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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – MARCH 2012

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in March on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The indexes for food, energy, and all items less food and energy all increased in March. The gasoline index continued to rise, more than offsetting a decline in the household energy index and leading to a 0.9 percent increase in the energy index. The food index rose 0.2 percent as the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased notably.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in March after increasing 0.1 percent in February. Most of the major components increased in March, with the indexes for shelter and used cars and trucks accounting for about half the total increase for all items less food and energy. The indexes for medical care, apparel, recreation, new vehicles, and airline fares increased as well, while the indexes for tobacco and household furnishings and operations were among the few to decline in March.

The all items index has risen 2.7 percent over the last 12 months, a decline from last month's 2.9 percent figure. The energy index has risen 4.6 percent and the food index has increased 3.3 percent; both increases are smaller than last month. In contrast, the 12-month change in the index for all items less food and energy, which was 2.2 percent last month, edged up to 2.3 percent in March.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Mar. 2011 - Mar. 2012
Percent change

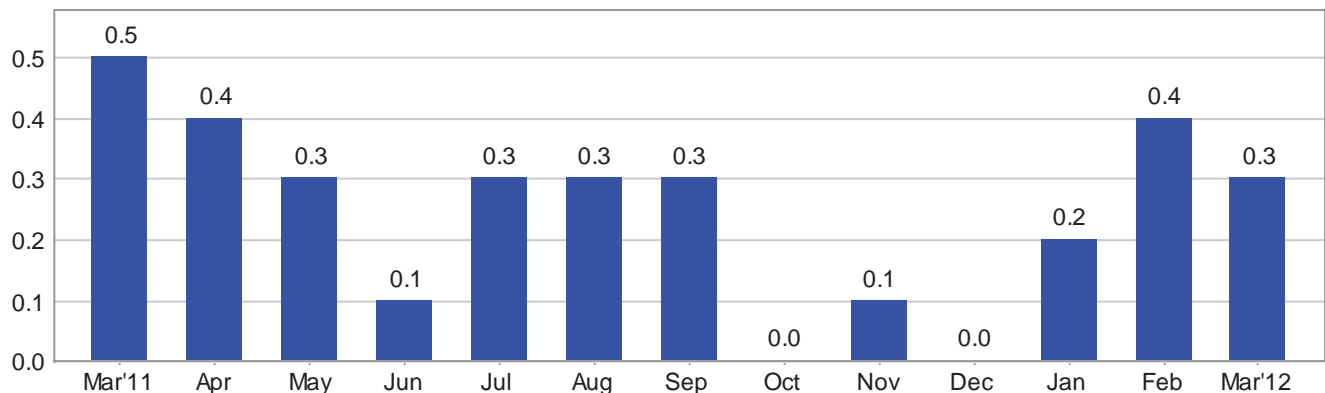


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Mar. 2011 - Mar. 2012

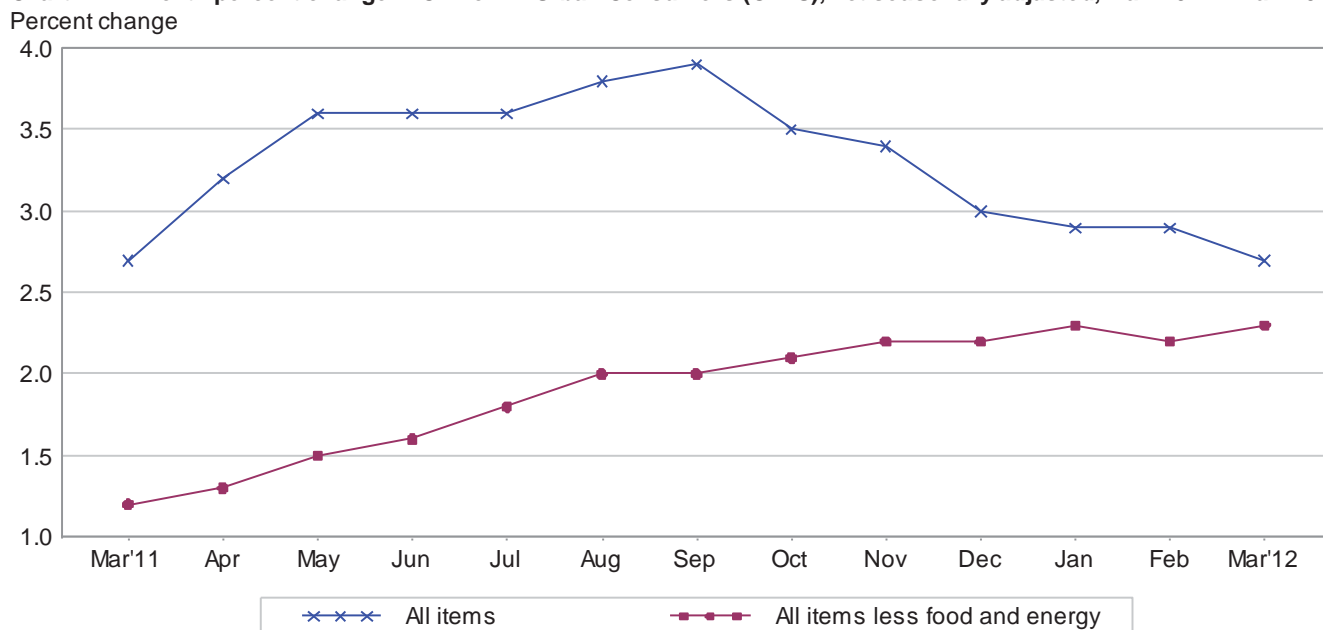


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. 2012
	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	
All items .....	.3	.0	.1	.0	.2	.4	.3	2.7
Food .....	.4	.2	.1	.2	.2	.0	.2	3.3
Food at home .....	.6	.2	.0	.2	.0	.0	.1	3.6
Food away from home ¹ .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.4	.1	.2	3.0
Energy	1.5	-1.8	-5	-1.3	.2	3.2	.9	4.6
Energy commodities	1.9	-2.6	-6	-2.0	.9	5.7	1.7	8.7
Gasoline (all types)	2.0	-2.8	-9	-2.1	.9	6.0	1.7	9.0
Fuel oil ¹	-.7	-.5	2.7	-1.0	1.4	2.8	2.7	5.3
Energy services .....	.8	-.4	-.4	-.2	-.8	-.8	-.4	-1.8
Electricity .....	.6	.2	.2	-.1	.0	.0	-.8	.6
Utility (piped) gas service	1.5	-2.6	-2.6	-.6	-2.9	-3.4	.9	-9.1
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	-.2	.0	.1	-.1	.2	.1	.2	2.1
New vehicles	-.1	-.2	-.2	-.2	.0	.6	.2	2.5
Used cars and trucks	-.5	-.4	-.4	-.7	-1.0	-.2	1.3	3.2
Apparel	-.7	.4	.5	-.1	.9	-.9	.5	4.9
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.6	.8	.4	3.3
Services less energy services .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	2.3
Shelter .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.1
Transportation services .....	.4	.2	.0	.1	.0	-.2	.3	1.4
Medical care services .....	.2	.5	.4	.4	.2	.0	.3	3.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for March 2012

Food

The food index rose 0.2 percent in March after being unchanged in February. The index for food at home, unchanged in February, rose 0.1 percent in March. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.8 percent, its largest increase since May. The index for other food at home also rose in March, increasing 0.3 percent. The other four major grocery store food groups declined. The fruits and vegetables index fell 0.4 percent, its sixth consecutive decline, as the fresh vegetables index fell 1.6 percent. The index for cereals and bakery products fell 0.2 percent, as did the index for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for dairy and related products fell 0.1 percent, its fourth decline in five months. The food at home index has risen 3.6 percent over the last 12 months; this was its smallest 12-month change since last March. The fruits and vegetables index has declined 3.9 percent over that period, its largest 12-month decline since November 2009. The other five major grocery store food group indexes have increased over the past year, with the dairy group posting the largest increase at 6.3 percent. The index for food away from home rose 0.2 percent in March after a 0.1 percent increase in February and has risen 3.0 percent over the last 12 months.

Energy

The energy index, which rose 3.2 percent in February, increased 0.9 percent in March. The gasoline index rose 1.7 percent following its 6.0 percent February increase. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices increased 8.1 percent in March.) The fuel oil index also continued to rise, increasing 2.7 percent in March after rising 2.8 percent in February. In contrast, the index for energy services (comprised of electricity and natural gas) fell 0.4 percent. The natural gas index rose 0.9 percent after declining in each of the previous five months. The electricity index, however, fell 0.8 percent, its largest decline since June. Over the last 12 months, the gasoline index has risen 9.0 percent and the fuel oil index has increased 5.3 percent. The electricity index, however, has only increased 0.6 percent and the index for natural gas has declined 9.1 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.2 percent in March after a 0.1 percent increase in February. The shelter index increased 0.2 percent, the sixth straight such increase, with the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent both increasing 0.2 percent. The index for used cars and trucks rose sharply in March, increasing 1.3 percent after declining in each of the previous six months. The medical care index rose 0.3 percent in March, with the index for medical care commodities increasing 0.4 percent and the medical care services index advancing 0.3 percent. The apparel index rose 0.5 percent after declining in February; similarly, the index for recreation rose 0.2 percent after a February decline as the index for recreation services rose 0.4 percent. Other increases in March included the indexes for new vehicles (0.2 percent), airline fares (0.4 percent), and personal care (0.4 percent). In contrast, the index for tobacco fell 0.3 percent in March, and the indexes for household furnishings and operations and for alcoholic beverages both declined 0.2 percent.

The index for all items less food and energy has risen 2.3 percent over the last 12 months. The index for shelter has risen 2.1 percent over the period. The apparel index has risen 4.9 percent, the medical care index has increased 3.5 percent, and the index for new vehicles has risen 2.5 percent.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 229.392 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.8 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 2.9 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 226.304 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.9 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.4 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.6 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2010 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for April 2012 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

Redesigning the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Press Release Tables

The format of the tables contained in the CPI news release changed beginning with this CPI news release for March, 2012. News release tables are part of the news release pdf and html files, and are available independently in html format. The new tables are also available in XLS format. In addition, the BLS will begin issuing monthly companion XLS files, which will contain additional index level and CPI-W information.

These tables were made available for public comment during October 2011. In response to the public comments, the BLS will issue XLS files each month, as companions to the news release. There will be CPI-U and CPI-W files, and in addition to the data contained in the news release tables, the Excel files will contain index values.

In August 2009, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) restructured the text of the CPI news release to focus on the price movements of three broad expenditure categories, namely Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy. Table A within the CPI news release text was also updated in August 2009 to reflect this new structure. Before August 2009, the text of the CPI news release had focused on eight CPI 'major groups' (Food and beverages; Housing; Apparel; Transportation; Medical care; Recreation; Education and communication; and Other goods and services).

While the text of the CPI news release was restructured in 2009, seven additional CPI news release tables continued to be published using the eight major groups. BLS has redesigned these news release tables, to reflect the focus on Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy. Within these three broad categories, CPI item series are further divided into commodities and services.

Beyond the redesign in the structure of the CPI news release tables, several other improvements to these tables have been made.

The new Table 1 gives a summary of the index series which typically contribute to changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

The new Table 2 shows the full publication stub using the new structure for the CPI-U, including 11 new items series that were created to augment the redesign in the publication structure. Table 3 shows aggregate item series (e.g., Transportation) that do not fall under the Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy structure.

Table 4 shows the All items indexes at the local, regional, and city-size class levels.

Table 5 shows the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), and presents a history of annual percentage changes in the C-CPI-U compared to the CPI-U.

Table 6 focuses on 1-month seasonally adjusted changes in the CPI-U, while table 7 focuses on 12-month not seasonally adjusted changes. Tables 6 and 7 present three additional pieces of data to help users better interpret index changes. First, these tables show the 'effect' each item has on the price change for All items. For example, if the effect of food is 0.4, and the index for All items increased 1.2 percent, it can be said that increases in food prices accounted for $0.4 / 1.2$, or 33.3 percent, of the increase in overall prices for that period. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged, the All items index only would have increased 0.8 percent (or 1.2 percent for All items, minus the 0.4 effect for Food). Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All

items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged.

Second, standard errors for percent changes are shown on tables 6 and 7. Confidence intervals for statistics can be created using standard errors; e.g., roughly 95 percent confidence intervals can be constructed using two standard errors. For example, if an item increased 3.7 percent, and its standard error was 0.6 percent, the 95 percent confidence interval for that price change can be said to be 3.7 percent plus or minus two standard errors, or 3.7 percent plus or minus 1.2 percent.

Finally, each item series in tables 6 and 7 show the last time that item had a price change as large (or as small) as the percent change published that period. For example, if bananas rose 3.7 percent, and that was its largest increase since November 2007, that would be noted in the new tables.

In addition, most of the previous tables showed the ‘relative importance’, or weight, of each item category as of the previous December. The relative importance columns in the new tables are improved in that they are updated monthly to reflect the change in relative prices over time.

Finally, there are no longer any news release tables that focus on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). That said, the CPI-W All items index level and percent changes will still be noted in the text of the news release, and a companion XLS file with CPI-W information will be available.

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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 29 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 88 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 each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 26,000 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. 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 116.500. 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 0.03 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 0.06 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For example, 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 0.14 and 0.26 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see "Variance Estimates for Price Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January-December 2011". These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>), or by using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2011.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 are shown 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 2007 through December 2011 were replaced in January 2012. 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.

Effective with the publication of data from January 2006 through December 2010 in January 2011, the Video and audio series and the Information technology, hardware and services series were changed from independently adjusted to dependently adjusted. This resulted in an increase in the number of seasonal components used in deriving seasonal movement of the All items and 54 other lower level aggregations, from 73 for the publication of January 1998 through December 2005 data to 82 for the publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2006 and later. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 82 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 before that period will not be changed. Note: 38 of the 82 components are not seasonally adjusted for 2012.

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 2012, BLS adjusted 31 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 David Levin at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at Levin.David@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, March 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011-Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012-Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012
All items.....	100.000	223.467	227.663	229.392	2.7	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.3
Food.....	14.255	225.350	232.486	232.792	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Food at home.....	8.608	223.430	231.180	231.383	3.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.240	255.482	267.821	267.101	4.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.941	218.808	228.610	230.485	5.3	0.8	0.2	-0.2	0.8
Dairy and related products ¹	0.912	206.161	219.377	219.131	6.3	-0.1	0.9	-0.5	-0.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.264	290.279	281.072	279.057	-3.9	-0.7	-1.3	-0.5	-0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.960	165.038	169.758	169.513	2.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Other food at home.....	2.291	194.747	204.001	204.574	5.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
Food away from home ¹	5.648	229.282	235.603	236.073	3.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2
Energy.....	10.022	242.516	242.663	253.599	4.6	4.5	0.2	3.2	0.9
Energy commodities.....	6.222	307.589	310.685	334.427	8.7	7.6	0.9	5.7	1.7
Fuel oil ¹	0.237	375.042	384.747	395.016	5.3	2.7	1.4	2.8	2.7
Motor fuel.....	5.872	303.565	306.348	330.834	9.0	8.0	0.8	6.0	1.7
Gasoline (all types).....	5.681	302.574	305.076	329.780	9.0	8.1	0.9	6.0	1.7
Energy services ²	3.800	190.213	187.962	186.784	-1.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4
Electricity ²	2.894	191.028	193.183	192.148	0.6	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Utility (piped) gas service ²	0.907	185.110	169.753	168.196	-9.1	-0.9	-2.9	-3.4	0.9
All items less food and energy.....	75.722	223.690	227.865	228.735	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.773	144.632	146.628	147.644	2.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2
Apparel.....	3.527	121.286	123.312	127.258	4.9	3.2	0.9	-0.9	0.5
New vehicles.....	3.197	140.860	144.326	144.350	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2
Used cars and trucks.....	1.882	144.072	147.011	148.677	3.2	1.1	-1.0	-0.2	1.3
Medical care commodities ¹	1.725	322.691	331.867	333.188	3.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.953	225.693	230.704	230.193	2.0	-0.2	0.8	0.3	-0.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	0.798	830.693	847.880	845.760	1.8	-0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Services less energy services.....	55.949	271.468	277.027	277.780	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Shelter.....	31.413	250.310	254.931	255.609	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rent of primary residence ²	6.453	252.145	258.184	258.569	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{2,3}	23.823	258.263	262.812	263.317	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Medical care services.....	5.358	420.852	434.832	435.721	3.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3
Physicians' services ²	1.600	339.532	343.564	343.867	1.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
Hospital services ^{2,4}	1.522	238.223	250.560	250.638	5.2	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.2
Transportation services.....	5.739	266.754	269.535	270.604	1.4	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.151	250.820	256.968	256.616	2.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.401	385.479	395.516	396.393	2.8	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.5
Airline fare.....	0.759	306.256	298.477	303.843	-0.8	1.8	-0.9	-0.1	0.4

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

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

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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

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		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
All items.....	100.000	2.7	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.3
Food.....	14.255	3.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Food at home.....	8.608	3.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.240	4.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.478	4.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.053	7.3	0.6	-1.3	-0.7	1.6
Breakfast cereal ¹	0.292	3.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
Rice, pasta, cornmeal ¹	0.133	3.9	-1.3	0.3	-0.3	-1.3
Rice ^{1, 2, 3}		3.5	-1.4	1.6	-0.7	-1.4
Bakery products.....	0.762	4.9	-0.2	-0.3	0.8	-0.2
Bread ²	0.223	5.6	0.0	-1.0	1.1	-0.4
White bread ^{1, 3}		5.0	-0.6	-1.4	1.8	-0.6
Bread other than white ^{1, 3}		5.9	-0.2	-2.4	1.8	-0.2
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1, 2}	0.114	3.9	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.184	5.6	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.3
Cookies ^{1, 3}		5.0	-0.7	1.2	0.4	-0.6
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{1, 3}		6.8	0.6	-1.2	1.6	0.6
Other bakery products.....	0.241	3.9	-0.8	0.2	0.6	-0.6
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{1, 3}		7.8	-0.1	1.9	0.7	-0.1
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ³		3.6	-2.0	-0.8	1.6	-1.7
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ³		3.0	0.5	0.6	-0.5	0.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.941	5.3	0.8	0.2	-0.2	0.8
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.833	5.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.7
Meats.....	1.194	5.4	0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.5
Beef and veal ¹	0.551	6.8	0.8	1.1	0.2	0.8
Uncooked ground beef ¹	0.216	6.7	0.4	1.8	1.0	0.4
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1, 2}	0.081	5.9	0.0	-0.3	1.1	0.0
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1, 2}	0.202	7.3	1.4	1.0	-0.9	1.4
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1, 2}	0.051	7.1	1.2	1.0	-0.4	1.2
Pork.....	0.374	3.4	0.7	-1.1	0.3	-0.2
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ²		0.143	4.3	-0.4	-0.8	0.8
Bacon and related products ³		8.5	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.5
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1, 2, 3}		1.3	-0.9	-0.5	2.2	-0.9
Ham.....	0.077	3.0	4.7	-2.2	-0.5	2.4
Ham, excluding canned ³		2.6	5.3	-2.0	-0.9	2.5
Pork chops.....	0.061	1.6	-0.1	-0.4	-2.2	-0.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics ²	0.093	3.6	-0.4	-1.6	0.3	-1.2
Other meats.....	0.268	5.7	0.7	-1.1	1.0	0.7
Frankfurters ³		6.5	1.6	-3.5	2.3	0.7
Lunchmeats ^{1, 2, 3}		4.5	0.2	-0.7	0.4	0.2
Lamb and organ meats ^{1, 3}		5.4	0.2	-0.3	1.0	0.2
Lamb and mutton ^{1, 2, 3}		15.4	0.5	-3.1	3.4	0.5
Poultry.....	0.337	6.5	1.4	1.1	0.3	1.4
Chicken ²	0.262	5.3	1.3	1.2	0.1	1.3
Fresh whole chicken ^{1, 3}		8.7	1.5	-1.1	0.6	1.5
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{1, 3}		4.3	1.4	-0.1	0.4	1.4
Other poultry including turkey ²	0.075	11.2	1.5	-0.1	1.7	1.5
Fish and seafood ¹	0.303	3.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	1.0
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1, 2}	0.156	1.9	0.9	0.6	-1.5	0.9
Processed fish and seafood ²	0.146	6.3	0.2	0.0	-0.9	1.7
Shelf stable fish and seafood ^{1, 3}		3.6	-0.2	1.1	-0.3	-0.2

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Frozen fish and seafood ^{1, 3}		5.7	0.2	-0.6	-1.5	0.2
Eggs.....	0.108	5.1	0.5	1.8	-6.4	2.3
Dairy and related products ¹	0.912	6.3	-0.1	0.9	-0.5	-0.1
Milk ^{1, 2}	0.295	4.0	-0.4	0.7	-1.3	-0.4
Fresh whole milk ^{1, 3}		3.7	-0.2	0.2	-1.1	-0.2
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1, 2, 3}		4.1	-0.5	1.1	-1.5	-0.5
Cheese and related products ¹	0.293	8.7	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.6
Ice cream and related products.....	0.137	6.4	0.5	0.9	-1.4	1.8
Other dairy and related products ²	0.188	6.2	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.3
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.264	-3.9	-0.7	-1.3	-0.5	-0.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.956	-6.6	-0.7	-1.4	-1.0	-0.4
Fresh fruits.....	0.495	0.1	-0.4	-1.8	1.3	0.7
Apples.....	0.085	3.3	-1.8	0.8	-0.7	-1.5
Bananas.....	0.082	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-2.1	0.6
Citrus fruits ²	0.103	-5.4	-0.1	-2.3	-1.4	1.4
Oranges, including tangerines ³		0.1	0.4	-0.9	-3.5	2.0
Other fresh fruits ²	0.225	1.2	-0.2	-3.1	4.8	1.5
Fresh vegetables.....	0.462	-12.6	-1.1	-1.0	-3.5	-1.6
Potatoes.....	0.083	1.0	0.8	-1.6	1.3	-0.3
Lettuce.....	0.062	-20.5	-2.2	-1.5	-4.5	-0.4
Tomatoes ¹	0.078	-28.8	0.1	0.1	-5.7	0.1
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.239	-7.9	-1.8	-2.8	-4.4	-0.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	0.308	5.5	-0.6	-0.8	1.2	-0.2
Canned fruits and vegetables ²	0.154	4.6	-0.8	-0.4	1.5	-0.5
Canned fruits ^{2, 3}		3.3	-1.4	-1.2	1.4	-1.0
Canned vegetables ^{2, 3}		5.7	-0.4	0.2	1.0	0.2
Frozen fruits and vegetables ²	0.097	6.9	-0.8	-1.7	1.1	-0.4
Frozen vegetables ³		5.9	-0.9	-2.1	1.0	-0.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ²	0.057	5.9	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.8
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1, 2, 3}		15.4	-0.6	-0.2	1.8	-0.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.960	2.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ²	0.717	2.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
Carbonated drinks.....	0.296	2.3	-0.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.8
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1, 2}	0.014	11.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1, 2}	0.407	1.5	0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ²	0.244	4.7	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.4
Coffee.....	0.149	9.8	0.0	-0.8	-0.9	-0.5
Roasted coffee ³		11.0	0.4	-0.7	-1.3	-0.2
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{1, 3}		2.0	-2.6	-0.3	-1.1	-2.6
Other beverage materials including tea ²	0.094	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-1.1
Other food at home.....	2.291	5.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
Sugar and sweets ¹	0.308	4.6	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.062	4.3	-1.6	0.6	-0.6	-1.0
Candy and chewing gum ^{1, 2}	0.183	5.2	1.6	0.7	0.2	1.6
Other sweets ²	0.064	3.4	-0.4	-0.6	1.2	-1.2
Fats and oils.....	0.267	8.9	0.1	1.4	-0.7	0.8
Butter and margarine ²	0.077	1.5	-1.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
Butter ³		-8.5	-3.5	3.7	-2.3	-3.5
Margarine ³		11.1	0.4	-1.3	0.1	1.7
Salad dressing ^{1, 2}	0.067	4.3	0.5	1.4	-1.3	0.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ²	0.122	16.7	1.0	2.9	-0.7	1.1
Peanut butter ^{1, 2, 3}		40.7	0.8	6.9	2.8	0.8

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Other foods.....	1.715	4.5	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.1
Soups.....	0.097	6.0	3.1	0.8	1.1	1.5
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ¹	0.303	3.0	1.0	0.5	-0.4	1.0
Snacks ¹	0.325	8.0	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.292	3.5	-0.3	0.2	0.6	0.0
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{2, 3}		7.6	-1.3	2.8	-0.1	-1.0
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1, 2, 3}		-0.5	0.5	8.9	-0.9	0.5
Sauces and gravies ^{2, 3}		2.5	0.4	-0.4	1.2	0.5
Other condiments ^{1, 3}		4.2	-0.9	4.5	0.2	-0.9
Baby food ^{1, 2}	0.072	6.1	0.0	0.5	-0.1	0.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1, 2}	0.626	3.4	-0.3	-0.6	1.3	-0.3
Prepared salads ^{1, 3, 4}		3.1	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.3
Food away from home ¹	5.648	3.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2
Full service meals and snacks ^{1, 2}	2.682	2.7	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1, 2}	2.266	3.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Food at employee sites and schools ²	0.258	3.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{1, 3, 5}		3.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1, 2}	0.082	4.0	-0.3	0.8	0.0	-0.3
Other food away from home ^{1, 2}	0.361	2.2	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	-0.1
Energy.....	10.022	4.6	4.5	0.2	3.2	0.9
Energy commodities.....	6.222	8.7	7.6	0.9	5.7	1.7
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	0.350	4.3	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.8
Fuel oil ¹	0.237	5.3	2.7	1.4	2.8	2.7
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ^{1, 6}	0.113	2.4	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	-0.1
Motor fuel.....	5.872	9.0	8.0	0.8	6.0	1.7
Gasoline (all types).....	5.681	9.0	8.1	0.9	6.0	1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³		9.1	8.2	0.9	6.1	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3, 7}		9.0	8.2	0.8	5.7	2.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³		8.7	7.6	0.7	5.8	1.7
Other motor fuels ²	0.191	6.2	4.9	1.9	1.5	3.7
Energy services ⁸	3.800	-1.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4
Electricity ⁸	2.894	0.6	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Utility (piped) gas service ⁸	0.907	-9.1	-0.9	-2.9	-3.4	0.9
All items less food and energy.....	75.722	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.773	2.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ⁹	3.379	0.8	-0.1	0.3	0.5	-0.1
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1, 2}	0.279	-1.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.3
Floor coverings ^{1, 2}	0.039	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Window coverings ^{1, 2}	0.077	-0.6	-0.9	0.1	0.5	-0.9
Other linens ^{1, 2}	0.163	-2.4	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	1.0
Furniture and bedding ¹	0.718	2.1	0.8	-0.4	-0.2	0.8
Bedroom furniture ¹	0.235	1.4	0.9	-1.3	-1.2	0.9
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1, 2}	0.341	3.2	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.6
Other furniture ²	0.135	0.6	1.3	-0.7	0.1	-1.0
Infants' furniture ^{1, 3, 5}						
Appliances ²	0.293	4.6	-0.1	1.6	0.9	0.2
Major appliances ²	0.168	9.0	0.7	2.2	1.6	0.7
Laundry equipment ³		11.5	1.1	2.9	2.0	1.1
Other appliances ^{1, 2}	0.122	-1.5	-1.1	1.6	0.7	-1.1
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1, 2}	0.503	-4.9	-1.4	0.6	0.8	-1.4
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ¹	0.266	-7.1	-1.9	0.8	0.7	-1.9
Indoor plants and flowers ¹⁰	0.104	-1.3	-0.7	-0.9	0.5	-0.9
Dishes and flatware ^{1, 2}	0.049	-7.3	-2.2	2.6	0.3	-2.2

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ²	0.084	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	-1.2	-0.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ²	0.687	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.7
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹ · ²	0.174	2.6	-0.2	0.4	0.8	-0.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies ²	0.366	-1.4	-0.2	0.4	0.5	-0.9
Housekeeping supplies ¹	0.899	3.7	-0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.2
Household cleaning products ¹ · ²	0.366	2.9	0.0	-0.3	0.2	0.0
Household paper products ¹ · ²	0.243	4.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.2
Miscellaneous household products ¹ · ²	0.291	3.8	-0.7	0.3	0.8	-0.7
Apparel.....	3.527	4.9	3.2	0.9	-0.9	0.5
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.850	6.2	2.5	1.0	-1.7	0.8
Men's apparel.....	0.677	5.1	1.5	1.7	-1.7	-0.2
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.123	5.1	2.6	6.3	-3.0	-0.4
Men's furnishings.....	0.179	5.5	0.6	-0.2	-1.7	-0.5
Men's shirts and sweaters ²	0.208	4.8	1.1	0.1	-1.9	-0.8
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.160	6.2	2.3	1.9	0.1	-0.1
Boys' apparel.....	0.173	10.4	6.2	-0.8	-0.5	6.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.482	5.5	5.0	1.3	-0.8	0.3
Women's apparel.....	1.232	4.9	5.1	1.2	-0.5	0.3
Women's outerwear.....	0.086	3.1	1.1	0.4	1.8	-3.4
Women's dresses.....	0.163	15.3	19.0	-3.7	10.7	8.8
Women's suits and separates ²	0.579	1.3	4.2	2.7	-1.5	-1.5
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ²	0.389	5.4	1.7	0.8	-3.4	-1.1
Girls' apparel.....	0.249	8.9	4.4	1.9	-2.6	0.5
Footwear.....	0.669	1.2	1.9	-0.3	0.1	0.6
Men's footwear ¹	0.208	1.7	0.1	-0.3	0.9	0.1
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.148	-0.3	1.8	0.0	-1.4	1.0
Women's footwear.....	0.313	1.5	3.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.199	7.5	1.5	1.6	-0.9	0.2
Jewelry and watches ⁶	0.327	5.3	0.6	0.7	-1.0	0.5
Watches ¹ · ⁶	0.089	1.2	1.6	0.6	0.8	1.6
Jewelry ⁶	0.239	5.9	0.2	1.6	-1.6	0.2
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ⁹	5.585	2.9	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.6
New vehicles.....	3.197	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2
New cars and trucks ² · ³		2.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2
New cars ³		2.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.2
New trucks ³ · ¹¹		2.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2
Used cars and trucks.....	1.882	3.2	1.1	-1.0	-0.2	1.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	0.436	5.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0
Tires ¹	0.298	5.8	-0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹ · ²	0.139	4.6	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.7
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ¹ · ³		2.3	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ¹ · ³		15.2	1.8	0.1	-0.4	1.8
Medical care commodities ¹	1.725	3.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4
Medicinal drugs ¹ · ⁹	1.646	3.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4
Prescription drugs.....	1.335	4.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Nonprescription drugs ¹ · ⁹	0.311	0.1	1.0	-0.4	-0.5	1.0
Medical equipment and supplies ¹ · ⁹	0.079	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.3
Recreation commodities ⁹	2.340	-1.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.2
Video and audio products ⁹	0.432	-9.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.6	-1.2
Televisions.....	0.172	-18.7	-1.5	-1.0	-1.9	-2.6
Other video equipment ¹ · ²	0.028	-11.4	-2.3	-1.4	1.5	-2.3
Audio equipment ¹	0.074	-6.2	-0.5	0.4	-0.8	-0.5

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Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1, 2}	0.045	-3.7	-0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.2
Pets and pet products ¹	0.690	2.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5
Pet food ^{1, 2, 3}		3.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1, 2, 3} ...		1.1	0.6	-0.9	0.8	0.6
Sporting goods ¹	0.464	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.6	-0.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ¹	0.244	2.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.5	-0.4
Sports equipment ¹	0.210	-3.1	-0.1	0.6	0.7	-0.1
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.054	-2.4	-0.6	-1.5	0.9	-1.0
Film and photographic supplies ^{1, 2, 3}		8.3	0.4	-0.4	1.0	0.4
Photographic equipment ^{2, 3}		-4.6	-0.6	-2.0	0.9	-0.7
Recreational reading materials ¹	0.222	1.5	0.7	0.5	-0.5	0.7
Newspapers and magazines ^{1, 2}	0.120	4.8	1.1	1.3	-0.7	1.1
Recreational books ^{1, 2}	0.099	-2.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.3
Other recreational goods ²	0.477	-2.3	-0.7	0.9	0.7	-0.7
Toys ¹	0.357	-3.3	-0.9	1.1	1.1	-0.9
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1, 2, 3}		0.2	-1.0	1.3	2.2	-1.0
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ²	0.061	1.8	0.6	-0.8	-0.6	0.6
Music instruments and accessories ²	0.039	-1.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.2
Education and communication commodities ⁹	0.608	-3.5	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.5
Educational books and supplies.....	0.202	5.3	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.6
College textbooks ^{1, 3, 12}		5.6	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.4
Information technology commodities ⁹	0.406	-8.8	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	-1.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁴	0.268	-11.1	-0.9	-0.6	0.2	-1.3
Computer software and accessories ^{1, 2}	0.049	-3.3	-0.8	-0.2	-1.7	-0.8
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ^{1, 2}	0.089	-4.4	-0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.953	2.0	-0.2	0.8	0.3	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.576	0.9	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.275	2.5	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.1
Distilled spirits at home ¹	0.072	0.3	-0.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.3
Whiskey at home ³		1.2	-1.0	0.9	-1.7	-1.2
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{1, 3} ...		0.5	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.0
Wine at home.....	0.229	-1.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home ¹	0.377	3.6	-0.4	0.8	0.5	-0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		1.7	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Wine away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		2.7	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.1
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		4.2	-0.8	0.8	0.7	-0.8
Other goods ⁹	1.656	1.3	0.4	0.4	-0.4	0.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	0.798	1.8	-0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Cigarettes ^{1, 2}	0.738	1.7	-0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1, 2}	0.054	3.5	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.2
Personal care products ¹	0.649	1.0	1.2	0.3	-0.4	1.2
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1, 2}	0.340	0.8	1.5	0.2	0.0	1.5
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ¹	0.303	1.1	1.0	0.3	-0.9	1.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ²	0.209	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.5
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ³		0.4	-0.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.4
Infants' equipment ^{1, 3, 5}		-3.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
Services less energy services.....	55.949	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Shelter.....	31.413	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rent of shelter ¹³	31.068	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence ⁸	6.453	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Lodging away from home ²	0.793	3.5	3.3	0.2	1.9	0.3
Housing at school, excluding board ^{8, 13}	0.154	3.8	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.639	3.4	4.1	0.2	2.2	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{8, 13}	23.823	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{8, 13}	22.416	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1, 2}	0.345	3.3	0.6	0.3	-0.6	0.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.163	4.8	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6
Water and sewerage maintenance ⁸	0.874	5.6	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.7
Garbage and trash collection ^{1, 11}	0.288	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3
Household operations ^{1, 2}	0.727	2.5	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.1
Domestic services ^{1, 2}	0.250	1.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Gardening and lawncare services ^{1, 2}	0.238	2.1	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1, 2}	0.091	4.5	0.5	0.3	2.6	0.5
Repair of household items ^{1, 2}	0.076	6.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.3
Medical care services.....	5.358	3.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3
Professional services.....	2.989	1.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Physicians' services ⁸	1.600	1.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
Dental services ⁸	0.760	2.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁶	0.251	0.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Services by other medical professionals ^{1, 8, 6}	0.378	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Hospital and related services.....	1.745	4.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Hospital services ^{8, 14}	1.522	5.2	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.2
Inpatient hospital services ^{8, 14, 3}	5.3	5.3	0.0	0.4	-0.5	0.1
Outpatient hospital services ^{8, 3, 6}	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{8, 14}	0.137	3.3	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.3
Care of invalids and elderly at home ^{1, 5}	0.086	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Health insurance ^{1, 5}	0.624	11.3	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.3
Transportation services.....	5.739	1.4	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Leased cars and trucks ¹²	0.392	-4.3	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	0.0
Car and truck rental ²	0.066	-1.7	3.7	-0.6	-2.6	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.151	2.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1
Motor vehicle body work ¹	0.057	1.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ¹	0.458	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Motor vehicle repair ^{1, 2}	0.600	2.3	-0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.4
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.401	2.8	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.5
Motor vehicle fees ^{1, 2}	0.563	3.0	0.0	1.4	-0.1	0.0
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{1, 8, 2}	0.328	0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0
Parking and other fees ^{1, 2}	0.212	6.4	0.0	3.9	0.2	0.0
Parking fees and tolls ^{1, 2, 3}	8.8	8.8	0.1	5.0	0.3	0.1
Automobile service clubs ^{1, 2, 3}	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.1
Public transportation.....	1.166	-0.3	1.4	-0.8	-0.2	0.5
Airline fare.....	0.759	-0.8	1.8	-0.9	-0.1	0.4
Other intercity transportation.....	0.146	-2.8	0.6	-1.0	-0.2	0.1
Intercity bus fare ^{1, 3, 4}	1.0	1.0	1.0	-1.2	-2.7	1.0
Intercity train fare ^{1, 3, 4}	-4.5	-4.5	4.5	-5.9	-0.6	4.5
Ship fare ^{1, 2, 3}	-3.5	-3.5	-0.3	-1.5	0.0	-0.3
Intracity transportation ¹	0.258	3.0	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.7
Intracity mass transit ^{1, 3, 9}	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0
Recreation services ⁹	3.695	2.9	0.6	0.8	-0.3	0.4
Video and audio services ⁹	1.497	4.4	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.5
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹¹ ..	1.385	4.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.5

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ^{1, 2}	0.112	3.4	0.3	0.6	-1.4	0.3
Video discs and other media ^{1, 2, 3}		-6.9	0.4	-0.9	-1.7	0.4
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{1, 2, 3}		13.2	0.6	1.7	-0.3	0.6
Pet services including veterinary ²	0.407	3.2	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.3
Pet services ^{1, 2, 3}		2.8	0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.4
Veterinarian services ^{2, 3}		2.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Photographers and film processing ^{1, 2}	0.058	2.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.3
Photographer fees ^{1, 2, 3}		3.4	0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.1
Film processing ^{1, 2, 3}		2.6	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.3
Other recreation services ²	1.732	1.6	0.4	1.1	-0.8	0.4
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ²	0.568	3.4	0.9	0.3	-0.8	0.9
Admissions ¹	0.629	0.5	0.1	2.1	-0.9	0.1
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1, 2, 3}		0.3	-0.1	1.9	-1.0	-0.1
Admission to sporting events ^{1, 2, 3}		1.3	0.7	3.0	-1.0	0.7
Fees for lessons or instructions ^{1, 6}	0.230	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.1
Education and communication services ⁹	6.153	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.990	4.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
College tuition and fees	1.678	5.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.379	3.6	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.2
Child care and nursery school ¹⁰	0.772	2.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2
Technical and business school tuition and fees ²	0.059	6.4	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.6
Postage and delivery services ²	0.150	4.1	0.0	-0.2	2.8	0.2
Postage ¹	0.139	3.9	0.0	-0.6	3.1	0.2
Delivery services ^{1, 2}	0.010	6.7	-0.1	4.6	-0.8	-0.1
Telephone services ^{1, 2}	2.416	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Wireless telephone services ^{1, 2}	1.471	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land-line telephone services ^{1, 9}	0.945	2.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1
Internet services and electronic information providers ^{1, 2}	0.583	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3
Other personal services ⁹	1.701	2.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Personal care services ¹	0.629	1.4	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.2
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1, 2}	0.629	1.4	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.072	2.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Legal services ⁶	0.295	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Funeral expenses ⁶	0.159	1.9	-0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services ²	0.239	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1, 2}	0.030	4.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3
Financial services ^{1, 6}	0.208	5.7	1.0	0.0	-0.9	1.0

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011- Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011- Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012- Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012- Mar. 2012
Checking account and other bank services ^{1, 2, 3}		8.9	0.1	0.0	2.0	0.1
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{2, 3}		5.8	1.4	-1.3	0.5	1.4

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

4 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

6 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

9 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

10 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

11 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

12 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 1996=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): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Special aggregate indexes	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2011	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012	Dec. 2011-Jan. 2012	Jan. 2012-Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012
All items less food.....	85.745	223.192	226.927	228.887	2.6	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.3
All items less shelter.....	68.587	215.505	219.580	221.744	2.9	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.3
All items less food and shelter.....	54.332	212.646	215.995	218.608	2.8	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.4
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.309	209.189	213.123	214.112	2.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.427	213.108	217.090	218.033	2.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
All items less medical care.....	92.917	214.907	218.737	220.483	2.6	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.3
All items less energy.....	89.978	223.315	227.925	228.705	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Commodities.....	40.250	182.728	186.279	189.201	3.5	1.6	0.3	0.9	0.4
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	17.891	145.418	147.311	148.264	2.0	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food.....	25.995	161.804	163.994	167.858	3.7	2.4	0.5	1.4	0.6
Commodities less food and beverages.....	25.041	159.351	161.451	165.413	3.8	2.5	0.4	1.4	0.6
Services.....	59.750	263.956	268.819	269.396	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹	28.682	288.077	293.406	293.886	2.0	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Services less medical care services.....	54.392	251.834	256.123	256.675	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Durables.....	8.930	111.707	112.780	112.926	1.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Nondurables.....	31.320	217.791	222.634	227.039	4.2	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.6
Nondurables less food.....	17.065	209.282	212.459	219.940	5.1	3.5	0.8	1.9	0.8
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	16.112	208.134	211.182	219.086	5.3	3.7	0.8	1.9	0.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.585	266.993	270.682	281.225	5.3	3.9	0.6	2.8	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.538	262.068	265.898	275.483	5.1	3.6	0.7	2.7	1.0
Housing.....	40.832	217.707	221.117	221.487	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Education and communication ²	6.761	130.682	133.199	133.235	2.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Education ²	3.192	204.251	213.039	213.132	4.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Communication ²	3.569	83.730	83.446	83.456	-0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Information and information processing ²	3.420	80.364	79.928	79.939	-0.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Information technology, hardware and services ³	1.004	9.196	8.873	8.862	-3.6	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2
Recreation ²	6.035	113.261	114.333	114.675	1.2	0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.2
Video and audio ²	1.930	98.719	99.371	99.856	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.1
Pets, pet products and services ²	1.097	157.510	161.251	161.992	2.8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4
Photography ²	0.114	78.758	79.287	79.173	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.3	-0.3
Food and beverages.....	15.209	225.479	232.453	232.708	3.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Domestically produced farm food ⁴	7.263	229.655	237.911	238.154	3.7	0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.1
Other services.....	11.549	312.310	319.510	320.315	2.6	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
Apparel less footwear.....	2.858	115.256	117.821	121.954	5.8	3.5	1.2	-1.1	0.5
Fuels and utilities.....	5.313	216.672	217.189	216.667	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1
Household energy.....	4.151	190.071	188.393	187.591	-1.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2
Medical care.....	7.083	397.726	410.466	411.498	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Transportation.....	17.196	211.014	214.429	220.842	4.7	3.0	0.3	2.1	0.9
Private transportation.....	16.030	206.165	210.013	216.536	5.0	3.1	0.4	2.2	0.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	5.607	98.275	99.889	100.325	2.1	0.4	-0.4	0.2	0.6
Utilities and public transportation.....	9.930	204.571	205.398	205.637	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.106	124.735	126.180	126.107	1.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2
Other goods and services.....	3.357	385.637	391.236	392.364	1.7	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Personal care.....	2.559	207.758	210.330	211.289	1.7	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.4

1 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

4 Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, March 2012
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule ¹	Percent change to Mar. 2012 from:			Percent change to Feb. 2012 from:		
		Mar. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012
U.S. city average.....	M	2.7	1.2	0.8	2.9	0.9	0.4
Region and area size²							
Northeast urban.....	M	2.5	0.9	0.5	2.8	0.8	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	2.4	0.9	0.5	2.7	0.8	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	2.8	1.0	0.5	3.3	0.8	0.5
Midwest urban.....	M	2.8	1.2	1.0	2.7	0.8	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	2.7	1.1	0.9	2.8	0.8	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	3.0	1.5	1.2	2.6	0.7	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000).....	M	2.9	1.0	0.6	3.1	1.0	0.4
South urban.....	M	2.8	1.3	0.7	3.3	1.1	0.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	2.7	1.4	0.7	3.0	1.2	0.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	2.8	1.2	0.7	3.3	0.9	0.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000).....	M	3.5	1.3	0.8	4.3	1.4	0.5
West urban.....	M	2.4	1.3	0.9	2.5	0.8	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	2.4	1.4	0.9	2.5	0.9	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	2.2	1.3	0.9	2.3	0.7	0.4
Size classes							
A ⁴	M	2.5	1.2	0.7	2.7	0.9	0.4
B/C ³	M	2.7	1.2	0.8	3.0	0.8	0.4
D.....	M	3.2	1.2	0.8	3.5	1.1	0.4
Selected local areas⁵							
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI.....	M	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.6	0.7	0.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA.....	M	2.0	1.5	1.0	2.1	1.3	0.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA.....	M	2.6	1.0	0.6	2.6	0.8	0.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT.....	1	1.8	0.5				
Cleveland-Akron, OH.....	1	2.6	1.3				
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX.....	1	2.7	1.6				
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	2.8	1.3				
Atlanta, GA.....	2				2.4	1.0	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI.....	2				3.9	0.6	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX.....	2				3.6	1.9	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL.....	2				2.9	1.0	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD.....	2				2.2	0.7	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, March 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule ¹	Percent change to Mar. 2012 from:			Percent change to Feb. 2012 from:		
		Mar. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA.....	2				3.0	1.1	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA.....	2				2.7	0.4	

1 Foods, fuels, and several other items are priced every month in all areas. Most other goods and services are 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.

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.

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 5. Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, all items index, March 2012
 [Percent changes]

Month Year	Unadjusted 1-month percent change		Unadjusted 12-month percent change	
	C-CPI-U ¹	CPI-U	C-CPI-U ¹	CPI-U
December 2000.....			2.6	3.4
December 2001.....			1.3	1.6
December 2002.....			2.0	2.4
December 2003.....			1.7	1.9
December 2004.....			3.2	3.3
December 2005.....			2.9	3.4
December 2006.....			2.3	2.5
December 2007.....			3.7	4.1
December 2008.....			0.2	0.1
December 2009.....			2.5	2.7
January 2010.....	0.4	0.3	2.4	2.6
February 2010.....	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1
March 2010.....	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.3
April 2010.....	0.1	0.2	2.1	2.2
May 2010.....	0.0	0.1	1.8	2.0
June 2010.....	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.1
July 2010.....	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2
August 2010.....	0.2	0.1	0.9	1.1
September 2010.....	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.1
October 2010.....	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.2
November 2010.....	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.1
December 2010.....	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.5
January 2011.....	0.4	0.5	1.4	1.6
February 2011.....	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.1
March 2011.....	0.8	1.0	2.3	2.7
April 2011.....	0.6	0.6	2.7	3.2
May 2011.....	0.4	0.5	3.1	3.6
June 2011.....	0.0	-0.1	3.2	3.6
July 2011.....	0.1	0.1	3.3	3.6
August 2011.....	0.3	0.3	3.4	3.8
September 2011.....	0.2	0.2	3.5	3.9
October 2011.....	-0.2	-0.2	3.2	3.5
November 2011.....	-0.1	-0.1	3.1	3.4
December 2011.....	-0.2	-0.2	2.7	3.0
January 2012.....	0.4	0.4	2.7	2.9
February 2012.....	0.4	0.4	2.6	2.9
March 2012.....	0.6	0.8	2.4	2.7

¹ The C-CPI-U is designed to be a closer approximation to a cost-of-living index in that it, in its final form, accounts for any substitution that consumers make across item categories in response to changes in relative prices. Since the expenditure data required for the calculation of the C-CPI-U are available only with a time lag, the C-CPI-U is being issued first in preliminary form using the latest available expenditure data at that time and is subject to two revisions.

NOTE: Indexes for 2012 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2011 are interim adjustments. Data prior to 2011 are final.

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012, 1-month analysis table
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Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
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All items.....	100.000	0.3		0.03	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Food.....	14.255	0.2	0.023	0.08	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Food at home.....	8.608	0.1	0.012	0.14	L-Dec.2011	0.2
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.240	-0.2	-0.003	0.35	S-Oct.2010	-0.2
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.478	-0.3	-0.001	0.50	L-Jan.2012	0.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.053	1.6	0.001	0.88	L-Sep.2011	1.7
Breakfast cereal ⁴	0.292	0.0	0.000	0.69	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal ⁴	0.133	-1.3	-0.002	0.72	S-Sep.2009	-1.9
Rice ^{4, 5, 6}		-1.4		0.81	S-Sep.2010	-1.4
Bakery products.....	0.762	-0.2	-0.001	0.43	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Bread ⁵	0.223	-0.4	-0.001	0.89	S-Jan.2012	-1.0
White bread ^{4, 6}		-0.6		1.19	S-Jan.2012	-1.4
Bread other than white ^{4, 6}		-0.2		1.30	S-Jan.2012	-2.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{4, 5}	0.114	0.1	0.000	0.61	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.184	0.3	0.001	0.88	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Cookies ^{4, 6}		-0.6		0.95	S-Aug.2011	-0.6
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{4, 6}		0.6		0.97	S-Jan.2012	-1.2
Other bakery products.....	0.241	-0.6	-0.001	0.78	S-Dec.2010	-0.9
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{4, 6} ...		-0.1		0.92	S-Dec.2011	-1.1
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ⁶		-1.7		1.17	S-Jun.2010	-1.9
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ⁵		0.3		1.11	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.941	0.8	0.016	0.23	L-May 2011	1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.833	0.7	0.013	0.24	L-Dec.2011	0.8
Meats.....	1.194	0.5	0.006	0.28	L-Dec.2011	0.8
Beef and veal ⁴	0.551	0.8	0.004	0.41	L-Jan.2012	1.1
Uncooked ground beef ⁴	0.216	0.4	0.001	0.60	S-Nov.2011	0.1
Uncooked beef roasts ^{4, 5}	0.081	0.0	0.000	1.10	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Uncooked beef steaks ^{4, 5}	0.202	1.4	0.003	0.79	L-Aug.2011	2.3
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{4, 5}	0.051	1.2	0.001	0.73	L-Aug.2011	1.7
Pork.....	0.374	-0.2	-0.001	0.48	S-Jan.2012	-1.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ⁵						
Bacon and related products ⁶	0.143	0.2	0.000	0.84	S-Jan.2012	-0.8
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{4, 5, 6}		0.5		1.07	L-Nov.2011	1.9
.....		-0.9		1.23	S-Nov.2011	-1.3
Ham.....	0.077	2.4	0.002	0.98	L-Jan.2010	3.4
Ham, excluding canned ⁶		2.5		1.04	L-Jan.2010	4.1
Pork chops.....	0.061	-0.4	0.000	1.02	L-Jan.2012	-0.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics ⁵	0.093	-1.2	-0.001	1.09	S-Jan.2012	-1.6
Other meats.....	0.268	0.7	0.002	0.63	S-Jan.2012	-1.1
Frankfurters ⁶		0.7		2.08	S-Jan.2012	-3.5
Lunchmeats ^{4, 5, 6}		0.2		0.64	S-Jan.2012	-0.7
Lamb and organ meats ^{4, 6}		0.2		1.06	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Lamb and mutton ^{4, 5, 6}		0.5		1.19	S-Jan.2012	-3.1
Poultry.....	0.337	1.4	0.005	0.62	L-Jan.2008	2.0
Chicken ⁵	0.262	1.3	0.004	0.80	L-Jan.2008	1.6
Fresh whole chicken ^{4, 6}		1.5		1.91	L-Dec.2011	2.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{4, 6}		1.4		0.85	L-Nov.2009	1.9
Other poultry including turkey ⁵	0.075	1.5	0.001	0.80	S-Jan.2012	-0.1
Fish and seafood ⁴	0.303	1.0	0.003	0.52	L-May 2011	1.4
Fresh fish and seafood ^{4, 5}	0.156	0.9	0.001	0.75	L-May 2011	1.8
Processed fish and seafood ⁵	0.146	1.7	0.002	0.70	L-May 2011	1.7

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Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Shelf stable fish and seafood ^{4, 6}		-0.2		1.17	L-Jan.2012	1.1
Frozen fish and seafood ^{4, 6}		0.2		1.03	L-Dec.2011	1.7
Eggs.....	0.108	2.3	0.002	0.77	L-Sep.2011	2.6
Dairy and related products ⁴	0.912	-0.1	-0.001	0.31	L-Jan.2012	0.9
Milk ^{4, 5}	0.295	-0.4	-0.001	0.33	L-Jan.2012	0.7
Fresh whole milk ^{4, 6}		-0.2		0.44	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Fresh milk other than whole ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.5		0.48	L-Jan.2012	1.1
Cheese and related products ⁴	0.293	-0.6	-0.002	0.59	S-Jan.2011	-2.1
Ice cream and related products.....	0.137	1.8	0.002	0.83	L-Feb.2011	2.4
Other dairy and related products ⁵	0.188	0.3	0.001	0.61	S-Jan.2012	-0.2
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.264	-0.4	-0.005	0.37	L-Sep.2011	0.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.956	-0.4	-0.004	0.47	L-Sep.2011	0.5
Fresh fruits.....	0.495	0.7	0.003	0.63	S-Jan.2012	-1.8
Apples.....	0.085	-1.5	-0.001	1.15	S-May 2011	-1.8
Bananas.....	0.082	0.6	0.000	0.82	L-Oct.2011	1.3
Citrus fruits ⁵	0.103	1.4	0.002	1.48	L-Aug.2011	2.3
Oranges, including tangerines ⁶		2.0		1.73	L-Nov.2011	2.3
Other fresh fruits ⁵	0.225	1.5	0.003	1.07	S-Jan.2012	-3.1
Fresh vegetables.....	0.462	-1.6	-0.007	0.63	L-Jan.2012	-1.0
Potatoes.....	0.083	-0.3	0.000	1.06	S-Jan.2012	-1.6
Lettuce.....	0.062	-0.4	0.000	1.57	L-Dec.2011	-0.4
Tomatoes ⁴	0.078	0.1	0.000	1.80	L-Jan.2012	0.1
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.239	-0.2	0.000	0.91	L-Dec.2011	0.4
Processed fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.308	-0.2	-0.001	0.47	S-Jan.2012	-0.8
Canned fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.154	-0.5	-0.001	0.69	S-Nov.2010	-1.1
Canned fruits ^{5, 6}		-1.0		0.81	S-Jan.2012	-1.2
Canned vegetables ^{5, 6}		0.2		0.98	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Frozen fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.097	-0.4	0.000	0.87	S-Jan.2012	-1.7
Frozen vegetables ⁶		-0.8		1.04	S-Jan.2012	-2.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ⁵	0.057	0.8	0.000	0.79	S-Jan.2012	0.6
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.6		1.19	S-Jul.2011	-1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.960	-0.2	-0.002	0.42	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ⁵	0.717	-0.1	-0.001	0.50	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Carbonated drinks.....	0.296	-0.8	-0.002	0.72	S-Feb.2011	-1.1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{4, 5}	0.014	0.4	0.000	1.09	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{4, 5}	0.407	0.4	0.002	0.65	L-Dec.2011	0.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ⁵	0.244	-0.4	-0.001	0.59	L-Dec.2011	0.6
Coffee.....	0.149	-0.5	-0.001	0.81	L-Dec.2011	0.2
Roasted coffee ⁶		-0.2		0.77	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{4, 6}		-2.6		1.18	S-Nov.2011	-2.7
Other beverage materials including tea ⁵	0.094	-1.1	-0.001	0.77	S-Oct.2010	-1.3
Other food at home.....	2.291	0.3	0.006	0.26	S-Nov.2011	0.0
Sugar and sweets ⁴	0.308	0.5	0.002	0.59	L-Jan.2012	1.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.062	-1.0	-0.001	0.49	S-Jan.2011	-1.3
Candy and chewing gum ^{4, 5}	0.183	1.6	0.003	0.92	L-Sep.2011	2.5
Other sweets ⁵	0.064	-1.2	-0.001	0.71	S-Dec.2008	-1.4
Fats and oils.....	0.267	0.8	0.002	0.51	L-Jan.2012	1.4
Butter and margarine ⁵	0.077	0.1	0.000	0.79	L-Aug.2011	0.6
Butter ⁶		-3.5		1.21	S-Nov.2011	-5.9
Margarine ⁶		1.7		1.06	L-Aug.2011	2.1
Salad dressing ^{4, 5}	0.067	0.5	0.000	0.80	L-Jan.2012	1.4
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ⁵	0.122	1.1	0.001	0.91	L-Jan.2012	2.9

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Peanut butter ^{4, 5, 6}		0.8		1.09	S-Aug.2011	-0.4
Other foods.....	1.715	0.1	0.003	0.31	S-Jan.2011	-0.1
Soups.....	0.097	1.5	0.001	1.05	L-Feb.2011	2.1
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ⁴	0.303	1.0	0.003	0.76	L-Sep.2011	1.0
Snacks ⁴	0.325	0.3	0.001	0.75	S-Nov.2011	0.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.292	0.0	0.000	0.75	S-Nov.2011	-0.2
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{5, 6}		-1.0		0.81	S-Apr.2011	-1.2
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{4, 5, 6}		0.5		1.36	L-Jan.2012	8.9
Sauces and gravies ^{5, 6}		0.5		1.40	S-Jan.2012	-0.4
Other condiments ^{4, 6}		-0.9		0.74	S-Dec.2011	-1.4
Baby food ^{4, 5}	0.072	0.0	0.000	0.51	L-Jan.2012	0.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{4, 5}	0.626	-0.3	-0.002	0.57	S-Jan.2012	-0.6
Prepared salads ^{4, 7, 6}		0.3		0.89	L-Dec.2011	0.9
Food away from home ⁴	5.648	0.2	0.011	0.06	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Full service meals and snacks ^{4, 5}	2.682	0.2	0.005	0.07	—	—
Limited service meals and snacks ^{4, 5}	2.266	0.3	0.006	0.10	L-Dec.2011	0.3
Food at employee sites and schools ⁵	0.258	0.3	0.001	0.14	—	—
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{4, 8, 6}		0.0		0.12	—	—
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{4, 5}	0.082	-0.3	0.000	0.23	S-Jan.2011	-0.7
Other food away from home ^{4, 5}	0.361	-0.1	0.000	0.12	L-Jan.2012	1.1
Energy.....	10.022	0.9	0.095	0.11	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Energy commodities.....	6.222	1.7	0.111	0.11	S-Jan.2012	0.9
Fuel oil and other fuels ⁴	0.350	1.8	0.006	0.42	L-Nov.2011	2.3
Fuel oil ⁴	0.237	2.7	0.006	0.54	S-Jan.2012	1.4
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ^{4, 9}	0.113	-0.1	0.000	0.44	S-Jan.2012	-1.3
Motor fuel.....	5.872	1.7	0.104	0.11	S-Jan.2012	0.8
Gasoline (all types).....	5.681	1.7	0.100	0.12	S-Jan.2012	0.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶		1.6		0.28	S-Jan.2012	0.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{10, 6}		2.0		0.27	S-Jan.2012	0.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶		1.7		0.27	S-Jan.2012	0.7
Other motor fuels ⁵	0.191	3.7	0.007	0.16	L-Nov.2011	4.1
Energy services ¹¹	3.800	-0.4	-0.016	0.16	L-Dec.2011	-0.2
Electricity ¹¹	2.894	-0.8	-0.024	0.18	S-Jun.2011	-0.9
Utility (piped) gas service ¹¹	0.907	0.9	0.008	0.18	L-Sep.2011	1.5
All items less food and energy.....	75.722	0.2	0.174	0.04	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.773	0.2	0.041	0.09	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ¹²	3.379	-0.1	-0.003	0.15	S-Nov.2011	-0.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{4, 5}	0.279	0.3	0.001	0.62	L-Sep.2011	0.5
Floor coverings ^{4, 5}	0.039	-0.4	0.000	0.55	S-Jan.2012	-0.6
Window coverings ^{4, 5}	0.077	-0.9	-0.001	0.68	S-Mar.2011	-2.2
Other linens ^{4, 5}	0.163	1.0	0.002	0.92	L-Sep.2011	1.3
Furniture and bedding ⁴	0.718	0.8	0.006	0.34	L-Dec.2011	0.9
Bedroom furniture ⁴	0.235	0.9	0.002	0.65	L-Dec.2011	1.5
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{4, 5}	0.341	0.6	0.002	0.42	L-Aug.2011	0.7
Other furniture ⁵	0.135	-1.0	-0.001	0.73	S-Oct.2011	-1.0
Infants' furniture ^{4, 8, 6}						
Appliances ⁵	0.293	0.2	0.001	0.38	S-Nov.2011	-1.0
Major appliances ⁵	0.168	0.7	0.001	0.48	S-Nov.2011	-1.5
Laundry equipment ⁶		1.1		0.58	S-Nov.2011	-1.4
Other appliances ^{4, 5}	0.122	-1.1	-0.001	0.59	S-Nov.2011	-1.7
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{4, 5}	0.503	-1.4	-0.007	0.41	S-Sep.2011	-1.5
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ⁴	0.266	-1.9	-0.005	0.51	S-Sep.2011	-2.3

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Indoor plants and flowers ¹³	0.104	-0.9	-0.001	0.69	S-Jan.2012	-0.9
Dishes and flatware ^{4, 5}	0.049	-2.2	-0.001	1.02	S-Nov.2011	-3.8
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ⁵	0.084	-0.4	0.000	0.51	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ⁵ . . .	0.687	-0.7	-0.005	0.28	S-Feb.2010	-0.7
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{4, 5}	0.174	-0.2	0.000	0.35	S-Oct.2011	-0.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies ⁵	0.366	-0.9	-0.003	0.32	S-May 2011	-1.1
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	0.899	-0.2	-0.001	0.27	S-Apr.2011	-0.3
Household cleaning products ^{4, 5}	0.366	0.0	0.000	0.40	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Household paper products ^{4, 5}	0.243	0.2	0.000	0.38	S-Dec.2011	0.2
Miscellaneous household products ^{4, 5}	0.291	-0.7	-0.002	0.47	S-Dec.2010	-1.0
Apparel.....	3.527	0.5	0.018	0.39	L-Jan.2012	0.9
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.850	0.8	0.007	0.61	L-Jan.2012	1.0
Men's apparel.....	0.677	-0.2	-0.002	0.65	L-Jan.2012	1.7
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.123	-0.4	-0.001	1.77	L-Jan.2012	6.3
Men's furnishings.....	0.179	-0.5	-0.001	0.98	L-Jan.2012	-0.2
Men's shirts and sweaters ⁵	0.208	-0.8	-0.002	1.49	L-Jan.2012	0.1
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.160	-0.1	0.000	1.32	S-Oct.2011	-1.2
Boys' apparel.....	0.173	6.2	0.011	1.48	L-EVER	—
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.482	0.3	0.005	0.75	L-Jan.2012	1.3
Women's apparel.....	1.232	0.3	0.004	0.82	L-Jan.2012	1.2
Women's outerwear.....	0.086	-3.4	-0.003	3.37	S-Sep.2011	-5.4
Women's dresses.....	0.163	8.8	0.015	2.67	S-Jan.2012	-3.7
Women's suits and separates ⁵	0.579	-1.5	-0.009	1.10	—	—
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ⁵	0.389	-1.1	-0.004	1.16	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Girls' apparel.....	0.249	0.5	0.001	2.09	L-Jan.2012	1.9
Footwear.....	0.669	0.6	0.004	0.56	L-Aug.2011	0.6
Men's footwear ⁴	0.208	0.1	0.000	0.85	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.148	1.0	0.001	1.22	L-Aug.2011	2.3
Women's footwear.....	0.313	1.0	0.003	0.86	L-May 2011	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.199	0.2	0.000	1.00	L-Jan.2012	1.6
Jewelry and watches ⁹	0.327	0.5	0.002	1.36	L-Jan.2012	0.7
Watches ^{4, 9}	0.089	1.6	0.001	0.78	L-Jan.2011	1.8
Jewelry ⁹	0.239	0.2	0.000	1.56	L-Jan.2012	1.6
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ¹²	5.585	0.6	0.033	0.07	L-Jun.2011	0.8
New vehicles.....	3.197	0.2	0.007	0.11	S-Jan.2012	0.0
New cars and trucks ^{5, 6}		0.2		0.10	S-Jan.2012	0.0
New cars ⁶		0.2		0.15	S-Jan.2012	-0.2
New trucks ^{14, 6}		0.2		0.11	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Used cars and trucks.....	1.882	1.3	0.025	0.02	L-Dec.2009	2.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ⁴	0.436	0.0	0.000	0.20	S-Oct.2011	-0.2
Tires ⁴	0.298	-0.3	-0.001	0.25	S-Sep.2011	-0.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{4, 5}	0.139	0.7	0.001	0.25	L-Sep.2011	0.9
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{4, 6}		0.4		0.25	L-Sep.2011	0.8
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{4, 6}		1.8		0.64	L-Aug.2011	2.2
Medical care commodities ⁴	1.725	0.4	0.007	0.14	S-Dec.2011	0.2
Medicinal drugs ^{4, 12}	1.646	0.4	0.007	0.15	S-Dec.2011	0.2
Prescription drugs.....	1.335	0.3	0.004	0.14	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Nonprescription drugs ^{4, 12}	0.311	1.0	0.003	0.49	L-EVER	—
Medical equipment and supplies ^{4, 12}	0.079	-0.3	0.000	0.47	S-Dec.2011	-0.7
Recreation commodities ¹²	2.340	-0.2	-0.005	0.18	S-Dec.2011	-0.2
Video and audio products ¹²	0.432	-1.2	-0.005	0.28	S-Dec.2010	-1.2

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Televisions.....	0.172	-2.6	-0.004	0.64	S-Apr.2011	-2.6
Other video equipment ⁴ . 5	0.028	-2.3	-0.001	0.61	S-Dec.2011	-2.8
Audio equipment ⁴	0.074	-0.5	0.000	0.45	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Audio discs, tapes and other media ⁴ . 5	0.045	-0.2	0.000	0.47	S-Dec.2011	-0.6
Pets and pet products ⁴	0.690	0.5	0.004	0.39	L-Aug.2011	0.9
Pet food ⁴ . 5 . 6		0.6		0.41	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ⁴ . 5 . 6 ...		0.6		0.76	S-Jan.2012	-0.9
Sporting goods ⁴	0.464	-0.3	-0.001	0.31	S-Nov.2011	-0.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ⁴	0.244	-0.4	-0.001	0.33	S-Aug.2011	-0.4
Sports equipment ⁴	0.210	-0.1	0.000	0.53	S-Dec.2011	-0.7
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.054	-1.0	-0.001	0.62	S-Jan.2012	-1.5
Film and photographic supplies ⁴ . 5 . 6		0.4		0.73	S-Jan.2012	-0.4
Photographic equipment ⁵ . 6		-0.7		0.82	S-Jan.2012	-2.0
Recreational reading materials ⁴	0.222	0.7	0.002	0.34	L-Feb.2009	1.1
Newspapers and magazines ⁴ . 5	0.120	1.1	0.001	0.48	L-Jan.2012	1.3
Recreational books ⁴ . 5	0.099	0.3	0.000	0.47	L-Oct.2011	0.3
Other recreational goods ⁵	0.477	-0.7	-0.003	0.44	S-Nov.2011	-1.2
Toys ⁴	0.357	-0.9	-0.003	0.53	S-Nov.2011	-1.6
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ⁴ . 5 . 6		-1.0		0.51	S-Nov.2011	-1.5
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ⁵	0.061	0.6	0.000	0.91	L-Dec.2011	1.0
Music instruments and accessories ⁵	0.039	-0.2	0.000	0.42	L-Jan.2012	0.1
Education and communication commodities ¹²	0.608	-0.5	-0.003	0.34	S-Dec.2011	-0.8
Educational books and supplies.....	0.202	0.6	0.001	0.29	L-Jan.2012	0.8
College textbooks ⁴ . 15 . 6		0.4		0.24	L-Jan.2012	1.4
Information technology commodities ¹²	0.406	-1.0	-0.004	0.43	S-Dec.2011	-1.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁷	0.268	-1.3	-0.004	0.51	S-Dec.2011	-2.1
Computer software and accessories ⁴ . 5	0.049	-0.8	0.000	0.75	L-Jan.2012	-0.2
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ⁴ . 5	0.089	-0.2	0.000	0.77	S-Dec.2011	-1.0
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.953	-0.2	-0.002	0.13	S-Dec.2005	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.576	0.0	0.000	0.21	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.275	0.1	0.000	0.27	S-Dec.2011	0.1
Distilled spirits at home ⁴	0.072	-0.3	0.000	0.33	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Whiskey at home ⁶		-1.2		0.49	L-Jan.2012	0.9
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ⁴ . 6 ...		0.0		0.59	S-Dec.2011	-1.1
Wine at home.....	0.229	-0.1	0.000	0.37	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Alcoholic beverages away from home ⁴	0.377	-0.4	-0.001	0.16	S-Feb.2010	-0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ⁴ . 5 . 6		0.0		0.13	S-Dec.2011	0.0
Wine away from home ⁴ . 5 . 6		0.1		0.20	S-Nov.2011	-0.1
Distilled spirits away from home ⁴ . 5 . 6		-0.8		0.20	S-EVER	-
Other goods ¹²	1.656	0.3	0.005	0.19	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	0.798	-0.3	-0.002	0.16	L-Jan.2012	0.5
Cigarettes ⁴ . 5	0.738	-0.3	-0.002	0.17	L-Jan.2012	0.5
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ⁴ . 5	0.054	0.2	0.000	0.46	L-Jan.2012	0.5
Personal care products ⁴	0.649	1.2	0.008	0.37	L-Dec.2006	1.9
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ⁴ . 5	0.340	1.5	0.005	0.54	L-EVER	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ⁴	0.303	1.0	0.003	0.56	L-Jul.2009	1.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ⁵	0.209	-0.5	-0.001	0.44	S-Feb.2011	-0.5
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ⁶		-0.4		0.46	L-Jan.2012	0.5
Infants' equipment ⁴ . 8 . 6		0.2		0.51	L-Oct.2011	0.5

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Services less energy services.....	55.949	0.2	0.133	0.03	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Shelter.....	31.413	0.2	0.061	0.05	—	—
Rent of shelter ¹⁶	31.068	0.2	0.047	0.05	L-Dec.2011	0.2
Rent of primary residence ¹¹	6.453	0.2	0.011	0.07	—	—
Lodging away from home ⁵	0.793	0.3	0.002	0.86	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Housing at school, excluding board ^{11, 16}	0.154	0.3	0.000	0.05	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.639	0.2	0.002	1.07	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{11, 16}	23.823	0.2	0.046	0.04	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{11, 16}	22.416	0.2	0.043	0.04	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{4, 5}	0.345	0.6	0.002	0.21	L-Apr.2011	0.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ⁵	1.163	0.6	0.007	0.13	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Water and sewerage maintenance ¹¹	0.874	0.7	0.006	0.17	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Garbage and trash collection ^{4, 14}	0.288	0.3	0.001	0.15	S-Jan.2012	0.0
Household operations ^{4, 5}	0.727	0.1	0.001	0.10	S-Dec.2011	0.1
Domestic services ^{4, 5}	0.250	0.0	0.000	0.07	—	—
Gardening and lawn care services ^{4, 5}	0.238	0.0	0.000	0.11	S-Nov.2011	0.0
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{4, 5}	0.091	0.5	0.000	0.43	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Repair of household items ^{4, 5}	0.076	0.3	0.000	0.14	L-Mar.2010	1.3
Medical care services.....	5.358	0.3	0.014	0.06	L-Dec.2011	0.4
Professional services.....	2.989	0.2	0.004	0.08	L-Dec.2011	0.3
Physicians' services ¹¹	1.600	0.2	0.002	0.12	L-Dec.2011	0.2
Dental services ¹¹	0.760	0.2	0.001	0.08	L-Dec.2011	0.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁹	0.251	0.2	0.001	0.23	L-Aug.2011	0.3
Services by other medical professionals ^{4, 11, 9}	0.378	0.1	0.000	0.12	S-Jan.2012	0.1
Hospital and related services.....	1.745	0.2	0.003	0.11	L-Jan.2012	0.3
Hospital services ^{11, 17}	1.522	0.2	0.003	0.12	L-Jan.2012	0.3
Inpatient hospital services ^{11, 17, 6}	0.137	0.1	0.000	0.18	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Outpatient hospital services ^{11, 9, 6}	0.086	0.2	0.000	0.22	S-Sep.2011	0.2
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{11, 17}	0.137	0.3	0.000	0.12	S-Nov.2011	0.3
Care of invalids and elderly at home ^{4, 8}	0.086	0.0	0.000	0.15	—	—
Health insurance ^{4, 8}	0.624	1.3	0.008	0.07	S-Dec.2011	1.2
Transportation services.....	5.739	0.3	0.017	0.11	L-Sep.2011	0.4
Leased cars and trucks ¹⁵	0.392	0.0	0.000	0.44	L-Sep.2011	0.0
Car and truck rental ⁵	0.066	2.0	0.001	1.34	L-Apr.2011	2.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ⁴	1.151	-0.1	-0.002	0.12	S-May 2009	-0.1
Motor vehicle body work ⁴	0.057	0.3	0.000	0.14	L-Oct.2011	0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ⁴	0.458	0.2	0.001	0.15	—	—
Motor vehicle repair ^{4, 5}	0.600	-0.4	-0.002	0.19	S-EVER	—
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.401	0.5	0.012	0.16	L-Oct.2010	0.6
Motor vehicle fees ^{4, 5}	0.563	0.0	0.000	0.12	L-Jan.2012	1.4
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{4, 11, 5}	0.328	0.0	0.000	0.12	L-Dec.2011	0.3
Parking and other fees ^{4, 5}	0.212	0.0	0.000	0.16	S-Dec.2011	0.0
Parking fees and tolls ^{4, 5, 6}	0.1	0.1	0.000	0.13	S-Dec.2011	0.1
Automobile service clubs ^{4, 5, 6}	0.1	0.1	0.000	0.26	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Public transportation.....	1.166	0.5	0.006	0.29	L-Sep.2011	0.7
Airline fare.....	0.759	0.4	0.003	0.40	L-Sep.2011	0.9
Other intercity transportation.....	0.146	0.1	0.000	0.66	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Intercity bus fare ^{4, 7, 6}	0.146	1.0	0.000	0.52	L-Dec.2011	4.0
Intercity train fare ^{4, 7, 6}	0.146	4.5	0.000	1.24	L-Jun.2011	4.8
Ship fare ^{4, 5, 6}	0.146	-0.3	0.000	0.82	S-Jan.2012	-1.5

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Intracity transportation ⁴	0.258	0.7	0.002	0.07	L-Jan.2011	2.3
Intracity mass transit ^{4, 12, 6}		0.0		0.09	S-Sep.2011	0.0
Recreation services ¹²	3.695	0.4	0.016	0.19	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Video and audio services ¹²	1.497	0.5	0.008	0.23	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹⁴ ..	1.385	0.5	0.007	0.23	—	—
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ^{4, 5}	0.112	0.3	0.000	0.84	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Video discs and other media ^{4, 5, 6}		0.4		1.22	L-Oct.2011	2.4
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{4, 5, 6}		0.6		0.75	L-Jan.2012	1.7
Pet services including veterinary ⁵	0.407	0.3	0.001	0.19	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Pet services ^{4, 5, 6}		0.4		0.22	L-Jan.2012	0.5
Veterinarian services ^{5, 6}		0.1		0.19	L-Dec.2011	0.9
Photographers and film processing ^{4, 5}	0.058	0.3	0.000	0.36	L-Nov.2011	0.6
Photographer fees ^{4, 5, 6}		0.1		0.36	L-Dec.2011	0.5
Film processing ^{4, 5, 6}		0.3		0.44	L-Nov.2011	1.0
Other recreation services ⁵	1.732	0.4	0.007	0.35	L-Jan.2012	1.1
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ⁵	0.568	0.9	0.005	0.71	L-Dec.2011	2.4
Admissions ⁴	0.629	0.1	0.000	0.50	L-Jan.2012	2.1
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.1		0.42	L-Jan.2012	1.9
Admission to sporting events ^{4, 5, 6}		0.7		0.52	L-Jan.2012	3.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ^{4, 9}	0.230	-0.1	0.000	0.23	S-Oct.2011	-0.2
Education and communication services ¹²	6.153	0.2	0.013	0.07	—	—
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.990	0.3	0.010	0.12	—	—
College tuition and fees	1.678	0.5	0.008	0.21	L-Nov.2011	0.5
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.379	0.2	0.001	0.03	S-Aug.2011	-0.6
Child care and nursery school ¹³	0.772	0.2	0.002	0.11	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Technical and business school tuition and fees ⁵ ..	0.059	0.6	0.000	0.18	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Postage and delivery services ⁵	0.150	0.2	0.000	0.01	S-Jan.2012	-0.2
Postage ⁴	0.139	0.2	0.000	0.00	S-Jan.2012	-0.6
Delivery services ^{4, 5}	0.010	-0.1	0.000	0.12	L-Jan.2012	4.6
Telephone services ^{4, 5}	2.416	0.1	0.002	0.05	L-Jan.2012	0.3
Wireless telephone services ^{4, 5}	1.471	0.0	0.000	0.06	—	—
Land-line telephone services ^{4, 12}	0.945	0.1	0.001	0.09	—	—
Internet services and electronic information providers ^{4, 5}	0.583	0.3	0.002	0.29	L-Jan.2012	0.7
Other personal services ¹²	1.701	0.2	0.004	0.10	L-Nov.2011	0.4
Personal care services ⁴	0.629	0.2	0.001	0.11	S-Jan.2012	-0.1
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{4, 5}	0.629	0.2	0.001	0.11	S-Jan.2012	-0.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.072	0.2	0.002	0.13	L-Dec.2011	0.5
Legal services ⁹	0.295	0.3	0.001	0.12	L-Nov.2011	0.4
Funeral expenses ⁹	0.159	-0.5	-0.001	0.09	S-EVER	—
Laundry and dry cleaning services ⁵	0.239	0.1	0.000	0.09	S-Jan.2012	0.1
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{4, 5}	0.030	0.3	0.000	0.19	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Financial services ^{4, 9}	0.208	1.0	0.002	0.62	L-Apr.2011	1.9
Checking account and other bank services ^{4, 5, 6}		0.1		0.51	S-Jan.2012	0.0
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{5, 6}		1.4		0.73	L-Jun.2011	1.6
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less food	85.745	0.3	0.268	0.03	S-Jan.2012	0.2

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All items less shelter.....	68.587	0.3	0.230	0.04	S-Jan.2012	0.2
All items less food and shelter.....	54.332	0.4	0.208	0.05	S-Jan.2012	0.2
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.309	0.3	0.113	0.05	L-Aug.2011	0.3
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.427	0.2	0.088	0.05	L-Jan.2012	0.3
All items less medical care.....	92.917	0.3	0.270	0.03	S-Jan.2012	0.2
All items less energy.....	89.978	0.2	0.197	0.03	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Commodities.....	40.250	0.4	0.181	0.06	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks..	17.891	0.1	0.016	0.09	—	—
Commodities less food.....	25.995	0.6	0.158	0.07	S-Jan.2012	0.5
Commodities less food and beverages.....	25.041	0.6	0.160	0.07	S-Jan.2012	0.4
Services.....	59.750	0.2	0.117	0.04	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹⁶	28.682	0.2	0.049	0.05	L-Dec.2011	0.3
Services less medical care services.....	54.392	0.1	0.071	0.04	L-Jan.2012	0.1
Durables.....	8.930	0.1	0.005	0.07	S-Jan.2012	-0.1
Nondurables.....	31.320	0.6	0.175	0.07	S-Jan.2012	0.5
Nondurables less food.....	17.065	0.8	0.146	0.10	S-Jan.2012	0.8
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	16.112	0.9	0.143	0.11	S-Jan.2012	0.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.585	1.1	0.142	0.07	S-Jan.2012	0.6
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.538	1.0	0.141	0.07	S-Jan.2012	0.7
Housing.....	40.832	0.1	0.048	0.05	—	—
Education and communication ⁵	6.761	0.2	0.010	0.08	—	—
Education ⁵	3.192	0.3	0.011	0.12	—	—
Communication ⁵	3.569	0.0	0.000	0.07	S-Dec.2011	0.0
Information and information processing ⁵	3.420	0.0	-0.001	0.08	S-Dec.2011	0.0
Information technology, hardware and services ¹⁸	1.004	-0.2	-0.002	0.26	S-Dec.2011	-0.5
Recreation ⁵	6.035	0.2	0.011	0.15	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Video and audio ⁵	1.930	0.1	0.003	0.19	—	—
Pets, pet products and services ⁵	1.097	0.4	0.005	0.26	L-Aug.2011	0.7
Photography ⁵	0.114	-0.3	0.000	0.36	S-Jan.2012	-0.7
Food and beverages.....	15.209	0.1	0.021	0.08	—	—
Domestically produced farm food ⁴	7.263	0.1	0.007	0.14	L-Jan.2012	0.7
Other services.....	11.549	0.3	0.033	0.08	L-Jan.2012	0.4
Apparel less footwear.....	2.858	0.5	0.014	0.47	L-Jan.2012	1.2
Fuels and utilities.....	5.313	-0.1	-0.003	0.13	L-Dec.2011	-0.1
Household energy.....	4.151	-0.2	-0.010	0.15	L-Dec.2011	-0.2
Medical care.....	7.083	0.3	0.021	0.06	L-Jan.2012	0.3
Transportation.....	17.196	0.9	0.155	0.06	S-Jan.2012	0.3
Private transportation.....	16.030	0.9	0.149	0.06	S-Jan.2012	0.4
New and used motor vehicles ⁵	5.607	0.6	0.034	0.08	L-Jun.2011	0.8
Utilities and public transportation.....	9.930	0.0	0.005	0.09	—	—
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.106	-0.2	-0.010	0.12	S-Sep.2010	-0.3

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012, 1-month analysis table — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Feb. 2012-Mar. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Other goods and services.....	3.357	0.2	0.007	0.11	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Personal care.....	2.559	0.4	0.009	0.13	L-Nov.2011	0.5

1 The 'effect' of an item category is a measure of that item's contribution to the All items price change. For example, if the Food index had an effect of 0.40, and the All items index rose 1.2 percent, then the increase in food prices contributed 0.40 / 1.2, or 33.3 percent, to that All items increase. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged for that month the change in the All items index would have been 1.2 percent minus 0.40, or 0.8 percent. Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged. Since food prices fell while prices overall were rising, the contribution of food to the All items price change was negative (in this case, -0.1 / 0.5, or minus 20 percent).

2 A statistic's margin of error is often expressed as its point estimate plus or minus two standard errors. For example, if a CPI category rose 0.6 percent, and its standard error was 0.15 percent, the margin of error on this item's 1-month percent change would be 0.6 percent, plus or minus 0.3 percent.

3 If the current seasonally adjusted 1-month percent change is greater than the previous 1-month percent change, then this column identifies the closest prior month with a 1-month percent change as (L)arge as or (L)arger than the current 1-month change. If the current 1-month percent change is smaller than the previous 1-month percent change, the most recent month with a change as (S)maller or (S)maller than the current month change is identified. If the current and previous 1-month percent changes are equal, a dash will appear. Standard numerical comparisons are used. For example, 0.8% is greater than 0.6%, -0.4% is less than -0.2%, and -0.2% is less than 0.0%. Note that a (L)arger change can be a smaller decline, for example, a -0.2% change is larger than a -0.4% change, but still represents a decline in the price index. Likewise, (S)maller changes can be increases, for example, a 0.6% change is smaller than 0.8%, but still represents an increase in the price index. In this context, a -0.2% change is considered to be smaller than a 0.0% change.

4 Not seasonally adjusted.

5 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

6 Special indexes based on a substantially smaller sample. These series do not contribute to the all items index aggregation and therefore do not have a relative importance or effect.

7 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

10 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

12 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

15 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

16 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

17 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

18 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012, 12-month analysis table
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Percent change Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012	Effect on All Items Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
All items.....	100.000	2.7		0.07	S-Mar.2011	2.7
Food.....	14.255	3.3	0.456	0.14	S-Apr.2011	3.2
Food at home.....	8.608	3.6	0.285	0.20	S-Mar.2011	3.6
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.240	4.5	0.050	0.43	S-Jul.2011	4.3
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.478	4.1	0.014	0.72	S-May 2011	3.5
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.053	7.3	0.003	1.33	S-May 2011	7.2
Breakfast cereal.....	0.292	3.6	0.006	0.94	S-May 2011	2.8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal.....	0.133	3.9	0.004	1.08	S-Jul.2011	3.3
Rice ^{4, 5}		3.5		1.67	S-Jul.2011	2.9
Bakery products.....	0.762	4.9	0.036	0.59	S-Jan.2012	4.7
Bread ⁴	0.223	5.6	0.012	1.22	L-Dec.2011	6.7
White bread ⁵		5.0		1.78	S-Jan.2012	4.0
Bread other than white ⁵		5.9		1.73	L-Dec.2011	9.3
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ⁴	0.114	3.9	0.004	1.05	S-Dec.2010	2.0
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.184	5.6	0.011	1.06	S-Jan.2012	3.6
Cookies ⁵		5.0		1.51	S-Jan.2012	4.4
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ⁵		6.8		1.15	S-Jan.2012	3.5
Other bakery products.....	0.241	3.9	0.009	1.00	S-Sep.2011	2.9
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ⁵		7.8		1.61	L-Jan.2009	8.5
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ⁵		3.6		1.88	S-Sep.2011	2.6
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ⁵		3.0		1.52	S-Nov.2011	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.941	5.3	0.098	0.39	S-Sep.2010	4.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.833	5.4	0.094	0.41	S-Dec.2010	5.4
Meats.....	1.194	5.4	0.061	0.52	S-Aug.2010	5.0
Beef and veal.....	0.551	6.8	0.036	0.74	S-Dec.2010	6.1
Uncooked ground beef.....	0.216	6.7	0.014	1.14	S-Dec.2010	6.2
Uncooked beef roasts ⁴	0.081	5.9	0.005	1.80	S-Dec.2010	4.9
Uncooked beef steaks ⁴	0.202	7.3	0.013	1.12	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal ⁴	0.051	7.1	0.003	1.47	L-Jan.2012	10.1
Pork.....	0.374	3.4	0.012	0.87	S-May 2010	2.4
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ⁴	0.143	4.3	0.006	1.49	S-Oct.2011	3.9
Bacon and related products ⁵		8.5		2.54	S-Nov.2011	6.8
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{4, 5}		1.3		1.68	S-Jul.2010	0.5
Ham.....	0.077	3.0	0.002	1.75	L-Dec.2011	5.7
Ham, excluding canned ⁵		2.6		2.43	L-Jan.2012	3.3
Pork chops.....	0.061	1.6	0.001	1.66	S-Apr.2010	0.3
Other pork including roasts and picnics ⁴	0.093	3.6	0.003	1.96	S-Apr.2010	-0.1
Other meats.....	0.268	5.7	0.013	1.30	L-Dec.2011	6.7
Frankfurters ⁵		6.5		3.30	L-Dec.2011	8.0
Lunchmeats ^{4, 5}		4.5		0.93	L-Jan.2012	4.7
Lamb and organ meats ⁵		5.4		3.30	S-Feb.2010	1.3
Lamb and mutton ^{4, 5}		15.4		5.73	S-Jan.2012	13.8
Poultry.....	0.337	6.5	0.022	0.93	L-Feb.2008	6.9
Chicken ⁴	0.262	5.3	0.014	0.99	L-Dec.2008	5.4
Fresh whole chicken ⁵		8.7		2.17	L-Mar.2009	8.9
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ⁵		4.3		1.25	L-Aug.2008	4.6
Other poultry including turkey ⁴	0.075	11.2	0.008	2.24	L-Dec.2011	12.4
Fish and seafood.....	0.303	3.9	0.012	1.03	S-Jan.2011	3.7
Fresh fish and seafood ⁴	0.156	1.9	0.003	1.47	S-May 2010	1.4
Processed fish and seafood ⁴	0.146	6.3	0.009	1.17	L-Jan.2012	7.7
Shelf stable fish and seafood ⁵		3.6		2.12	S-Apr.2011	2.4
Frozen fish and seafood ⁵		5.7		2.12	L-Jan.2012	7.7

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Percent change Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012	Effect on All Items Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Eggs.....	0.108	5.1	0.004	1.18	L-Jan.2012	9.5
Dairy and related products.....	0.912	6.3	0.053	0.51	S-Apr.2011	6.3
Milk ⁴	0.295	4.0	0.011	0.79	S-Feb.2011	3.0
Fresh whole milk ⁵		3.7		1.28	S-Jan.2011	2.2
Fresh milk other than whole ^{4, 5}		4.1		1.16	S-Feb.2011	2.5
Cheese and related products.....	0.293	8.7	0.023	0.88	S-Dec.2011	7.8
Ice cream and related products.....	0.137	6.4	0.008	1.31	L-Jan.2012	8.3
Other dairy and related products ⁴	0.188	6.2	0.010	0.93	S-Jan.2012	5.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.264	-3.9	-0.048	0.55	S-Nov.2009	-4.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.956	-6.6	-0.063	0.69	S-Oct.2009	-7.7
Fresh fruits.....	0.495	0.1	-0.001	1.01	L-Nov.2011	2.6
Apples.....	0.085	3.3	0.003	1.75	S-Jul.2011	2.1
Bananas.....	0.082	-0.4	0.000	1.44	L-Jan.2012	2.5
Citrus fruits ⁴	0.103	-5.4	-0.005	2.25	L-Dec.2011	-3.8
Oranges, including tangerines ⁵		0.1		2.47	L-Dec.2011	0.2
Other fresh fruits ⁴	0.225	1.2	0.002	1.56	L-Oct.2011	3.1
Fresh vegetables.....	0.462	-12.6	-0.062	1.01	S-May 1994	-14.1
Potatoes.....	0.083	1.0	0.001	1.86	S-Sep.2010	-0.5
Lettuce.....	0.062	-20.5	-0.014	2.27	S-Apr.2003	-24.1
Tomatoes.....	0.078	-28.8	-0.029	2.40	S-Nov.2005	-29.3
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.239	-7.9	-0.020	1.33	S-Mar.1999	-7.9
Processed fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.308	5.5	0.015	0.70	S-Jan.2012	5.4
Canned fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.154	4.6	0.007	1.02	S-Jan.2012	4.4
Canned fruits ^{4, 5}		3.3		1.19	S-Sep.2011	2.4
Canned vegetables ^{4, 5}		5.7		1.43	S-Jan.2012	5.0
Frozen fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.097	6.9	0.006	1.23	S-Sep.2011	5.1
Frozen vegetables ⁵		5.9		1.25	S-Sep.2011	3.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ⁴	0.057	5.9	0.003	1.36	—	—
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{4, 5}		15.4		2.74	S-Jan.2012	14.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.960	2.7	0.026	0.68	S-Apr.2011	2.4
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ⁴	0.717	2.0	0.014	0.84	S-Aug.2011	2.0
Carbonated drinks.....	0.296	2.3	0.007	1.14	S-May 2011	2.0
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ⁴	0.014	11.3	0.002	2.34	—	—
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ⁴	0.407	1.5	0.006	1.05	L-Jan.2012	1.6
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ⁴	0.244	4.7	0.011	0.99	S-Mar.2011	4.4
Coffee.....	0.149	9.8	0.012	1.45	S-Mar.2011	9.4
Roasted coffee ⁵		11.0		1.78	S-Mar.2011	10.8
Instant and freeze dried coffee ⁵		2.0		2.00	S-Dec.2010	1.1
Other beverage materials including tea ⁴	0.094	-0.6	-0.001	1.25	S-Dec.2010	-0.7
Other food at home.....	2.291	5.0	0.106	0.41	S-Sep.2011	4.7
Sugar and sweets.....	0.308	4.6	0.014	0.99	S-Dec.2011	3.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.062	4.3	0.002	0.92	S-Dec.2011	3.9
Candy and chewing gum ⁴	0.183	5.2	0.009	1.53	L-Jan.2012	5.5
Other sweets ⁴	0.064	3.4	0.002	1.05	S-Jul.2011	3.3
Fats and oils.....	0.267	8.9	0.022	0.82	S-May 2011	8.5
Butter and margarine ⁴	0.077	1.5	0.001	1.41	S-Jul.2010	0.9
Butter ⁵		-8.5		2.47	S-Dec.2009	-11.5
Margarine ⁵		11.1		1.86	S-Apr.2011	11.1
Salad dressing ⁴	0.067	4.3	0.003	1.32	S-Feb.2011	2.7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ⁴	0.122	16.7	0.018	1.22	S-Nov.2011	13.5
Peanut butter ^{4, 5}		40.7		1.63	L-EVER	—
Other foods.....	1.715	4.5	0.070	0.49	S-Dec.2011	4.5
Soups.....	0.097	6.0	0.006	1.59	L-Mar.2009	8.4

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, March 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Percent change Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012	Effect on All Items Mar. 2011-Mar. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
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Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods.....	0.303	3.0	0.009	1.11	L-Jan.2012	4.2
Snacks.....	0.325	8.0	0.025	0.93	S-Jan.2012	7.4
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.292	3.5	0.010	1.04	S-Nov.2011	2.9
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{4, 5}		7.6		1.99	S-Sep.2011	5.3
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{4, 5}		-0.5		1.64	S-Nov.2011	-0.7
Sauces and gravies ^{4, 5}		2.5		1.83	S-Jan.2012	1.9
Other condiments ⁵		4.2		1.66	S-Aug.2011	4.0
Baby food ⁴	0.072	6.1	0.005	0.94	L-Jan.2012	7.5
Other miscellaneous foods ⁴	0.626	3.4	0.015	0.80	S-Dec.2011	3.2
Prepared salads ^{6, 5}		3.1		1.42	L-Jan.2012	3.4
Food away from home.....	5.648	3.0	0.172	0.17	S-Dec.2011	2.9
Full service meals and snacks ⁴	2.682	2.7	0.075	0.21	S-Sep.2011	2.6
Limited service meals and snacks ⁴	2.266	3.3	0.075	0.30	L-Aug.2009	3.7
Food at employee sites and schools ⁴	0.258	3.8	0.010	0.54	—	—
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{7, 5}		3.5		0.73	—	—
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ⁴	0.082	4.0	0.004	0.88	S-Dec.2011	2.7
Other food away from home ⁴	0.361	2.2	0.007	0.45	S-Dec.2011	2.1
Energy.....	10.022	4.6	0.479	0.19	S-Nov.2010	3.9
Energy commodities.....	6.222	8.7	0.549	0.18	S-Nov.2010	7.7
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	0.350	4.3	0.015	0.92	S-Dec.2009	2.5
Fuel oil.....	0.237	5.3	0.012	1.14	S-Nov.2009	-6.9
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ⁸	0.113	2.4	0.003	1.24	S-Feb.2011	1.9
Motor fuel.....	5.872	9.0	0.534	0.19	S-Nov.2010	7.5
Gasoline (all types).....	5.681	9.0	0.522	0.19	S-Nov.2010	7.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵		9.1		0.48	S-Nov.2010	7.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{9, 5}		9.0		0.45	S-Nov.2010	7.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵		8.7		0.45	S-Nov.2010	7.1
Other motor fuels ⁴	0.191	6.2	0.012	0.33	S-Nov.2009	-6.0
Energy services ¹⁰	3.800	-1.8	-0.070	0.32	S-Mar.2010	-1.8
Electricity ¹⁰	2.894	0.6	0.016	0.37	S-Apr.2011	0.6
Utility (piped) gas service ¹⁰	0.907	-9.1	-0.086	0.62	L-Jan.2012	-5.5
All items less food and energy.....	75.722	2.3	1.716	0.09	L-Jan.2012	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.773	2.1	0.422	0.20	L-Jan.2012	2.2
Household furnishings and supplies ¹¹	3.379	0.8	0.027	0.35	S-Nov.2011	0.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens ⁴	0.279	-1.4	-0.004	1.43	L-Dec.2011	0.3
Floor coverings ⁴	0.039	0.3	0.000	1.43	L-Jan.2012	0.7
Window coverings ⁴	0.077	-0.6	-0.001	2.32	L-Dec.2011	0.8
Other linens ⁴	0.163	-2.4	-0.004	1.74	L-Jan.2012	-1.9
Furniture and bedding.....	0.718	2.1	0.017	0.91	L-May 2009	2.4
Bedroom furniture.....	0.235	1.4	0.004	1.64	S-Nov.2011	0.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ⁴	0.341	3.2	0.012	1.20	L-EVER	—
Other furniture ⁴	0.135	0.6	0.001	2.17	S-Nov.2011	0.2
Infants' furniture ^{7, 5}						
Appliances ⁴	0.293	4.6	0.013	0.76	L-EVER	—
Major appliances ⁴	0.168	9.0	0.014	1.10	L-EVER	—
Laundry equipment ⁵		11.5		1.75	L-EVER	—
Other appliances ⁴	0.122	-1.5	-0.002	1.22	S-Mar.2011	-2.0
Other household equipment and furnishings ⁴	0.503	-4.9	-0.027	1.21	S-Sep.2010	-4.9
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items.....	0.266	-7.1	-0.020	1.82	S-Sep.2010	-7.9
Indoor plants and flowers ¹²	0.104	-1.3	-0.001	1.49	S-Jan.2011	-1.4
Dishes and flatware ⁴	0.049	-7.3	-0.005	2.54	S-Jan.2012	-7.3
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ⁴	0.084	-0.6	-0.001	1.31	—	—
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ⁴	0.687	-0.3	-0.003	0.60	S-Jul.2011	-0.3

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					Date	Percent change
Tools, hardware and supplies ⁴	0.174	2.6	0.005	1.02	S-Jan.2012	2.5
Outdoor equipment and supplies ⁴	0.366	-1.4	-0.007	0.77	S-Feb.2011	-1.9
Housekeeping supplies.....	0.899	3.7	0.032	0.51	S-Jan.2012	3.2
Household cleaning products ⁴	0.366	2.9	0.010	0.81	L-Dec.2011	3.2
Household paper products ⁴	0.243	4.6	0.011	0.92	S-Jan.2012	3.3
Miscellaneous household products ⁴	0.291	3.8	0.011	1.02	S-Jan.2012	3.7
Apparel.....	3.527	4.9	0.176	0.95	L-Jan.1991	6.1
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.850	6.2	0.053	1.06	L-Nov.2011	6.3
Men's apparel.....	0.677	5.1	0.036	1.19	S-Oct.2011	4.4
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.123	5.1	0.006	3.03	S-Dec.2011	0.0
Men's furnishings.....	0.179	5.5	0.010	2.44	S-Sep.2011	5.1
Men's shirts and sweaters ⁴	0.208	4.8	0.011	2.52	L-Jan.2012	5.4
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.160	6.2	0.009	2.41	S-Dec.2011	5.9
Boys' apparel.....	0.173	10.4	0.018	2.92	L-EVER	-
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.482	5.5	0.083	1.86	L-Feb.1991	6.5
Women's apparel.....	1.232	4.9	0.061	2.10	L-Feb.2007	5.2
Women's outerwear.....	0.086	3.1	0.007	9.10	S-Jan.2012	2.4
Women's dresses.....	0.163	15.3	0.028	6.62	L-Mar.1993	16.8
Women's suits and separates ⁴	0.579	1.3	0.006	2.06	S-Jul.2011	0.9
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ⁴	0.389	5.4	0.020	3.96	S-Oct.2011	4.9
Girls' apparel.....	0.249	8.9	0.022	4.48	L-Jan.2012	9.5
Footwear.....	0.669	1.2	0.008	1.07	L-Dec.2011	1.3
Men's footwear.....	0.208	1.7	0.004	1.63	S-Jan.2012	1.0
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.148	-0.3	0.000	2.62	S-Jan.2011	-1.4
Women's footwear.....	0.313	1.5	0.005	1.73	L-Aug.2010	3.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.199	7.5	0.014	2.01	L-Jan.2012	7.5
Jewelry and watches ⁸	0.327	5.3	0.017	2.42	-	-
Watches ⁸	0.089	1.2	0.002	1.57	L-Dec.2011	1.3
Jewelry ⁸	0.239	5.9	0.015	2.79	S-Nov.2010	3.9
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ¹¹	5.585	2.9	0.172	0.19	S-Apr.2011	2.8
New vehicles.....	3.197	2.5	0.084	0.30	S-Apr.2011	2.4
New cars and trucks ⁴ · ⁵		2.5		0.30	S-Apr.2011	2.4
New cars ⁵		2.7		0.40	S-Apr.2011	2.2
New trucks ¹³ · ⁵		2.2		0.30	S-Feb.2011	1.9
Used cars and trucks.....	1.882	3.2	0.065	0.22	L-Jan.2012	3.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment.....	0.436	5.4	0.022	0.44	L-Jan.2012	5.4
Tires.....	0.298	5.8	0.016	0.63	L-Jan.2012	6.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires ⁴	0.139	4.6	0.006	0.68	L-Dec.2011	5.0
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ⁵ ...		2.3		0.63	L-Dec.2011	3.0
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ⁵		15.2		1.76	L-May 2009	15.2
Medical care commodities.....	1.725	3.3	0.054	0.40	-	-
Medicinal drugs ¹¹	1.646	3.4	0.054	0.41	S-Jan.2012	3.4
Prescription drugs.....	1.335	4.2	0.054	0.44	S-Jan.2012	4.2
Nonprescription drugs ¹¹	0.311	0.1	0.000	0.88	L-Jan.2012	0.2
Medical equipment and supplies ¹¹	0.079	0.5	0.000	0.82	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Recreation commodities ¹¹	2.340	-1.3	-0.032	0.39	-	-
Video and audio products ¹¹	0.432	-9.3	-0.040	0.60	S-Jan.2011	-9.7
Televisions.....	0.172	-18.7	-0.031	1.34	S-Dec.2010	-19.1
Other video equipment ⁴	0.028	-11.4	-0.003	1.56	S-Jan.2012	-12.4
Audio equipment.....	0.074	-6.2	-0.005	1.07	-	-
Audio discs, tapes and other media ⁴	0.045	-3.7	-0.002	1.35	S-Nov.2010	-5.3
Pets and pet products.....	0.690	2.6	0.019	0.79	L-Jan.2012	2.6
Pet food ⁴ · ⁵		3.2		0.92	S-Jun.2011	2.1

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Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ⁴ · ⁵		1.1		1.71	L-Dec.2011	2.2
Sporting goods.....	0.464	-0.3	-0.002	0.84	S-Nov.2011	-0.9
Sports vehicles including bicycles.....	0.244	2.0	0.006	0.89	S-Nov.2010	1.8
Sports equipment.....	0.210	-3.1	-0.009	1.45	S-Dec.2011	-4.5
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.054	-2.4	-0.001	1.54	S-Jul.2011	-3.7
Film and photographic supplies ⁴ · ⁵		8.3		2.11	S-Jan.2012	7.6
Photographic equipment ⁴ · ⁵		-4.6		2.64	S-Jul.2011	-5.3
Recreational reading materials.....	0.222	1.5	0.004	1.14	L-Apr.2010	1.7
Newspapers and magazines ⁴	0.120	4.8	0.006	0.90	L-Dec.2009	4.9
Recreational books ⁴	0.099	-2.4	-0.003	2.06	L-May 2011	-1.9
Other recreational goods ⁴	0.477	-2.3	-0.010	1.11	L-Aug.2011	-2.1
Toys.....	0.357	-3.3	-0.011	1.36	L-Aug.2011	-2.9
Toys ⁵ , games, hobbies and playground equipment ⁴		0.2		1.11	L-EVER	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ⁴	0.061	1.8	0.001	1.76	L-Jan.2012	2.1
Music instruments and accessories ⁴	0.039	-1.1	0.000	1.08	S-Jan.2012	-1.4
Education and communication commodities ¹¹	0.608	-3.5	-0.018	0.84	-	-
Educational books and supplies.....	0.202	5.3	0.011	1.03	-	-
College textbooks ¹⁴ · ⁵		5.6		1.03	-	-
Information technology commodities ¹¹	0.406	-8.8	-0.029	1.09	L-Jul.2011	-7.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	0.268	-11.1	-0.025	1.28	S-Jan.2012	-11.8
Computer software and accessories ⁴	0.049	-3.3	-0.002	2.07	L-Jan.2012	-2.0
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ⁴	0.089	-4.4	-0.003	2.89	L-Oct.2011	-4.2
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.953	2.0	0.020	0.45	S-Dec.2011	1.4
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.576	0.9	0.005	0.43	L-Jan.2012	1.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.275	2.5	0.007	0.60	S-Jan.2012	2.3
Distilled spirits at home.....	0.072	0.3	0.000	0.67	L-Jan.2012	0.8
Whiskey at home ⁵		1.2		0.93	S-Sep.2011	1.2
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ⁵		0.5		1.00	L-Nov.2011	0.6
Wine at home.....	0.229	-1.1	-0.002	0.79	L-Jan.2012	-0.7
Alcoholic beverages away from home.....	0.377	3.6	0.015	1.04	S-Dec.2011	3.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ⁴ · ⁵		1.7		0.68	S-Jan.2012	1.7
Wine away from home ⁴ · ⁵		2.7		0.98	L-Sep.2011	2.7
Distilled spirits away from home ⁴ · ⁵		4.2		1.83	S-Dec.2011	4.0
Other goods ¹¹	1.656	1.3	0.022	0.47	L-Jan.2012	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products.....	0.798	1.8	0.016	0.67	S-Aug.2011	1.8
Cigarettes ⁴	0.738	1.7	0.014	0.71	S-Aug.2011	1.6
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ⁴	0.054	3.5	0.002	1.05	-	-
Personal care products.....	0.649	1.0	0.007	0.71	L-Oct.2009	1.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ⁴	0.340	0.8	0.003	1.12	L-Feb.2010	0.8
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements.....	0.303	1.1	0.003	0.90	L-Jan.2012	2.2
Miscellaneous personal goods ⁴	0.209	-0.3	-0.001	1.02	S-Dec.2011	-1.0
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ⁵		0.4		1.16	S-Oct.2011	0.4
Infants' equipment ⁷ · ⁵		-3.5		1.18	-	-
Services less energy services.....	55.949	2.3	1.295	0.10	L-Jan.2012	2.3
Shelter.....	31.413	2.1	0.666	0.13	L-Nov.2008	2.2
Rent of shelter ¹⁵	31.068	2.1	0.655	0.14	L-Nov.2008	2.2
Rent of primary residence ¹⁰	6.453	2.5	0.152	0.18	-	-
Lodging away from home ⁴	0.793	3.5	0.027	1.03	S-Jan.2012	2.3
Housing at school, excluding board ¹⁰ · ¹⁵	0.154	3.8	0.006	0.32	-	-
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.639	3.4	0.021	1.27	S-Jan.2012	1.9

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Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{10, 15}	23.823	2.0	0.476	0.15	L-May 2009	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{10, 15}	22.416	2.0	0.445	0.15	L-May 2009	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance ⁴	0.345	3.3	0.011	0.94	L-Nov.2010	4.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ⁴	1.163	4.8	0.054	0.48	L-Oct.2011	4.9
Water and sewerage maintenance ¹⁰	0.874	5.6	0.047	0.63	L-Oct.2011	5.6
Garbage and trash collection ¹³	0.288	2.5	0.007	0.48	L-Dec.2011	2.8
Household operations ⁴	0.727	2.5	0.019	0.42	L-Apr.2009	3.4
Domestic services ⁴	0.250	1.2	0.003	0.53	L-Jan.2011	1.6
Gardening and lawn care services ⁴	0.238	2.1	0.005	0.42	L-Jul.2009	2.3
Moving, storage, freight expense ⁴	0.091	4.5	0.004	2.54	L-Mar.2006	5.3
Repair of household items ⁴	0.076	6.2	0.005	1.03	L-Sep.2008	6.8
Medical care services.....	5.358	3.5	0.180	0.23	L-Jan.2012	3.7
Professional services.....	2.989	1.4	0.040	0.24	—	—
Physicians' services ¹⁰	1.600	1.3	0.019	0.39	—	—
Dental services ¹⁰	0.760	2.2	0.016	0.38	S-Dec.2011	2.2
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁸	0.251	0.5	0.001	0.69	—	—
Services by other medical professionals ^{10, 8}	0.378	1.1	0.004	0.34	L-Dec.2011	1.3
Hospital and related services.....	1.745	4.8	0.082	0.43	S-Sep.2005	4.6
Hospital services ^{10, 16}	1.522	5.2	0.076	0.50	S-Dec.2005	5.2
Inpatient hospital services ^{10, 16, 5}		5.3		1.10	S-Jan.2009	5.3
Outpatient hospital services ^{10, 8, 5}		4.9		0.81	—	—
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{10, 16}	0.137	3.3	0.005	0.34	S-Jan.2012	3.2
Care of invalids and elderly at home ⁷	0.086	1.2	0.001	0.62	S-May 2010	1.0
Health insurance ⁷	0.624	11.3	0.058	0.24	L-Sep.2007	11.7
Transportation services.....	5.739	1.4	0.087	0.34	S-Aug.2009	1.4
Leased cars and trucks ¹⁴	0.392	-4.3	-0.022	1.06	S-Mar.2011	-4.5
Car and truck rental ⁴	0.066	-1.7	-0.001	2.53	S-Aug.2011	-1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair.....	1.151	2.3	0.027	0.32	S-Jan.2012	2.3
Motor vehicle body work.....	0.057	1.9	0.001	0.61	L-Nov.2011	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing.....	0.458	2.4	0.011	0.46	—	—
Motor vehicle repair ⁴	0.600	2.3	0.014	0.47	S-Jan.2012	2.3
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.401	2.8	0.072	0.69	L-Jan.2012	3.1
Motor vehicle fees ⁴	0.563	3.0	0.016	0.40	—	—
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{10, 4}	0.328	0.9	0.003	0.59	—	—
Parking and other fees ⁴	0.212	6.4	0.013	0.37	S-Jan.2012	6.2
Parking fees and tolls ^{4, 5}		8.8		0.65	L-Sep.2009	9.0
Automobile service clubs ^{4, 5}		0.9		0.62	S-Aug.2011	0.6
Public transportation.....	1.166	-0.3	-0.004	0.74	S-Oct.2009	-4.5
Airline fare.....	0.759	-0.8	-0.008	1.04	S-Oct.2009	-6.5
Other intercity transportation.....	0.146	-2.8	-0.004	1.41	—	—
Intercity bus fare ^{6, 5}				0.72	—	—
Intercity train fare ^{6, 5}		-4.5		2.70	S-Jan.2012	-4.7
Ship fare ^{4, 5}		-3.5		1.72	L-Jan.2012	-1.5
Intracity transportation.....	0.258	3.0	0.008	0.48	L-Dec.2011	4.3
Intracity mass transit ^{11, 5}		2.0		1.48	S-Jan.2012	1.7
Recreation services ¹¹	3.695	2.9	0.108	0.50	L-Jan.2012	3.1
Video and audio services ¹¹	1.497	4.4	0.063	0.78	L-Jan.2012	4.5
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹³ ..	1.385	4.4	0.059	0.83	L-Jul.2006	5.9
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ⁴	0.112	3.4	0.005	3.13	S-Jun.2011	0.7
Video discs and other media ^{4, 5}		-6.9		3.14	S-Feb.2011	-8.0
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{4, 5}		13.2		4.48	S-Sep.2011	12.5

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Pet services including veterinary ⁴	0.407	3.2	0.013	1.14	S-Jun.2010	3.1
Pet services ^{4, 5}		2.8		1.05	S-Jan.2011	2.4
Veterinarian services ^{4, 5}		2.8		1.50	S-Mar.2010	2.3
Photographers and film processing ⁴	0.058	2.6	0.003	1.20	L-Jan.2012	3.1
Photographer fees ^{4, 5}		3.4		1.73	S-Nov.2011	2.7
Film processing ^{4, 5}		2.6		1.08	L-Jan.2012	2.9
Other recreation services ⁴	1.732	1.6	0.029	0.79	L-Jan.2012	1.7
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ⁴	0.568	3.4	0.019	1.56	L-Sep.2006	4.1
Admissions.....	0.629	0.5	0.003	1.05	L-Jan.2012	1.3
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{4, 5}						
Admission to sporting events ^{4, 5}		0.3		1.24	—	—
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁸	0.230	1.3		1.31	L-Jan.2012	1.5
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Education and communication services ¹¹	6.153	2.5	0.143	0.26	L-EVER	—
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare.....	2.990	4.3	0.123	0.44	—	—
College tuition and fees.....	1.678	5.4	0.081	0.77	—	—
Elementary and high school tuition and fees.....	0.379	3.6	0.015	0.51	S-Aug.2010	3.5
Child care and nursery school ¹²	0.772	2.4	0.019	0.35	—	—
Technical and business school tuition and fees ⁴	0.059	6.4	0.003	0.81	L-Jul.2008	6.4
Postage and delivery services ⁴	0.150	4.1	0.006	0.29	—	—
Postage.....	0.139	3.9	0.005	0.30	—	—
Delivery services ⁴	0.010	6.7	0.001	0.43	S-Dec.2009	1.6
Telephone services ⁴	2.416	0.5	0.013	0.33	L-Jan.2010	0.8
Wireless telephone services ⁴	1.471	-0.7	-0.008	0.50	L-Oct.2009	0.2
Land-line telephone services ¹¹	0.945	2.1	0.021	0.36	L-Dec.2010	2.2
Internet services and electronic information providers ⁴	0.583	0.1	0.002	0.77	S-Dec.2011	-0.5
Other personal services ¹¹	1.701	2.2	0.037	0.40	L-Jan.2012	2.2
Personal care services.....	0.629	1.4	0.009	0.47	L-Jul.2010	1.4
Haircuts and other personal care services ⁴	0.629	1.4	0.009	0.47	L-Jul.2010	1.4
Miscellaneous personal services.....	1.072	2.7	0.028	0.46	L-Jan.2012	2.9
Legal services ⁹	0.295	2.0	0.006	1.07	L-Jan.2012	2.0
Funeral expenses ⁸	0.159	1.9	0.003	0.45	S-Aug.2010	1.9
Laundry and dry cleaning services ⁴	0.239	1.6	0.004	0.51	L-Feb.2011	1.9
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ⁴	0.030	4.7	0.002	0.95	L-Jan.2012	4.9
Financial services ⁸	0.208	5.7	0.011	1.11	L-Jan.2012	7.1
Checking account and other bank services ^{4, 5}						
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{4, 5}		8.9		1.54	S-Jan.2012	7.3
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{4, 5}		5.8		1.27	—	—
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less food.....	85.745	2.6	2.195	0.08	S-Feb.2011	2.1
All items less shelter.....	68.587	2.9	1.985	0.08	S-Feb.2011	2.7
All items less food and shelter.....	54.332	2.8	1.529	0.10	S-Jan.2011	2.2
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.309	2.4	1.050	0.11	L-Jan.2012	2.5
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.427	2.3	0.985	0.12	—	—
All items less medical care.....	92.917	2.6	2.417	0.08	S-Feb.2011	2.1
All items less energy.....	89.978	2.4	2.172	0.08	—	—
Commodities.....	40.250	3.5	1.427	0.12	S-Feb.2011	3.1
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks...	17.891	2.0	0.357	0.22	L-Jan.2012	2.1
Commodities less food.....	25.995	3.7	0.971	0.17	S-Feb.2011	3.6
Commodities less food and beverages.....	25.041	3.8	0.951	0.18	S-Feb.2011	3.7

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Services.....	59.750	2.1	1.225	0.10	L-Jan.2012	2.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹⁵	28.682	2.0	0.569	0.13	—	—
Services less medical care services.....	54.392	1.9	1.045	0.10	—	—
Durables.....	8.930	1.1	0.102	0.18	S-Apr.2011	0.7
Nondurables.....	31.320	4.2	1.325	0.15	S-Jan.2011	3.3
Nondurables less food.....	17.065	5.1	0.869	0.26	S-Jan.2011	4.4
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	16.112	5.3	0.849	0.27	S-Jan.2011	4.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.585	5.3	0.674	0.16	S-Nov.2010	3.5
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.538	5.1	0.693	0.15	S-Nov.2010	3.3
Housing.....	40.832	1.7	0.711	0.11	S-Aug.2011	1.6
Education and communication ⁴	6.761	2.0	0.125	0.25	L-Jul.2010	2.1
Education ⁴	3.192	4.3	0.133	0.41	S-Jul.2011	4.0
Communication ⁴	3.569	-0.3	-0.008	0.27	L-Aug.2010	-0.3
Information and information processing ⁴	3.420	-0.5	-0.014	0.28	L-Nov.2010	-0.5
Information technology, hardware and services ¹⁷	1.004	-3.6	-0.027	0.59	—	—
Recreation ⁴	6.035	1.2	0.076	0.35	L-Jan.2012	1.4
Video and audio ⁴	1.930	1.2	0.023	0.65	L-Jan.2012	1.5
Pets, pet products and services ⁴	1.097	2.8	0.032	0.62	L-Jan.2012	3.3
Photography ⁴	0.114	0.5	0.001	0.94	S-Jul.2011	-0.3
Food and beverages.....	15.209	3.2	0.476	0.14	S-Apr.2011	3.1
Domestically produced farm food.....	7.263	3.7	0.247	0.21	S-Mar.2011	3.7
Other services.....	11.549	2.6	0.289	0.22	L-Aug.2009	2.7
Apparel less footwear.....	2.858	5.8	0.167	1.12	L-Jan.1991	6.5
Fuels and utilities.....	5.313	0.0	-0.002	0.27	S-Feb.2010	-1.3
Household energy.....	4.151	-1.3	-0.055	0.31	S-Feb.2010	-3.0
Medical care.....	7.083	3.5	0.234	0.18	L-Jan.2012	3.6
Transportation.....	17.196	4.7	0.793	0.15	S-Nov.2010	3.7
Private transportation.....	16.030	5.0	0.798	0.15	S-Nov.2010	3.7
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	5.607	2.1	0.128	0.21	S-Mar.2011	1.3
Utilities and public transportation.....	9.930	0.5	0.051	0.23	S-Feb.2010	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.106	1.1	0.046	0.29	S-Jan.2012	1.0

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Other goods and services.....	3.357	1.7	0.060	0.33	L-Jan.2012	1.7
Personal care.....	2.559	1.7	0.043	0.35	L-Apr.2009	1.9

1 The 'effect' of an item category is a measure of that item's contribution to the All items price change. For example, if the Food index had an effect of 0.40, and the All items index rose 1.2 percent, then the increase in food prices contributed 0.40 / 1.2, or 33.3 percent, to that All items increase. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged for that year the change in the All items index would have been 1.2 percent minus 0.40, or 0.8 percent. Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged. Since food prices fell while prices overall were rising, the contribution of food to the All items price change was negative (in this case, -0.1 / 0.5, or minus 20 percent).

2 A statistic's margin of error is often expressed as its point estimate plus or minus two standard errors. For example, if a CPI category rose 2.6 percent, and its standard error was 0.25 percent, the margin of error on this item's 12-month percent change would be 2.6 percent, plus or minus 0.5 percent.

3 If the current 12-month percent change is greater than the previous 12-month percent change, then this column identifies the closest prior month with a 12-month percent change as (L)arger as or (L)arger than the current 12-month change. If the current 12-month percent change is smaller than the previous 12-month percent change, the most recent month with a change as (S)mall or (S)smaller than the current month change is identified. If the current and previous 12-month percent changes are equal, a dash will appear. Standard numerical comparison is used. For example, 2.0% is greater than 0.6%, -4.4% is less than -2.0%, and -2.0% is less than 0.0%. Note that a (L)arger change can be a smaller decline, for example, a -0.2% change is larger than a -0.4% change, but still represents a decline in the price index. Likewise, (S)smaller changes can be increases, for example, a 0.6% change is smaller than 0.8%, but still represents an increase in the price index. In this context, a -0.2% change is considered to be smaller than a 0.0% change.

4 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

5 Special indexes based on a substantially smaller sample. These series do not contribute to the all items index aggregation and therefore do not have a relative importance or effect.

6 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

11 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

12 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

15 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

16 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

17 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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