096	208.533	209.497	3.0	1.7	3.9	3.6	2.4	3.8
Shelter .....	236.320	236.955	237.099	237.537	3.5	2.8	3.2	2.1	3.2	2.7
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	237.988	238.767	239.179	239.762	3.4	3.3	4.6	3.0	3.3	3.8
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	144.750	146.621	143.829	142.831	28.3	1.5	-1.6	-5.2	14.1	-3.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	226.048	226.656	226.982	227.481	1.9	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.396	117.740	117.921	117.999	-5	-1.2	.9	2.1	-.9	1.5
Fuels and utilities .....	203.522	203.514	205.930	209.904	3.5	-1.6	10.1	13.1	.9	11.6
Household energy .....	183.168	182.988	185.477	189.679	3.3	-3.0	10.9	15.0	.1	13.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	294.530	305.305	301.932	323.185	25.4	18.6	75.4	45.0	22.0	59.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	186.409	185.607	188.475	192.089	1.8	-4.6	6.6	12.8	-1.4	9.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	147.594	148.371	148.883	149.296	4.4	6.3	5.8	4.7	5.3	5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.123	122.389	122.330	122.902	-.8	-1.4	-.2	2.6	-1.1	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.659	145.431	145.825	147.316	2.5	.9	4.0	7.6	1.7	5.8
Apparel .....	118.809	119.760	119.341	117.864	-4.5	1.5	2.6	-3.1	-1.5	-3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	112.718	113.796	114.759	113.914	-.9	3.1	.1	4.3	1.1	2.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.224	110.735	108.555	105.815	-7.8	1.0	3.8	-15.1	-3.5	-6.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.423	118.421	118.510	116.638	-8.7	1.7	2.8	.7	-3.6	1.8
Footwear .....	122.170	122.938	123.294	123.441	-2.4	1.1	2.0	4.2	-.7	3.1
Transportation .....	195.050	196.402	194.963	196.398	10.7	1.6	22.6	2.8	6.1	12.3
Private transportation .....	192.213	193.565	192.100	193.389	11.1	1.5	23.1	2.5	6.2	12.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	93.445	93.452	93.308	93.239	.2	1.7	-.4	-.9	.9	-.6
New vehicles .....	137.046	136.764	136.345	136.214	-.4	-.4	-.8	-2.4	-.4	-1.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	137.791	138.052	138.094	138.070	2.1	6.3	-.6	.8	4.2	.1
Motor fuel .....	280.926	284.180	278.651	283.321	37.6	-.1	81.0	3.5	17.3	36.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	279.754	283.087	277.354	281.140	38.0	-.2	80.9	2.0	17.4	35.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.786	124.416	125.238	126.330	1.7	5.0	5.5	8.5	3.3	7.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	228.691	230.251	231.051	232.244	3.1	3.1	2.9	6.4	3.1	4.6
Public transportation .....	236.012	237.118	236.848	242.477	.2	4.6	12.3	11.4	2.4	11.8
Medical care .....	358.906	361.100	361.337	361.766	4.1	6.2	5.1	3.2	5.2	4.2
Medical care commodities .....	286.734	288.251	288.297	289.297	1.1	4.3	4.6	3.6	2.7	4.1
Medical care services .....	379.384	381.817	382.130	382.294	5.0	6.7	5.2	3.1	5.9	4.2
Professional services .....	308.431	309.634	309.636	310.053	2.6	4.7	3.8	2.1	3.6	2.9
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	512.146	518.313	520.557	521.401	7.0	9.2	8.9	7.4	8.1	8.2

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.995	109.201	109.351	109.680	0.4	0.3	1.5	2.5	0.4	2.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.054	103.205	103.080	103.333	2.7	-1.3	2.1	1.1	.7	1.6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	117.559	117.947	118.044	118.311	3.4	2.5	1.9	2.6	3.0	2.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	173.490	174.582	174.995	175.690	4.3	4.8	6.9	5.2	4.5	6.0
Educational books and supplies .....	439.590	439.883	439.326	439.977	5.3	12.7	6.6	.4	8.9	3.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	488.861	492.237	493.569	495.643	4.2	4.0	6.9	5.7	4.1	6.3
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.837	85.933	85.917	86.014	2.8	.9	-1.6	.8	1.8	-4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	83.917	84.008	83.992	84.091	2.2	.9	-1.7	.8	1.5	-5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.887	98.988	98.931	99.090	4.1	1.7	-.6	.8	2.9	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.722	10.737	10.754	10.745	-7.9	-3.7	-8.3	.9	-5.8	-3.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	100.000	101.067	100.582	100.265	-17.0	-9.4	-19.9	1.1	-13.3	-10.0
Other goods and services .....	348.898	350.676	351.684	353.001	2.9	2.7	3.2	4.8	2.8	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	568.410	574.724	577.359	576.910	1.7	5.6	5.3	6.1	3.6	5.7
Personal care .....	195.524	195.924	196.315	197.507	3.4	1.4	2.3	4.1	2.4	3.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.407	158.167	157.877	158.730	.5	-2.7	1.9	.8	-1.1	1.4
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	219.945	220.324	221.338	223.043	1.6	3.1	4.0	5.8	2.3	4.9
Miscellaneous personal services .....	331.721	333.520	334.915	335.975	5.7	3.9	3.1	5.2	4.8	4.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	175.167	176.292	175.865	176.501	6.1	2.3	11.4	3.1	4.2	7.1
Food and beverages .....	206.145	207.555	208.257	208.709	5.2	4.9	2.5	5.1	5.1	3.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	157.215	158.122	157.241	157.935	6.7	.8	16.9	1.8	3.7	9.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	201.649	204.777	204.470	206.199	10.3	-2.9	30.2	9.3	3.5	19.3
Apparel .....	118.809	119.760	119.341	117.864	-4.5	1.5	2.6	-3.1	-1.5	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	257.755	261.377	260.305	264.997	18.7	-2.4	36.3	11.7	7.6	23.4
Durables .....	112.476	112.528	112.347	112.390	-1.6	-.3	.3	-.3	-1.0	.0
Services .....	245.199	245.868	246.368	247.311	3.2	2.5	3.6	3.5	2.8	3.6
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	227.878	228.476	228.609	228.985	3.4	3.0	3.3	2.0	3.2	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.396	117.740	117.921	117.999	-.5	-1.2	.9	2.1	-.9	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	186.409	185.607	188.475	192.089	1.8	-4.6	6.6	12.8	-1.4	9.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	147.594	148.371	148.883	149.296	4.4	6.3	5.8	4.7	5.3	5.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.659	145.431	145.825	147.316	2.5	.9	4.0	7.6	1.7	5.8
Transportation services .....	235.963	237.214	237.465	238.681	.2	3.1	2.7	4.7	1.6	3.7
Medical care services .....	379.384	381.817	382.130	382.294	5.0	6.7	5.2	3.1	5.9	4.2
Other services .....	278.909	279.758	280.128	281.126	3.9	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	207.491	208.298	208.176	208.987	4.4	2.0	7.8	2.9	3.2	5.3
All items less shelter .....	199.078	200.108	200.052	200.946	5.0	2.3	8.6	3.8	3.6	6.2
All items less medical care .....	201.041	201.908	201.898	202.668	4.5	2.3	7.1	3.3	3.4	5.2
Commodities less food .....	159.164	160.074	159.239	159.909	6.6	.9	16.3	1.9	3.7	8.9
Nondurables less food .....	202.296	205.318	205.143	206.776	9.9	-2.5	28.2	9.2	3.5	18.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	252.459	255.821	254.991	259.253	17.8	-1.8	32.8	11.2	7.6	21.5
Nondurables .....	204.783	206.961	207.202	208.560	7.5	.9	15.8	7.6	4.1	11.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	234.129	234.673	235.467	237.009	3.6	2.0	3.4	5.0	2.8	4.2
Services less medical care services .....	235.252	235.849	236.298	237.254	3.5	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.8	3.3
Energy .....	230.224	232.031	230.458	234.853	21.2	-1.4	47.5	8.3	9.3	26.4
All items less energy .....	205.468	206.280	206.471	206.792	2.6	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.6
All items less food and energy .....	205.774	206.456	206.548	206.833	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.900	141.352	141.277	141.117	-.8	1.2	.6	.6	.2	.6
Energy commodities .....	282.540	286.486	281.012	286.354	37.0	.8	80.7	5.5	17.5	38.1
Services less energy services .....	251.555	252.403	252.625	253.254	3.3	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.2	3.0

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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 Mar.2008 from—			Percent change to Feb.2008 from—		
		Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008
U.S. city average .....	M	205.777	206.744	207.254	209.147	4.3	1.2	0.9	4.4	0.7	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	220.146	221.065	221.702	223.209	4.1	1.0	.7	4.3	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	220.824	221.492	222.315	223.795	3.8	1.0	.7	3.9	.7	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	132.856	133.766	133.893	134.846	4.6	.8	.7	4.9	.8	.1
Midwest urban .....	M	195.493	196.617	197.110	198.989	4.1	1.2	1.0	4.2	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	195.839	196.963	197.549	199.378	3.8	1.2	.9	3.9	.9	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.740	128.561	128.695	129.922	4.3	1.1	1.0	4.5	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	194.099	194.850	195.774	197.864	5.0	1.5	1.1	5.0	.9	.5
South urban .....	M	200.850	201.814	202.291	204.044	4.8	1.1	.9	5.0	.7	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.370	205.304	205.588	207.336	4.6	1.0	.9	4.9	.6	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.206	128.767	129.144	130.243	4.9	1.1	.9	5.1	.7	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	203.333	204.954	205.523	207.600	4.9	1.3	1.0	5.2	1.1	.3
West urban .....	M	209.488	210.342	210.816	213.159	3.9	1.3	1.1	3.8	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	211.095	212.040	212.614	214.954	3.8	1.4	1.1	3.8	.7	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.309	130.935	131.148	132.640	4.2	1.3	1.1	4.0	.6	.2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	190.622	191.461	191.982	193.702	4.0	1.2	.9	4.1	.7	.3
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.156	129.830	130.092	131.273	4.6	1.1	.9	4.7	.7	.2
D .....	M	200.867	201.685	202.292	204.422	4.7	1.4	1.1	4.8	.7	.3
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	200.217	201.525	202.497	204.742	4.7	1.6	1.1	4.7	1.1	.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	212.282	213.825	214.231	216.493	3.6	1.2	1.1	3.7	.9	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	223.873	224.557	225.281	226.951	3.9	1.1	.7	3.9	.6	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	231.291	-	232.656	3.0	.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	190.115	-	192.995	4.9	1.5	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	199.407	-	201.892	5.3	1.2	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	135.826	-	137.544	4.8	1.3	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	202.034	-	203.473	-	-	-	-	5.2	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	195.866	-	197.670	-	-	-	-	2.6	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	184.975	-	185.904	-	-	-	-	3.7	.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	215.561	-	216.971	-	-	-	-	5.5	.7	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	218.791	-	220.718	-	-	-	-	3.6	.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	214.204	-	214.913	-	-	-	-	2.9	.3	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	214.024	-	216.332	-	-	-	-	5.1	1.1	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2008 from—	
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	122.251	123.204	3.6	0.8
Food and beverages .....	14.726	123.139	123.256	4.2	.1
Food .....	13.648	123.160	123.270	4.3	.1
Food at home .....	7.557	120.290	120.183	4.4	-.1
Food away from home .....	6.091	126.964	127.358	4.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.077	123.233	123.446	3.7	.2
Housing .....	42.421	126.688	127.457	2.8	.6
Shelter .....	32.409	129.138	129.764	2.9	.5
Fuels and utilities .....	5.004	151.681	154.075	5.8	1.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	5.008	95.553	95.972	-.6	.4
Apparel .....	3.988	87.846	90.179	-1.7	2.7
Transportation .....	17.393	126.754	129.370	7.6	2.1
Private transportation .....	16.285	127.677	130.233	7.6	2.0
Public transportation .....	1.108	116.081	119.552	7.9	3.0
Medical care .....	6.085	141.042	141.366	4.3	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.615	125.545	126.044	3.6	.4
Medical care services .....	4.470	146.791	147.039	4.6	.2
Recreation .....	5.935	105.181	105.420	.3	.2
Education and communication .....	6.196	106.297	106.344	2.1	.0
Education .....	2.771	164.408	164.357	5.4	.0
Communication .....	3.425	73.460	73.537	-.5	.1
Other goods and services .....	3.257	126.540	127.144	3.0	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.427	130.502	131.158	3.2	.5
Commodities .....	41.573	111.962	113.271	4.1	1.2
Durables .....	11.817	84.059	83.997	-1.6	-.1
Nondurables .....	29.756	126.500	128.610	6.4	1.7
All items less food and energy .....	77.561	116.594	117.121	2.1	.5
Energy .....	8.790	186.798	195.823	16.5	4.8

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.