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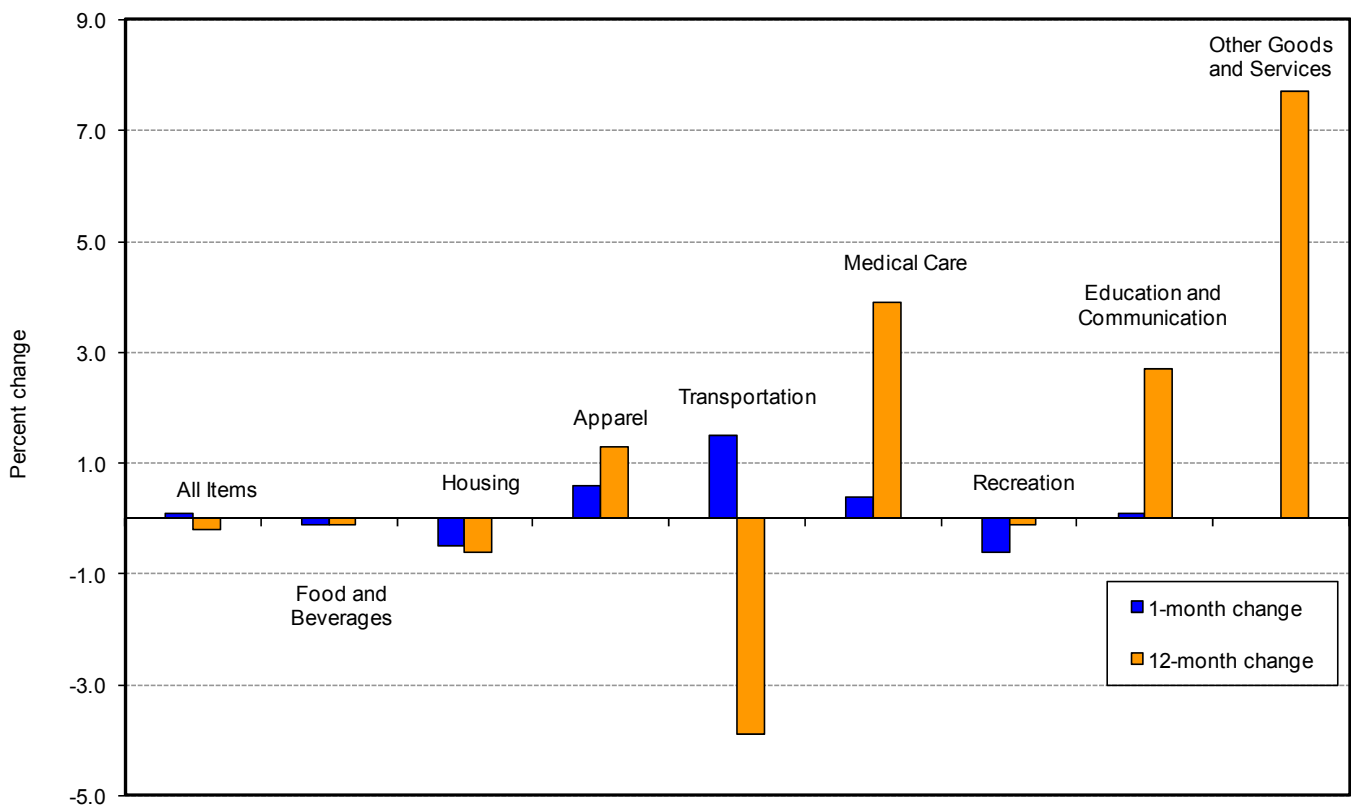
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**MIDWEST REGION CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) – OCTOBER 2009**  
**Prices in the Midwest nearly unchanged in October and 0.2 percent lower over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for the Midwest was nearly unchanged, up 0.1 percent in October, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. According to Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman, movements among the major expenditure categories were varied, but more than 80 percent of the overall movement was attributable to higher prices for transportation and lower prices for housing. Since October 2008 the all items index declined 0.2 percent—its eleventh consecutive over-the-year decrease.

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



Among the eight major expenditure categories, transportation had the greatest impact on the October 2009 Midwest CPI. Transportation costs advanced 1.5 percent following a decrease of 1.3 percent in September. Higher prices for new and used motor vehicles accounted for nearly half of the upturn in the transportation index, rising 1.9 percent in October. This was the largest one-month increase recorded for new and used motor vehicles since publication began in 1998. Prices for new vehicles rose 2.0 percent and prices for used cars and trucks advanced 2.5 percent. Higher prices for motor fuel also contributed to the monthly increase in the transportation index, advancing 1.3 percent. Overall, the transportation index decreased 3.9 percent since October 2008, registering its twelfth consecutive month of over-the-year decline. Prices for motor fuel were 17.5 percent lower than one year ago. In contrast, the index for new and used motor vehicles advanced 2.3 percent over the year, as prices for new vehicles rose 3.5 percent and prices for used cars and trucks increased 1.1 percent.

The housing index had the next largest impact on the October all items index with its 0.5 percent decrease partially offsetting the increase in the transportation index. Falling prices in the housing index were primarily due to lower costs for electricity. Electricity prices, which typically decline in October reflecting a shift in seasonal rate schedules, fell 8.7 percent over the month, while utility (piped) gas service costs increased 2.7 percent. Shelter costs were little changed over the month and prices for household furnishings and operations decreased 0.4 percent. From October 2008 to October 2009, the housing index decreased 0.6 percent largely as a result of a 30.0-percent decline in utility (piped) gas service costs. Electricity prices rose 2.9 percent over the year, shelter costs were up 1.2 percent, and household furnishings and operations costs were down 1.0 percent.

Each of the remaining six major expenditure categories contributed little to the movement of the October all items index. Three of these six expenditure categories—recreation, medical care, and apparel—together accounted for around fifteen percent of the movement. Among these, prices for recreation had the largest impact and were down 0.6 percent, medical care costs increased 0.4 percent, and prices for apparel were up 0.6 percent. From October 2008 to October 2009 prices for recreation were little changed, medical care costs advanced 3.9 percent, and apparel prices were 1.3 percent higher.

The remaining three expenditure categories—food and beverages, education and communication, and other goods and services—together accounted for less than four percent of the movement in the monthly index. The food and beverages and education and communication indexes registered little movement over the month, and prices for other goods and services were unchanged. From October 2008 to October 2009, prices for food and beverages were virtually unchanged, costs for education and communication rose 2.7 percent, and prices for other goods and services advanced 7.7 percent.

Energy prices, which include prices for motor fuel and household fuels, declined 1.7 percent in October. Costs for energy were 14.8 percent lower than one year ago. The special aggregate index for all items less energy was up 0.2 percent over the month and 1.6 percent over the year. Excluding the impact of food and energy prices, the Midwest CPI rose 0.3 percent over the month and was 2.0 percent higher than one year ago.

The Midwest Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) stood at 205.706 in October 2009. A typical market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in the 1982-84 base period cost \$205.71 in October 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 November are scheduled for release on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 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— |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Aug. 2009 | Sep. 2009 | Oct. 2009 | Oct. 2008            | Aug. 2009 | Sep. 2009 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                                       |           |           |           |                      |           |           |
| All items .....   | 205.632   | 205.601   | 205.706   | -0.2                 | 0.0       | 0.1       |
| All items (December 1977=100) .....                               | 334.574   | 334.524   | 334.695   | -                    | -         | -         |
| Food and beverages .....  | 211.586   | 211.759   | 211.609   | -1                   | .0        | -1        |
| Food .....  | 211.033   | 210.978   | 210.770   | -4                   | -1        | -1        |
| Food at home .....  | 204.623   | 204.522   | 204.131   | -2.4                 | -2        | -2        |
| Food away from home .....   | 220.777   | 220.787   | 220.826   | 2.1                  | .0        | .0        |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 217.602   | 220.429   | 220.951   | 4.0                  | 1.5       | .2        |
| Housing .....   | 198.001   | 197.349   | 196.318   | -6                   | -8        | -5        |
| Shelter .....   | 227.851   | 227.420   | 227.579   | 1.2                  | -1        | .1        |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....                      | 220.188   | 220.342   | 220.537   | 1.6                  | .2        | .1        |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1 2</sup> ..... | 231.138   | 231.314   | 231.307   | 1.9                  | .1        | .0        |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 199.484   | 198.049   | 190.388   | -9.1                 | -4.6      | -3.9      |
| Household energy .....  | 174.662   | 173.108   | 164.935   | -11.6                | -5.6      | -4.7      |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>1</sup> .....                    | 181.646   | 180.248   | 170.904   | -11.1                | -5.9      | -5.2      |
| Electricity <sup>1</sup> .....                                    | 183.573   | 183.449   | 167.437   | 2.9                  | -8.8      | -8.7      |
| Utility (piped) gas service <sup>1</sup> .....                    | 169.366   | 165.471   | 169.974   | -30.0                | .4        | 2.7       |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 123.066   | 122.145   | 121.675   | -1.0                 | -1.1      | -4        |
| Apparel .....   | 111.068   | 115.505   | 116.156   | 1.3                  | 4.6       | .6        |
| Transportation .....  | 184.815   | 182.493   | 185.290   | -3.9                 | .3        | 1.5       |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 179.731   | 177.330   | 180.114   | -3.9                 | .2        | 1.6       |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 93.343    | 93.456    | 95.200    | 2.3                  | 2.0       | 1.9       |
| New vehicles .....  | 128.686   | 128.916   | 131.493   | 3.5                  | 2.2       | 2.0       |
| New cars and trucks <sup>3 4</sup> .....                          | 90.827    | 91.001    | 92.953    | 3.6                  | 2.3       | 2.1       |
| New cars <sup>4</sup> .....                                       | 128.245   | 127.593   | 130.890   | 1.3                  | 2.1       | 2.6       |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 128.295   | 129.706   | 132.958   | 1.1                  | 3.6       | 2.5       |
| Motor fuel .....  | 228.974   | 218.396   | 221.303   | -17.5                | -3.4      | 1.3       |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 229.338   | 218.179   | 221.103   | -16.8                | -3.6      | 1.3       |
| Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>4</sup> .....                     | 228.202   | 216.716   | 219.433   | -17.2                | -3.8      | 1.3       |
| Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4 5</sup> .....                  | 250.928   | 239.777   | 243.965   | -15.7                | -2.8      | 1.7       |
| Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>4</sup> .....                     | 226.553   | 216.469   | 218.901   | -16.7                | -3.4      | 1.1       |
| Medical care .....  | 376.355   | 377.842   | 379.190   | 3.9                  | .8        | .4        |
| Medical care commodities .....                                    | 301.954   | 303.931   | 304.376   | 4.0                  | .8        | .1        |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 401.123   | 402.365   | 404.080   | 3.8                  | .7        | .4        |
| Professional services .....                                       | 344.246   | 345.179   | 345.609   | 4.0                  | .4        | .1        |
| Recreation <sup>3</sup> .....                                     | 115.897   | 116.281   | 115.526   | -1                   | -3        | -6        |
| Education and communication <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 129.164   | 130.562   | 130.726   | 2.7                  | 1.2       | .1        |
| Other goods and services .....                                    | 358.693   | 362.922   | 363.018   | 7.7                  | 1.2       | .0        |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                                |           |           |           |                      |           |           |
| All items .....   | 205.632   | 205.601   | 205.706   | -2                   | .0        | .1        |
| Commodities .....   | 167.582   | 167.505   | 168.232   | -1.4                 | .4        | .4        |
| Commodities less food and beverages .....                         | 145.240   | 145.057   | 146.147   | -2.2                 | .6        | .8        |
| Nondurables less food and beverages .....                         | 182.916   | 182.622   | 183.751   | -3.7                 | .5        | .6        |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....               | 229.628   | 226.298   | 227.739   | -5.3                 | -8        | .6        |
| Durables .....  | 107.428   | 107.350   | 108.374   | .1                   | .9        | 1.0       |
| Services .....  | 245.363   | 245.381   | 244.830   | .8                   | -2        | -2        |
| Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....                                | 234.149   | 233.682   | 233.838   | 1.1                  | -1        | .1        |
| Transportation services .....                                     | 258.983   | 258.613   | 261.720   | 2.7                  | 1.1       | 1.2       |
| Other services .....  | 295.947   | 298.128   | 297.533   | 2.0                  | .5        | -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— |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Aug.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2009 | Oct.<br>2009 | Oct.<br>2008         | Aug.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2009 |
| <b>Special aggregate indexes</b>                   |              |              |              |                      |              |              |
| All items less medical care .....                  | 197.410      | 197.318      | 197.372      | -0.5                 | 0.0          | 0.0          |
| All items less food .....                          | 204.647      | 204.620      | 204.778      | -.1                  | .1           | .1           |
| All items less shelter .....                       | 199.736      | 199.852      | 199.938      | -.7                  | .1           | .0           |
| Commodities less food .....                        | 147.696      | 147.612      | 148.683      | -2.0                 | .7           | .7           |
| Nondurables .....                                  | 197.359      | 197.285      | 197.813      | -1.9                 | .2           | .3           |
| Nondurables less food .....                        | 184.908      | 184.820      | 185.908      | -3.2                 | .5           | .6           |
| Nondurables less food and apparel .....            | 227.679      | 224.998      | 226.339      | -4.4                 | -.6          | .6           |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....   | 271.612      | 272.196      | 270.790      | .4                   | -.3          | -.5          |
| Services less medical care services .....          | 233.272      | 233.216      | 232.537      | -.5                  | -.3          | -.3          |
| Energy .....                                       | 197.898      | 192.324      | 189.146      | -14.8                | -4.4         | -1.7         |
| All items less energy .....                        | 208.718      | 209.291      | 209.755      | 1.6                  | .5           | .2           |
| All items less food and energy .....               | 208.916      | 209.612      | 210.208      | 2.0                  | .6           | .3           |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities ..... | 140.264      | 141.631      | 142.409      | 2.3                  | 1.5          | .5           |
| Energy commodities .....                           | 228.179      | 217.683      | 221.052      | -17.6                | -3.1         | 1.5          |
| Services less energy services .....                | 253.835      | 254.014      | 254.457      | 1.8                  | .2           | .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> Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>5</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— |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Aug. 2009 | Sep. 2009 | Oct. 2009 | Oct. 2008            | Aug. 2009 | Sep. 2009 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                                       |           |           |           |                      |           |           |
| All items .....   | 200.723   | 200.658   | 200.781   | -0.2                 | 0.0       | 0.1       |
| All items (December 1977=100) .....                               | 324.614   | 324.509   | 324.708   | -                    | -         | -         |
| Food and beverages .....  | 211.797   | 211.753   | 211.562   | -2                   | -1        | -1        |
| Food .....  | 211.302   | 211.125   | 210.857   | -5                   | -2        | -1        |
| Food at home .....  | 204.949   | 204.652   | 204.160   | -2.5                 | -4        | -2        |
| Food away from home .....   | 221.549   | 221.546   | 221.605   | 2.2                  | .0        | .0        |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 217.812   | 219.515   | 220.336   | 4.0                  | 1.2       | .4        |
| Housing .....   | 192.477   | 191.962   | 190.767   | -6                   | -9        | -6        |
| Shelter .....   | 217.302   | 217.078   | 217.242   | 1.5                  | .0        | .1        |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....                      | 220.762   | 220.870   | 221.085   | 1.6                  | .1        | .1        |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1 2</sup> ..... | 215.322   | 215.524   | 215.537   | 2.0                  | .1        | .0        |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 199.925   | 198.435   | 190.679   | -9.3                 | -4.6      | -3.9      |
| Household energy .....  | 174.698   | 173.111   | 164.949   | -11.6                | -5.6      | -4.7      |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>1</sup> .....                    | 180.603   | 179.202   | 169.921   | -11.2                | -5.9      | -5.2      |
| Electricity <sup>1</sup> .....                                    | 183.332   | 183.098   | 167.087   | 2.5                  | -8.9      | -8.7      |
| Utility (piped) gas service <sup>1</sup> .....                    | 169.001   | 165.251   | 170.102   | -30.0                | .7        | 2.9       |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 120.725   | 119.893   | 119.210   | -9                   | -1.3      | -6        |
| Apparel .....   | 109.544   | 113.612   | 114.536   | 1.5                  | 4.6       | .8        |
| Transportation .....  | 183.841   | 181.549   | 184.292   | -4.4                 | .2        | 1.5       |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 180.642   | 178.293   | 181.028   | -4.5                 | .2        | 1.5       |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 91.992    | 92.357    | 94.105    | 2.2                  | 2.3       | 1.9       |
| New vehicles .....  | 131.774   | 132.192   | 134.794   | 3.5                  | 2.3       | 2.0       |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 129.259   | 130.664   | 133.877   | .9                   | 3.6       | 2.5       |
| Motor fuel .....  | 229.521   | 219.090   | 221.927   | -17.6                | -3.3      | 1.3       |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 229.836   | 218.844   | 221.690   | -16.9                | -3.5      | 1.3       |
| Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>4</sup> .....                     | 228.601   | 217.263   | 219.868   | -17.3                | -3.8      | 1.2       |
| Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4 5</sup> .....                  | 250.549   | 239.691   | 243.867   | -15.7                | -2.7      | 1.7       |
| Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>4</sup> .....                     | 226.313   | 216.441   | 218.906   | -16.7                | -3.3      | 1.1       |
| Medical care .....  | 378.249   | 379.892   | 381.339   | 3.9                  | .8        | .4        |
| Medical care commodities .....                                    | 295.203   | 297.180   | 297.625   | 3.8                  | .8        | .1        |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 404.195   | 405.636   | 407.491   | 3.9                  | .8        | .5        |
| Professional services .....                                       | 344.984   | 346.222   | 346.689   | 4.0                  | .5        | .1        |
| Recreation <sup>3</sup> .....                                     | 111.742   | 111.958   | 111.325   | -4                   | -4        | -6        |
| Education and communication <sup>3</sup> .....                    | 125.296   | 126.364   | 126.531   | 2.5                  | 1.0       | .1        |
| Other goods and services .....                                    | 388.583   | 394.736   | 394.815   | 12.2                 | 1.6       | .0        |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                                |           |           |           |                      |           |           |
| All items .....   | 200.723   | 200.658   | 200.781   | -2                   | .0        | .1        |
| Commodities .....   | 169.333   | 169.194   | 170.020   | -1.4                 | .4        | .5        |
| Commodities less food and beverages .....                         | 148.089   | 147.911   | 149.167   | -2.1                 | .7        | .8        |
| Nondurables less food and beverages .....                         | 191.210   | 190.679   | 192.005   | -3.6                 | .4        | .7        |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....               | 241.143   | 237.663   | 239.230   | -5.0                 | -.8       | .7        |
| Durables .....  | 106.593   | 106.744   | 107.921   | .4                   | 1.2       | 1.1       |
| Services .....  | 238.898   | 238.918   | 238.225   | .8                   | -.3       | -.3       |
| Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....                                | 215.906   | 215.663   | 215.820   | 1.4                  | .0        | .1        |
| Transportation services .....                                     | 255.740   | 255.647   | 258.474   | 3.3                  | 1.1       | 1.1       |
| Other services .....  | 278.476   | 279.967   | 279.567   | 1.8                  | .4        | -.1       |
| <b>Special aggregate indexes</b>                                  |           |           |           |                      |           |           |
| All items less medical care .....                                 | 193.739   | 193.621   | 193.702   | -5                   | .0        | .0        |
| All items less food .....   | 198.565   | 198.520   | 198.714   | -2                   | .1        | .1        |

See footnotes at end of table.

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

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

| Item and Group                                     | Indexes      |              |              | Percent change from— |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Aug.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2009 | Oct.<br>2009 | Oct.<br>2008         | Aug.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2009 |
| <b>Special aggregate indexes</b>                   |              |              |              |                      |              |              |
| All items less shelter .....                       | 197.247      | 197.237      | 197.347      | -0.9                 | 0.1          | 0.1          |
| Commodities less food .....                        | 150.357      | 150.235      | 151.479      | -1.8                 | .7           | .8           |
| Nondurables .....                                  | 201.863      | 201.561      | 202.171      | -1.9                 | .2           | .3           |
| Nondurables less food .....                        | 192.665      | 192.268      | 193.563      | -3.1                 | .5           | .7           |
| Nondurables less food and apparel .....            | 237.973      | 234.992      | 236.484      | -4.3                 | -.6          | .6           |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....   | 241.837      | 242.155      | 240.562      | .1                   | -.5          | -.7          |
| Services less medical care services .....          | 227.389      | 227.341      | 226.534      | .5                   | -.4          | -.4          |
| Energy .....                                       | 198.736      | 193.039      | 190.076      | -15.0                | -4.4         | -1.5         |
| All items less energy .....                        | 202.424      | 203.068      | 203.581      | 1.8                  | .6           | .3           |
| All items less food and energy .....               | 200.867      | 201.684      | 202.361      | 2.4                  | .7           | .3           |
| Commodities less food and energy commodities ..... | 141.108      | 142.667      | 143.609      | 3.2                  | 1.8          | .7           |
| Energy commodities .....                           | 229.314      | 218.906      | 222.179      | -17.7                | -3.1         | 1.5          |
| Services less energy services .....                | 246.605      | 246.816      | 247.272      | 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> Index is on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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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)

| Area  | All items             |              |              |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Pricing schedule<br>1 | Indexes      |              |              |              | Percent change to<br>Oct. 2009 from— |              |              | Percent change to<br>Sep. 2009 from— |              |              |
|   |                       | July<br>2009 | Aug.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2009 | Oct.<br>2009 | Oct.<br>2008                         | Aug.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2009 | Sep.<br>2008                         | July<br>2009 | Aug.<br>2009 |
| U.S. city average .....                                     | M                     | 215.351      | 215.834      | 215.969      | 216.177      | -0.2                                 | 0.2          | 0.1          | -1.3                                 | 0.3          | 0.1          |
| <b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>                     |                       |              |              |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
| Northeast urban .....                                       | M                     | 230.154      | 230.883      | 231.200      | 231.304      | .2                                   | .2           | .0           | -.7                                  | .5           | .1           |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                          | M                     | 232.416      | 233.314      | 233.695      | 233.415      | .1                                   | .0           | -.1          | -.7                                  | .6           | .2           |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....           | M                     | 136.417      | 136.598      | 136.691      | 137.348      | .5                                   | .5           | .5           | -.7                                  | .2           | .1           |
| Midwest urban .....   | M                     | 204.814      | 205.632      | 205.601      | 205.706      | -.2                                  | .0           | .1           | -1.7                                 | .4           | .0           |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                          | M                     | 205.656      | 206.591      | 206.459      | 206.625      | -.2                                  | .0           | .1           | -1.8                                 | .4           | -.1          |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....           | M                     | 131.366      | 131.748      | 131.812      | 131.724      | -.2                                  | .0           | -.1          | -1.6                                 | .3           | .0           |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than<br>50,000) .....        | M                     | 200.908      | 201.823      | 201.918      | 202.499      | .2                                   | .3           | .3           | -1.8                                 | .5           | .0           |
| South urban .....   | M                     | 208.819      | 209.000      | 208.912      | 209.292      | -.4                                  | .1           | .2           | -1.8                                 | .0           | .0           |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                          | M                     | 211.034      | 211.436      | 211.212      | 211.152      | -.7                                  | -.1          | .0           | -1.7                                 | .1           | -.1          |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....           | M                     | 132.736      | 132.729      | 132.722      | 133.035      | -.2                                  | .2           | .2           | -1.8                                 | .0           | .0           |
| Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than<br>50,000) .....        | M                     | 210.491      | 210.899      | 210.911      | 212.423      | -.3                                  | .7           | .7           | -2.0                                 | .2           | .0           |
| West urban .....  | M                     | 219.484      | 219.884      | 220.294      | 220.447      | -.3                                  | .3           | .1           | -.8                                  | .4           | .2           |
| Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....                          | M                     | 223.498      | 224.072      | 224.412      | 224.372      | -.3                                  | .1           | .0           | -.7                                  | .4           | .2           |
| Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....           | M                     | 132.774      | 132.756      | 133.128      | 133.618      | -.1                                  | .6           | .4           | -1.3                                 | .3           | .3           |
| <b>Size classes</b>   |                       |              |              |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
| A <sup>4</sup> .....  | M                     | 196.987      | 197.614      | 197.724      | 197.670      | -.2                                  | .0           | .0           | -1.1                                 | .4           | .1           |
| B/C <sup>3</sup> .....                                      | M                     | 132.975      | 133.069      | 133.165      | 133.489      | -.1                                  | .3           | .2           | -1.5                                 | .1           | .1           |
| D .....   | M                     | 207.784      | 208.369      | 208.503      | 209.139      | -.3                                  | .4           | .3           | -1.5                                 | .3           | .1           |
| <b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>                     |                       |              |              |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....                        | M                     | 210.906      | 211.441      | 211.345      | 211.708      | -.8                                  | .1           | .2           | -1.9                                 | .2           | .0           |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...                 | M                     | 224.010      | 224.507      | 225.226      | 225.264      | -.4                                  | .3           | .0           | -1.0                                 | .5           | .3           |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island,<br>NY-NJ-CT-PA .....    | M                     | 237.600      | 238.282      | 238.568      | 238.380      | .0                                   | .0           | -.1          | -.6                                  | .4           | .1           |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....                   | 1                     | 233.018      | -            | 236.596      | -            | -                                    | -            | -            | -.8                                  | 1.5          | -            |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH .....                                   | 1                     | 200.558      | -            | 201.836      | -            | -                                    | -            | -            | -2.1                                 | .6           | -            |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....                                 | 1                     | 200.663      | -            | 201.802      | -            | -                                    | -            | -            | -2.0                                 | .6           | -            |
| Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....        | 1                     | 140.810      | -            | 140.945      | -            | -                                    | -            | -            | -.8                                  | .1           | -            |
| Atlanta, GA .....   | 2                     | -            | 203.351      | -            | 201.068      | -2.6                                 | -1.1         | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....                           | 2                     | -            | 204.673      | -            | 205.079      | -.1                                  | .2           | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....                        | 2                     | -            | 191.687      | -            | 191.608      | .2                                   | .0           | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....                             | 2                     | -            | 221.306      | -            | 222.416      | -.6                                  | .5           | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,<br>PA-NJ-DE-MD ..... | 2                     | -            | 226.039      | -            | 224.787      | -.1                                  | -.6          | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....                    | 2                     | -            | 225.801      | -            | 226.051      | .1                                   | .1           | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....                          | 2                     | -            | 227.138      | -            | 226.277      | .2                                   | -.4          | -            | -                                    | -            | -            |

<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— |           |
|   |           | Oct. 2009            | Oct. 2008 |         | Sep. 2009            | Oct. 2009 |         | Oct. 2008            | Sep. 2009 |         | Oct. 2009            | Oct. 2008 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                                       |           |                      |           |         |                      |           |         |                      |           |         |                      |           |
| All items .....   | 231.304   | 0.2                  | 0.0       | 205.706 | -0.2                 | 0.1       | 209.292 | -0.4                 | 0.2       | 220.447 | -0.3                 | 0.1       |
| All items (December 1977=100) .....                               | 364.233   | -                    | -         | 334.695 | -                    | -         | 339.501 | -                    | -         | 356.341 | -                    | -         |
| Food and beverages .....  | 223.741   | .0                   | .3        | 211.609 | -.1                  | -.1       | 215.843 | -.2                  | .1        | 221.118 | -1.0                 | .2        |
| Food .....  | 223.016   | -.3                  | .3        | 210.770 | -.4                  | -.1       | 216.335 | -.4                  | .1        | 220.230 | -1.1                 | .2        |
| Food at home .....  | 220.360   | -2.2                 | .4        | 204.131 | -2.4                 | -.2       | 210.606 | -2.6                 | .0        | 220.385 | -3.7                 | .4        |
| Food away from home .....   | 229.462   | 2.1                  | .1        | 220.826 | 2.1                  | .0        | 226.896 | 2.3                  | .2        | 218.886 | 2.3                  | -.1       |
| Alcoholic beverages .....   | 232.318   | 3.4                  | .4        | 220.951 | 4.0                  | .2        | 207.938 | 2.0                  | .3        | 230.568 | .8                   | .5        |
| Housing .....   | 242.694   | .0                   | -.2       | 196.318 | -.6                  | -.5       | 201.488 | -.3                  | -.3       | 228.052 | -.6                  | -.1       |
| Shelter .....   | 291.712   | 1.8                  | .2        | 227.579 | 1.2                  | .1        | 222.988 | .7                   | .0        | 255.238 | -.6                  | -.2       |
| Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....                      | 283.553   | 1.9                  | .0        | 220.537 | 1.6                  | .1        | 223.987 | 1.2                  | .0        | 259.541 | .6                   | -.2       |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> ..... | 302.497   | 2.5                  | .2        | 231.307 | 1.9                  | .0        | 226.287 | 1.1                  | .0        | 268.994 | -.2                  | -.2       |
| Fuels and utilities .....   | 205.030   | -9.6                 | -1.8      | 190.388 | -9.1                 | -3.9      | 212.011 | -6.0                 | -2.2      | 236.498 | 1.3                  | 1.2       |
| Household energy .....  | 188.497   | -11.9                | -2.1      | 164.935 | -11.6                | -4.7      | 181.714 | -8.4                 | -3.2      | 219.375 | -.4                  | 1.6       |
| Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 191.549   | -8.5                 | -2.9      | 170.904 | -11.1                | -5.2      | 182.898 | -7.8                 | -3.3      | 222.584 | .3                   | 1.5       |
| Electricity <sup>2</sup> .....                                    | 188.668   | 1.1                  | -4.0      | 167.437 | 2.9                  | -8.7      | 179.516 | -5.1                 | -4.2      | 239.958 | 4.5                  | 1.1       |
| Utility (piped) gas service <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 185.085   | -26.5                | -.1       | 169.974 | -30.0                | 2.7       | 190.548 | -21.5                | 2.6       | 195.494 | -11.6                | 2.6       |
| Household furnishings and operations .....                        | 127.732   | -1.2                 | -.8       | 121.675 | -1.0                 | -.4       | 128.872 | .4                   | -.1       | 132.320 | -1.8                 | -.4       |
| Apparel .....   | 127.007   | 2.3                  | 1.2       | 116.156 | 1.3                  | .6        | 135.205 | 1.3                  | 1.2       | 115.196 | 1.0                  | 1.8       |
| Transportation .....  | 185.159   | -3.6                 | .0        | 185.290 | -3.9                 | 1.5       | 181.127 | -5.3                 | 1.4       | 190.348 | -2.2                 | .0        |
| Private transportation .....                                      | 179.137   | -3.6                 | .0        | 180.114 | -3.9                 | 1.6       | 179.249 | -5.4                 | 1.5       | 184.806 | -1.9                 | .0        |
| New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....                    | 94.877    | 2.5                  | 1.3       | 95.200  | 2.3                  | 1.9       | 94.826  | 3.4                  | 2.4       | 95.559  | 4.5                  | 1.5       |
| New vehicles .....  | 136.482   | 3.0                  | 1.4       | 131.493 | 3.5                  | 2.0       | 141.045 | 3.5                  | 2.7       | 137.737 | 4.8                  | 1.6       |
| New cars and trucks <sup>4 5</sup> .....                          | 94.569    | 3.0                  | 1.4       | 92.953  | 3.6                  | 2.1       | 95.933  | 3.5                  | 2.7       | 95.651  | 4.6                  | 1.6       |
| New cars <sup>5</sup> .....                                       | 134.236   | 1.5                  | 1.4       | 130.890 | 1.3                  | 2.6       | 144.624 | 2.3                  | 2.9       | 139.299 | 3.2                  | 1.4       |
| Used cars and trucks .....  | 137.915   | 2.4                  | 2.4       | 132.958 | 1.1                  | 2.5       | 131.738 | 2.9                  | 2.6       | 130.574 | 2.3                  | 2.6       |
| Motor fuel .....  | 213.167   | -18.2                | -3.0      | 221.303 | -17.5                | 1.3       | 212.498 | -21.2                | .9        | 229.593 | -15.5                | -2.9      |
| Gasoline (all types) .....  | 212.316   | -17.8                | -3.2      | 221.103 | -16.8                | 1.3       | 211.954 | -20.6                | .9        | 229.634 | -15.1                | -3.1      |
| Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....                     | 212.644   | -18.1                | -3.3      | 219.433 | -17.2                | 1.3       | 210.355 | -21.3                | .9        | 228.314 | -15.6                | -3.1      |
| Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....                  | 217.412   | -17.7                | -3.0      | 243.965 | -15.7                | 1.7       | 222.596 | -19.5                | 1.0       | 216.282 | -14.3                | -2.9      |
| Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....                     | 207.727   | -17.1                | -2.9      | 218.901 | -16.7                | 1.1       | 212.084 | -18.7                | .7        | 221.055 | -13.5                | -2.8      |
| Medical care .....  | 399.130   | 2.7                  | .1        | 379.190 | 3.9                  | .4        | 358.951 | 2.9                  | .2        | 386.872 | 4.6                  | .2        |
| Medical care commodities .....                                    | 333.268   | 4.5                  | .3        | 304.376 | 4.0                  | .1        | 295.283 | 4.5                  | .3        | 311.704 | 3.9                  | .2        |
| Medical care services .....                                       | 415.699   | 2.1                  | .0        | 404.080 | 3.8                  | .4        | 379.382 | 2.3                  | .2        | 409.680 | 4.8                  | .2        |
| Professional services .....                                       | 323.226   | 1.6                  | .0        | 345.609 | 4.0                  | .1        | 318.345 | 2.6                  | .3        | 300.253 | 2.6                  | .3        |
| Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....                                     | 118.914   | 2.2                  | -.2       | 115.526 | -.1                  | -.6       | 115.050 | .1                   | -.7       | 108.310 | -1.6                 | -.1       |
| Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....                    | 133.342   | 2.8                  | -.1       | 130.726 | 2.7                  | .1        | 124.757 | 2.7                  | .3        | 128.759 | 2.7                  | -.1       |
| Other goods and services .....                                    | 398.627   | 6.3                  | .7        | 363.018 | 7.7                  | .0        | 369.452 | 9.8                  | .4        | 369.535 | 5.5                  | .2        |
| <b>Commodity and service group</b>                                |           |                      |           |         |                      |           |         |                      |           |         |                      |           |
| All items .....   | 231.304   | .2                   | .0        | 205.706 | -.2                  | .1        | 209.292 | -.4                  | .2        | 220.447 | -.3                  | .1        |
| Commodities .....   | 177.714   | -1.8                 | .1        | 168.232 | -1.4                 | .4        | 172.986 | -1.9                 | .7        | 170.717 | -1.6                 | .2        |
| Commodities less food and beverages ...                           | 150.643   | -3.0                 | .0        | 146.147 | -2.2                 | .8        | 151.201 | -2.9                 | 1.0       | 144.092 | -1.9                 | .2        |
| Nondurables less food and beverages                               | 187.057   | -4.9                 | -.4       | 183.751 | -3.7                 | .6        | 191.800 | -5.6                 | .6        | 179.211 | -4.6                 | -.6       |
| Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....               | 234.763   | -7.4                 | -1.0      | 227.739 | -5.3                 | .6        | 227.368 | -7.7                 | .4        | 224.481 | -6.4                 | -1.4      |
| Durables .....  | 108.691   | .3                   | .7        | 108.374 | .1                   | 1.0       | 113.239 | 1.3                  | 1.7       | 111.427 | 1.4                  | 1.1       |
| Services .....  | 283.798   | 1.5                  | .0        | 244.830 | .8                   | -.2       | 246.433 | .8                   | -.2       | 265.937 | .6                   | .0        |
| Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....                                | 305.123   | 1.8                  | .2        | 233.838 | 1.1                  | .1        | 229.371 | .7                   | .0        | 271.463 | -.6                  | -.2       |
| Transportation services .....                                     | 242.626   | 2.0                  | .6        | 261.720 | 2.7                  | 1.2       | 260.678 | 3.4                  | .5        | 256.107 | 2.5                  | .2        |
| Other services .....  | 330.866   | 3.2                  | .1        | 297.533 | 2.0                  | -.2       | 297.066 | 2.5                  | -.1       | 302.515 | 1.8                  | .0        |

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<br>Oct.<br>2009 | Percent<br>change from— |              | Index<br>Oct.<br>2009 | Percent<br>change from— |              | Index<br>Oct.<br>2009 | Percent<br>change from— |              | Index<br>Oct.<br>2009 | Percent<br>change from— |              |
|   |                       | Oct.<br>2008            | Sep.<br>2009 |                       | Oct.<br>2008            | Sep.<br>2009 |                       | Oct.<br>2008            | Sep.<br>2009 |                       | Oct.<br>2008            | Sep.<br>2009 |
| <b>Special aggregate indexes</b>                      |                       |                         |              |                       |                         |              |                       |                         |              |                       |                         |              |
| All items less medical care .....                     | 223.770               | 0.0                     | 0.0          | 197.372               | -0.5                    | 0.0          | 200.640               | -0.6                    | 0.2          | 212.613               | -0.6                    | 0.1          |
| All items less food .....                             | 233.056               | .3                      | .0           | 204.778               | -.1                     | .1           | 208.010               | -.4                     | .2           | 220.633               | -.1                     | .0           |
| All items less shelter .....                          | 210.886               | -.7                     | .0           | 199.938               | -.7                     | .0           | 205.072               | -.9                     | .3           | 207.617               | -.1                     | .2           |
| Commodities less food .....                           | 153.712               | -2.7                    | .0           | 148.683               | -2.0                    | .7           | 153.072               | -2.8                    | 1.0          | 147.459               | -1.8                    | .2           |
| Nondurables .....                                     | 205.826               | -2.4                    | .0           | 197.813               | -1.9                    | .3           | 203.618               | -3.0                    | .4           | 200.934               | -2.8                    | -.2          |
| Nondurables less food .....                           | 189.572               | -4.3                    | -.3          | 185.908               | -3.2                    | .6           | 192.542               | -5.2                    | .6           | 183.100               | -4.2                    | -.5          |
| Nondurables less food and apparel .....               | 232.540               | -6.4                    | -.9          | 226.339               | -4.4                    | .6           | 224.656               | -7.0                    | .4           | 224.516               | -5.7                    | -1.2         |
| Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....      | 285.054               | 1.0                     | -.2          | 270.790               | .4                      | -.5          | 275.353               | .9                      | -.4          | 288.942               | 2.3                     | .2           |
| Services less medical care services .....             | 274.214               | 1.4                     | .0           | 232.537               | .5                      | -.3          | 233.595               | .6                      | -.2          | 255.557               | .3                      | .0           |
| Energy .....  | 198.744               | -14.9                   | -2.5         | 189.146               | -14.8                   | -1.7         | 190.767               | -15.5                   | -1.1         | 226.952               | -10.0                   | -1.1         |
| All items less energy .....                           | 236.947               | 1.8                     | .3           | 209.755               | 1.6                     | .2           | 212.038               | 1.5                     | .3           | 221.787               | .6                      | .2           |
| All items less food and energy .....                  | 240.992               | 2.2                     | .3           | 210.208               | 2.0                     | .3           | 211.677               | 1.9                     | .4           | 222.714               | .9                      | .2           |
| Commodities less food and energy<br>commodities ..... | 147.656               | 2.3                     | .6           | 142.409               | 2.3                     | .5           | 146.683               | 2.8                     | 1.0          | 138.915               | 1.7                     | .8           |
| Energy commodities .....                              | 220.898               | -19.4                   | -2.1         | 221.052               | -17.6                   | 1.5          | 215.480               | -21.3                   | .9           | 232.404               | -15.5                   | -2.7         |
| Services less energy services .....                   | 292.958               | 2.2                     | .2           | 254.457               | 1.8                     | .2           | 252.938               | 1.5                     | .1           | 269.382               | .7                      | -.1          |

<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> 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.

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