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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in September on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.9 percent before seasonal adjustment.

Increases in energy and food indexes were the main cause of the seasonally adjusted all items increase. The gasoline index continued to rise, and indexes for electricity and natural gas increased as well. Broad increases in food indexes also continued in September, with the food at home index rising 0.6 percent for the third month in a row and no major grocery store food group indexes declining.

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in September, its smallest increase since March. The index for apparel declined in September after a series of sharp increases, and the indexes for used cars and recreation turned down as well. The indexes for new vehicles and household furnishings and operations were both flat. The shelter index rose, but posted its smallest increase since April, while the indexes for medical care, airline fares, and tobacco all increased.

The 12-month change in the all items index, which was 3.8 percent in August, edged up to 3.9 percent in September. The 12-month change for all items less food and energy remained at 2.0 percent for the second straight month. The energy index has risen 19.3 percent over the last year, while the food index has increased 4.7 percent.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Sep. 2010 - Sep. 2011
Percent change

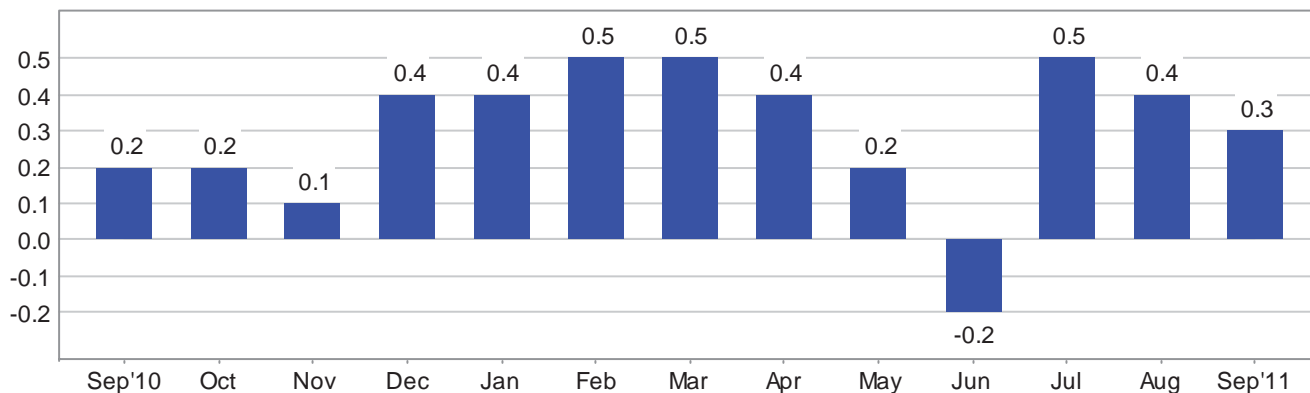


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Sep. 2010 - Sep. 2011

Percent change

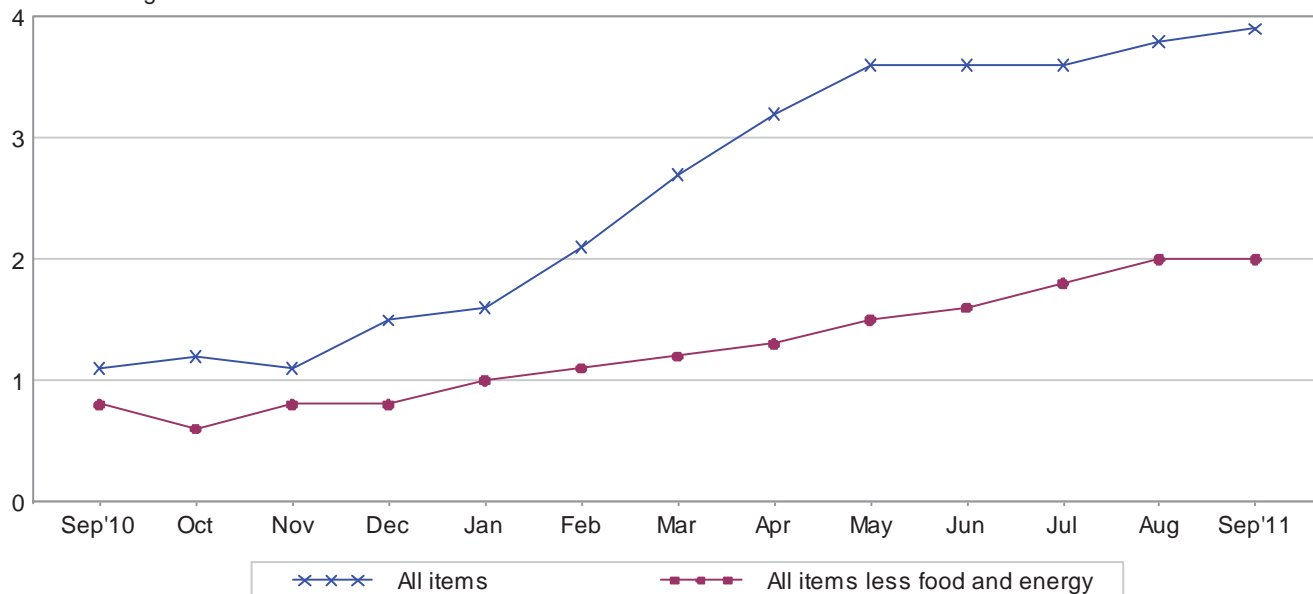


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. 2011
	Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	
All items .....	.5	.4	.2	-.2	.5	.4	.3	3.9
Food .....	.8	.4	.4	.2	.4	.5	.4	4.7
Food at home	1.1	.5	.5	.2	.6	.6	.6	6.3
Food away from home ¹ .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.4	.2	2.6
Energy	3.5	2.2	-1.0	-4.4	2.8	1.2	2.0	19.3
Energy commodities	5.5	3.1	-1.9	-6.3	4.3	1.6	2.7	32.8
Gasoline (all types)	5.6	3.3	-2.0	-6.8	4.7	1.9	2.9	33.3
Fuel oil ¹	6.2	3.2	-.8	-2.2	-1.7	-.4	-.7	33.4
Energy services .....	.2	.6	.6	-1.1	.4	.4	.7	2.1
Electricity .....	.7	.2	.8	-1.6	.8	-.1	.7	2.7
Utility (piped) gas service	-1.4	1.9	-.3	.4	-1.2	2.2	.8	.2
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.1	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	.1	.4	.5	.5	.3	.4	-.2	2.0
New vehicles .....	.7	.7	1.1	.6	.0	.0	.0	3.6
Used cars and trucks .....	.8	1.2	1.1	1.6	.7	.9	-.6	5.1
Apparel	-.5	.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1	-1.1	3.5
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.5	.5	.0	-.1	.0	.1	.2	3.0
Services less energy services .....	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.0
Shelter .....	.1	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	1.7
Transportation services .....	.5	.2	.1	-.3	-.1	.2	.5	3.2
Medical care services .....	.1	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	2.8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for September 2011

Food

The food index, which rose 0.5 percent in August, increased 0.4 percent in September. The index for food at home repeated its July and August increase of 0.6 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages was unchanged, while the remaining major grocery store food groups all posted increases. The dairy and related products index rose the most, increasing 1.2 percent, followed by 0.9 percent increases in both the cereals and bakery products index and the fruits and vegetables index. Within the latter group, the indexes for apples and tomatoes both posted significant increases. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.4 percent as the index for eggs rose sharply, and the index for other food at home rose 0.6 percent. The food at home index has now risen 6.3 percent over the past 12 months with the dairy index up 10.2 percent over that period. After rising 0.4 percent in August, the index for food away from home increased 0.2 percent in September and has risen 2.6 percent over the last 12 months.

Energy

The energy index rose 2.0 percent in September after a 1.2 percent increase in August. The gasoline index, which was up 1.9 percent in August, rose 2.9 percent in September. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 0.7 percent in September.) Over the past 12 months, the gasoline index has increased 33.3 percent. The household energy index also rose in September, advancing 0.7 percent after a 0.4 percent increase in August. The electricity index advanced 0.7 percent while index for natural gas rose 0.8 percent; the fuel oil index declined 0.7 percent. Over the past year, the household energy index has increased 3.7 percent. The electricity index has risen 2.7 percent and the index for natural gas has increased 0.2 percent, while the fuel oil index has risen sharply, increasing 33.4 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in September, a deceleration from recent months. Several factors contributed to the smaller increase in September. The apparel index, which had risen over one percent for four months in a row, declined 1.1 percent in September. The index for used cars and trucks also turned down, falling 0.6 percent after a long series of increases, and the recreation index declined 0.1 percent after rising in August. The shelter index decelerated, increasing 0.1 percent in September following a 0.3 percent increase in July and a 0.2 percent increase in August. The rent index increased 0.2 percent while the index for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.1 percent and the lodging away from home index declined 0.7 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which rose 0.3 percent in August, was unchanged in September, and the index for new vehicles was unchanged for the third month in a row. In contrast the medical care index continued to increase, rising 0.2 percent for the fifth month in a row. The indexes for airline fares, tobacco, and personal care all increased as well.

After increasing steadily through most of the year, the 12-month change in the index for all items less food and energy remained at 2.0 percent for the second month in a row. The shelter index has increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months. The index for medical care has risen 2.8 percent while the apparel index has increased 3.5 percent. The new vehicles index has increased 3.6 percent and the index for used cars and trucks has increased 5.1 percent.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 3.9 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 226.889 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.2 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 4.4 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 223.688 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.2 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 3.7 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.1 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2009 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for October 2011 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

Redesigning the Consumer Price Index (CPI) News Release Tables

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

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

A mock-up of the new CPI news release tables can be found at http://beta.bls.gov/cpi/redesigned_cpi_tables/cpiprmockup.htm. Comments or questions about these new tables can be forwarded to cpi_info@bls.gov. The public comment period runs through October 31, 2011.

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

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

The new Table 2 will show the full publication stub using the new structure for the CPI-U, including 11 new items series that were created to augment the redesign in the publication structure.

Table 3 will show aggregate item series (e.g., Transportation) that do not fall under the Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy structure.

Table 4 will show the All items indexes at the local, regional, and city-size class levels. Table 5 will show the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), and presents a history of annual percentage changes in the C-CPI-U compared to the CPI-U.

Table 6 will focus on 1-month seasonally adjusted changes in the CPI-U, while table 7 will focus on 12-month not seasonally adjusted changes. Tables 6 and 7 will present three additional pieces of data to help users better interpret index changes. First, these tables will show the effect each item has on the price change for All items. For example, if the effect of food is 0.4, and the index for All items increased 1.2 percent, it can be said that increases in food prices accounted for $0.4 / 1.2$, or 33.3 percent, of the increase in overall prices for that period. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged, the All items index only would have increased 0.8 percent (or 1.2 percent for All items, minus the 0.4 effect for Food). Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged.

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

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

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

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

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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 each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 26,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

The index measures price change from a designed reference date. For the CPI-U and the CPI-W the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. The reference base for the C-CPI-U is December 1999 equals 100. An increase of 16.5 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 116.500. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period market basket of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

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

Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.03 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.06 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For example, for a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.14 and 0.26 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Price Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January-December 2010”. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>), or by using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2010.pdf>

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

CPI	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

Percent Change

Index point difference	.616
Divided by the previous index	201.800
Equals	0.003
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.003x100
Equals percent change	0.3

Regions Defined

The states in the four regions 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 before adjustment for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2006 through December 2010 were replaced in January 2011. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the

updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see “Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series,” in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

Effective with the publication of data from January 2006 through December 2010 in January 2011, the Video and audio series and the Information technology, hardware and services series were changed from independently adjusted to dependently adjusted. This resulted in an increase in the number of seasonal components used in deriving seasonal movement of the All items and 54 other lower level aggregations, from 73 for the publication of January 1998 through December 2005 data to 82 for the publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2006 and later. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 82 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes before that period will not be changed. Note: 37 of the 82 components are not seasonally adjusted for 2011.

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

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

For the seasonal factors introduced in January 2011, BLS adjusted 29 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

For a complete list of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment series and explanations, please refer to the article “Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment”, located on our website at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	Aug. 2011	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	226.545	226.889	3.9	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	678.628	679.658	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.792	229.490	230.448	4.5	.4	.4	.5	.4
Food	13.742	229.554	230.573	4.7	.4	.4	.5	.4
Food at home	7.816	228.354	229.739	6.3	.6	.6	.6	.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.090	262.970	264.135	5.6	.4	-.1	1.1	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.813	225.651	227.194	7.5	.7	.5	.4	.4
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.839	216.720	219.381	10.2	1.2	1.2	.9	1.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.152	282.579	286.865	6.7	1.5	1.2	.6	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.926	168.268	168.213	4.0	.0	.9	-.2	.0
Other food at home	1.996	200.054	200.347	4.7	.1	.3	.8	.6
Sugar and sweets ¹ .....	.297	209.780	213.330	5.4	1.7	-.2	1.2	1.7
Fats and oils .....	.232	223.509	224.770	11.3	.6	.5	.9	.5
Other foods	1.466	212.114	211.619	3.6	-.2	.4	.7	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.432	125.193	125.044	2.4	-.1	.6	.6	-.1
Food away from home ¹	5.926	232.513	233.032	2.6	.2	.2	.4	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.329	163.468	163.334	2.0	-.1	.3	.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.051	227.126	227.265	1.4	.1	-.2	.2	.0
Housing	41.460	220.506	220.540	1.8	.0	.2	.2	.2
Shelter	31.955	252.546	252.647	1.7	.0	.3	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	5.925	254.003	254.628	2.1	.2	.3	.4	.2
Lodging away from home ² .....	.776	145.100	140.259	3.3	-3.3	.9	-1.8	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	24.905	260.178	260.459	1.5	.1	.3	.2	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.310	260.159	260.433	1.5	.1	.3	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.349	127.581	127.922	1.0	.3	.1	.2	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.096	226.493	226.409	4.0	.0	.2	.3	.7
Household energy	4.000	200.144	199.814	3.7	-.2	.2	.4	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.309	335.995	334.735	25.9	-.4	-1.1	-.3	-.4
Energy services ³	3.691	201.564	201.270	2.1	-.1	.4	.4	.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.095	180.762	181.569	5.1	.4	.2	.1	.7
Household furnishings and operations	4.409	125.138	125.013	.4	-.1	.0	.3	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.772	152.066	151.967	1.1	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Apparel	3.601	121.547	125.272	3.5	3.1	1.2	1.1	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.882	114.399	116.602	3.9	1.9	1.7	-.2	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.520	107.780	113.304	3.7	5.1	1.4	2.1	-2.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.192	114.563	116.615	1.9	1.8	3.6	.8	-.3
Footwear .....	.700	127.500	130.921	1.3	2.7	.0	.6	.1
Transportation	17.308	216.057	215.198	11.8	-.4	1.5	.7	1.0
Private transportation	16.082	211.315	210.513	12.2	-.4	1.6	.7	1.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.333	101.524	100.988	3.6	-.5	.1	.2	-.2
New vehicles	3.513	142.327	142.334	3.6	.0	.0	.0	.0
Used cars and trucks	2.055	155.823	153.586	5.1	-1.4	.7	.9	-.6
Motor fuel	5.079	311.962	309.745	33.2	-.7	4.6	1.7	2.9
Gasoline (all types)	4.865	311.269	309.018	33.3	-.7	4.7	1.9	2.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.408	145.537	145.646	5.7	.1	.2	.4	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.172	253.337	255.244	2.4	.8	.1	.2	.8
Public transportation	1.227	272.949	271.199	7.4	-.6	-.2	.6	.8
Medical care	6.627	400.874	401.605	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
Medical care commodities ¹	1.633	324.395	325.130	3.0	.2	.0	.1	.2
Medical care services	4.994	424.546	425.258	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Professional services	2.830	336.378	336.461	1.9	.0	.2	.2	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	Aug. 2011	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Hospital and related services	1.703	643.600	645.026	4.9	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1
Recreation ²	6.293	113.592	113.440	.3	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Video and audio ²	1.816	98.222	98.491	-.1	.3	.5	-.4	.4
Education and communication ²	6.421	132.028	132.627	1.1	.5	.2	.1	.1
Education ²	3.107	210.266	212.348	4.4	1.0	.7	.3	.2
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	530.785	538.887	5.9	1.5	.2	.0	1.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.903	604.798	610.562	4.3	1.0	.7	.3	.1
Communication ²	3.313	83.077	83.017	-1.9	-.1	-.2	-.1	-.1
Information and information processing ²	3.138	79.687	79.625	-2.3	-.1	-.2	-.2	-.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.334	101.006	101.084	-1.5	.1	-.2	.0	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵ .....	.804	8.960	8.912	-4.6	-.5	-.1	-.8	-.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶ .....	.228	66.753	65.796	-12.9	-1.4	-.5	-2.7	-1.2
Other goods and services	3.497	387.053	388.627	1.3	.4	.1	.3	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.906	837.427	843.141	2.4	.7	.5	.5	.7
Personal care	2.591	208.199	208.843	.9	.3	.0	.2	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.671	159.017	160.162	-.5	.7	-.2	-.5	.7
Personal care services ¹ .....	.638	230.779	230.974	.3	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.055	364.545	365.351	2.6	.2	.4	.4	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.012	185.566	186.015	6.7	.2	.9	.6	.5
Food and beverages	14.792	229.490	230.448	4.5	.4	.4	.5	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	25.219	161.621	161.850	8.1	.1	1.2	.6	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.474	210.546	211.709	12.2	.6	1.5	.8	.8
Apparel	3.601	121.547	125.272	3.5	3.1	1.2	1.1	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.873	270.809	270.380	15.0	-.2	1.5	.8	1.5
Durables	9.745	113.799	113.177	1.8	-.5	.1	.3	-.4
Services	59.988	267.271	267.510	2.0	.1	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.607	263.152	263.251	1.7	.0	.2	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.349	127.581	127.922	1.0	.3	.1	.2	.3
Energy services ³	3.691	201.564	201.270	2.1	-.1	.4	.4	.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.095	180.762	181.569	5.1	.4	.2	.1	.7
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.772	152.066	151.967	1.1	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Transportation services	6.140	268.940	268.979	3.2	.0	-.1	.2	.5
Medical care services	4.994	424.546	425.258	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Other services	11.340	315.791	316.708	1.6	.3	.2	.2	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.258	226.092	226.329	3.7	.1	.5	.4	.3
All items less shelter	68.045	218.952	219.396	4.9	.2	.6	.5	.4
All items less medical care	93.373	217.955	218.281	3.9	.1	.5	.4	.3
Commodities less food	26.270	164.059	164.287	7.8	.1	1.2	.6	.5
Nondurables less food	16.525	211.642	212.750	11.5	.5	1.4	.7	.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.923	265.656	265.279	13.8	-.1	1.4	.8	1.3
Nondurables	30.266	220.958	222.036	8.4	.5	.9	.6	.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	28.382	292.871	293.301	2.3	.1	.1	.3	.3
Services less medical care services	54.994	255.085	255.295	1.9	.1	.1	.3	.3
Energy	9.079	251.706	250.480	19.3	-.5	2.8	1.2	2.0
All items less energy	90.921	225.797	226.303	2.4	.2	.3	.3	.1
All items less food and energy	77.179	225.874	226.289	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	20.882	146.159	146.734	2.0	.4	.3	.4	-.2
Energy commodities	5.388	315.330	313.145	32.8	-.7	4.3	1.6	2.7
Services less energy services	56.297	274.038	274.327	2.0	.1	.2	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.441	\$.441	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.147	\$.147	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sep. 2011	Mar. 2011	Sep. 2011
All items	224.304	225.425	226.268	226.955	3.3	6.1	1.5	4.8	4.7	3.1
Food and beverages	227.585	228.453	229.589	230.542	1.5	7.1	4.0	5.3	4.3	4.7
Food	227.493	228.455	229.643	230.673	1.6	7.5	4.1	5.7	4.5	4.9
Food at home	225.818	227.131	228.508	229.911	2.0	11.2	4.7	7.4	6.5	6.1
Cereals and bakery products	259.833	259.615	262.369	264.757	1.9	5.7	7.1	7.8	3.8	7.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	223.561	224.610	225.514	226.323	2.9	13.5	9.0	5.0	8.1	7.0
Dairy and related products ¹	212.286	214.781	216.720	219.381	6.2	8.4	12.4	14.1	7.3	13.2
Fruits and vegetables	282.217	285.577	287.215	289.690	5.4	23.3	-10.2	11.0	14.0	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	166.866	168.300	168.012	167.995	-3.1	10.4	6.3	2.7	3.5	4.5
Other food at home	197.027	197.654	199.249	200.393	-1.1	7.1	5.1	7.0	3.4	6.0
Sugar and sweets ¹	207.672	207.321	209.780	213.330	1.2	4.8	4.3	11.4	3.0	7.8
Fats and oils	219.368	220.368	222.384	223.600	3.4	25.8	9.2	7.9	14.1	8.6
Other foods	208.810	209.632	211.126	211.873	-9.9	4.8	4.6	6.0	1.9	5.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	123.692	124.418	125.193	125.044	1.0	.8	3.4	4.4	.9	3.9
Food away from home ¹	231.097	231.580	232.513	233.032	1.1	2.8	3.2	3.4	2.0	3.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	162.494	162.971	163.468	163.334	1.5	3.0	1.5	2.1	2.3	1.8
Alcoholic beverages	227.306	226.915	227.345	227.285	.8	1.6	3.4	.0	1.2	1.7
Housing	218.770	219.299	219.780	220.162	1.1	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.5	2.1
Shelter	251.267	251.947	252.420	252.726	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.3	1.2	2.1
Rent of primary residence ³	252.683	253.315	254.265	254.857	2.0	1.7	1.2	3.5	1.9	2.3
Lodging away from home ²	141.840	143.172	140.659	139.636	-2.8	-1.0	25.8	-6.1	-1.9	8.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	259.023	259.682	260.230	260.548	1.1	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.2	1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	259.009	259.664	260.211	260.522	1.1	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.2	1.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	127.155	127.278	127.581	127.922	-1.4	-1.0	4.2	2.4	-1.2	3.3
Fuels and utilities	219.939	220.447	221.155	222.606	3.2	7.1	.8	4.9	5.2	2.9
Household energy	193.171	193.621	194.359	195.624	2.7	7.2	-1.1	5.2	5.0	2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	340.775	336.894	335.995	334.735	58.0	73.2	-1.3	-6.9	65.4	-4.1
Energy services ³	193.669	194.368	195.223	196.677	-6.6	2.8	.0	6.4	1.1	3.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	179.574	179.974	180.159	181.374	5.1	6.7	4.3	4.1	5.9	4.2
Household furnishings and operations	124.813	124.870	125.275	125.249	-1.5	.2	1.4	1.4	-6.1	1.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	151.730	151.908	152.066	151.967	.8	-3.3	3.2	.6	.3	1.9
Apparel	122.037	123.562	124.934	123.529	-4.4	-1.5	11.5	5.0	-9.1	8.2
Men's and boys' apparel	115.111	117.114	116.898	116.635	-3.3	-2.3	17.1	5.4	-2.8	11.1
Women's and girls' apparel	108.838	110.363	112.690	110.218	.4	-2.3	12.4	5.2	-1.0	8.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	111.560	115.598	116.559	116.253	-1.6	-12.7	6.6	17.9	-7.3	12.1
Footwear	129.051	129.026	129.766	129.833	-3.3	1.0	5.0	2.4	-1.2	3.7
Transportation	210.317	213.484	215.052	217.280	15.1	23.9	-3.1	13.9	19.4	5.0
Private transportation	205.663	209.018	210.575	212.785	15.1	24.1	-2.6	14.6	19.5	5.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.992	101.140	101.297	101.095	-1.8	4.5	11.6	.4	1.3	5.9
New vehicles	143.501	143.549	143.572	143.509	-1.7	6.4	10.1	.0	2.3	5.0
Used cars and trucks	150.707	151.827	153.211	152.354	-2.3	2.5	16.8	4.4	.1	10.5
Motor fuel	290.494	303.903	309.112	318.141	57.0	74.8	-20.2	43.9	65.6	7.1
Gasoline (all types)	289.077	302.520	308.398	317.446	59.5	71.2	-20.5	45.4	65.2	7.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	144.618	144.960	145.537	145.646	4.2	4.3	11.7	2.9	4.2	7.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	252.529	252.769	253.337	255.244	1.5	1.1	2.8	4.4	1.3	3.6
Public transportation	266.349	265.862	267.455	269.718	15.2	21.4	-9.5	5.2	18.2	-2.5
Medical care	399.500	400.468	401.431	402.269	2.3	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.0
Medical care commodities ¹	324.102	324.159	324.395	325.130	1.8	7.1	1.8	1.3	4.4	1.5
Medical care services	422.741	424.076	425.328	426.192	2.5	1.6	3.7	3.3	2.0	3.5
Professional services	335.125	335.831	336.426	336.855	1.9	2.3	1.4	2.1	2.1	1.7

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—		
	June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sep. 2011	Mar. 2011	Sep. 2011
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services	641.042	643.675	647.003	647.688	5.7	2.3	7.7	4.2	4.0	5.9
Recreation ²	113.448	113.332	113.461	113.379	-1.2	1.8	.8	-.2	.3	.3
Video and audio ²	97.922	98.435	98.047	98.421	-2.8	2.5	-2.2	2.1	-.2	-.1
Education and communication ²	131.300	131.598	131.685	131.772	.0	1.8	1.2	1.4	.9	1.3
Education ²	207.115	208.477	209.073	209.477	4.0	5.2	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.3
Educational books and supplies	527.674	528.975	528.860	535.859	6.5	6.6	4.1	6.4	6.6	5.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	595.349	599.439	601.281	601.966	3.8	5.1	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.2
Communication ²	83.391	83.235	83.112	83.064	-3.6	-1.4	-1.3	-1.6	-2.5	-1.4
Information and information processing ²	80.004	79.846	79.722	79.673	-3.8	-2.3	-1.4	-1.6	-3.1	-1.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.204	100.961	101.006	101.084	-3.4	-1.9	-.2	-.5	-2.7	-.3
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵	9.049	9.043	8.975	8.933	-4.9	-3.5	-4.9	-5.0	-4.2	-5.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	69.430	69.089	67.192	66.391	-11.6	-14.3	-9.3	-16.4	-13.0	-12.9
Other goods and services	386.068	386.568	387.673	388.859	.8	.6	.9	2.9	.7	1.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	828.860	833.067	837.427	843.141	1.9	1.5	-.9	7.1	1.7	3.0
Personal care	208.232	208.228	208.649	209.012	.4	.2	1.5	1.5	.3	1.5
Personal care products ¹	160.163	159.763	159.017	160.162	-.8	.8	-2.0	.0	.0	-1.0
Personal care services ¹	230.614	230.454	230.779	230.974	-.3	-.2	1.0	.6	-.3	.8
Miscellaneous personal services	361.765	363.086	364.537	364.789	2.6	1.7	2.8	3.4	2.2	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	183.042	184.701	185.783	186.622	6.0	12.6	.9	8.1	9.3	4.4
Food and beverages	227.585	228.453	229.589	230.542	1.5	7.1	4.0	5.3	4.3	4.7
Commodities less food and beverages	158.934	160.855	161.879	162.643	8.8	15.9	-.8	9.7	12.3	4.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	206.462	209.517	211.198	212.876	16.5	23.3	-2.5	13.0	19.8	5.0
Apparel	122.037	123.562	124.934	123.529	-.4	-1.5	11.5	5.0	-.9	8.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	263.361	267.418	269.682	273.642	22.3	32.0	-7.2	16.6	27.1	4.0
Durables	113.560	113.697	114.000	113.488	-3.0	3.1	7.6	-.3	.0	3.6
Services	265.318	265.897	266.471	267.015	1.4	2.1	1.8	2.6	1.8	2.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	261.396	261.882	262.558	263.256	2.6	-.3	1.6	2.9	1.1	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	127.155	127.278	127.581	127.922	-1.4	-1.0	4.2	2.4	-1.2	3.3
Energy services ³	193.669	194.368	195.223	196.677	-.6	2.8	.0	6.4	1.1	3.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	179.574	179.974	180.159	181.374	5.1	6.7	4.3	4.1	5.9	4.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	151.730	151.908	152.066	151.967	.8	-.3	3.2	.6	.3	1.9
Transportation services	267.700	267.367	267.867	269.113	4.2	6.4	.3	2.1	5.3	1.2
Medical care services	422.741	424.076	425.328	426.192	2.5	1.6	3.7	3.3	2.0	3.5
Other services	313.917	314.461	315.150	315.430	.7	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	223.822	224.968	225.757	226.389	3.5	5.9	1.1	4.7	4.7	2.8
All items less shelter	216.303	217.613	218.612	219.458	4.3	8.5	1.3	6.0	6.3	3.6
All items less medical care	215.700	216.818	217.649	218.324	3.3	6.4	1.3	5.0	4.8	3.1
Commodities less food	161.441	163.305	164.317	165.062	8.4	15.3	-.7	9.3	11.8	4.2
Nondurables less food	207.713	210.536	212.073	213.675	16.6	21.0	-2.3	12.0	18.8	4.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	259.034	262.591	264.643	268.178	20.4	29.3	-6.2	14.9	24.8	3.8
Nondurables	217.801	219.814	221.179	222.435	9.6	15.4	.2	8.8	12.4	4.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	290.050	290.297	291.055	291.867	2.2	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.5	2.1
Services less medical care services	252.972	253.218	253.904	254.668	2.4	1.0	1.5	2.7	1.7	2.1
Energy	237.889	244.507	247.367	252.319	29.8	42.4	-12.5	26.6	36.0	5.3
All items less energy	224.711	225.284	225.930	226.190	.9	2.8	3.1	2.7	1.9	2.9
All items less food and energy	224.958	225.463	226.014	226.137	.8	2.0	2.9	2.1	1.4	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	145.979	146.370	146.897	146.533	-1.2	1.9	5.9	1.5	.3	3.7
Energy commodities	295.025	307.662	312.602	321.179	57.0	74.7	-19.2	40.5	65.6	6.5
Services less energy services	272.638	273.207	273.755	274.216	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.3	1.8	2.1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=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 Sep.2011 from—			Percent change to Aug.2011 from—		
		June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2010	June 2011	July 2011
U.S. city average	M	225.722	225.922	226.545	226.889	3.9	0.4	0.2	3.8	0.4	0.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	241.690	242.282	243.033	243.323	4.0	.4	.1	3.8	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	243.257	243.806	244.601	244.983	3.8	.5	.2	3.6	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	144.525	144.952	145.339	145.369	4.4	.3	.0	4.3	.6	.3
Midwest urban	M	215.954	216.099	216.586	216.968	3.9	.4	.2	3.8	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	216.290	216.350	216.870	217.360	3.9	.5	.2	3.8	.3	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.115	139.222	139.451	139.542	3.9	.2	.1	3.8	.2	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	211.717	212.261	213.009	213.606	4.1	.6	.3	3.9	.6	.4
South urban	M	219.318	219.682	220.471	220.371	4.1	.3	.0	4.3	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	220.481	220.897	221.685	221.242	3.6	.2	-.2	4.1	.5	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.639	139.783	140.378	140.471	4.3	.5	.1	4.5	.5	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	223.675	224.681	224.613	224.462	4.3	-.1	-.1	4.3	.4	.0
West urban	M	228.075	227.805	228.222	229.147	3.5	.6	.4	3.0	.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	232.010	231.666	232.219	233.221	3.3	.7	.4	2.8	.1	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.269	138.128	138.171	138.564	3.8	.3	.3	3.3	-.1	.0
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	205.792	205.928	206.524	206.883	3.6	.5	.2	3.5	.4	.3
B/C ³	M	139.935	140.057	140.440	140.584	4.1	.4	.1	4.1	.4	.3
D	M	218.862	219.465	219.856	220.391	4.2	.4	.2	3.9	.5	.2
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	220.182	219.277	219.688	220.027	3.1	.3	.2	3.2	-.2	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	232.328	231.303	231.833	233.022	3.1	.7	.5	2.4	-.2	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	248.505	249.164	250.058	250.559	3.8	.6	.2	3.5	.6	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	244.256	-	245.310	3.7	.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	211.686	-	213.004	3.7	.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	208.602	-	209.255	3.7	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	147.747	-	147.658	3.4	-.1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	211.074	-	212.335	-	-	-	-	3.8	.6	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	213.506	-	213.924	-	-	-	-	4.1	.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	201.309	-	202.445	-	-	-	-	3.7	.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	231.197	-	232.749	-	-	-	-	4.5	.7	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	234.463	-	236.196	-	-	-	-	3.4	.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	233.646	-	234.608	-	-	-	-	2.9	.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	233.250	-	233.810	-	-	-	-	2.7	.2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	Aug. 2011	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	223.326	223.688	4.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	665.221	666.299	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.401	228.957	229.965	4.6	.4	.4	.5	.5
Food	15.315	228.911	229.967	4.8	.5	.4	.6	.5
Food at home	8.906	227.388	228.777	6.4	.6	.6	.6	.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.236	263.608	264.869	5.7	.5	-.1	1.1	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.227	225.682	227.285	7.7	.7	.4	.4	.4
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.917	215.910	218.406	10.4	1.2	1.2	.9	1.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	280.617	284.884	6.9	1.5	1.2	.7	1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.091	167.391	167.416	3.8	.0	.8	-.1	.0
Other food at home	2.217	199.201	199.519	4.8	.2	.4	.8	.5
Sugar and sweets ¹ .....	.324	208.537	211.591	5.3	1.5	-.1	1.2	1.5
Fats and oils .....	.258	224.327	225.698	11.7	.6	.7	1.0	.5
Other foods	1.635	212.092	211.730	3.7	-.2	.4	.7	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.463	125.327	125.167	2.5	-.1	.6	.6	-.1
Food away from home ¹	6.409	232.682	233.257	2.7	.2	.2	.5	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.326	164.551	164.421	2.3	-.1	.4	.2	-.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.086	228.213	228.513	1.6	.1	-.2	.2	.2
Housing	39.228	217.235	217.371	1.9	.1	.3	.2	.2
Shelter	29.811	246.187	246.372	1.7	.1	.2	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	8.396	252.195	252.771	2.1	.2	.2	.4	.2
Lodging away from home ² .....	.436	146.163	140.665	3.1	-3.8	.8	-1.9	-1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	20.672	235.645	235.886	1.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	19.942	235.638	235.876	1.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	128.727	129.090	1.1	.3	.1	.3	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.633	225.399	225.398	4.0	.0	.3	.3	.7
Household energy	4.476	198.396	198.168	3.7	-.1	.3	.4	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.301	334.935	334.361	25.1	-.2	-1.0	-.3	-.2
Energy services ³	4.175	201.084	200.861	2.4	-.1	.5	.4	.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.157	181.099	181.931	5.0	.5	.2	.1	.7
Household furnishings and operations	3.784	121.325	121.399	.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.364	154.879	154.718	1.2	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Apparel	3.668	120.624	124.716	4.0	3.4	1.2	1.0	-.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.921	114.068	116.854	4.4	2.4	1.6	-.3	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1.502	107.359	113.333	4.4	5.6	1.4	2.0	-1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.280	118.265	119.921	2.8	1.4	3.2	1.6	-.3
Footwear .....	.750	128.108	131.035	2.0	2.3	-.1	.7	-.1
Transportation	19.418	217.491	216.474	13.0	-.5	1.8	.9	1.1
Private transportation	18.631	214.131	213.141	13.3	-.5	1.9	.9	1.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.914	101.393	100.736	4.0	-.6	.3	.3	-.3
New vehicles	3.320	143.276	143.290	3.6	.0	.1	.0	-.1
Used cars and trucks	3.003	156.860	154.645	5.2	-1.4	.8	.9	-.5
Motor fuel	6.470	313.307	310.810	33.2	-.8	4.7	1.7	2.8
Gasoline (all types)	6.193	312.768	310.227	33.3	-.8	4.9	1.8	2.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.479	145.390	145.652	5.8	.2	.3	.4	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.184	256.077	258.001	2.4	.8	.1	.2	.8
Public transportation .....	.787	269.427	267.826	7.2	-.6	-.1	.7	.6
Medical care	5.355	402.783	403.433	2.9	.2	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities ¹	1.318	316.299	316.869	3.1	.2	.1	.1	.2
Medical care services	4.038	428.190	428.856	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Professional services	2.220	340.053	340.195	2.0	.0	.2	.2	.1

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 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	Aug. 2011	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.	
Hospital and related services	1.414	646.560	647.586	5.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Recreation ²	5.862	110.146	109.995	.3	-.1	.0	.0	-.1	
Video and audio ²	1.959	98.939	99.148	-.1	.2	.6	-.5	.3	
Education and communication ²	6.118	125.797	126.219	.3	.3	.1	.0	.0	
Education ²	2.380	206.790	208.721	4.2	.9	.5	.3	.2	
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	536.250	544.702	6.3	1.6	.1	.2	1.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.181	581.447	586.531	4.0	.9	.5	.3	.1	
Communication ²	3.738	85.545	85.492	-2.1	-.1	-2	-.1	.0	
Information and information processing ²	3.605	83.198	83.144	-2.4	-.1	-2	-.1	.0	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.823	100.405	100.475	-1.8	.1	-3	.0	.1	
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵ .....	.782	9.514	9.462	-4.3	-.5	.0	-.6	-.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶ .....	.208	66.530	65.435	-13.2	-1.6	-3	-2.3	-1.3
Other goods and services	3.950	416.896	418.837	1.5	.5	.2	.3	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.450	842.479	848.513	2.4	.7	.5	.6	.7	
Personal care	2.500	205.957	206.615	1.0	.3	.0	.2	.2	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.717	159.655	160.623	-.3	.6	-.1	-.6	.6
Personal care services ¹ .....	.572	230.907	231.139	.2	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.027	365.826	366.656	2.6	.2	.3	.3	.1	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	43.898	190.217	190.644	7.5	.2	1.1	.7	.6	
Food and beverages	16.401	228.957	229.965	4.6	.4	.4	.5	.5	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.497	168.623	168.793	9.3	.1	1.5	.7	.6	
Nondurables less food and beverages	17.244	222.704	223.817	13.6	.5	1.4	.9	1.0	
Apparel	3.668	120.624	124.716	4.0	3.4	1.2	1.0	-.6	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	13.576	290.820	290.172	16.4	-.2	1.8	1.0	1.6	
Durables	10.253	116.037	115.332	2.4	-.6	.2	.3	-.5	
Services	56.102	262.344	262.636	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.504	237.244	237.418	1.7	.1	.2	.3	.2	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	128.727	129.090	1.1	.3	.1	.3	.3
Energy services ³	4.175	201.084	200.861	2.4	-.1	.5	.4	.8	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.157	181.099	181.931	5.0	.5	.2	.1	.7	
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.364	154.879	154.718	1.2	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Transportation services	5.994	268.778	269.151	3.2	.1	-.1	.3	.4	
Medical care services	4.038	428.190	428.856	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2	
Other services	10.563	300.411	301.130	1.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.685	222.144	222.384	4.3	.1	.6	.4	.4	
All items less shelter	70.189	217.387	217.817	5.5	.2	.7	.5	.5	
All items less medical care	94.645	215.996	216.346	4.5	.2	.6	.4	.4	
Commodities less food	28.583	170.764	170.938	9.0	.1	1.4	.7	.6	
Nondurables less food	18.329	223.269	224.341	12.9	.5	1.3	.9	.9	
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.662	284.219	283.654	15.3	-.2	1.6	.9	1.5	
Nondurables	33.644	226.913	227.983	9.2	.5	1.0	.7	.7	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.598	258.552	258.945	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.3	
Services less medical care services	52.065	250.789	251.058	1.9	.1	.1	.2	.3	
Energy	10.946	254.191	252.823	20.2	-.5	3.0	1.2	2.0	
All items less energy	89.054	220.587	221.161	2.5	.3	.3	.3	.2	
All items less food and energy	73.739	219.290	219.766	2.0	.2	.2	.3	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.812	149.003	149.633	2.4	.4	.3	.4	-.1	
Energy commodities	6.771	315.799	313.363	32.8	-.8	4.5	1.7	2.7	
Services less energy services	51.927	268.988	269.337	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.448	\$.447	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.150	\$.150	-	-	-	-	-	

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=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—		
	June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sep. 2011	Mar. 2011	Sep. 2011
Expenditure category										
All items	220.768	222.077	223.010	223.845	3.8	7.1	1.2	5.7	5.4	3.4
Food and beverages	226.929	227.802	229.016	230.060	1.6	7.3	4.0	5.6	4.4	4.8
Food	226.723	227.692	228.952	230.030	1.7	7.7	4.1	6.0	4.6	5.0
Food at home	224.769	226.069	227.458	228.884	2.0	11.5	4.7	7.5	6.7	6.1
Cereals and bakery products	260.567	260.242	263.058	265.587	2.2	5.6	7.1	7.9	3.9	7.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	223.720	224.657	225.516	226.446	2.9	13.9	9.2	5.0	8.3	7.1
Dairy and related products ¹	211.374	213.957	215.910	218.406	6.5	8.6	12.7	14.0	7.6	13.3
Fruits and vegetables	278.965	282.395	284.468	287.175	6.0	25.0	-12.2	12.3	15.1	-7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	166.036	167.414	167.199	167.262	-3.1	10.3	5.7	3.0	3.4	4.3
Other food at home	196.198	196.955	198.478	199.568	-3	7.3	5.4	7.0	3.5	6.2
Sugar and sweets ¹	206.402	206.103	208.537	211.591	2.5	4.4	4.0	10.4	3.4	7.2
Fats and oils	219.872	221.486	223.640	224.718	3.3	25.4	10.0	9.1	13.8	9.6
Other foods	208.866	209.767	211.152	211.956	-1.3	5.2	4.9	6.1	1.9	5.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	123.911	124.607	125.327	125.167	.3	1.9	3.5	4.1	1.1	3.8
Food away from home ¹	231.112	231.603	232.682	233.257	1.2	2.5	3.2	3.8	1.9	3.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	163.524	164.167	164.551	164.421	2.3	3.0	1.7	2.2	2.6	1.9
Alcoholic beverages	228.503	227.990	228.514	229.060	.5	1.7	3.4	1.0	1.1	2.2
Housing	215.369	215.909	216.430	216.896	1.3	2.0	1.5	2.9	1.6	2.2
Shelter	245.029	245.635	246.170	246.496	1.4	1.3	1.5	2.4	1.4	2.0
Rent of primary residence ³	250.938	251.517	252.486	253.029	2.1	1.8	1.2	3.4	1.9	2.3
Lodging away from home ²	143.333	144.542	141.783	140.409	-1.0	-1.1	25.1	-7.9	-1.1	7.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	234.643	235.213	235.681	235.969	1.2	1.3	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	234.639	235.206	235.674	235.959	1.2	1.3	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	128.242	128.377	128.727	129.090	-1	-2.4	4.3	2.7	-1.3	3.5
Fuels and utilities	218.367	219.074	219.783	221.302	2.7	6.5	1.2	5.5	4.6	3.3
Household energy	190.982	191.649	192.373	193.702	2.2	6.6	.4	5.8	4.3	3.1
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	339.095	335.796	334.935	334.361	57.8	68.8	-2.7	-5.5	63.2	-4.1
Energy services ³	192.818	193.693	194.520	195.994	-8	3.0	.7	6.8	1.1	3.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	179.953	180.357	180.557	181.809	5.0	6.3	4.6	4.2	5.6	4.4
Household furnishings and operations	120.881	121.083	121.447	121.613	-1.3	.2	1.4	2.4	-5	1.9
Household operations ^{1 2}	154.581	154.670	154.879	154.718	.7	-4	4.3	.4	.1	2.3
Apparel	121.203	122.700	123.897	123.110	-9	-1.5	12.6	6.4	-1.2	9.5
Men's and boys' apparel	115.078	116.888	116.537	116.944	-2.4	-2.9	17.6	6.6	-2.6	12.0
Women's and girls' apparel	108.462	109.948	112.099	110.315	-6	-1.9	14.1	7.0	-1.3	10.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	114.525	118.190	120.035	119.637	1.7	-13.7	6.7	19.1	-6.3	12.7
Footwear	129.412	129.250	130.189	130.053	-3.6	2.9	7.1	2.0	-4	4.5
Transportation	210.835	214.617	216.457	218.765	16.7	26.0	-3.7	15.9	21.3	5.7
Private transportation	207.502	211.387	213.215	215.526	16.8	26.3	-3.5	16.4	21.5	6.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.337	100.613	100.947	100.694	-1.6	4.3	12.3	1.4	1.3	6.7
New vehicles	144.411	144.489	144.511	144.429	-1.4	6.4	9.6	.0	2.4	4.7
Used cars and trucks	151.670	152.817	154.229	153.401	-2.1	2.5	16.7	4.6	.2	10.5
Motor fuel	291.497	305.332	310.629	319.294	57.0	75.4	-20.6	44.0	65.9	6.9
Gasoline (all types)	290.345	304.500	310.120	318.744	60.0	71.3	-20.8	45.2	65.6	7.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	144.458	144.840	145.390	145.652	4.2	4.5	11.1	3.3	4.4	7.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	255.133	255.509	256.077	258.001	1.3	1.0	2.8	4.6	1.2	3.7
Public transportation	263.506	263.228	264.968	266.655	13.8	20.2	-7.9	4.9	17.0	-1.7
Medical care	401.374	402.449	403.355	404.101	2.6	2.9	3.3	2.7	2.8	3.0
Medical care commodities ¹	315.710	315.957	316.299	316.869	2.0	7.1	1.9	1.5	4.5	1.7
Medical care services	426.464	427.870	428.997	429.797	2.8	1.6	3.8	3.2	2.2	3.5
Professional services	338.809	339.447	340.063	340.515	1.9	2.4	1.6	2.0	2.2	1.8

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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

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	June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sep. 2011	Mar. 2011	Sep. 2011
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services	644.001	647.029	650.044	650.292	6.5	2.7	7.5	4.0	4.6	5.7
Recreation ²	110.001	109.989	110.007	109.921	-2.2	3.2	.7	-.3	.4	-.2
Video and audio ²	98.575	99.198	98.741	99.049	-2.7	3.0	-2.4	1.9	.1	-.2
Education and communication ²	125.440	125.517	125.576	125.624	-.9	.7	.9	.6	-.1	.7
Education ²	204.259	205.277	205.796	206.130	4.1	5.0	4.0	3.7	4.5	3.8
Educational books and supplies	532.591	532.994	534.305	541.400	5.7	8.4	4.5	6.8	7.0	5.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	574.039	577.124	578.589	578.907	4.0	4.7	3.9	3.4	4.3	3.7
Communication ²	85.836	85.644	85.568	85.530	-4.0	-2.0	-1.1	-1.4	-3.0	-1.2
Information and information processing ²	83.492	83.298	83.221	83.182	-4.2	-2.6	-1.2	-1.5	-3.4	-1.3
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.657	100.366	100.405	100.475	-3.8	-2.4	-.2	-.7	-3.1	-.4
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵	9.584	9.582	9.527	9.482	-5.3	-3.4	-4.7	-4.2	-4.3	-4.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	68.685	68.476	66.880	66.005	-12.6	-15.1	-10.1	-14.7	-13.9	-12.4
Other goods and services	415.446	416.213	417.579	419.144	1.2	.6	.5	3.6	.9	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	833.452	837.692	842.479	848.513	1.9	1.3	-.9	7.4	1.6	3.2
Personal care	206.112	206.107	206.492	206.855	.8	.3	1.3	1.4	.6	1.4
Personal care products ¹	160.780	160.567	159.655	160.623	-.2	1.1	-2.2	-.4	.7	-1.3
Personal care services ¹	230.814	230.579	230.907	231.139	-.5	-.1	1.0	.6	-.3	.8
Miscellaneous personal services	363.440	364.641	365.672	366.100	3.0	1.5	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.9
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	187.064	189.046	190.282	191.372	7.0	14.1	.4	9.5	10.5	4.9
Food and beverages	226.929	227.802	229.016	230.060	1.6	7.3	4.0	5.6	4.4	4.8
Commodities less food and beverages	165.079	167.478	168.690	169.769	10.3	18.2	-1.6	11.9	14.2	4.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	217.845	220.896	222.967	225.168	20.3	25.1	-3.1	14.1	22.7	5.2
Apparel	121.203	122.700	123.897	123.110	-.9	-1.5	12.6	6.4	-1.2	9.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	281.604	286.641	289.480	294.063	25.2	34.8	-8.6	18.9	29.9	4.3
Durables	115.400	115.677	116.073	115.500	-3.2	4.0	8.8	.3	.3	4.5
Services	260.433	260.993	261.562	262.136	1.3	2.0	1.7	2.6	1.7	2.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	235.908	236.372	237.045	237.511	1.9	.8	1.2	2.7	1.4	2.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	128.242	128.377	128.727	129.090	-.1	-2.4	4.3	2.7	-1.3	3.5
Energy services ³	192.818	193.693	194.520	195.994	-.8	3.0	.7	6.8	1.1	3.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	179.953	180.357	180.557	181.809	5.0	6.3	4.6	4.2	5.6	4.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	154.581	154.670	154.879	154.718	.7	-.4	4.3	.4	.1	2.3
Transportation services	267.896	267.720	268.407	269.601	3.3	5.2	1.7	2.6	4.3	2.1
Medical care services	426.464	427.870	428.997	429.797	2.8	1.6	3.8	3.2	2.2	3.5
Other services	299.140	299.585	299.911	300.175	.0	1.7	1.3	1.4	.9	1.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	219.523	220.891	221.765	222.557	4.2	7.0	.7	5.6	5.6	3.1
All items less shelter	214.295	215.872	216.959	217.988	4.8	9.6	1.0	7.1	7.2	4.0
All items less medical care	213.426	214.730	215.656	216.487	3.9	7.4	1.1	5.9	5.6	3.4
Commodities less food	167.311	169.640	170.837	171.906	9.9	17.5	-1.4	11.4	13.7	4.8
Nondurables less food	218.640	221.553	223.538	225.645	19.1	23.7	-2.8	13.4	21.4	5.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	275.970	280.419	283.019	287.198	23.2	32.2	-7.7	17.3	27.6	4.1
Nondurables	223.294	225.476	226.992	228.532	10.9	17.0	-.2	9.7	13.9	4.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	255.986	256.220	256.800	257.577	1.8	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.2	2.2
Services less medical care services	248.840	249.178	249.772	250.450	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.6	1.6	2.1
Energy	239.606	246.895	249.914	254.922	31.3	44.5	-13.2	28.1	37.8	5.5
All items less energy	219.475	220.065	220.749	221.083	.8	3.0	3.3	3.0	1.9	3.1
All items less food and energy	218.395	218.908	219.477	219.660	.7	2.0	3.1	2.3	1.3	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	148.509	148.996	149.589	149.394	-1.3	2.1	6.4	2.4	.4	4.4
Energy commodities	294.876	308.122	313.210	321.564	57.0	75.1	-19.9	41.4	65.8	6.4
Services less energy services	267.802	268.327	268.865	269.335	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=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 Sep.2011 from—			Percent change to Aug.2011 from—		
		June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2010	June 2011	July 2011
U.S. city average	M	222.522	222.686	223.326	223.688	4.4	0.4	0.2	4.3	0.4	0.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	240.158	240.707	241.431	241.838	4.4	.5	.2	4.2	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	239.972	240.475	241.191	241.752	4.3	.5	.2	4.0	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	146.144	146.536	146.985	147.039	4.8	.3	.0	4.7	.6	.3
Midwest urban	M	212.556	212.718	213.212	213.626	4.5	.4	.2	4.4	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.147	212.211	212.589	213.070	4.5	.4	.2	4.4	.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.738	139.835	140.207	140.363	4.5	.4	.1	4.3	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	210.516	211.120	211.873	212.520	4.6	.7	.3	4.4	.6	.4
South urban	M	217.722	218.087	218.947	218.787	4.6	.3	-.1	4.9	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.263	219.543	220.583	220.130	4.1	.3	-.2	4.6	.6	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.407	139.584	140.190	140.229	4.9	.5	.0	5.1	.6	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	224.807	225.923	225.793	225.478	4.7	-.2	-.1	4.8	.4	-.1
West urban	M	223.237	222.815	223.204	224.237	3.9	.6	.5	3.3	.0	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	225.670	225.152	225.662	226.764	3.8	.7	.5	3.1	.0	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.392	138.151	138.255	138.770	4.1	.4	.4	3.6	-.1	.1
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	205.415	205.474	206.077	206.484	4.1	.5	.2	4.0	.3	.3
B/C ³	M	140.179	140.288	140.723	140.883	4.6	.4	.1	4.6	.4	.3
D	M	218.067	218.791	219.093	219.494	4.6	.3	.2	4.4	.5	.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	215.325	214.437	214.740	215.005	3.9	.3	.1	4.1	-.3	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	225.461	224.277	224.665	226.096	3.5	.8	.6	2.7	-.4	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	244.601	245.265	246.025	246.877	4.3	.7	.3	3.9	.6	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	245.949	-	246.424	4.0	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	203.660	-	204.981	4.2	.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	213.480	-	214.567	4.4	.5	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	148.294	-	148.352	3.9	.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	210.598	-	212.325	-	-	-	-	4.2	.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	210.354	-	210.377	-	-	-	-	4.5	.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	200.444	-	201.772	-	-	-	-	4.4	.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	229.353	-	231.448	-	-	-	-	4.8	.9	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	234.965	-	236.583	-	-	-	-	3.5	.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	230.605	-	231.445	-	-	-	-	3.2	.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	230.072	-	230.558	-	-	-	-	3.2	.2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2007-2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2011 from—	
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Sep. 2010	Aug. 2011
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	130.258	130.449	3.7	0.1
Food and beverages	14.519	133.489	134.054	4.4	.4
Food	13.493	133.764	134.369	4.6	.5
Food at home	7.780	129.875	130.684	6.2	.6
Food away from home	5.712	139.045	139.350	2.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.027	130.624	130.684	1.2	.0
Housing	42.074	130.528	130.529	1.7	.0
Shelter	32.119	133.331	133.392	1.6	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.231	165.667	165.443	3.7	-.1
Household furnishings and operations	4.724	92.610	92.464	.1	-.2
Apparel	3.772	90.756	93.711	3.2	3.3
Transportation	17.199	145.446	144.884	12.1	-.4
Private transportation	16.013	146.382	145.848	12.4	-.4
Public transportation	1.186	133.531	132.614	7.3	-.7
Medical care	6.294	154.976	155.282	2.7	.2
Medical care commodities	1.570	136.516	136.868	2.8	.3
Medical care services	4.723	161.756	162.044	2.6	.2
Recreation	6.625	102.354	102.120	-.7	-.2
Education and communication	6.288	113.465	113.861	.4	.3
Education	2.804	193.837	195.655	4.3	.9
Communication	3.484	70.991	70.905	-2.5	-.1
Other goods and services	3.229	142.415	142.954	2.3	.4
Commodity and service group					
Services	59.383	138.512	138.611	1.9	.1
Commodities	40.617	120.385	120.696	6.4	.3
Durables	10.376	81.898	81.414	.9	-.6
Nondurables	30.241	140.534	141.308	8.3	.6
All items less food and energy	76.901	122.166	122.379	1.8	.2
Energy	9.606	213.270	212.213	19.1	-.5

Indexes for 2011 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2010 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.