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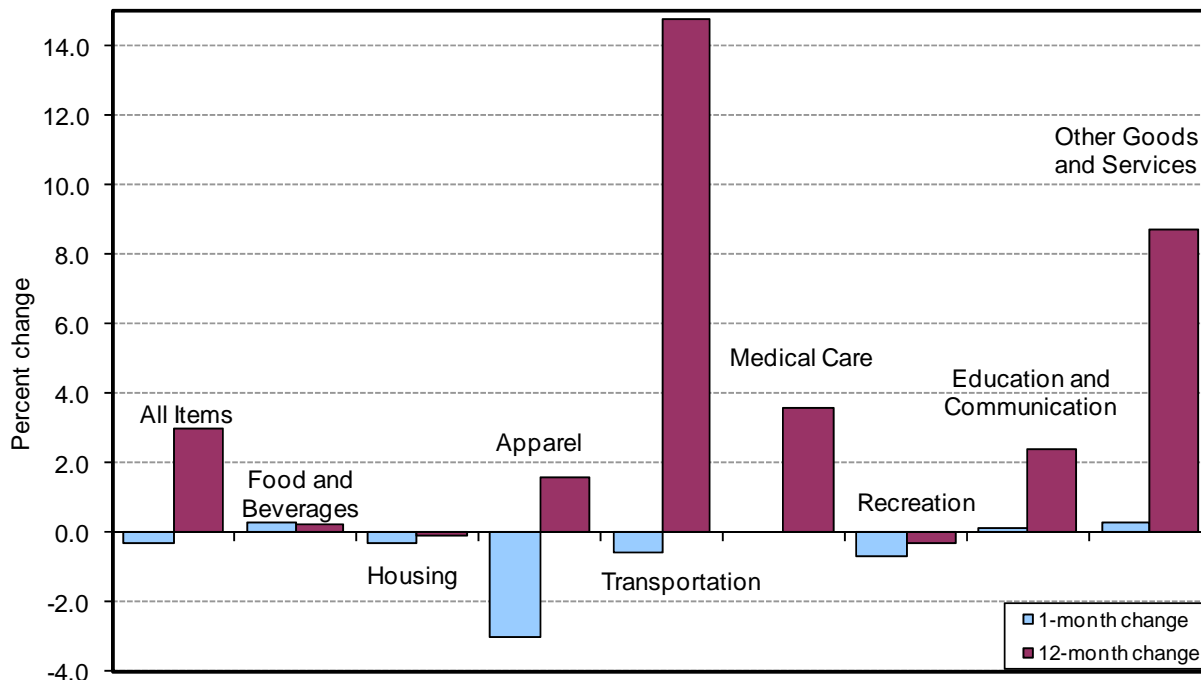
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**MIDWEST REGION CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) – DECEMBER 2009**  
**Prices in the Midwest down 0.3 percent in December but 3.0 percent higher over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for the Midwest declined 0.3 percent in December, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. According to Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman, over three-quarters of the overall monthly movement was attributable to lower prices for apparel, transportation, and housing. Compared to the December 2008 level, the all items index was 3.0 percent higher in December 2009. This increase followed a 2.2 percent over-the-year increase in November.

**Chart 1. 1-Month and 12-month percent changes ended December 2009 CPI-U by major category for the Midwest**



Among the eight major expenditure categories, the apparel index had the greatest impact on the December 2009 Midwest CPI. Apparel prices fell 3.0 percent over the month reflecting seasonal discounting of fall-winter wear. Despite the decline, prices for apparel were 1.6 percent higher over the year.

The transportation index had a slightly lesser impact on the December 2009 all items index than apparel, decreasing 0.6 percent over the month. Lower prices for motor fuel, down 2.6 percent, accounted for virtually all of the decline in the transportation index. Prices for new and used motor vehicles rose 0.3 percent over the month. Compared to their December 2008 levels, transportation prices were 14.8 percent higher led by an increase of 52.5 percent in prices for motor fuel; their December 2008 levels were the lowest recorded since each of these series peaked in July 2008. Costs for new and used motor vehicles increased 4.4 percent over the year. New vehicles prices rose 4.2 percent and prices for used cars and trucks were 7.6 percent higher than in December 2008.

The impact of December's 0.3-percent decline in the housing component was similar to that of transportation. Lower prices in the housing index were led by a decrease in costs for lodging away from home. Shelter costs fell 0.3 percent over the month, with rent of primary residence registering little movement and owners' equivalent rent of primary residence unchanged. Electricity prices were down 0.2 percent and utility (piped) gas service costs decreased 1.3 percent. Costs for household furnishings and operations were unchanged over the month. From December 2008 to December 2009, the housing index was little changed. Shelter costs rose 1.2 percent over the year. Prices for fuels and utilities declined 5.1 percent largely as a result of a 22.0-percent decline in utility (piped) gas service costs. Electricity prices rose 3.0 percent over the year and household furnishings and operations costs were down 2.0 percent.

The food and beverages and recreation indexes each accounted for about 10 percent of the movement in the monthly index. The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent mainly due to a 0.4-percent increase in prices for food at home. Over the year, prices for food and beverages were up a slight 0.2 percent. Offsetting the increase in the food and beverages index, costs for recreation were down 0.7 percent over the month. Over the year, prices for recreation were 0.3 percent lower.

Each of the remaining three major expenditure categories contributed little to the movement of the December all items index, and when combined accounted for less than 5 percent of the movement. Among these, prices for other goods and services were up 0.3 percent and education and communication costs were nearly unchanged. Prices for medical care were unchanged over the month. From December 2008 to December 2009 prices for other goods and services advanced 8.7 percent, education and communication costs rose 2.4 percent, and prices for medical care were 3.6 percent higher.

Energy prices, which include prices for motor fuel and household fuels, were down 1.6 percent in December 2009 but were 16.9 percent higher than one year ago. The special aggregate index for all items less energy decreased 0.2 percent over the month yet was up 1.8 percent over the year. Excluding the impact of food and energy prices, the Midwest CPI declined 0.3 percent over the month but was 2.2 percent higher than one year ago.

The Midwest Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) stood at 205.613 in December 2009. A typical market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in the 1982-84 base period cost \$205.61 in December 2009. Because regional CPI data are not adjusted for seasonal price variation, consumers and businesses should be cautious in drawing conclusions about long-term retail price trends from short-term changes in the regional indexes. The Midwest region is comprised of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Consumer Price Index data for January are scheduled for release on Friday, February 19, 2010, at 7:30 A.M. (CT).

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods**

**Midwest** (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	205.706	206.247	205.613	3.0	0.0	-0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	334.695	335.575	334.543	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	211.609	211.622	212.161	.2	.3	.3
Food .....	210.770	210.858	211.427	-.1	.3	.3
Food at home .....	204.131	203.639	204.500	-1.6	.2	.4
Food away from home .....	220.826	221.705	221.879	1.9	.5	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	220.951	220.090	220.276	3.0	-.3	.1
Housing .....	196.318	195.954	195.454	-.1	-.4	-.3
Shelter .....	227.579	226.728	226.116	1.2	-.6	-.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....	220.537	220.898	221.133	1.5	.3	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	231.307	231.622	231.593	1.9	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	190.388	193.359	192.624	-5.1	1.2	-.4
Household energy .....	164.935	167.919	167.077	-7.2	1.3	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>1</sup> .....	170.904	173.676	172.725	-7.3	1.1	-.5
Electricity <sup>1</sup> .....	167.437	166.471	166.210	3.0	-.7	-.2
Utility (piped) gas service <sup>1</sup> .....	169.974	180.138	177.844	-22.0	4.6	-1.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.675	120.549	120.522	-2.0	-.9	.0
Apparel .....	116.156	115.009	111.503	1.6	-4.0	-3.0
Transportation .....	185.290	189.587	188.417	14.8	1.7	-.6
Private transportation .....	180.114	184.263	183.050	15.5	1.6	-.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....	95.200	96.108	96.410	4.4	1.3	.3
New vehicles .....	131.493	132.885	132.724	4.2	.9	-.1
New cars and trucks <sup>4 5</sup> .....	92.953	93.929	93.863	4.4	1.0	-.1
New cars <sup>5</sup> .....	130.890	132.739	132.271	2.4	1.1	-.4
Used cars and trucks .....	132.958	134.261	137.433	7.6	3.4	2.4
Motor fuel .....	221.303	233.682	227.710	52.5	2.9	-2.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	221.103	233.461	227.354	55.6	2.8	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	219.433	232.371	225.927	56.9	3.0	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	243.965	255.478	250.089	54.0	2.5	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	218.901	229.587	223.958	48.5	2.3	-2.5
Medical care .....	379.190	379.105	378.941	3.6	-.1	.0
Medical care commodities .....	304.376	305.553	305.705	3.9	.4	.0
Medical care services .....	404.080	403.446	403.149	3.5	-.2	-.1
Professional services .....	345.609	345.038	344.985	3.5	-.2	.0
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	115.526	115.330	114.563	-.3	-.8	-.7
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	130.726	130.560	130.636	2.4	-.1	.1
Other goods and services .....	363.018	363.570	364.830	8.7	.5	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	205.706	206.247	205.613	3.0	.0	-.3
Commodities .....	168.232	169.161	168.493	5.5	.2	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	146.147	147.450	146.278	9.2	.1	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	183.751	186.474	183.699	15.3	.0	-1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	227.739	232.953	230.637	20.4	1.3	-1.0
Durables .....	108.374	108.364	108.667	1.0	.3	.3
Services .....	244.830	244.961	244.363	1.3	-.2	-.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	233.838	232.947	232.313	1.1	-.7	-.3
Transportation services .....	261.720	264.616	263.999	4.5	.9	-.2
Other services .....	297.533	297.887	297.305	2.1	-.1	-.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods-Continued**

**Midwest** (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	197.372	197.935	197.285	3.0	0.0	-0.3
All items less food .....	204.778	205.395	204.558	3.6	-.1	-.4
All items less shelter .....	199.938	200.995	200.346	3.8	.2	-.3
Commodities less food .....	148.683	149.916	148.788	8.9	.1	-.8
Nondurables .....	197.813	199.263	198.047	7.1	.1	-.6
Nondurables less food .....	185.908	188.390	185.814	14.3	-.1	-1.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	226.339	230.906	228.858	18.4	1.1	-.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	270.790	272.119	271.533	1.4	.3	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	232.537	232.711	232.102	1.0	-.2	-.3
Energy .....	189.146	196.306	193.179	16.9	2.1	-1.6
All items less energy .....	209.755	209.580	209.211	1.8	-.3	-.2
All items less food and energy .....	210.208	209.982	209.430	2.2	-.4	-.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.409	142.113	141.595	2.6	-.6	-.4
Energy commodities .....	221.052	233.469	227.762	49.3	3.0	-2.4
Services less energy services .....	254.457	254.289	253.728	2.0	-.3	-.2

<sup>1</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 2010. The expenditure class will include weight from secondary residences, and will be re-titled Owners' equivalent rent of residences. The item stratum Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences, which prior to January, 2010 is identical to the EC, will be published as well.

<sup>3</sup> Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

Regions defined as the four Census regions. Midwest includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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

**Table 2. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods**

**Midwest** (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	200.781	201.553	200.999	3.6	0.1	-0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	324.708	325.955	325.061	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	211.562	211.603	212.054	.0	.2	.2
Food .....	210.857	210.895	211.397	-.3	.3	.2
Food at home .....	204.160	203.633	204.408	-1.7	.1	.4
Food away from home .....	221.605	222.474	222.578	1.7	.4	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	220.336	220.417	220.195	3.1	-.1	-.1
Housing .....	190.767	190.714	190.358	-.1	-.2	-.2
Shelter .....	217.242	216.729	216.344	1.4	-.4	-.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....	221.085	221.453	221.703	1.5	.3	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	215.537	215.823	215.807	1.9	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	190.679	193.664	192.883	-5.3	1.2	-.4
Household energy .....	164.949	167.906	167.017	-7.3	1.3	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>1</sup> .....	169.921	172.603	171.599	-7.3	1.0	-.6
Electricity <sup>1</sup> .....	167.087	166.158	165.943	2.8	-.7	-.1
Utility (piped) gas service <sup>1</sup> .....	170.102	180.112	177.521	-22.1	4.4	-1.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	119.210	118.172	118.259	-1.6	-.8	.1
Apparel .....	114.536	113.524	109.836	1.7	-4.1	-3.2
Transportation .....	184.292	188.690	187.607	16.0	1.8	-.6
Private transportation .....	181.028	185.342	184.239	16.4	1.8	-.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....	94.105	94.960	95.513	4.7	1.5	.6
New vehicles .....	134.794	136.142	136.024	4.2	.9	-.1
Used cars and trucks .....	133.877	135.147	138.320	7.5	3.3	2.3
Motor fuel .....	221.927	234.417	228.392	52.5	2.9	-2.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	221.690	234.163	228.006	55.5	2.8	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	219.868	232.957	226.437	56.9	3.0	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	243.867	255.352	250.035	54.1	2.5	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	218.906	229.583	223.901	48.4	2.3	-2.5
Medical care .....	381.339	381.334	381.122	3.7	-.1	-.1
Medical care commodities .....	297.625	298.756	298.874	3.8	.4	.0
Medical care services .....	407.491	406.972	406.617	3.7	-.2	-.1
Professional services .....	346.689	346.384	346.319	3.6	-.1	.0
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	111.325	111.089	110.682	.0	-.6	-.4
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	126.531	126.322	126.406	2.1	-.1	.1
Other goods and services .....	394.815	395.110	396.761	12.4	.5	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	200.781	201.553	200.999	3.6	.1	-.3
Commodities .....	170.020	171.218	170.525	6.6	.3	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	149.167	150.848	149.669	11.2	.3	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	192.005	195.243	192.210	17.8	.1	-1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	239.230	245.155	242.584	23.5	1.4	-1.0
Durables .....	107.921	108.144	108.693	2.0	.7	.5
Services .....	238.225	238.507	238.112	1.2	.0	-.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	215.820	215.299	214.914	1.3	-.4	-.2
Transportation services .....	258.474	261.077	260.625	4.4	.8	-.2
Other services .....	279.567	279.597	279.554	1.9	.0	.0
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	193.702	194.492	193.932	3.6	.1	-.3
All items less food .....	198.714	199.616	198.874	4.4	.1	-.4

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**Midwest** (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	197.347	198.580	197.961	4.5	0.3	-0.3
Commodities less food .....	151.479	153.115	151.963	10.9	.3	-.8
Nondurables .....	202.171	203.902	202.513	8.2	.2	-.7
Nondurables less food .....	193.563	196.609	193.747	16.7	.1	-1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	236.484	241.837	239.497	21.4	1.3	-1.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	240.562	241.730	241.361	1.1	.3	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	226.534	226.851	226.460	1.0	.0	-.2
Energy .....	190.076	197.451	194.176	18.1	2.2	-1.7
All items less energy .....	203.581	203.526	203.312	2.1	-.1	-.1
All items less food and energy .....	202.361	202.287	201.922	2.6	-.2	-.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.609	143.491	143.069	3.8	-.4	-.3
Energy commodities .....	222.179	234.773	228.990	49.4	3.1	-2.5
Services less energy services .....	247.272	247.233	246.919	2.1	-.1	-.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 2009 from—			Percent change to Nov. 2009 from—		
		Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009
U.S. city average .....	M	215.969	216.177	216.330	215.949	2.7	-0.1	-0.2	1.8	0.2	0.1
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	231.200	231.304	231.708	231.462	2.8	.1	-1	2.0	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	233.695	233.415	233.785	233.475	2.5	.0	-1	1.8	.0	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	136.691	137.348	137.646	137.597	3.6	.2	.0	2.4	.7	.2
Midwest urban .....	M	205.601	205.706	206.247	205.613	3.0	.0	-3	2.2	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	206.459	206.625	207.277	206.399	3.0	-1	-4	2.1	.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	131.812	131.724	131.952	131.742	2.9	.0	-2	2.3	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	201.918	202.499	203.047	202.738	3.8	.1	-2	2.6	.6	.3
South urban .....	M	208.912	209.292	209.738	209.476	2.9	.1	-1	2.0	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	211.212	211.152	211.424	210.971	2.2	-1	-2	1.3	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	132.722	133.035	133.342	133.252	3.2	.2	-1	2.3	.5	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	210.911	212.423	213.372	213.159	4.3	.3	-1	3.2	1.2	.4
West urban .....	M	220.294	220.447	219.728	219.307	2.2	-5	-2	1.2	-3	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	224.412	224.372	223.489	223.058	2.0	-6	-2	1.2	-4	-4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.128	133.618	133.335	133.132	2.6	-4	-2	1.4	.2	-2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	197.724	197.670	197.697	197.246	2.4	-2	-2	1.6	.0	.0
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.165	133.489	133.663	133.535	3.1	.0	-1	2.1	.4	.1
D .....	M	208.503	209.139	209.567	209.192	3.4	.0	-2	2.3	.5	.2
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	211.345	211.708	212.206	211.185	2.5	-2	-5	1.5	.4	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	225.226	225.264	224.317	223.643	1.8	-7	-3	.9	-4	-4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	238.568	238.380	238.777	238.427	2.3	.0	-1	1.8	.1	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	236.596	-	236.589	-	-	-	-	1.8	.0	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	201.836	-	201.471	-	-	-	-	1.7	-2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	201.802	-	201.958	-	-	-	-	1.0	.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	140.945	-	140.718	-	-	-	-	1.6	-2	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	201.068	-	200.456	1.8	-3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	205.079	-	203.880	3.0	-6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	191.608	-	190.932	2.7	-4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	222.416	-	222.943	2.1	.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	224.787	-	224.800	3.0	.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	226.051	-	224.239	2.6	-8	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	226.277	-	225.596	1.4	-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.

<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 All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions<sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008		Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009		Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009		Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	231.462	2.8	-0.1	205.613	3.0	-0.3	209.476	2.9	-0.1	219.307	2.2	-0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	364.483	-	-	334.543	-	-	339.799	-	-	354.497	-	-
Food and beverages .....	224.090	.0	.1	212.161	.2	.3	216.286	.0	.2	220.126	-1.5	.0
Food .....	223.404	-1.1	.1	211.427	-1.1	.3	216.832	-2.2	.2	219.112	-1.7	.0
Food at home .....	220.609	-1.7	.2	204.500	-1.6	.4	211.104	-1.8	.4	218.185	-4.5	.0
Food away from home .....	230.031	1.8	.0	221.879	1.9	.1	227.401	1.8	.0	219.117	1.9	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	232.137	2.2	.0	220.276	3.0	.1	207.620	1.7	-2.2	231.123	.8	-5
Housing .....	242.502	.7	.0	195.454	-1	-3	200.527	-4	-1	225.972	-9	-2
Shelter .....	289.975	1.7	.0	226.116	1.2	-3	221.823	.3	-1	253.141	-1.3	-2
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	284.396	1.6	.0	221.133	1.5	.1	223.750	.8	.1	259.237	-4	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3 4</sup> .....	303.128	2.1	.2	231.593	1.9	.0	225.942	.6	-1	268.183	-1.0	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	212.553	-3.8	.2	192.624	-5.1	-4	211.444	-4.6	-1	230.562	3.0	-1
Household energy .....	196.369	-5.2	.2	167.077	-7.2	-5	180.904	-6.6	-2	211.846	1.7	-1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	198.161	-7.2	.1	172.725	-7.3	-5	181.645	-6.7	-2	213.894	1.6	-2
Electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	187.903	-4	-2	166.210	3.0	-2	176.888	-4.6	-3	231.310	5.2	.2
Utility (piped) gas service <sup>2</sup> .....	209.929	-19.6	.7	177.844	-22.0	-1.3	198.368	-17.2	.2	185.888	-9.2	-1.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.060	-1.5	-3	120.522	-2.0	.0	128.324	.1	-4	132.057	-1.5	.2
Apparel .....	121.196	4.7	-2.6	111.503	1.6	-3.0	130.113	.8	-2.5	112.031	1.4	-2.1
Transportation .....	188.963	12.3	.2	188.417	14.8	-6	185.445	15.7	-1	190.999	14.0	-1
Private transportation .....	182.968	13.5	.2	183.050	15.5	-7	183.486	16.3	-1	185.355	15.2	-1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>5</sup> .....	96.556	5.0	.9	96.410	4.4	.3	96.446	6.2	.3	96.306	5.7	.2
New vehicles .....	138.885	4.8	.6	132.724	4.2	-1	143.187	5.6	-1	138.453	4.8	-1
New cars and trucks <sup>5 6</sup> .....	96.228	4.8	.6	93.863	4.4	-1	97.390	5.6	-2	96.120	4.7	-1
New cars <sup>6</sup> .....	136.713	3.5	.4	132.271	2.4	-4	146.988	4.3	-3	140.544	3.5	.1
Used cars and trucks .....	142.212	8.5	2.3	137.433	7.6	2.4	136.843	10.5	2.5	135.198	9.0	2.4
Motor fuel .....	221.725	45.0	-1.1	227.710	52.5	-2.6	221.897	49.9	-1.2	227.649	54.5	-1.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	221.007	47.1	-1.2	227.354	55.6	-2.6	221.252	53.2	-1.2	227.291	57.0	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	221.617	49.2	-1.3	225.927	56.9	-2.8	219.767	55.1	-1.3	225.978	58.1	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	225.688	42.8	-1.0	250.089	54.0	-2.1	231.710	50.0	-1.1	214.149	55.3	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	215.749	40.3	-7	223.958	48.5	-2.5	221.196	47.2	-9	218.549	53.1	-1.1
Medical care .....	398.861	2.2	-1	378.941	3.6	.0	361.489	3.2	.0	387.650	4.3	.1
Medical care commodities .....	330.868	3.1	-3	305.705	3.9	.0	295.055	3.0	-1	311.984	3.4	-2
Medical care services .....	416.364	1.9	.0	403.149	3.5	-1	383.204	3.3	.0	410.640	4.6	.1
Professional services .....	324.516	1.5	.3	344.985	3.5	.0	318.893	2.6	.1	300.769	2.5	.1
Recreation <sup>5</sup> .....	117.756	1.1	-9	114.563	-3	-7	113.926	-6	-2	107.714	-1.4	-5
Education and communication <sup>5</sup> .....	132.679	1.9	.0	130.636	2.4	.1	124.717	2.5	.1	128.478	2.5	-1
Other goods and services .....	403.208	7.8	.3	364.830	8.7	.3	370.188	9.9	-1	370.853	5.5	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	231.462	2.8	-1	205.613	3.0	-3	209.476	2.9	-1	219.307	2.2	-2
Commodities .....	178.350	5.0	-2	168.493	5.5	-4	173.865	6.2	-3	170.178	5.0	-2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	151.387	8.7	-5	146.278	9.2	-8	152.240	10.2	-6	143.743	9.0	-4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	187.523	13.3	-1.0	183.699	15.3	-1.5	192.634	15.2	-1.1	177.577	15.2	-9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	239.717	16.7	-4	230.637	20.4	-1.0	231.550	20.7	-6	223.833	20.7	-5
Durables .....	109.672	1.8	.4	108.667	1.0	.3	114.441	3.6	.2	112.028	2.6	.3
Services .....	283.487	1.5	.0	244.363	1.3	-2	245.913	.7	.0	264.205	.4	-2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	303.290	1.7	.0	232.313	1.1	-3	228.056	.3	-1	269.217	-1.3	-2
Transportation services .....	244.713	3.5	.4	263.999	4.5	-2	262.698	4.2	.2	256.234	3.6	-2
Other services .....	329.476	2.7	-4	297.305	2.1	-2	296.406	2.1	.1	302.416	1.7	-1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions<sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008		Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009		Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009		Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	223.942	2.9	-0.1	197.285	3.0	-0.3	200.727	2.9	-0.1	211.417	2.0	-0.2
All items less food .....	233.175	3.3	-1	204.558	3.6	-4	208.143	3.5	-2	219.489	2.8	-2
All items less shelter .....	211.784	3.4	-2	200.346	3.8	-3	205.828	4.2	-1	206.875	4.1	-2
Commodities less food .....	154.431	8.4	-4	148.788	8.9	-8	154.077	9.9	-6	147.132	8.6	-4
Nondurables .....	206.239	6.0	-4	198.047	7.1	-6	204.271	7.1	-4	199.576	6.0	-5
Nondurables less food .....	190.000	12.4	-9	185.814	14.3	-1.4	193.311	14.3	-1.0	181.591	14.0	-9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	236.960	15.2	-3	228.858	18.4	-9	228.440	19.0	-6	223.985	18.3	-5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	286.527	1.2	-1	271.533	1.4	-2	275.905	1.2	.1	287.731	2.7	-1
Services less medical care services .....	273.857	1.5	.0	232.102	1.0	-3	232.846	.5	.0	253.706	.0	-2
Energy .....	206.899	12.3	-4	193.179	16.9	-1.6	194.732	16.7	-7	222.654	28.0	-8
All items less energy .....	236.246	2.0	-1	209.211	1.8	-2	211.782	1.7	-1	220.893	.5	-1
All items less food and energy .....	240.070	2.4	-1	209.430	2.2	-3	211.281	2.0	-1	221.855	.9	-2
Commodities less food and energy												
commodities .....	146.890	3.3	-3	141.595	2.6	-4	146.355	3.5	-4	138.720	2.4	-2
Energy commodities .....	231.135	35.2	-8	227.762	49.3	-2.4	225.210	47.9	-1.1	230.996	52.6	-1.1
Services less energy services .....	291.968	2.1	.0	253.728	2.0	-2	252.502	1.4	.0	268.087	.3	-2

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions.

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

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 2010. The expenditure class will include weight from secondary residences,

and will be re-titled Owners' equivalent rent of residences. The item stratum Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences, which prior to January, 2010 is identical to the EC, will be published as well.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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