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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MARCH 2005

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent in March, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The March level of 193.3 (1982-84=100) was 3.1 percent higher than in March 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.7 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March level of 188.6 was 3.1 percent higher than in March 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.7 percent in March on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The March level of 112.5 (December 1999=100) was 2.6 percent higher than in March 2004. Please note that the indexes for the post-2002 period are subject to revision.

### CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.6 percent in March, following an increase of 0.4 percent in February. Energy costs advanced sharply for the second consecutive month--up 4.0 percent in March. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy increased 7.8 percent, while the index for energy services decreased 0.3 percent. The index for food rose 0.2 percent, as the index for food at home turned up in March after registering declines in each of the preceding three months. The index for all items less food and energy, which rose 0.3 percent in February, increased 0.4 percent in March. An upturn in the index for apparel and a larger increase in the index for lodging while away from home accounted for the larger advance in March.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. '05	
	Changes from preceding month						Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Mar. '05		
	2004				2005				
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.			Mar.
All Items	.2	.6	.3	.0	.1	.4	.6	4.3	3.1
Food and beverages	.0	.5	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	1.5	2.5
Housing	.3	.2	.3	.2	.1	.4	.5	3.8	3.3
Apparel	.0	.0	.2	-.4	.3	-.2	.8	3.4	.0
Transportation	.2	2.1	.2	-.7	-.2	.8	1.9	10.3	5.2
Medical care	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4	.6	.5	6.0	4.3
Recreation	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	-.2	.0	-.4	.2
Education and communication	.4	-.2	.4	.1	.1	.3	.2	2.2	1.4
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.1	.4	.4	.3	.1	3.3	2.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.3	4.0	1.0	-1.3	-1.1	2.0	4.0	21.1	12.4
Food	-.1	.6	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	1.3	2.5
All Items less food and energy	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.4	3.3	2.3

For the first three months of 2005, consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 4.3 percent. This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent for all of 2004. The index for energy, which rose 16.6 percent in 2004, advanced at a 21.1 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2005 and accounted for about three-eighths of the first quarter advance in the overall CPI-U. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 39.6 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 2.3 percent annual rate. The food index rose at a 1.3 percent SAAR in the first quarter of 2005. The index for grocery store food prices decreased at a 0.8 percent annual rate, reflecting a decline in the index for fruits and vegetables--down at an annual rate of 21.1 percent.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.3 percent SAAR in the first quarter, following a 2.2 percent rise in all of 2004. While most categories advanced at a faster rate in the first quarter of 2005 than in all of 2004, about 70 percent of the acceleration was accounted for by a larger increase in the index for shelter--up at a 4.4 percent SAAR in the first quarter after increasing 2.7 percent in all of 2004. An upturn in the index for apparel and a larger increase in the index for medical care also contributed to the acceleration in the first quarter of 2005. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and one-quarter years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 3 mos. ended in March
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All items	1.6	2.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	4.3
Food and beverages	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	1.5
Housing	2.3	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	3.8
Apparel	-.7	-.5	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	3.4
Transportation	-1.7	5.4	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	10.3
Medical care	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	6.0
Recreation	1.2	.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	-.4
Education and communication	.7	1.6	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.2
Other goods and services	8.8	5.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.3
Special indexes								
Energy	-8.8	13.4	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	21.1
Energy commodities	-15.1	29.5	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	39.6
Energy services	-3.3	1.2	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	2.3
All items less energy	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.9
Food	2.3	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	1.3
All items less food and energy	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	3.3

The food and beverages index increased 0.2 percent in March. The index for food at home, which had declined in each of the preceding three months, advanced 0.2 percent in March. The indexes for nonalcoholic beverages, for dairy products, and for other food at home, each of which had declined in February, turned up in March, accounting for 95 percent of the acceleration in the food at home index. Also contributing to the upturn were a smaller decline in the index for fruits and vegetables and a larger increase in the index for cereal and bakery products. Partially offsetting these changes was a smaller increase in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Within the latter group, poultry and beef prices rose 1.6 and 0.7 percent, respectively, while the indexes for pork and for fish and seafood declined 0.8 and 0.4 percent, respectively. The index for eggs, which rose 3.0 percent in February, declined 4.5 percent in March. The index for fruits and vegetables declined 0.5 percent in March, its fourth consecutive monthly decline. The indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables declined 2.6 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while the index for fresh vegetables increased 1.6 percent. The index for milk, which declined 1.0 percent in February, rose 1.3 percent in March, accounting for the upturn in the index for dairy products. The index for cereals and bakery products increased 0.2 percent in March, following a 0.1 percent rise in February. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.5 percent in March. Shelter costs, which rose 0.3 percent in February, increased 0.6 percent in March, largely as a result of a 3.9 percent advance in the index for lodging away from home. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home rose 7.3 percent.) The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.1 percent, following a 0.8 percent increase in February. The index for fuel oil increased 5.9 percent, while the index for gas and electricity declined 0.3 percent. A 1.7 percent decrease in the index for natural gas more than offset a 0.4 percent increase in the index for electricity. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in March.

The transportation index rose 1.9 percent in March, largely as a result of a 7.9 percent increase in the index for gasoline. As of March, the price of gasoline was 4.2 percent higher than its previous peak level of June 2004. The index for new vehicles turned down in March, declining 0.4 percent, its first decrease in six months. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have risen 0.9 percent. The index for used cars and trucks rose 0.1 percent in March to a level 5.0 percent above March 2004. The index for public transportation increased 1.3 percent in March, reflecting increases in the indexes for airline fares and for intracity transportation. Airline fares registered their second consecutive advance, up 2.7 percent in March, but are 1.4 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for apparel increased 0.8 percent in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 4.0 percent, reflecting the continued introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's and girls' apparel registered the largest advance--up 7.1 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.5 percent in March to a level 4.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged in March. The index for medical care services rose 0.6 percent in March. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation was unchanged in March. Increases in the indexes for cable and satellite television and radio service, for admissions to sporting events, for recreational reading materials, and for pets, pet products and services were offset by declines in the indexes for club membership dues and fees for participant sports, for toys, and for sporting goods.

The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in March. The education index rose 0.5 percent, while the index for communication costs declined 0.2 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services decreased 0.1 percent, as a decline in long distance charges, both land line and wireless, more than offset an increase in local telephone charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 0.7 percent in March and 15.2 percent during the last 12 months.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.1 percent in March. The indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal care each increased 0.1 percent. The index for miscellaneous personal

services rose 0.2 percent, reflecting a 0.4 percent increase in financial services associated with tax return preparation and other accounting fees.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.6 percent in March.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Mar. '05	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004				2005				
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
All Items	.2	.6	.3	-.1	.1	.4	.6	4.4	3.1
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Housing	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.4	.3	3.5	3.1
Apparel	.1	.0	.2	-.3	.5	-.1	.5	3.7	.1
Transportation	.4	2.2	.1	-.5	-.3	.8	2.1	10.6	5.7
Medical care	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.6	.4	5.7	4.4
Recreation	.1	.1	.1	-.1	.2	-.2	.0	.0	.0
Education and communication	.4	-.3	.3	.1	.1	.3	.1	1.8	.8
Other goods and services	.2	.1	.2	.4	.5	.4	.0	3.7	2.8
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.3	4.2	.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.0	4.4	22.0	12.5
Food	-.1	.6	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	1.3	2.6
All Items less food and energy	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	2.7	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for April are scheduled for release on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

#### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## **A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data**

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2000 through December 2004 were replaced in January 2005. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U  Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items .....	100.000	191.8	193.3	3.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	-	574.5	579.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.291	189.3	189.6	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food .....	14.295	188.8	189.1	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food at home .....	8.183	188.0	188.1	2.1	.1	-2	-2	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.185	208.4	208.5	1.8	.0	.1	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.272	183.9	184.3	2.7	.2	.2	.3	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.849	181.8	181.4	5.5	-2	2.2	-8	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.276	234.8	233.7	1.6	-5	-4.6	-7	-5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	142.5	143.6	2.0	.8	.4	-1	1.0
Other food at home .....	1.716	165.3	165.7	.4	.2	.8	-2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	164.2	162.6	-4	-1.0	-2	.5	-9
Fats and oils .....	.258	169.3	167.0	.5	-1.4	.6	-9	-1.3
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.163	179.7	181.3	.5	.9	1.1	-3	.9
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.301	110.3	111.9	.2	1.5	-6	.2	1.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.113	191.4	191.7	3.2	.2	.5	.3	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.332	128.7	129.4	4.3	.5	.5	.9	.5
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	.996	195.2	195.7	2.6	.3	.2	.5	.3
Housing .....	41.993	192.7	194.1	3.3	.7	.1	.4	.5
Shelter .....	32.686	222.5	224.4	3.0	.9	.2	.3	.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	6.133	215.0	215.5	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	3.008	128.9	138.3	8.0	7.3	-7	1.1	3.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.158	228.4	228.7	2.4	.1	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	118.7	119.0	3.4	.3	-2	.2	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	4.951	166.4	166.7	7.4	.2	-1	.8	.1
Fuels .....	4.021	148.1	148.4	7.8	.2	-3	.8	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	188.5	195.5	28.2	3.7	-4.9	1.4	4.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	152.9	152.7	6.4	-1	.1	.8	-3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	128.5	128.9	5.5	.3	.9	.6	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.355	126.1	126.1	.3	.0	.1	-2	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	128.6	128.3	3.8	-2	.7	.5	-2
Apparel .....	3.841	118.7	123.5	.0	4.0	.3	-2	.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	116.3	119.6	-2	2.8	1.0	-2	.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.638	109.3	117.1	-4	7.1	-4	-6	2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	118.1	119.0	-2.4	.8	1.1	-7	-1.3
Footwear .....	.765	121.1	122.8	2.2	1.4	1.4	.8	-9
Transportation .....	17.414	166.1	168.8	5.2	1.6	-2	.8	1.9
Private transportation .....	16.385	162.6	165.2	5.5	1.6	-2	.8	2.0
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.744	95.9	95.6	1.5	-3	.4	.1	-1
New vehicles .....	4.692	139.9	139.1	.9	-6	.7	.1	-4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.037	137.6	137.7	5.0	.1	.1	.1	.1
Motor fuel .....	3.969	164.3	175.9	16.9	7.1	-2.0	3.2	8.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.934	163.4	175.0	16.8	7.1	-2.1	3.2	7.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	110.9	110.9	2.9	.0	.6	.3	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.341	203.9	204.7	3.1	.4	.4	-1	.6
Public transportation .....	1.029	205.9	210.1	.1	2.0	-8	.0	1.3
Medical care .....	6.132	319.3	320.7	4.3	.4	.4	.6	.5
Medical care commodities .....	1.484	272.8	273.2	2.2	.1	.3	.4	.0
Medical care services .....	4.649	332.5	334.3	5.0	.5	.4	.6	.6
Professional services .....	2.767	278.6	279.7	3.7	.4	.3	.7	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.516	434.7	437.3	5.7	.6	.5	.7	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.733	109.0	109.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.691	104.3	104.6	.3	.3	-2	-5	.5
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.846	112.8	112.7	1.4	-1	.1	.3	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.931	149.2	149.3	6.2	.1	.3	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	359.9	360.6	3.4	.2	-5	.0	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.712	430.6	430.9	6.5	.1	.3	.5	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.914	85.4	85.2	-2.9	-2	.0	.0	-2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.737	83.3	83.1	-3.0	-2	-1	.1	-2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.187	95.1	95.0	-1.8	-1	.0	.3	-1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.550	14.0	14.0	-7.9	.0	.0	-1.4	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.192	13.5	13.4	-15.2	-7	.7	-3.6	-7
Other goods and services .....	3.750	310.8	311.2	2.7	.1	.4	.3	.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.804	496.1	496.6	4.9	.1	1.9	.4	.1
Personal care .....	2.946	184.4	184.7	2.1	.2	-1	.3	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.658	153.9	153.0	-1.0	-6	-2	.5	-6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.652	202.9	203.3	3.8	.2	.3	.5	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.454	299.8	300.8	3.2	.3	.0	.1	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.239	156.5	158.2	2.9	1.1	.0	.4	.9
Food and beverages .....	15.291	189.3	189.6	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.948	138.1	140.4	3.2	1.7	-1	.5	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.980	158.6	163.7	5.4	3.2	-1.2	.3	1.7
Apparel .....	3.841	118.7	123.5	.0	4.0	.3	-2	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.139	187.3	192.7	7.6	2.9	-1.3	1.8	3.2
Durables .....	10.967	116.0	115.7	.5	-3	.3	.1	-3
Services .....	59.761	226.8	228.0	3.2	.5	.2	.3	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.300	231.7	233.7	3.0	.9	.2	.4	.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	118.7	119.0	3.4	.3	-2	.2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	152.9	152.7	6.4	-1	.1	.8	-3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	128.5	128.9	5.5	.3	.9	.6	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	128.6	128.3	3.8	-2	.7	.5	-2
Transportation services .....	6.235	222.4	223.3	1.6	.4	.0	.0	.4
Medical care services .....	4.649	332.5	334.3	5.0	.5	.4	.6	.6
Other services .....	10.833	265.8	266.1	2.5	.1	.2	.2	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.705	192.3	194.0	3.2	.9	.1	.4	.7
All items less shelter .....	67.314	181.9	183.2	3.2	.7	.1	.3	.7
All items less medical care .....	93.868	185.3	186.8	3.0	.8	.1	.3	.6
Commodities less food .....	25.943	140.2	142.5	3.3	1.6	-1	.6	1.4
Nondurables less food .....	14.976	160.8	165.6	5.1	3.0	-1.2	.4	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.135	187.2	192.1	7.1	2.6	-1.2	1.8	3.0
Nondurables .....	29.271	174.2	177.0	3.9	1.6	-5	.2	.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.462	238.0	238.5	3.4	.2	.1	.1	.3
Services less medical care services .....	55.113	218.0	219.2	3.1	.6	.2	.3	.4
Energy .....	7.991	155.2	160.8	12.4	3.6	-1.1	2.0	4.0
All items less energy .....	92.009	197.3	198.3	2.4	.5	.2	.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	77.714	199.5	200.7	2.3	.6	.2	.3	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.674	140.3	141.1	.6	.6	.3	.0	.0
Energy commodities .....	4.269	166.6	178.0	17.6	6.8	-2.2	3.1	7.8
Services less energy services .....	56.040	234.3	235.7	3.0	.6	.2	.3	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.521	\$.517	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.174	\$.173	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2004	Sep. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2004	Mar. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	191.2	191.3	192.0	193.2	4.3	0.6	3.4	4.3	2.5	3.8
Food and beverages .....	188.9	189.1	189.2	189.6	4.6	1.1	3.2	1.5	2.8	2.4
Food .....	188.4	188.6	188.7	189.0	4.6	.9	3.5	1.3	2.7	2.4
Food at home .....	188.4	188.0	187.7	188.0	6.2	-1.5	4.6	-8	2.3	1.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	207.8	208.0	208.2	208.7	1.6	1.4	2.3	1.7	1.5	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	183.2	183.5	184.0	184.4	6.4	1.5	.4	2.6	3.9	1.5
Dairy and related products .....	179.2	183.1	181.6	181.9	48.5	-18.2	-3.7	6.2	10.2	1.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	247.3	235.9	234.2	233.1	-2.6	1.9	36.0	-21.1	-3	3.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	141.2	141.7	141.5	142.9	-6	2.3	1.4	4.9	.9	3.2
Other food at home .....	164.2	165.5	165.1	165.5	2.2	-1.9	-2.2	3.2	.1	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	162.9	162.5	163.3	161.9	-2	2.0	-1.2	-2.4	.9	-1.8
Fats and oils .....	169.3	170.3	168.8	166.6	15.3	-4.6	-1.2	-6.2	4.9	-3.7
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	178.3	180.3	179.7	181.3	.2	-2.4	-2.4	6.9	-1.1	2.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.8	110.1	110.3	111.9	-2.8	-1.4	1.1	4.0	-2.1	2.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	189.9	190.8	191.4	191.7	2.6	4.1	2.1	3.8	3.4	3.0
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	126.9	127.5	128.7	129.4	2.9	2.3	3.5	8.1	2.6	5.8
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	193.9	194.3	195.2	195.7	3.4	2.1	1.0	3.8	2.7	2.4
Housing .....	192.1	192.3	193.0	193.9	3.7	2.6	3.0	3.8	3.1	3.4
Shelter .....	221.3	221.7	222.4	223.7	3.4	2.6	1.8	4.4	3.0	3.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	213.7	214.3	214.8	215.3	3.5	3.1	2.3	3.0	3.3	2.7
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	128.7	127.8	129.2	134.3	4.6	7.9	1.6	18.6	6.2	9.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	227.0	227.6	228.1	228.7	3.1	2.0	1.6	3.0	2.5	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.7	118.5	118.7	119.0	3.9	1.4	7.4	1.0	2.6	4.2
Fuels and utilities .....	167.7	167.6	168.9	169.0	11.7	3.8	10.9	3.1	7.6	7.0
Fuels .....	150.1	149.7	150.9	151.0	13.2	3.4	12.6	2.4	8.2	7.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	185.2	176.1	178.6	186.9	22.9	37.4	54.2	3.7	29.9	26.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	155.3	155.4	156.7	156.2	12.5	1.1	10.1	2.3	6.6	6.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	126.5	127.7	128.5	128.7	6.0	5.9	2.9	7.1	6.0	5.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.0	126.1	125.9	125.9	-3	-6	2.6	-3	-5	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.0	127.9	128.6	128.3	3.6	4.6	2.9	4.2	4.1	3.5
Apparel .....	119.9	120.3	120.0	120.9	.7	-3.3	-.7	3.4	-1.3	1.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.4	117.6	117.4	117.9	1.0	-5.3	-1.4	5.3	-2.2	1.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.9	111.5	110.8	113.0	1.1	-6.2	-.4	4.0	-2.6	1.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.1	119.4	118.6	117.1	-6.2	1.0	-1.0	-3.3	-2.6	-2.2
Footwear .....	120.3	122.0	123.0	121.9	-.7	6.5	-2.0	5.4	2.9	1.7
Transportation .....	165.6	165.3	166.6	169.7	9.5	-4.8	6.5	10.3	2.1	8.4
Private transportation .....	162.0	161.7	163.0	166.2	10.3	-4.4	6.4	10.8	2.7	8.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.0	95.4	95.5	95.4	-.4	2.6	2.6	1.7	1.1	2.1
New vehicles .....	137.8	138.8	139.0	138.5	.9	-4.3	5.1	2.0	-1.7	3.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	137.3	137.5	137.6	137.7	-1.8	19.3	2.4	1.2	8.2	1.8
Motor fuel .....	165.7	162.4	167.6	181.0	45.1	-23.3	17.7	42.4	5.5	29.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	165.0	161.6	166.8	180.0	45.7	-23.4	17.7	41.6	5.7	29.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	109.9	110.6	110.9	110.9	1.5	4.1	2.2	3.7	2.8	2.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	203.0	203.8	203.5	204.7	2.9	2.0	4.2	3.4	2.4	3.8
Public transportation .....	209.5	207.9	208.0	210.8	-3.7	-5.5	8.0	2.5	-4.6	5.2
Medical care .....	315.6	316.9	318.7	320.2	3.8	3.8	3.8	6.0	3.8	4.9
Medical care commodities .....	271.2	272.1	273.1	273.2	2.9	2.2	.7	3.0	2.6	1.9
Medical care services .....	328.1	329.5	331.5	333.6	4.1	4.3	4.8	6.9	4.2	5.8
Professional services .....	275.5	276.2	278.0	279.2	3.2	3.7	2.7	5.5	3.4	4.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	427.7	429.7	432.6	435.5	5.6	3.3	6.1	7.5	4.5	6.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2004	Sep. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2004	Mar. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.9	109.0	108.8	108.8	0.7	-0.4	0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.5	104.3	103.8	104.3	.8	.4	.8	-.8	.6	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	112.3	112.4	112.7	112.9	1.1	1.8	1.1	2.2	1.4	1.6
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	147.9	148.3	149.0	149.8	6.7	6.9	6.2	5.2	6.8	5.7
Educational books and supplies .....	358.9	357.1	357.0	358.5	4.7	1.7	7.8	-.4	3.2	3.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	426.6	428.0	430.2	432.6	6.7	7.5	5.9	5.7	7.1	5.8
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.2	-4.0	-2.7	-3.7	-.9	-3.4	-2.3
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	83.3	83.2	83.3	83.1	-4.6	-2.8	-3.8	-1.0	-3.7	-2.4
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	94.8	94.8	95.1	95.0	-3.7	-2.1	-2.1	.8	-2.9	-.6
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.2	14.2	14.0	14.0	-7.7	-5.3	-12.9	-5.5	-6.5	-9.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	13.9	14.0	13.5	13.4	-7.4	-12.3	-26.3	-13.6	-9.9	-20.2
Other goods and services .....	308.5	309.6	310.6	311.0	1.7	3.2	2.8	3.3	2.5	3.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	484.8	493.9	496.1	496.6	2.0	5.9	1.6	10.1	4.0	5.8
Personal care .....	183.8	183.7	184.3	184.5	1.6	2.4	3.1	1.5	2.0	2.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.4	153.1	153.9	153.0	-1.8	-.8	-.3	-1.0	-1.3	-.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	201.2	201.9	202.9	203.3	2.3	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.4	4.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	298.8	298.8	299.2	299.9	3.5	3.7	3.7	1.5	3.6	2.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	156.2	156.2	156.8	158.2	5.9	-2.5	3.7	5.2	1.6	4.4
Food and beverages .....	188.9	189.1	189.2	189.6	4.6	1.1	3.2	1.5	2.8	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	137.9	137.8	138.5	140.4	6.3	-4.6	4.2	7.5	.7	5.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	161.4	159.4	159.9	162.6	11.6	-5.7	13.7	3.0	2.6	8.2
Apparel .....	119.9	120.3	120.0	120.9	.7	-3.3	-.7	3.4	-1.3	1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	187.6	185.2	188.5	194.6	17.1	-9.6	9.0	15.8	2.9	12.3
Durables .....	115.3	115.7	115.8	115.5	-1.0	.3	2.5	.7	-.3	1.6
Services .....	225.7	226.2	226.9	227.9	3.5	2.7	2.7	4.0	3.1	3.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	230.4	230.8	231.7	233.0	3.2	2.5	1.8	4.6	2.8	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.7	118.5	118.7	119.0	3.9	1.4	7.4	1.0	2.6	4.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	155.3	155.4	156.7	156.2	12.5	1.1	10.1	2.3	6.6	6.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	126.5	127.7	128.5	128.7	6.0	5.9	2.9	7.1	6.0	5.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.0	127.9	128.6	128.3	3.6	4.6	2.9	4.2	4.1	3.5
Transportation services .....	222.2	222.3	222.3	223.1	1.1	1.6	2.4	1.6	1.4	2.0
Medical care services .....	328.1	329.5	331.5	333.6	4.1	4.3	4.8	6.9	4.2	5.8
Other services .....	264.5	265.0	265.5	266.0	2.2	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.4
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	191.6	191.8	192.5	193.9	4.3	.6	3.2	4.9	2.5	4.0
All items less shelter .....	181.5	181.6	182.2	183.4	4.8	-.4	4.1	4.3	2.1	4.2
All items less medical care .....	184.8	184.9	185.5	186.7	4.3	.4	3.3	4.2	2.3	3.7
Commodities less food .....	140.0	139.8	140.6	142.5	6.2	-4.2	4.1	7.3	.9	5.7
Nondurables less food .....	163.3	161.4	162.1	164.6	10.9	-4.6	12.1	3.2	2.8	7.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	187.2	185.0	188.3	193.9	15.9	-8.6	7.8	15.1	2.9	11.4
Nondurables .....	175.3	174.4	174.7	176.3	9.0	-3.4	8.1	2.3	2.6	5.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	237.6	237.9	238.2	238.9	4.0	2.8	4.5	2.2	3.4	3.3
Services less medical care services .....	217.2	217.6	218.2	219.0	3.6	2.4	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.1
Energy .....	156.9	155.1	158.2	164.6	28.2	-11.3	15.3	21.1	6.7	18.2
All items less energy .....	196.4	196.8	197.1	197.8	2.5	1.9	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.6
All items less food and energy .....	198.5	198.9	199.4	200.1	2.3	1.8	2.0	3.3	2.1	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.0	140.4	140.4	140.4	.0	-.3	1.4	1.1	-.1	1.3
Energy commodities .....	167.7	164.0	169.1	182.3	43.6	-20.6	19.8	39.6	6.8	29.3
Services less energy services .....	232.9	233.4	234.1	235.2	3.0	2.8	2.3	4.0	2.9	3.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar.2005 from—			Percent change to Feb.2005 from—		
		Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	190.3	190.7	191.8	193.3	3.1	1.4	0.8	3.0	0.8	0.6
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	201.9	202.6	203.6	206.0	3.7	1.7	1.2	3.5	.8	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.1	205.0	206.0	208.6	3.9	1.8	1.3	3.6	.9	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.2	119.4	120.1	121.3	3.3	1.6	1.0	3.0	.8	.6
Midwest urban .....	M	183.8	184.1	185.2	186.3	2.9	1.2	.6	2.8	.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	185.7	185.9	187.1	188.3	2.8	1.3	.6	2.5	.8	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.3	117.3	118.1	118.7	3.0	1.2	.5	3.0	.7	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	177.2	178.2	179.2	179.9	3.3	1.0	.4	3.6	1.1	.6
South urban .....	M	183.3	183.6	184.7	185.9	3.2	1.3	.6	3.1	.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	184.9	185.2	186.6	187.9	3.4	1.5	.7	3.2	.9	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.1	117.1	117.7	118.4	3.0	1.1	.6	3.0	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	181.9	182.3	183.1	184.5	3.8	1.2	.8	3.6	.7	.4
West urban .....	M	194.2	194.5	195.7	197.1	2.5	1.3	.7	2.6	.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	196.5	196.7	198.3	199.8	2.7	1.6	.8	2.6	.9	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.0	119.5	119.6	120.4	2.1	.8	.7	2.2	.5	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	174.0	174.3	175.5	177.0	3.2	1.5	.9	3.0	.9	.7
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.7	117.9	118.5	119.2	2.8	1.1	.6	2.9	.7	.5
D .....	M	182.4	183.0	183.7	184.8	3.3	1.0	.6	3.3	.7	.4
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	189.6	189.9	190.5	191.3	2.7	.7	.4	2.2	.5	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	195.2	195.4	197.4	199.2	4.0	1.9	.9	3.8	1.1	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	206.8	208.1	208.9	212.4	4.4	2.1	1.7	3.9	1.0	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	211.3	-	214.2	2.6	1.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	183.3	-	186.3	3.5	1.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	180.0	-	181.3	2.0	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	121.3	-	122.7	3.9	1.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	183.2	-	185.3	-	-	-	-	2.5	1.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	185.3	-	187.8	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	170.0	-	174.6	-	-	-	-	3.6	2.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	188.6	-	190.6	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	197.8	-	200.1	-	-	-	-	4.5	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	199.5	-	201.2	-	-	-	-	1.6	.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	195.1	-	197.6	-	-	-	-	2.1	1.3	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items .....	100.000	187.3	188.6	3.1	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	-	557.9	561.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.024	188.8	189.1	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food .....	15.940	188.2	188.5	2.6	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food at home .....	9.540	187.2	187.4	2.1	.1	-.3	-.1	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.342	208.5	208.4	1.7	.0	.0	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.845	183.9	184.3	2.6	.2	.2	.3	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.962	181.6	181.3	5.8	-.2	2.2	-.9	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.407	232.2	231.3	1.5	-.4	-5.1	-.6	-.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	141.8	143.0	2.1	.8	.4	-.3	1.1
Other food at home .....	1.934	165.0	165.3	.4	.2	.9	-.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	163.6	161.8	-.5	-1.1	-.3	.9	-1.0
Fats and oils .....	.311	169.1	167.2	.7	-1.1	.7	-.9	-1.1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.312	180.2	181.7	.5	.8	1.2	-.3	.8
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.341	110.9	112.5	.3	1.4	-.5	.2	1.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.400	191.2	191.6	3.2	.2	.5	.3	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	128.4	129.1	4.3	.5	.3	.9	.6
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.084	195.2	196.0	2.5	.4	.1	.4	.4
Housing .....	38.973	188.1	188.9	3.1	.4	.2	.4	.3
Shelter .....	29.902	215.7	216.8	2.7	.5	.2	.4	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.025	214.2	214.6	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.742	129.1	137.1	6.4	6.2	-.9	1.7	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	19.795	207.2	207.4	2.3	.1	.2	.4	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	118.9	119.4	3.6	.4	-.1	.1	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	5.288	165.4	165.7	7.1	.2	-.1	.8	.1
Fuels .....	4.336	146.6	146.8	7.5	.1	-.3	.7	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	187.7	195.3	28.5	4.0	-5.9	1.3	4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	152.0	151.8	6.2	-.1	.1	.7	-.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	128.8	129.2	5.6	.3	.9	.6	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.783	121.9	121.9	.4	.0	.1	-.2	-.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	130.8	130.2	3.8	-.5	.8	.4	-.5
Apparel .....	4.208	118.6	123.0	.1	3.7	.5	-.1	.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.063	116.1	119.6	-.3	3.0	.9	.0	.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.664	109.3	116.8	-.5	6.9	-.4	-.5	1.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	121.0	121.9	-2.6	.7	1.7	-1.1	-1.4
Footwear .....	.991	120.6	121.7	2.6	.9	1.4	1.1	-.8
Transportation .....	19.845	164.7	167.6	5.7	1.8	-.3	.8	2.1
Private transportation .....	19.072	162.2	164.9	5.9	1.7	-.3	.9	2.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.146	94.7	94.5	2.1	-.2	.3	.1	-.1
New vehicles .....	4.725	140.7	140.0	.7	-.5	.6	.1	-.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.536	138.4	138.5	4.9	.1	.1	.1	.1
Motor fuel .....	4.843	164.9	176.5	17.0	7.0	-2.1	3.2	8.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.803	164.1	175.7	16.9	7.1	-2.1	3.2	8.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.449	110.4	110.5	2.9	.1	.7	.3	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.357	206.1	206.9	3.3	.4	.4	.0	.6
Public transportation .....	.773	204.9	209.0	.5	2.0	-.6	.0	1.4
Medical care .....	5.014	318.9	320.3	4.4	.4	.3	.6	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.126	266.3	266.6	2.0	.1	.3	.3	.0
Medical care services .....	3.888	333.0	334.8	5.1	.5	.4	.7	.5
Professional services .....	2.270	281.2	282.3	3.7	.4	.3	.6	.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.276	430.9	433.6	5.8	.6	.6	.6	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.546	106.5	106.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.878	103.5	103.9	.4	.4	-2	-3	.4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.498	110.7	110.7	.8	.0	.1	.3	.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.361	147.7	147.8	5.9	.1	.3	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	361.5	362.4	3.6	.2	-5	.0	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.145	417.6	418.0	6.1	.1	.3	.6	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.137	87.0	86.8	-2.8	-2	.0	.0	-2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.990	85.5	85.3	-3.0	-2	.0	.0	-2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.473	95.3	95.1	-1.9	-2	-1	.4	-2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.517	14.6	14.5	-7.6	-7	.0	-1.4	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.171	13.3	13.2	-14.8	-8	.0	-2.9	-8
Other goods and services .....	3.891	319.4	319.6	2.8	.1	.5	.4	.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	496.9	497.4	4.9	.1	1.9	.4	.1
Personal care .....	2.648	182.9	183.0	1.8	.1	-1	.3	-1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	154.2	153.3	-1.1	-6	-3	.6	-6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.611	203.3	203.6	3.7	.1	.3	.4	.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.160	299.8	300.8	3.2	.3	.0	-1	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.809	157.4	159.2	3.3	1.1	-1	.4	1.0
Food and beverages .....	17.024	188.8	189.1	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.786	139.8	142.2	3.8	1.7	-1	.6	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.322	162.5	167.8	5.9	3.3	-1.3	.4	1.8
Apparel .....	4.208	118.6	123.0	.1	3.7	.5	-1	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.113	193.3	199.4	8.3	3.2	-1.4	2.0	3.6
Durables .....	12.464	115.5	115.3	1.1	-2	.3	.1	-3
Services .....	55.191	222.3	223.2	3.0	.4	.2	.4	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.562	207.7	208.8	2.8	.5	.2	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	118.9	119.4	3.6	.4	-1	.1	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	152.0	151.8	6.2	-1	.1	.7	-3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	128.8	129.2	5.6	.3	.9	.6	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	130.8	130.2	3.8	-5	.8	.4	-5
Transportation services .....	6.166	223.4	224.0	1.8	.3	.1	.0	.3
Medical care services .....	3.888	333.0	334.8	5.1	.5	.4	.7	.5
Other services .....	9.907	257.8	258.1	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.060	187.0	188.5	3.2	.8	.1	.4	.7
All items less shelter .....	70.098	179.0	180.4	3.3	.8	.0	.4	.7
All items less medical care .....	94.986	181.7	183.1	3.1	.8	.1	.3	.6
Commodities less food .....	28.870	141.7	144.1	3.7	1.7	-1	.6	1.5
Nondurables less food .....	16.406	164.4	169.5	5.7	3.1	-1.3	.5	1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.197	192.7	198.3	7.8	2.9	-1.3	1.8	3.5
Nondurables .....	32.346	176.1	179.0	4.2	1.6	-6	.3	1.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.628	211.2	211.6	3.3	.2	.1	.2	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.303	214.0	214.7	2.8	.3	.1	.3	.2
Energy .....	9.179	155.0	160.9	12.5	3.8	-1.3	2.0	4.4
All items less energy .....	90.821	192.2	192.9	2.2	.4	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.881	193.4	194.2	2.2	.4	.2	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.745	140.5	141.3	.9	.6	.4	.0	.0
Energy commodities .....	5.124	166.6	178.1	17.6	6.9	-2.3	3.1	7.9
Services less energy services .....	51.136	230.1	231.1	2.8	.4	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.534	\$.530	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.179	\$.178	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2004	Sep. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2004	Mar. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	186.7	186.9	187.6	188.7	4.4	0.7	3.3	4.4	2.5	3.8
Food and beverages .....	188.4	188.5	188.6	189.0	4.9	.9	3.2	1.3	2.8	2.3
Food .....	187.9	188.0	188.1	188.5	5.1	.6	3.5	1.3	2.9	2.4
Food at home .....	187.6	187.1	186.9	187.3	6.9	-1.7	4.4	-6	2.5	1.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	207.7	207.8	208.3	208.7	1.6	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	183.2	183.5	184.0	184.4	6.9	1.1	.4	2.6	3.9	1.5
Dairy and related products .....	179.0	183.0	181.4	181.7	52.2	-19.0	-3.9	6.2	11.0	1.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	245.6	233.1	231.8	230.9	-3.6	1.8	38.7	-21.9	-1.0	4.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	140.6	141.1	140.7	142.2	.3	2.0	1.4	4.6	1.2	3.0
Other food at home .....	163.7	165.1	164.8	165.1	2.5	-1.9	-2.4	3.5	.2	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	162.0	161.5	162.9	161.3	.0	2.2	-2.2	-1.7	1.1	-2.0
Fats and oils .....	169.1	170.2	168.6	166.7	16.4	-4.8	-1.6	-5.6	5.3	-3.6
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	178.6	180.8	180.2	181.7	.0	-2.4	-2.4	7.1	-1.2	2.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.3	110.7	110.9	112.5	-2.8	-1.4	1.1	4.4	-2.1	2.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	189.7	190.6	191.2	191.6	2.6	4.4	1.9	4.1	3.5	3.0
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	126.9	127.3	128.4	129.2	3.3	2.3	4.2	7.4	2.8	5.8
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	194.2	194.4	195.2	196.0	3.2	2.7	.4	3.8	3.0	2.1
Housing .....	187.4	187.7	188.4	189.0	3.8	2.4	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.3
Shelter .....	214.4	214.8	215.6	216.4	3.1	2.5	1.9	3.8	2.8	2.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	212.9	213.5	214.0	214.6	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.2	3.2	2.9
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	128.5	127.3	129.5	133.3	2.3	8.2	.3	15.8	5.2	7.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	205.9	206.4	207.2	207.4	2.8	2.0	1.6	2.9	2.4	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.9	118.8	118.9	119.4	4.6	1.0	7.4	1.7	2.8	4.5
Fuels and utilities .....	166.8	166.7	168.0	168.1	11.7	3.3	10.5	3.2	7.4	6.7
Fuels .....	148.6	148.2	149.3	149.4	12.9	2.8	11.8	2.2	7.8	6.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	186.1	175.1	177.3	186.0	24.0	38.6	58.7	-2	31.1	25.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	154.3	154.5	155.6	155.2	12.3	1.1	9.3	2.4	6.5	5.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	126.8	128.0	128.8	129.0	6.0	5.6	3.5	7.1	5.8	5.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.8	121.9	121.7	121.6	-3	-7	3.0	-7	-5	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	129.3	130.3	130.8	130.2	5.2	1.9	5.4	2.8	3.5	4.1
Apparel .....	119.5	120.1	120.0	120.6	.0	-2.6	-.7	3.7	-1.3	1.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.0	117.1	117.1	117.8	-.3	-5.0	-2.0	6.4	-2.7	2.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.9	111.5	110.9	112.8	1.1	-6.2	.4	3.3	-2.6	1.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	120.9	123.0	121.7	120.0	-8.2	1.7	-.7	-2.9	-3.4	-1.8
Footwear .....	119.2	120.9	122.2	121.2	-1.7	6.6	-1.3	6.9	2.4	2.7
Transportation .....	164.4	163.9	165.2	168.6	9.9	-3.6	6.8	10.6	2.9	8.7
Private transportation .....	161.7	161.2	162.6	166.0	10.6	-3.7	6.7	11.1	3.2	8.9
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.0	94.3	94.4	94.3	-.9	5.3	2.6	1.3	2.2	1.9
New vehicles .....	138.8	139.7	139.9	139.4	.6	-3.7	4.4	1.7	-1.6	3.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	138.1	138.3	138.4	138.5	-1.8	19.2	2.4	1.2	8.2	1.8
Motor fuel .....	166.4	162.9	168.1	181.6	45.3	-23.0	18.2	41.9	5.8	29.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	165.6	162.1	167.3	180.7	45.5	-23.5	18.3	41.8	5.5	29.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	109.3	110.1	110.4	110.5	1.5	3.4	2.2	4.5	2.4	3.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	205.0	205.8	205.7	206.9	2.8	2.2	4.4	3.8	2.5	4.1
Public transportation .....	207.9	206.7	206.8	209.6	-4.2	-6.2	9.8	3.3	-5.2	6.5
Medical care .....	315.1	316.2	318.2	319.5	3.8	3.9	3.8	5.7	3.9	4.7
Medical care commodities .....	264.9	265.7	266.5	266.6	2.8	2.0	.5	2.6	2.4	1.5
Medical care services .....	328.4	329.6	332.0	333.8	4.2	4.4	4.8	6.7	4.3	5.7
Professional services .....	278.3	279.1	280.7	281.5	3.1	3.9	2.9	4.7	3.5	3.8
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	423.6	426.1	428.7	431.9	5.7	3.3	5.9	8.1	4.5	7.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2004	Sep. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	Sep. 2004	Mar. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	106.4	106.6	106.4	106.4	1.1	-1.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.7	103.5	103.2	103.6	1.2	.4	.4	-4	.8	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	110.3	110.4	110.7	110.8	.0	1.1	.4	1.8	.5	1.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	146.4	146.8	147.6	148.3	6.1	6.0	6.2	5.3	6.1	5.8
Educational books and supplies .....	360.3	358.6	358.6	360.2	4.4	2.8	7.3	-1	3.6	3.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	413.8	415.2	417.6	419.7	6.2	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.4	6.0
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	87.0	87.0	87.0	86.8	-4.0	-2.7	-3.6	-9	-3.3	-2.3
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	85.5	85.5	85.5	85.3	-4.5	-2.7	-3.7	-9	-3.6	-2.3
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.0	94.9	95.3	95.1	-3.3	-2.5	-2.1	.4	-2.9	-8
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.5	-7.4	-5.1	-10.1	-7.9	-6.3	-9.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	13.7	13.7	13.3	13.2	-7.5	-10.1	-26.6	-13.8	-8.8	-20.5
Other goods and services .....	316.5	318.2	319.4	319.4	1.3	3.6	2.7	3.7	2.5	3.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	485.7	494.9	496.9	497.4	2.3	6.0	1.5	10.0	4.1	5.7
Personal care .....	182.4	182.3	182.9	182.8	.7	2.7	3.1	.9	1.7	2.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.8	153.3	154.2	153.3	-1.8	-.8	-.5	-1.3	-1.3	-.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	201.8	202.4	203.3	203.6	2.5	4.5	4.3	3.6	3.5	3.9
Miscellaneous personal services .....	299.5	299.5	299.2	299.9	3.6	4.2	4.2	.5	3.9	2.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	157.2	157.1	157.7	159.3	6.1	-2.0	4.2	5.5	2.0	4.8
Food and beverages .....	188.4	188.5	188.6	189.0	4.9	.9	3.2	1.3	2.8	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	139.5	139.4	140.2	142.3	6.9	-4.0	4.4	8.3	1.3	6.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	165.3	163.2	163.9	166.8	12.8	-7.0	15.6	3.7	2.4	9.5
Apparel .....	119.5	120.1	120.0	120.6	.0	-2.6	-.7	3.7	-1.3	1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	193.6	190.9	194.7	201.8	18.8	-10.8	10.1	18.0	2.9	14.0
Durables .....	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.1	-1.1	2.1	3.2	.3	.5	1.8
Services .....	221.4	221.8	222.6	223.2	3.4	2.4	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	206.3	206.7	207.5	208.4	3.0	2.6	1.4	4.1	2.8	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.9	118.8	118.9	119.4	4.6	1.0	7.4	1.7	2.8	4.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	154.3	154.5	155.6	155.2	12.3	1.1	9.3	2.4	6.5	5.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	126.8	128.0	128.8	129.0	6.0	5.6	3.5	7.1	5.8	5.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	129.3	130.3	130.8	130.2	5.2	1.9	5.4	2.8	3.5	4.1
Transportation services .....	222.9	223.2	223.1	223.8	1.3	1.8	2.7	1.6	1.6	2.2
Medical care services .....	328.4	329.6	332.0	333.8	4.2	4.4	4.8	6.7	4.3	5.7
Other services .....	256.7	257.1	257.6	258.1	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	186.3	186.5	187.3	188.6	4.5	.4	3.3	5.0	2.4	4.2
All items less shelter .....	178.7	178.7	179.4	180.7	5.4	-.5	4.1	4.6	2.4	4.3
All items less medical care .....	181.3	181.4	182.0	183.1	4.6	.4	3.4	4.0	2.5	3.7
Commodities less food .....	141.5	141.3	142.2	144.3	6.5	-3.4	4.4	8.2	1.4	6.2
Nondurables less food .....	167.1	165.0	165.8	168.7	12.0	-6.0	14.3	3.9	2.7	9.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	192.9	190.4	193.8	200.5	17.1	-9.6	9.2	16.7	2.9	12.9
Nondurables .....	177.3	176.2	176.8	178.5	8.9	-3.2	8.8	2.7	2.7	5.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	210.9	211.2	211.6	212.0	3.8	2.9	4.3	2.1	3.3	3.2
Services less medical care services .....	213.3	213.6	214.2	214.7	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.7
Energy .....	156.8	154.8	157.9	164.8	29.2	-12.0	15.4	22.0	6.7	18.6
All items less energy .....	191.3	191.7	192.1	192.5	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.5	2.0	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	192.4	192.8	193.3	193.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.7	1.9	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.1	140.6	140.6	140.6	-.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	.4	1.4
Energy commodities .....	168.0	164.1	169.2	182.5	44.3	-20.9	20.0	39.3	6.8	29.3
Services less energy services .....	228.7	229.2	230.0	230.7	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.5	2.7	2.8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar.2005 from—			Percent change to Feb.2005 from—		
		Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Dec. 2004	Jan. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	186.0	186.3	187.3	188.6	3.1	1.2	0.7	3.0	0.7	0.5
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	198.7	199.0	200.0	201.8	3.4	1.4	.9	3.3	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	199.6	200.1	201.1	202.8	3.5	1.3	.8	3.5	.8	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.4	119.6	120.1	121.2	3.1	1.3	.9	2.9	.6	.4
Midwest urban .....	M	178.8	179.1	180.2	181.2	3.1	1.2	.6	2.8	.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	180.1	180.4	181.3	182.5	3.0	1.2	.7	2.5	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	116.4	116.4	117.2	117.8	3.2	1.2	.5	3.0	.7	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	174.9	175.7	176.5	177.3	3.4	.9	.5	3.5	.9	.5
South urban .....	M	180.3	180.5	181.5	182.7	3.4	1.2	.7	3.2	.7	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	182.4	182.6	184.0	185.3	3.6	1.5	.7	3.4	.9	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	115.6	115.7	116.3	117.0	3.2	1.1	.6	3.2	.6	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	181.5	181.9	182.7	184.1	4.1	1.2	.8	3.8	.7	.4
West urban .....	M	189.4	189.5	190.5	192.0	2.6	1.3	.8	2.6	.6	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	190.2	190.1	191.6	193.2	2.8	1.6	.8	2.7	.7	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	118.6	118.9	119.0	119.8	2.2	.8	.7	2.2	.3	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	172.4	172.6	173.7	175.0	3.2	1.4	.7	3.0	.8	.6
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	116.9	117.0	117.5	118.3	3.0	1.1	.7	2.9	.5	.4
D .....	M	180.6	181.0	181.7	182.9	3.5	1.0	.7	3.4	.6	.4
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	183.1	183.5	184.2	184.8	2.8	.7	.3	2.4	.6	.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	188.5	188.5	190.3	192.1	3.9	1.9	.9	3.8	1.0	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	201.8	202.6	203.3	205.5	3.7	1.4	1.1	3.6	.7	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	210.3	-	213.1	2.7	1.3	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	174.5	-	177.2	3.6	1.5	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	180.3	-	181.6	2.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	120.7	-	122.3	4.0	1.3	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	181.5	-	183.4	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	180.7	-	182.6	-	-	-	-	2.5	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	167.7	-	171.8	-	-	-	-	3.7	2.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	186.6	-	188.3	-	-	-	-	4.1	.9	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	197.9	-	200.0	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.1	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	195.9	-	197.3	-	-	-	-	1.6	.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	190.3	-	192.4	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.1	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2005 from—	
		Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	111.7	112.5	2.6	0.7
Food and beverages .....	15.076	112.6	112.7	2.5	.1
Food .....	14.086	112.6	112.7	2.5	.1
Food at home .....	8.062	110.8	110.9	2.0	.1
Food away from home .....	6.023	114.8	115.1	3.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	112.7	113.0	2.5	.3
Housing .....	41.793	116.0	116.8	3.1	.7
Shelter .....	32.380	117.4	118.3	3.0	.8
Fuels and utilities .....	4.643	128.9	129.1	6.9	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.771	96.6	96.6	.1	.0
Apparel .....	4.317	89.3	93.1	-2	4.3
Transportation .....	17.315	110.2	111.5	4.4	1.2
Private transportation .....	16.206	110.8	112.1	4.7	1.2
Public transportation .....	1.109	101.7	103.8	-2	2.1
Medical care .....	5.783	124.8	125.3	4.1	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.466	115.9	116.0	2.0	.1
Medical care services .....	4.317	128.0	128.6	4.8	.5
Recreation .....	5.978	103.5	103.5	-8	.0
Education and communication .....	6.004	100.2	100.1	.1	-.1
Education .....	2.560	137.5	137.6	6.1	.1
Communication .....	3.444	77.9	77.6	-4.1	-.4
Other goods and services .....	3.734	116.0	116.1	2.5	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.567	118.2	118.8	2.9	.5
Commodities .....	41.433	103.5	104.5	2.4	1.0
Durables .....	12.521	88.4	88.2	.2	-.2
Nondurables .....	28.912	110.7	112.3	3.2	1.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.985	109.5	110.1	1.9	.5
Energy .....	6.929	136.0	140.4	11.6	3.2

Indexes for 2005 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2004 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.