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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.5 percent in October, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The October level of 201.8 (1982-84=100) was 1.3 percent higher than in October 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.7 percent in October, prior to seasonal adjustment. The October level of 197.0 (1982-84=100) was 0.9 percent higher than in October 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.3 percent in October on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The October level of 117.2 (December 1999=100) was 1.6 percent higher than in October 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U declined 0.5 percent in October, the same as in September. Energy prices, which declined 7.2 percent in September, fell 7.0 percent in October. Within energy, (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Oct.'06
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. Ended Oct.'06	
	2006								
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.		
All Items	.6	.4	.2	.4	.2	-.5	-.5	-2.9	1.3
Food and beverages	.0	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	3.5	2.6
Housing	.1	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.0	2.2	3.0
Apparel	.6	.2	.0	-1.2	.9	.6	-.7	3.4	.5
Transportation	2.4	1.5	-.2	1.6	.2	-4.1	-3.1	-24.9	-5.0
Medical care	.4	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	4.2	4.0
Recreation	.3	.2	.1	.3	-.1	.0	.0	-.4	1.2
Education and communication	.3	.0	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	2.4	3.0
Other goods and services	.0	.1	.6	-.2	.3	.5	.3	4.4	2.9
Special Indexes									
Energy	3.9	2.4	-.9	2.9	.3	-7.2	-7.0	-43.8	-11.3
Food	.0	.1	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	4.0	2.6
All Items less food and energy	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	2.3	2.7

Effective with release of the January 2007 CPI, BLS will publish index levels to three decimal places. Percent changes based on these indexes will continue to be published to one decimal place. See page 4 for more details.

the index for petroleum-based energy decreased 10.7 percent and the index for energy services declined 2.5 percent. The food index increased 0.3 percent in October. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in October, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the three preceding months. Declines in the indexes for apparel and for lodging while away from home were largely responsible for the smaller advance in October.

During the first ten months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 2.4 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.4 percent for all of 2005. The index for energy, which increased 17.1 percent in 2005, decreased at a 1.5 percent SAAR in the first ten months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs were unchanged on average, while charges for energy services fell at a 3.1 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.7 percent rate thus far in 2006, following a 2.3 percent rise for all of 2005. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.8 percent SAAR in the first ten months of 2006 after increasing 2.2 percent in 2005.

The food and beverages index increased 0.3 percent in October. The index for food at home rose 0.3 percent in October, following a 0.5 percent increase in September. The index for fruits and vegetables, which increased 3.0 percent in September, was virtually unchanged in October. A 0.8 percent increase in the index for fresh vegetables was offset by declines in the indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables--down 0.7, and 0.2 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.2 percent in October. Beef prices increased 0.6 percent and the index for pork rose 0.3 percent. These increases were partially offset by declines in the indexes for poultry and for eggs. The index for dairy products rose 0.7 percent, reflecting a 1.3 percent increase in the index for milk. Despite the advance in October, milk prices are 1.0 percent lower than in October 2005. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for nonalcoholic beverages each rose 0.3 percent, and the index for other food at home increased 0.2 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing was virtually unchanged in October. A decline in the index for fuels and utilities offset an increase in shelter costs; the index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged. The index for fuels and utilities registered its first decline in four months--down 2.2 percent. Each of the three major household fuels contributed to the decline. The index for natural gas decreased 7.7 percent in October and is 24.0 percent lower than a year ago. The index for fuel oil declined 6.1 percent in October and is 7.6 percent lower than in October 2005. The index for electricity decreased 0.2 percent, but charges for electricity are 10.4 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for shelter rose 0.3 percent, the same as in September. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.4 percent, while the index for lodging away from home declined 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 0.5 percent.)

The transportation index declined 3.1 percent in October, reflecting price decreases for gasoline, for new and used motor vehicles, and for airline fares. The index for gasoline declined 11.1 percent, accounting for about 95 percent of the decline in the overall transportation group. The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in October. (As of October, about 42 percent of the new vehicle sample consisted of 2007 models. The 2007 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2007 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Quality Changes for the 2007 Vehicles Represented in the Producer Price Index Sample," dated November 14, 2006.) New vehicle prices are 0.2 percent lower than in October 2005. The index for used cars and trucks decreased 1.2 percent in October and was 0.9 percent lower than in October 2005. The index for public transportation declined 1.0 percent, reflecting a 1.4 percent drop in airline fares. Airline fares have declined 5.5 percent in the last three months after advancing 12.6 percent in the first seven months of the year.

The index for apparel, which rose 0.6 percent in September, decreased 0.7 percent in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.3 percent, reflecting the continued introduction of fall-winter wear.) During the last 12 months, the index for apparel has increased 0.5 percent, with increases in prices for women's and girls' clothing more than offsetting declines in prices for men's and boys' clothing and for footwear.

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

The index for recreation was unchanged in October. A 0.6 percent decline in the index for video and audio products and services was largely offset by increases in the indexes for admissions, for sporting goods, and for recreational reading materials.

The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in October. Educational costs rose 0.6 percent, while the index for communication declined 0.2 percent. Within the former group, the index for college textbooks rose 1.0 percent. Within the communication group, the index for telephone services rose 0.7 percent, largely reflecting a 2.2 percent increase in charges for long distance land-line telephone services. This advance was more than offset by a 3.3 percent decline in the index for information technology, hardware, and services. The index for internet services and electronic information providers declined 6.6 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in October. The index for miscellaneous personal services rose 0.5 percent, reflecting increases in the indexes for legal services and for financial services--each up 0.8 percent.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers declined 0.7 percent in October.

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 Oct.'06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Oct.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006								
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.		
All Items	.6	.5	.2	.5	.4	-.7	-.7	-4.0	.9
Food and beverages	-.1	.2	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	4.0	2.6
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	-.1	2.2	2.8
Apparel	.7	.1	-.2	-1.2	1.2	.8	-.7	5.2	1.0
Transportation	2.6	1.5	-.2	1.8	.2	-4.4	-3.5	-27.1	-5.4
Medical care	.4	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	.3	4.2	4.0
Recreation	.3	.2	.2	.2	-.2	.0	.1	-.4	1.0
Education and communication	.3	.0	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	2.8	2.7
Other goods and services	-.1	.0	.6	-.1	.2	.3	.3	3.4	2.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.2	2.5	-.9	3.1	.3	-7.5	-7.3	-45.3	-11.8
Food	-.1	.1	.3	.2	.4	.4	.3	4.2	2.5
All Items less food and energy	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.1	.1	2.4	2.6

Consumer Price Index data for November are scheduled for release on Friday, December 15, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

Consumer Price Index Levels to be Published to Three Decimal Places

Effective with the release of the January 2007 Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Bureau of Labor Statistics will display CPI index values to three decimal places in all paper and electronic publications. This change will apply to the All Items Consumer Price Index and all component indexes for the CPI-U, CPI-W, and C-CPI-U, for the U.S. City Average and for all other published areas. In addition, percent changes will be computed based upon the three decimal place indexes rather than the current one decimal place indexes. Percent changes will continue to be rounded to one decimal place.

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

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. 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 for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2006.

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

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

For the Fuel oil, Utility (piped) gas, Motor fuels, and Educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of sharp rises in the price of coffee futures. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, changes in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk, butter and cheese production levels. For Fresh vegetable series, the method was used to account for the effects of hurricane-related disruptions. For Electricity, it was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than

expected weather, increased rates to conserve supplies, and declining natural gas inventories. For New vehicle series, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

For additional information on seasonal adjustment in the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or contact Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at Chow.Daniel@bls.gov. 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.
All items	100.000	202.9	201.8	1.3	-0.5	0.2	-0.5	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	-	607.9	604.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.051	196.7	197.5	2.6	.4	.3	.4	.3
Food	13.942	196.2	197.1	2.6	.5	.4	.3	.3
Food at home	7.988	194.1	195.1	2.3	.5	.4	.5	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.098	213.6	214.6	2.5	.5	.0	.1	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.133	188.0	188.1	1.9	.1	1.0	.5	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.852	179.9	182.0	-3	1.2	-8	.0	.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	258.2	261.6	6.5	1.3	1.0	3.0	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	147.5	148.3	1.9	.5	.8	.2	.3
Other food at home	1.777	169.8	170.1	1.1	.2	-2	-5	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	172.1	172.5	3.7	.2	.2	-6	.5
Fats and oils .....	.231	167.9	169.1	.3	.7	.1	-2	.5
Other foods ¹	1.244	185.0	185.2	.7	.1	-4	-6	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.328	114.2	113.7	1.4	-4	-1.0	.4	-4
Food away from home ¹	5.953	200.5	201.1	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.277	137.6	138.0	3.4	.3	.4	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.109	201.4	201.9	2.6	.2	.0	.1	.2
Housing	42.380	205.0	204.4	3.0	-3	.2	.3	.0
Shelter	32.260	233.9	234.8	4.0	.4	.2	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	5.832	227.1	228.0	4.0	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.611	135.0	135.7	4.6	.5	-4	.7	-5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.442	240.4	241.3	4.1	.4	.3	.3	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.4	116.2	.3	-2	-2	.2	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.371	199.6	190.1	-1.4	-4.8	.3	.7	-2.2
Fuels	4.494	182.0	171.5	-2.7	-5.8	.3	.7	-2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	237.1	227.9	-5.5	-3.9	1.7	-4.9	-5.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	187.4	176.4	-2.4	-5.9	.2	1.2	-2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	138.2	138.6	5.1	.3	.2	.4	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.749	127.1	127.4	1.2	.2	.2	.1	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	137.4	138.6	5.3	.9	.3	.3	.9
Apparel	3.786	121.7	123.3	.5	1.3	.9	.6	-7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	114.4	116.4	-7	1.7	.9	1.0	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.612	114.6	116.4	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.0	-1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	116.5	119.4	2.7	2.5	-2	-1.9	1.4
Footwear .....	.759	124.2	125.6	-9	1.1	-1	.0	.5
Transportation	17.415	180.6	174.8	-5.0	-3.2	.2	-4.1	-3.1
Private transportation	16.329	176.5	170.7	-5.4	-3.3	.2	-4.3	-3.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.858	95.3	95.2	-5	-1	.0	-3	-3
New vehicles	5.155	136.3	136.8	-2	.4	-1	-1	-1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.799	141.0	139.3	-9	-1.2	.2	-1.0	-1.2
Motor fuel	4.191	220.1	193.8	-18.3	-11.9	.3	-13.4	-11.1
Gasoline (all types)	4.148	219.0	192.7	-18.3	-12.0	.2	-13.5	-11.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.362	118.7	118.9	5.2	.2	.3	.4	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.131	217.0	218.5	4.1	.7	-1	.2	.6
Public transportation	1.087	229.5	226.9	1.9	-1.1	.3	-7	-1.0
Medical care	6.220	338.3	339.3	4.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.457	288.1	288.1	3.3	.0	.3	.2	.0
Medical care services	4.764	352.7	354.0	4.2	.4	.4	.4	.4
Professional services	2.815	290.6	291.4	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.576	472.0	474.2	6.9	.5	.8	.3	.4

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.637	111.1	111.2	1.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.783	104.5	104.1	-3	-4	-2	-1	-6
Education and communication ²	6.047	118.4	118.5	3.0	.1	.3	.1	.2
Education ²	2.967	166.6	167.1	6.2	.3	.7	.2	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	393.9	398.4	6.6	1.1	1.2	-1	1.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.771	481.7	482.9	6.2	.2	.7	.2	.5
Communication ²	3.080	84.2	84.0	-2	-2	.0	-1	-2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.895	81.7	81.5	-6	-2	-1	-1	-2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.245	96.1	96.8	2.3	.7	.3	.2	.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.650	12.3	11.9	-10.5	-3.3	-1.6	-1.6	-3.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.236	10.5	10.4	-14.8	-1.0	.0	-9	-1.0
Other goods and services	3.463	323.3	324.3	2.9	.3	.3	.5	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.710	520.8	521.1	2.3	.1	-1	-1	.1
Personal care	2.752	191.3	192.0	3.0	.4	.4	.6	.4
Personal care products ¹ .....	.710	156.4	156.6	1.0	.1	-1	1.0	.1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.675	210.7	211.7	3.4	.5	.3	.3	.5
Miscellaneous personal services	1.172	316.4	317.6	4.1	.4	.6	.7	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.790	164.4	162.5	-1.6	-1.2	.2	-1.7	-1.4
Food and beverages	15.051	196.7	197.5	2.6	.4	.3	.4	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	25.739	146.0	143.0	-4.0	-2.1	.2	-2.9	-2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.163	177.7	171.2	-5.9	-3.7	-4	-5.8	-3.4
Apparel	3.786	121.7	123.3	.5	1.3	.9	.6	-7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.377	216.6	205.0	-8.0	-5.4	.4	-6.9	-4.8
Durables	11.576	113.8	113.8	-1.0	.0	.0	-5	-2
Services	59.210	241.1	240.9	3.4	-1	.3	.4	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.884	243.8	244.7	4.1	.4	.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.4	116.2	.3	-2	-2	.2	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	187.4	176.4	-2.4	-5.9	.2	1.2	-2.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	138.2	138.6	5.1	.3	.2	.4	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	137.4	138.6	5.3	.9	.3	.3	.9
Transportation services	5.707	231.7	232.3	2.1	.3	.3	.1	.0
Medical care services	4.764	352.7	354.0	4.2	.4	.4	.4	.4
Other services	10.669	280.8	281.2	3.6	.1	.3	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.058	204.1	202.6	1.1	-7	.2	-6	-6
All items less shelter	67.740	193.1	191.2	.1	-1.0	.3	-9	-9
All items less medical care	93.780	196.0	194.9	1.2	-6	.3	-6	-6
Commodities less food	26.848	148.0	145.1	-3.8	-2.0	.3	-2.8	-2.2
Nondurables less food	15.272	179.1	173.1	-5.4	-3.4	-3	-5.4	-3.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.486	214.2	203.8	-7.2	-4.9	.4	-6.2	-4.4
Nondurables	29.214	187.8	184.8	-1.7	-1.6	.0	-2.7	-1.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.325	256.2	254.4	2.5	-7	.2	.3	-4
Services less medical care services	54.446	231.8	231.5	3.3	-1	.3	.3	.0
Energy	8.685	199.1	181.3	-11.3	-8.9	.3	-7.2	-7.0
All items less energy	91.315	204.9	205.6	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	77.373	207.2	207.8	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.319	140.9	141.2	.1	.2	.2	-1	-3
Energy commodities	4.530	222.3	196.9	-17.5	-11.4	.4	-12.9	-10.7
Services less energy services	55.055	246.6	247.5	3.8	.4	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.493	\$.495	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.165	\$.165	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	203.2	203.7	202.7	201.7	-0.2	4.1	4.5	-2.9	1.9	0.7
Food and beverages	195.7	196.2	196.9	197.4	3.4	.8	2.7	3.5	2.1	3.1
Food	195.1	195.8	196.4	197.0	3.4	.6	2.5	4.0	2.0	3.2
Food at home	192.8	193.5	194.5	195.0	3.6	-1.0	1.9	4.6	1.3	3.3
Cereals and bakery products	213.8	213.8	214.1	214.8	2.5	-1.1	6.6	1.9	.7	4.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	184.9	186.8	187.7	188.0	2.8	.9	-2.8	6.9	1.9	1.9
Dairy and related products	181.3	179.8	179.8	181.1	3.8	-3.0	-1.5	-.4	.3	-1.0
Fruits and vegetables	251.7	254.1	261.7	261.6	10.0	-4.5	5.1	16.7	2.5	10.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.3	147.5	147.8	148.3	2.5	-1.1	.5	5.6	.7	3.0
Other food at home	171.0	170.6	169.7	170.0	1.9	-.7	5.6	-2.3	.6	1.5
Sugar and sweets	172.7	173.1	172.1	172.9	6.4	4.6	3.6	.5	5.5	2.0
Fats and oils	167.4	167.5	167.1	168.0	4.6	-10.6	6.7	1.4	-3.3	4.0
Other foods ¹	186.9	186.1	185.0	185.2	.7	.0	5.8	-3.6	.3	1.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.0	113.8	114.2	113.7	1.8	2.1	6.5	-4.4	2.0	.9
Food away from home ¹	199.7	200.2	200.5	201.1	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.2
Other food away from home ²	136.8	137.3	137.5	137.7	3.0	5.2	2.7	2.7	4.1	2.7
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.3	201.2	201.4	201.9	2.5	4.3	2.4	1.2	3.4	1.8
Housing	203.5	204.0	204.7	204.6	4.1	2.0	3.8	2.2	3.0	3.0
Shelter	232.9	233.4	234.2	234.9	2.9	4.7	5.1	3.5	3.8	4.3
Rent of primary residence ³	225.4	226.2	227.1	228.0	2.4	4.0	4.6	4.7	3.2	4.6
Lodging away from home ²	136.6	136.1	137.1	136.4	9.5	5.8	3.9	-.6	7.7	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	239.0	239.7	240.4	241.3	2.8	4.5	5.5	3.9	3.7	4.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.2	116.4	116.2	.3	1.0	.7	-.7	.7	.0
Fuels and utilities	193.3	193.9	195.2	191.0	13.7	-10.7	-2.2	-4.7	.7	-3.5
Fuels	175.4	176.0	177.2	172.5	15.2	-13.4	-3.8	-6.5	-.1	-5.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	248.9	253.2	240.9	228.9	-21.5	6.1	34.1	-28.5	-8.7	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.4	179.7	181.9	177.4	18.8	-14.7	-6.4	-4.4	.7	-5.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	137.2	137.5	138.1	138.7	6.5	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.2	5.1
Household furnishings and operations	127.1	127.4	127.5	127.5	1.0	.3	1.9	1.3	.6	1.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.6	137.0	137.4	138.6	7.8	3.3	4.2	6.0	5.5	5.1
Apparel	118.6	119.7	120.4	119.6	.7	2.4	-3.9	3.4	1.5	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	113.3	114.3	115.4	114.3	-1.0	1.4	-6.4	3.6	.2	-1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	109.4	111.1	112.2	110.8	.0	6.0	-6.0	5.2	2.9	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.2	118.0	115.8	117.4	2.5	3.9	7.4	-2.7	3.2	2.3
Footwear	122.4	122.3	122.3	122.9	2.9	-1.6	-6.0	1.6	.6	-2.2
Transportation	188.2	188.5	180.8	175.2	-14.7	13.3	12.4	-24.9	-1.7	-8.1
Private transportation	184.4	184.7	176.8	171.0	-15.6	14.1	12.4	-26.0	-1.9	-8.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	96.1	96.1	95.8	95.5	-.8	.4	1.3	-2.5	-.2	-.6
New vehicles	137.8	137.7	137.5	137.3	1.5	-.3	-.9	-1.4	.6	-1.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	142.1	142.4	141.0	139.3	-3.6	3.2	4.9	-7.7	-.3	-1.6
Motor fuel	251.6	252.3	218.4	194.2	-43.2	55.6	42.5	-64.5	-6.0	-28.9
Gasoline (all types)	250.6	251.2	217.3	193.1	-43.0	54.8	43.2	-64.7	-6.1	-29.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	117.9	118.2	118.7	118.9	5.0	5.0	7.5	3.4	5.0	5.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	216.9	216.6	217.0	218.2	2.3	6.4	5.3	2.4	4.3	3.9
Public transportation	230.5	231.1	229.5	227.3	3.6	-1.2	11.3	-5.4	1.2	2.6
Medical care	336.6	338.0	339.1	340.1	3.5	5.2	3.2	4.2	4.3	3.7
Medical care commodities	286.8	287.6	288.1	288.1	5.0	4.3	2.1	1.8	4.6	2.0
Medical care services	350.9	352.4	353.8	355.1	3.1	5.3	3.6	4.9	4.2	4.2
Professional services	289.3	290.2	291.2	292.0	1.0	2.8	2.8	3.8	1.9	3.3
Hospital and related services ³	469.3	473.0	474.4	476.1	6.7	10.6	4.5	5.9	8.6	5.2

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—		
	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.4	111.3	111.3	111.3	0.0	2.9	2.2	-0.4	1.5	0.9
Video and audio ²	105.1	104.9	104.8	104.2	-1.5	4.3	-8	-3.4	1.3	-2.1
Education and communication ²	117.0	117.4	117.5	117.7	4.3	2.8	2.4	2.4	3.5	2.4
Education ²	162.4	163.6	164.0	165.0	6.9	5.2	6.4	6.6	6.0	6.5
Educational books and supplies	388.2	392.9	392.4	396.9	7.2	3.7	6.2	9.3	5.4	7.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	469.0	472.5	473.6	476.2	6.9	5.4	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.3
Communication ²	84.3	84.3	84.2	84.0	1.4	.0	-.9	-1.4	.7	-1.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.9	81.8	81.7	81.5	.5	.0	-1.0	-1.9	.2	-1.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.6	95.9	96.1	96.8	2.6	.8	.8	5.1	1.7	3.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	12.7	12.5	12.3	11.9	-8.7	-3.0	-6.1	-22.9	-5.9	-14.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.4	-18.3	-16.2	-16.8	-7.3	-17.2	-12.2
Other goods and services	321.0	322.0	323.6	324.5	4.0	1.3	1.9	4.4	2.6	3.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	521.5	521.1	520.8	521.1	4.6	2.4	2.7	-.3	3.4	1.2
Personal care	189.5	190.3	191.5	192.2	3.9	.9	1.7	5.8	2.4	3.7
Personal care products ¹	155.0	154.9	156.4	156.6	2.1	-2.0	.0	4.2	.0	2.1
Personal care services ¹	209.5	210.1	210.7	211.7	3.2	4.1	1.9	4.3	3.6	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services	312.6	314.4	316.7	318.3	3.9	3.1	2.2	7.5	3.5	4.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	166.9	167.3	164.4	162.1	-6.4	6.3	5.7	-11.0	-.2	-3.0
Food and beverages	195.7	196.2	196.9	197.4	3.4	.8	2.7	3.5	2.1	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages	149.9	150.2	145.9	142.5	-11.6	9.5	7.5	-18.3	-1.6	-6.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	185.7	185.0	174.2	168.2	-10.5	10.8	17.4	-32.7	-.4	-11.1
Apparel	118.6	119.7	120.4	119.6	.7	2.4	-3.9	3.4	1.5	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	230.4	231.4	215.5	205.2	-23.6	24.6	19.6	-37.1	-2.4	-13.2
Durables	114.9	114.9	114.3	114.1	-1.0	-.7	.7	-2.8	-.9	-1.0
Services	239.2	239.9	240.8	241.0	4.2	2.6	3.8	3.0	3.4	3.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	242.7	243.3	244.0	244.7	2.9	4.8	5.1	3.3	3.9	4.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.4	116.2	116.4	116.2	.3	1.0	.7	-.7	.7	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.4	179.7	181.9	177.4	18.8	-14.7	-6.4	-4.4	.7	-5.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	137.2	137.5	138.1	138.7	6.5	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.2	5.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.6	137.0	137.4	138.6	7.8	3.3	4.2	6.0	5.5	5.1
Transportation services	231.5	232.2	232.5	232.6	2.5	.3	3.9	1.9	1.4	2.9
Medical care services	350.9	352.4	353.8	355.1	3.1	5.3	3.6	4.9	4.2	4.2
Other services	278.2	279.1	279.7	280.3	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.9	3.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	204.6	205.1	203.8	202.5	-.8	4.5	5.0	-4.0	1.8	.4
All items less shelter	193.9	194.4	192.7	191.0	-1.7	3.8	4.2	-5.8	1.1	-.9
All items less medical care	196.4	196.9	195.8	194.7	-.4	4.0	4.6	-3.4	1.8	.5
Commodities less food	151.8	152.2	147.9	144.7	-11.0	9.1	7.2	-17.4	-1.5	-5.9
Nondurables less food	186.6	186.0	176.0	170.2	-9.8	10.2	16.3	-30.8	-.3	-10.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	226.7	227.5	213.4	204.0	-21.9	22.4	18.5	-34.4	-2.3	-11.9
Nondurables	191.4	191.4	186.3	183.1	-3.6	6.2	8.8	-16.2	1.2	-4.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	253.8	254.4	255.2	254.2	6.1	.2	3.2	.6	3.1	1.9
Services less medical care services	230.1	230.7	231.4	231.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	2.5	3.2	3.3
Energy	210.2	210.8	195.7	182.0	-20.6	16.9	19.1	-43.8	-3.7	-18.2
All items less energy	204.1	204.6	205.1	205.4	2.4	2.8	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.9
All items less food and energy	206.4	206.9	207.4	207.6	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.3	2.8	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.8	141.1	141.0	140.6	.6	.9	.0	-.6	.7	-.3
Energy commodities	252.7	253.6	220.9	197.3	-42.0	51.7	42.0	-62.8	-6.2	-27.4
Services less energy services	245.4	246.0	246.8	247.5	3.1	4.1	4.7	3.5	3.6	4.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Oct.2006 from—			Percent change to Sep.2006 from—			
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	
U.S. city average	M	203.5	203.9	202.9	201.8	1.3	-1.0	-0.5	2.1	-0.3	-0.5	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	217.5	218.1	216.3	215.2	1.7	-1.3	-5	2.6	-6	-8	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	220.1	220.7	219.1	217.7	1.8	-1.4	-6	2.8	-5	-7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.2	128.5	127.2	126.9	1.4	-1.2	-2	2.2	-8	-1.0	
Midwest urban	M	194.6	195.1	193.7	192.3	.1	-1.4	-7	.6	-5	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.3	196.9	195.7	194.1	.2	-1.4	-8	1.0	-3	-6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.1	124.1	123.2	122.6	.0	-1.2	-5	.1	-7	-7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	190.1	190.9	189.1	187.1	.2	-2.0	-1.1	1.0	-5	-9	
South urban	M	197.0	197.1	195.8	194.7	1.1	-1.2	-6	2.0	-6	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	198.9	199.2	198.3	197.2	1.4	-1.0	-6	2.3	-3	-5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.5	125.4	124.4	123.7	1.0	-1.4	-6	1.7	-9	-8	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	198.0	198.3	197.1	195.7	1.1	-1.3	-7	2.7	-5	-6	
West urban	M	206.7	207.5	207.8	207.1	2.2	-2	-3	3.0	.5	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	210.0	210.7	211.3	210.5	2.5	-1	-4	3.3	.6	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.6	126.2	125.9	125.5	1.5	-6	-3	2.3	.2	-2	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	186.2	186.7	186.1	185.0	1.6	-9	-6	2.4	-1	-3	
B/C ³	M	125.6	125.7	124.8	124.2	.9	-1.2	-5	1.5	-6	-7	
D	M	196.0	196.6	195.6	194.3	1.1	-1.2	-7	2.1	-2	-5	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	199.3	200.4	199.6	197.5	-2	-1.4	-1.1	.7	.2	-4	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	211.4	211.9	212.9	211.4	2.2	-2	-7	3.4	.7	.5	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	223.1	224.1	222.9	221.7	2.4	-1.1	-5	3.3	-1	-5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	225.1	-	224.5	-	-	-	-	2.0	-3	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	193.1	-	190.7	-	-	-	-	-5	-1.2	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	191.7	-	192.0	-	-	-	-	1.6	.2	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	130.7	-	130.2	-	-	-	-	2.8	-4	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	197.3	-	192.7	-6	-2.3	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	198.6	-	196.6	.8	-1.0	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	182.5	-	180.4	.7	-1.2	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	205.6	-	204.8	3.0	-4	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	216.4	-	211.6	2.0	-2.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	210.7	-	211.0	2.5	.1	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	209.6	-	209.8	3.2	.1	-	-	-	-	

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.
All items	100.000	198.4	197.0	0.9	-0.7	0.4	-0.7	-0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	591.0	586.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.537	195.9	196.7	2.6	.4	.4	.3	.3
Food	15.519	195.5	196.2	2.5	.4	.4	.4	.3
Food at home	9.347	193.3	194.2	2.3	.5	.5	.5	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.275	214.1	214.9	2.7	.4	.1	.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.653	187.5	187.5	1.6	.0	1.1	.4	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.965	179.4	181.4	-5	1.1	-9	.0	.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.338	257.3	260.8	7.1	1.4	1.4	3.0	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.087	146.8	147.7	1.9	.6	.9	.1	.4
Other food at home	2.030	169.3	169.5	1.1	.1	-2	-5	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	171.3	171.4	3.5	.1	.2	-7	.3
Fats and oils .....	.287	168.6	169.8	.7	.7	-1	-1	.5
Other foods ¹	1.406	185.3	185.3	.7	.0	-4	-5	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.370	114.5	113.8	1.2	-6	-9	.3	-6
Food away from home ¹	6.172	200.2	200.8	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.275	137.1	137.5	3.2	.3	.3	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	200.9	201.8	2.7	.4	.0	.1	.4
Housing	40.161	200.4	199.6	2.8	-4	.4	.3	-1
Shelter	30.069	226.6	227.5	4.0	.4	.4	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	7.880	226.2	227.1	4.0	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.412	134.0	134.7	4.3	.5	.1	-3	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.429	218.0	218.8	4.1	.4	.4	.2	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.8	116.6	.5	-2	-1	.2	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.900	197.7	188.1	-1.5	-4.9	.3	.7	-2.2
Fuels	4.984	179.0	168.7	-2.8	-5.8	.2	.8	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	235.8	226.6	-6.1	-3.9	1.6	-4.9	-5.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	185.3	174.3	-2.5	-5.9	.2	1.2	-2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	138.5	139.0	5.1	.4	.2	.5	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.193	122.7	122.8	.8	.1	.1	.2	-2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	139.8	140.6	4.5	.6	.3	.1	.6
Apparel	4.090	121.4	123.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	.8	-7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	114.5	116.4	-2	1.7	.9	1.3	-1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.689	114.3	115.9	1.4	1.4	2.5	1.2	-1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	118.5	121.8	2.6	2.8	.4	-1.8	1.7
Footwear .....	.964	123.9	125.2	-2	1.0	-2	.4	.3
Transportation	19.669	180.1	173.7	-5.4	-3.6	.2	-4.4	-3.5
Private transportation	18.931	177.1	170.7	-5.7	-3.6	.2	-4.6	-3.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.944	94.5	94.3	-6	-2	.0	-3	-5
New vehicles	5.380	137.4	137.8	-3	.3	-1	-1	-2
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.801	141.9	140.1	-9	-1.3	.1	-9	-1.3
Motor fuel	5.244	220.8	194.4	-18.3	-12.0	.2	-13.4	-11.1
Gasoline (all types)	5.193	219.7	193.4	-18.3	-12.0	.2	-13.4	-11.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.434	118.4	118.6	5.3	.2	.3	.5	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.130	219.4	221.1	4.1	.8	-1	.1	.7
Public transportation .....	.738	227.8	225.6	2.1	-1.0	.2	-2	-7
Medical care	5.171	337.8	338.9	4.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.140	281.1	281.0	3.4	.0	.2	.2	.0
Medical care services	4.030	353.1	354.6	4.2	.4	.5	.4	.4
Professional services	2.336	292.8	293.6	2.4	.3	.2	.3	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.332	467.5	469.9	6.8	.5	.7	.3	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.097	108.3	108.4	1.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.928	103.9	103.5	-2	-4	-2	.0	-6
Education and communication ²	5.635	115.3	115.4	2.7	.1	.4	.1	.2
Education ²	2.243	164.7	165.2	6.4	.3	.9	.4	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	395.4	400.9	6.9	1.4	1.3	-2	1.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.044	466.6	467.4	6.3	.2	.8	.4	.5
Communication ²	3.392	86.2	86.1	.2	-1	.0	.0	-1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.244	84.4	84.4	.0	.0	.0	-1	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.653	96.2	96.9	2.2	.7	.3	.2	.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.590	12.9	12.4	-10.1	-3.9	-1.5	-1.5	-3.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.208	10.3	10.2	-15.0	-1.0	1.0	-1.9	-1.0
Other goods and services	3.640	332.2	333.1	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.137	522.4	522.7	2.2	.1	-1	-1	.1
Personal care	2.504	189.2	189.9	2.8	.4	.4	.5	.4
Personal care products ¹ .....	.774	156.3	156.5	1.0	.1	.0	.8	.1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.616	210.8	211.9	3.4	.5	.2	.3	.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	316.8	317.9	4.1	.3	.5	.5	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.601	166.1	163.8	-1.8	-1.4	.2	-1.9	-1.6
Food and beverages	16.537	195.9	196.7	2.6	.4	.4	.3	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	28.064	148.9	145.3	-4.3	-2.4	.3	-3.2	-2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.599	183.6	176.0	-6.5	-4.1	-3	-6.5	-3.9
Apparel	4.090	121.4	123.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	.8	-7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.509	226.2	212.7	-8.9	-6.0	.3	-7.7	-5.1
Durables	12.465	114.0	113.9	-1.0	-1	.0	-5	-3
Services	55.399	236.3	235.8	3.1	-2	.3	.3	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.721	218.4	219.3	4.0	.4	.3	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.8	116.6	.5	-2	-1	.2	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	185.3	174.3	-2.5	-5.9	.2	1.2	-2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	138.5	139.0	5.1	.4	.2	.5	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	139.8	140.6	4.5	.6	.3	.1	.6
Transportation services	5.659	231.3	232.2	2.1	.4	.3	.3	.1
Medical care services	4.030	353.1	354.6	4.2	.4	.5	.4	.4
Other services	9.726	271.0	271.4	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.481	198.8	196.9	.6	-1.0	.3	-8	-9
All items less shelter	69.931	190.3	188.0	-4	-1.2	.3	-1.1	-1.1
All items less medical care	94.829	192.5	191.0	.7	-8	.3	-7	-7
Commodities less food	29.082	150.8	147.3	-4.0	-2.3	.3	-3.1	-2.6
Nondurables less food	16.617	184.7	177.6	-6.0	-3.8	-4	-6.1	-3.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.527	223.1	210.9	-8.0	-5.5	.4	-7.1	-4.9
Nondurables	32.136	190.5	186.9	-2.1	-1.9	.1	-3.2	-1.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.679	227.2	225.2	2.2	-9	.2	.4	-5
Services less medical care services	51.369	227.4	226.9	3.1	-2	.3	.3	.0
Energy	10.228	198.7	180.6	-11.8	-9.1	.3	-7.5	-7.3
All items less energy	89.772	199.2	199.9	2.6	.4	.4	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	74.253	200.4	201.0	2.6	.3	.3	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.491	141.4	141.7	.3	.2	.2	.0	-4
Energy commodities	5.591	222.3	196.7	-17.7	-11.5	.3	-12.9	-10.7
Services less energy services	50.762	241.7	242.6	3.7	.4	.4	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.504	\$.508	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.169	\$.170	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	198.9	199.6	198.2	196.9	-1.0	4.4	4.5	-4.0	1.6	0.2
Food and beverages	194.7	195.4	196.0	196.6	3.4	.6	2.3	4.0	2.0	3.1
Food	194.2	194.9	195.6	196.2	3.4	.4	2.3	4.2	1.9	3.2
Food at home	191.7	192.6	193.5	194.0	3.8	-1.2	1.7	4.9	1.3	3.3
Cereals and bakery products	213.8	214.0	214.5	215.3	3.5	-6	5.4	2.8	1.4	4.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	184.4	186.4	187.1	187.4	2.2	.4	-2.6	6.7	1.3	1.9
Dairy and related products	180.8	179.2	179.2	180.5	3.1	-2.8	-1.8	-.7	.1	-1.2
Fruits and vegetables	249.2	252.6	260.1	260.6	10.1	-4.4	5.0	19.6	2.6	12.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	145.6	146.9	147.1	147.7	3.1	-1.1	.0	5.9	1.0	2.9
Other food at home	170.4	170.0	169.1	169.4	2.2	-.5	5.3	-2.3	.8	1.4
Sugar and sweets	172.0	172.3	171.1	171.6	6.2	4.6	4.3	-.9	5.4	1.7
Fats and oils	168.2	168.0	167.9	168.8	5.6	-10.0	6.7	1.4	-2.5	4.0
Other foods ¹	187.0	186.2	185.3	185.3	.7	.2	5.5	-3.6	.4	.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	115.2	114.2	114.5	113.8	1.8	1.4	6.5	-4.8	1.6	.7
Food away from home ¹	199.4	199.9	200.2	200.8	2.7	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.1
Other food away from home ²	136.3	136.7	136.9	137.2	2.7	5.5	1.8	2.7	4.1	2.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	200.8	200.7	200.9	201.8	3.1	4.7	1.0	2.0	3.9	1.5
Housing	198.7	199.4	199.9	199.8	4.0	1.6	3.5	2.2	2.8	2.9
Shelter	225.5	226.3	226.8	227.5	2.6	4.6	5.1	3.6	3.6	4.4
Rent of primary residence ³	224.5	225.3	226.2	227.1	2.8	3.9	4.6	4.7	3.3	4.6
Lodging away from home ²	135.9	136.1	135.7	135.5	6.6	9.7	2.7	-1.2	8.2	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	216.7	217.6	218.0	218.8	2.7	4.6	5.3	3.9	3.7	4.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.7	116.6	116.8	116.6	.7	1.0	.7	-.3	.9	.2
Fuels and utilities	191.5	192.0	193.3	189.1	14.2	-10.8	-3.1	-4.9	.9	-4.0
Fuels	172.7	173.1	174.4	169.8	15.7	-13.4	-4.5	-6.5	.1	-5.5
Fuel oil and other fuels	248.7	252.6	240.2	227.5	-23.0	6.7	35.5	-30.0	-9.4	-2.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	177.4	177.7	179.8	175.4	19.5	-14.8	-7.1	-4.4	.9	-5.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	137.5	137.8	138.5	139.1	6.5	4.2	5.4	4.7	5.4	5.1
Household furnishings and operations	122.8	122.9	123.1	122.9	.0	1.0	2.0	.3	.5	1.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.3	139.7	139.8	140.6	6.7	3.0	4.7	3.8	4.8	4.3
Apparel	118.0	119.4	120.4	119.5	-1.0	4.5	-4.9	5.2	1.7	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	113.4	114.4	115.9	114.6	-1.7	1.1	-4.1	4.3	-.3	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	108.3	111.0	112.3	110.5	-2.5	9.2	-8.7	8.4	3.1	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	119.6	120.1	117.9	119.9	2.8	1.4	5.5	1.0	2.1	3.2
Footwear	122.2	121.9	122.4	122.8	2.3	.0	-4.8	2.0	1.1	-1.4
Transportation	188.3	188.6	180.3	174.0	-15.5	14.6	13.3	-27.1	-1.6	-9.1
Private transportation	185.5	185.8	177.3	171.0	-16.3	15.1	13.5	-27.8	-1.9	-9.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.3	95.3	95.0	94.5	-1.3	.8	1.3	-3.3	-.2	-1.0
New vehicles	138.9	138.8	138.7	138.4	1.4	.0	-.9	-1.4	.7	-1.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	143.0	143.2	141.9	140.1	-3.6	3.5	4.9	-7.9	-.1	-1.7
Motor fuel	252.2	252.8	219.0	194.8	-43.1	54.2	42.6	-64.4	-6.4	-28.8
Gasoline (all types)	251.2	251.8	218.0	193.8	-43.1	54.8	42.5	-64.6	-6.1	-28.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	117.5	117.8	118.4	118.6	4.7	5.0	7.9	3.8	4.9	5.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	219.3	219.1	219.4	220.9	2.5	5.9	5.3	3.0	4.2	4.1
Public transportation	228.0	228.5	228.0	226.3	3.7	-.5	8.7	-2.9	1.5	2.7
Medical care	336.2	337.5	338.6	339.7	3.5	4.8	3.4	4.2	4.1	3.8
Medical care commodities	280.0	280.6	281.1	281.0	5.3	4.6	2.3	1.4	4.9	1.9
Medical care services	351.3	352.9	354.2	355.7	3.0	4.9	3.7	5.1	3.9	4.4
Professional services	291.8	292.5	293.4	294.2	.7	3.2	2.5	3.3	2.0	2.9
Hospital and related services ³	465.3	468.6	469.9	471.8	6.4	9.9	5.2	5.7	8.1	5.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.7	108.5	108.5	108.6	-0.7	3.0	2.2	-0.4	1.1	0.9
Video and audio ²	104.4	104.2	104.2	103.6	-1.5	4.3	-.4	-3.0	1.4	-1.7
Education and communication ²	114.0	114.5	114.6	114.8	4.0	2.1	1.8	2.8	3.1	2.3
Education ²	160.3	161.7	162.3	163.2	7.5	4.7	6.0	7.4	6.1	6.7
Educational books and supplies	389.5	394.5	393.9	399.7	6.9	4.1	5.9	10.9	5.5	8.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	453.5	457.2	459.2	461.4	7.6	4.7	5.8	7.2	6.1	6.5
Communication ²	86.2	86.2	86.2	86.1	1.9	.0	-.5	-.5	.9	-.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.5	84.5	84.4	84.4	1.0	.0	-.5	-.5	.5	-.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.7	96.0	96.2	96.9	2.1	1.3	.4	5.1	1.7	2.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.3	13.1	12.9	12.4	-5.7	-2.9	-5.8	-24.4	-4.3	-15.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.2	-18.5	-13.3	-20.1	-7.5	-16.0	-14.0
Other goods and services	330.5	331.3	332.4	333.3	4.0	1.2	2.1	3.4	2.6	2.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	523.3	522.9	522.4	522.7	4.6	2.2	2.6	-.5	3.4	1.1
Personal care	187.7	188.4	189.4	190.1	3.7	.6	1.9	5.2	2.2	3.6
Personal care products ¹	155.0	155.0	156.3	156.5	2.1	-2.0	.0	3.9	.0	1.9
Personal care services ¹	209.7	210.2	210.8	211.9	3.2	3.9	2.1	4.3	3.5	3.2
Miscellaneous personal services	313.6	315.1	316.8	318.5	4.0	3.4	2.7	6.4	3.7	4.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	168.9	169.3	166.0	163.4	-7.0	7.0	6.4	-12.4	-.2	-3.5
Food and beverages	194.7	195.4	196.0	196.6	3.4	.6	2.3	4.0	2.0	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages	153.3	153.7	148.8	144.8	-12.6	11.1	8.5	-20.4	-1.4	-7.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	192.8	192.2	179.8	172.7	-11.4	13.1	18.2	-35.6	.1	-12.8
Apparel	118.0	119.4	120.4	119.5	-1.0	4.5	-4.9	5.2	1.7	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	242.6	243.4	224.7	213.2	-25.6	27.3	22.3	-40.4	-2.7	-14.6
Durables	115.0	115.0	114.4	114.1	-.7	-.3	.3	-3.1	-.5	-1.4
Services	234.3	235.1	235.8	236.0	4.1	2.3	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	217.2	217.9	218.6	219.3	2.5	4.8	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.7	116.6	116.8	116.6	.7	1.0	.7	-.3	.9	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	177.4	177.7	179.8	175.4	19.5	-14.8	-7.1	-4.4	.9	-5.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	137.5	137.8	138.5	139.1	6.5	4.2	5.4	4.7	5.4	5.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.3	139.7	139.8	140.6	6.7	3.0	4.7	3.8	4.8	4.3
Transportation services	230.8	231.5	232.2	232.5	2.3	.3	2.8	3.0	1.3	2.9
Medical care services	351.3	352.9	354.2	355.7	3.0	4.9	3.7	5.1	3.9	4.4
Other services	268.8	269.6	270.2	270.8	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	199.6	200.2	198.5	196.8	-1.6	5.0	5.0	-5.5	1.6	-.4
All items less shelter	191.4	192.0	189.9	187.8	-2.3	4.1	4.5	-7.3	.9	-1.6
All items less medical care	193.1	193.7	192.3	190.9	-1.3	4.3	4.7	-4.5	1.5	.0
Commodities less food	155.1	155.5	150.7	146.8	-12.0	10.9	8.1	-19.7	-1.2	-6.8
Nondurables less food	193.6	192.9	181.1	174.7	-10.7	12.8	17.4	-33.7	.3	-11.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	238.1	239.0	222.0	211.1	-23.7	25.0	21.3	-38.2	-2.3	-13.4
Nondurables	194.7	194.8	188.6	185.3	-4.8	7.7	9.3	-18.0	1.3	-5.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	224.9	225.4	226.2	225.0	6.9	-.9	2.7	.2	2.9	1.4
Services less medical care services	225.7	226.4	227.0	226.9	4.8	1.8	3.8	2.1	3.3	3.0
Energy	210.8	211.4	195.5	181.3	-22.3	18.3	20.0	-45.3	-4.1	-19.0
All items less energy	198.3	199.0	199.4	199.7	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.8
All items less food and energy	199.6	200.2	200.5	200.8	1.9	3.1	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.3	141.6	141.6	141.1	.0	1.7	.0	-.6	.9	-.3
Energy commodities	252.8	253.6	220.8	197.1	-42.3	51.1	42.2	-63.0	-6.6	-27.5
Services less energy services	240.4	241.3	241.9	242.6	2.8	4.0	4.3	3.7	3.4	4.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Oct.2006 from—			Percent change to Sep.2006 from—			
		July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Sep. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	
U.S. city average	M	199.2	199.6	198.4	197.0	0.9	-1.3	-0.7	1.7	-0.4	-0.6	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	213.5	214.2	212.7	211.1	1.4	-1.4	-8	2.3	-4	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	214.3	215.1	214.0	212.1	1.5	-1.4	-9	2.4	-1	-5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.6	128.9	127.5	127.0	1.3	-1.5	-4	2.2	-9	-1.1	
Midwest urban	M	190.0	190.4	188.7	187.0	-3	-1.8	-9	.3	-7	-9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	190.7	191.3	189.8	187.9	-3	-1.8	-1.0	.6	-5	-8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.8	123.8	122.5	121.7	-4	-1.7	-7	-3	-1.1	-1.1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	188.6	189.3	187.3	185.1	.1	-2.2	-1.2	.9	-7	-1.1	
South urban	M	194.3	194.5	192.9	191.5	.7	-1.5	-7	1.6	-7	-8	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.1	197.5	196.4	195.0	.9	-1.3	-7	2.0	-4	-6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.2	124.2	122.9	122.1	.6	-1.7	-7	1.3	-1.0	-1.0	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	198.1	198.5	196.9	195.2	.4	-1.7	-9	2.2	-6	-8	
West urban	M	201.7	202.5	202.4	201.3	1.8	-6	-5	2.7	.3	.0	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.3	204.0	204.3	203.0	2.0	-5	-6	3.0	.5	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.5	126.0	125.6	125.0	1.5	-8	-5	2.3	.1	-3	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	184.5	185.1	184.3	182.8	1.1	-1.2	-8	2.0	-1	-4	
B/C ³	M	125.0	125.1	124.0	123.3	.7	-1.4	-6	1.3	-8	-9	
D	M	194.8	195.4	194.1	192.5	.6	-1.5	-8	1.8	-4	-7	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	192.8	193.8	192.8	190.3	-8	-1.8	-1.3	.3	.0	-5	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	204.5	205.0	205.3	203.5	1.8	-7	-9	3.2	.4	.1	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	216.8	217.8	216.9	215.3	2.0	-1.1	-7	2.8	.0	-4	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	223.9	-	224.3	-	-	-	-	1.9	.2	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	184.3	-	181.7	-	-	-	-	-8	-1.4	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	193.9	-	193.7	-	-	-	-	1.5	-1	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	129.8	-	129.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	.1	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	195.8	-	190.9	-1.1	-2.5	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	194.0	-	191.2	.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	182.0	-	178.9	.3	-1.7	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	204.6	-	203.1	2.9	-7	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	215.8	-	211.1	1.7	-2.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	206.7	-	206.2	1.8	-2	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	205.1	-	203.9	2.7	-6	-	-	-	-	

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 2006 from—	
		Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	117.6	117.2	1.6	-0.3
Food and beverages	15.072	116.1	116.6	2.6	.4
Food	13.943	116.1	116.6	2.5	.4
Food at home	8.029	113.2	113.7	2.1	.4
Food away from home	5.914	120.2	120.6	3.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	115.9	116.2	2.6	.3
Housing	42.173	123.1	122.8	3.2	-.2
Shelter	32.495	123.7	124.2	4.1	.4
Fuels and utilities	4.702	153.7	146.1	-.6	-4.9
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.8	97.0	.5	.2
Apparel	4.076	90.8	92.2	.0	1.5
Transportation	17.095	119.0	116.0	-3.4	-2.5
Private transportation	15.988	119.5	116.4	-3.8	-2.6
Public transportation	1.107	112.8	111.6	1.7	-1.1
Medical care	6.055	132.1	132.5	3.8	.3
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.8	121.9	3.2	.1
Medical care services	4.597	135.6	136.1	4.1	.4
Recreation	5.863	105.7	105.7	.5	.0
Education and communication	6.190	104.6	104.5	2.0	-.1
Education	2.751	154.7	155.1	6.2	.3
Communication	3.439	75.7	75.4	-1.3	-.4
Other goods and services	3.475	120.2	120.6	2.7	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	125.7	125.6	3.4	-.1
Commodities	41.237	107.5	106.7	-.9	-.7
Durables	12.340	86.6	86.6	-1.5	.0
Nondurables	28.897	117.9	116.5	-.9	-1.2
All items less food and energy	78.707	113.6	113.9	2.5	.3
Energy	7.351	172.9	157.5	-9.9	-8.9

Indexes for 2006 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2005 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.