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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2009

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the December Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the index increased 2.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The seasonally adjusted increase in the all items index was broad based, with the indexes for food, energy, and all items less food and energy all posting modest increases. Within the latter group, a sharp rise in the index for used cars and trucks was the largest contributor to the 0.1 percent increase, while the indexes for airline fares, apparel, and lodging away from home rose as well. In contrast, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent were unchanged and the index for new vehicles declined.

Grocery store food indexes showed broad-based increases, leading to the food index rising 0.2 percent, its largest one-month advance in over a year. The energy index also rose 0.2 percent; this was its smallest increase in five months. The indexes for fuel oil and gasoline rose, but the electricity index was unchanged and the natural gas index declined.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Dec. 2008 - Dec. 2009
Percent change

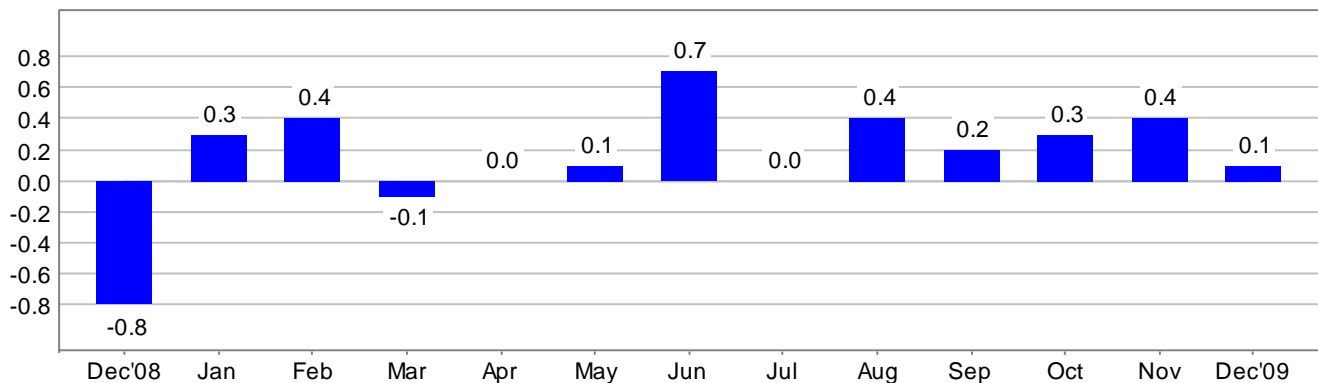


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Dec. 2008 - Dec. 2009

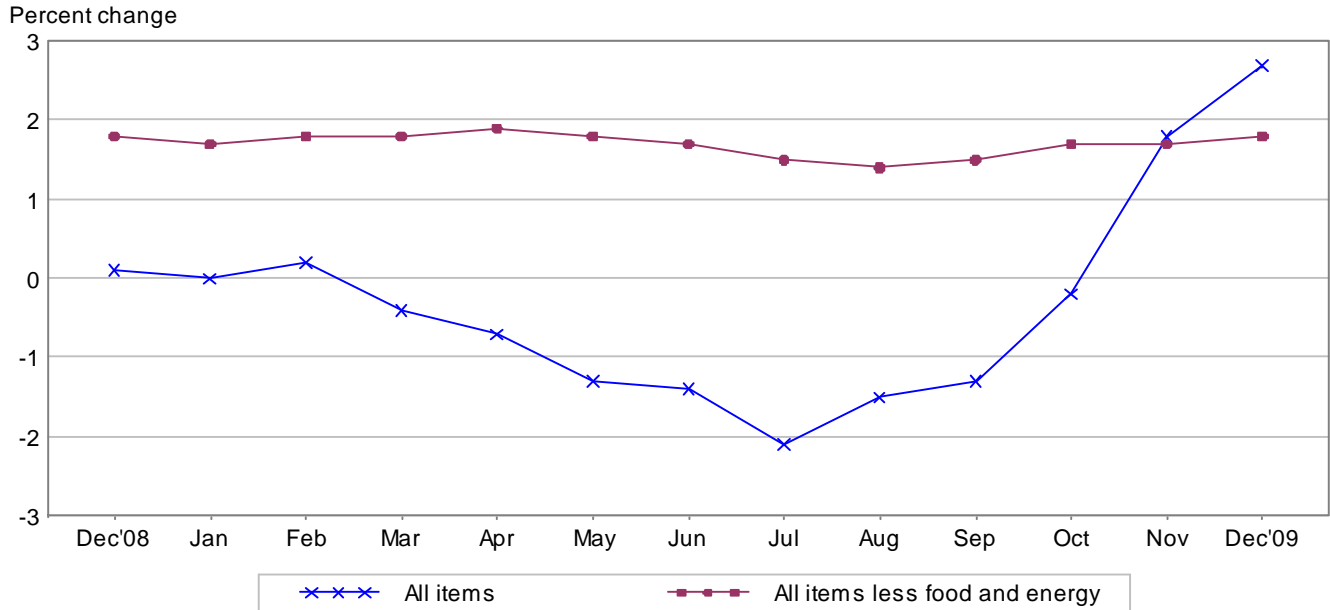


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2009
	June 2009	July 2009	Aug. 2009	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	
All items .....	.7	.0	.4	.2	.3	.4	.1	2.7
Food .....	.0	-.3	.1	-.1	.1	.1	.2	-.5
Food at home .....	.0	-.5	.0	-.3	.0	.0	.3	-2.4
Food away from home ¹ .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	1.9
Energy	7.4	-.4	4.6	.6	1.5	4.1	.2	18.2
Energy commodities	16.2	-.4	8.5	1.1	1.9	6.3	.5	46.5
Gasoline (all types)	17.3	-.8	9.1	1.0	1.6	6.4	.2	53.5
Fuel oil	4.8	-1.5	6.2	1.5	6.3	9.0	1.1	6.5
Energy services	-1.2	-.3	.0	.1	.9	1.4	-.1	-5.4
Electricity	-1.9	-.6	-.1	.6	.6	1.4	.0	-.5
Utility (piped) gas service	1.3	.9	.4	-1.7	1.9	1.5	-.7	-18.1
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.1	.2	.2	.0	.1	1.8
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities .....	.3	.2	-.3	.3	.4	.2	.2	3.0
New vehicles .....	.7	.5	-1.3	.4	1.6	.6	-.3	4.9
Used cars and trucks .....	.9	.0	1.9	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.5	9.2
Apparel .....	.7	.6	-.1	.1	-.4	-.3	.4	1.9
Medical care commodities .....	.1	-.1	.5	.6	.2	.0	-.1	3.3
Services less energy services .....	.1	.0	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	1.4
Shelter .....	.1	-.2	.1	.0	.0	-.2	.0	.3
Transportation services	-.1	.5	.6	.7	.4	.6	.3	3.9
Medical care services .....	.2	.3	.2	.4	.2	.4	.2	3.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Year in Review

For the 12 month period ending December 2009, the CPI-U rose 2.7 percent, compared to 0.1 percent for 2008. The larger increase was primarily due to the energy index, which rose 18.2 percent during 2009 after falling 21.3 percent in 2008. The energy upturn was caused by the gasoline index, which rose 53.5 percent in 2009 after declining 43.1 percent in 2008. The household energy index, in contrast, declined 4.9 percent during 2009 with the index for natural gas falling 18.1 percent and the electricity index declining 0.5 percent. The food index, which rose 5.9 percent in 2008, fell 0.5 percent for the 12 months ending December 2009, the first December-to-December decline since 1961. The index for food away from home rose 1.9 percent while the food at home index fell 2.4 percent. Within food at home, all six major grocery food groups posted declines in 2009 after rising in 2008. The dairy and related products group declined the most, falling 7.6 percent, its largest annual decline since 1938.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 1.8 percent during 2009, the same increase as in 2008. This identical increase was the result of offsetting factors. Pushing the index higher were vehicle prices, which rose in 2009 after declining in 2008. The indexes for new vehicles rose 4.9 percent in 2009 and the index for used cars and trucks increased 9.2 percent. Additionally, the apparel index turned up in 2009, rising 1.9 percent after declining in each of the previous two years. The medical care index rose more rapidly in 2009, increasing 3.4 percent after a 2.6 percent increase the previous year, and the tobacco index increased 30.1 percent in 2009 after rising 6.3 percent in 2008. Largely offsetting these accelerations was the shelter index, which posted its smallest annual increase since its inception in 1953. It increased only 0.3 percent after increasing 1.9 percent in 2008, with the indexes for both rent and owners' equivalent rent increasing 0.7 percent. Also, the indexes for recreation and for household furnishings and operations both declined in 2009 after rising in 2008.

Consumer Price Index Data for December 2009

Food

The food index rose 0.2 percent in December after rising 0.1 percent in each of the previous two months. The food at home index increased 0.3 percent, its largest increase since October 2008. Among the major grocery store food groups, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs was unchanged while the other five groups all posted increases. The index for cereals and bakery products rose 0.6 percent, while the dairy and related products index increased 0.5 percent after declining 0.7 percent in November. The indexes for fruits and vegetables and for other food at home both rose 0.3 percent while the index for nonalcoholic beverages increased 0.2 percent. The index for food away from home increased in December, rising 0.1 percent after increasing 0.2 percent in November.

Energy

The energy index, which increased 4.1 percent in November, rose 0.2 percent in December. The index for energy commodities increased 0.5 percent, with the gasoline index rising 0.2 percent after increasing 6.4 percent in November. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices declined 1.5 percent in December.) The index for household energy was unchanged in December. The fuel oil index rose 1.1 percent after a 9.0 percent increase in the previous month, but the index for natural gas fell 0.7 percent. The index for electricity, which increased 1.4 percent in November, was unchanged in December.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in December after being unchanged in November. The index for used cars and trucks rose 2.5 percent in December, accounting for almost half of the increase in the all items less food and energy index. The index for airline fares also continued to rise, increasing 2.4 percent in December after advancing 3.8 percent in November. Also increasing were the apparel index, which rose 0.4 percent, and the medical care index, which rose 0.1 percent. The shelter index, which declined 0.2 percent in November, was unchanged in December. The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent were both unchanged after declining in November, while the index for lodging away from home rose 0.5 percent in December. The index for new vehicles declined in December, falling 0.3 percent after increasing in each of the previous three months. The recreation index also declined in December, falling 0.4 percent as televisions, sporting goods and toys were among many recreation components that posted declines.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 215.949 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.2 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 3.4 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 211.703 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.8 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index declined 0.2 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2007 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for January 2010 is scheduled to be released on Friday, February 19, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

Effective with the release of CPI data for January 2010 scheduled for Friday, February 19, the BLS will introduce several item structure and other publication changes into the CPI. See page 5 for further information.

Item Structure and publication changes for January 2010

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Shelter. The expenditure weight for second homes will be moved from Lodging away from home to a new, unpriced stratum under the Owners' equivalent rent expenditure class. As such, the expenditure class index for Owners' equivalent rent will now include both primary and secondary homes, and the title of that expenditure class index will change from Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences to Owners' equivalent rent of residences. Both the expenditure class (Owners' equivalent rent of residences), and the Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence stratum within it, will be published.

Current Structure

Lodging away from home

Housing at school, excluding board

Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence*

New Structure

Lodging away from home

Housing at school, excluding board

Other lodging away from home, including hotels and motels

Owners' equivalent rent of residences

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence

Unsampled owners' equivalent rent of secondary residences*

Medical care commodities. The item structure for Medical care commodities will change:

Current Structure

Medical care commodities

Prescription drugs

Prescription drugs

Unsampled rent or repair of medical equipment*

Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies

Internal and respiratory OTC drugs

Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies

New Structure

Medical Care Commodities

Medicinal drugs

Prescription drugs

Nonprescription drugs

Medical equipment and supplies

Medical equipment and supplies

Unsampled rent or repair of medical equipment*

Telephone services. The item structure for telephone services will also change:

Current structure

Telephone services

Land-line telephone services, local charges

Land-line telephone services, long distance

Wireless telephone services

New structure

Telephone services

Wireless telephone services

Land-line telephone services

Indexes that are deemed continuous will have the same reference base previously used. New index series will have a December 2009 = 100 reference base. Unpublished series are indicated with a *.

Other publication changes

The index for State and local registration and license will be retitled State motor vehicle registration and license fees.

A new index for Intracity mass transit will be published. Indexes for Land-line interstate toll calls and Land-line intrastate toll calls will be discontinued.

Expenditure Weight Update

Effective with the release of the January 2010 CPI on February 19, 2010, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will update the consumption expenditure weights in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to the 2007-08 period. The updated expenditure weights for these indexes will replace the 2005-2006 weights that were introduced effective with the January 2008 CPI release. As originally announced by BLS in December 1998, CPI expenditure weights will continue to be updated at two-year intervals.

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

Information from this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200, Federal Relay Services: 1-800-877-8339.

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 25,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

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

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

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 0.04 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 0.08 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 0.12 and 0.28 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 2008".

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/cpivar2008.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 2004 through December 2008 were replaced in January 2009. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2009.

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 2009, 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 Jeff Wilson at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at Wilson.Jeff@bls.gov. If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 17, 2010

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January 2005 through December 2009, on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 2010 CPI on Friday, February 19, 2010.

The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the internet. The address is <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>. Look under Seasonal Adjustment in the CPI and select Revised Seasonally Adjusted Indexes and Factors, 2005-2009.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	216.330	215.949	2.7	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	648.028	646.887	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.757	217.733	218.049	-4	.1	.1	.1	.2
Food	14.629	217.265	217.637	-5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food at home	8.156	212.816	213.359	-2.4	.3	.0	.0	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.150	250.600	251.019	-8	.2	.0	.1	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.898	201.202	201.003	-3.8	-1	-2	.3	.0
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.910	193.914	194.792	-7.6	.5	1.0	-7	.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.194	269.832	273.189	-3.0	1.2	-7	.1	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.982	161.358	161.216	-9	-1	-2	-3	.2
Other food at home	2.022	189.640	189.921	-1	.1	.3	-2	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.300	198.227	198.712	2.8	.2	.3	.7	.4
Fats and oils .....	.241	196.473	197.391	-4.5	.5	-4	-3	1.0
Other foods	1.481	203.671	203.832	.0	.1	.4	-3	.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.433	121.263	122.422	-1.1	1.0	.0	-7	1.0
Food away from home ¹	6.474	224.633	224.789	1.9	.1	.1	.2	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.314	157.027	156.990	1.9	.0	-2	.0	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.127	222.485	222.082	1.9	-2	.3	.4	.0
Housing	43.421	215.808	215.523	-3	-1	.1	.0	.0
Shelter	33.200	248.211	247.863	.3	-1	.0	-2	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	5.957	248.886	248.999	.7	.0	-1	-1	.0
Lodging away from home ²	2.478	125.426	122.638	-5.0	-2.2	.4	-1.5	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4 5}	24.433	256.731	256.727	.7	.0	.0	-1	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	122.243	123.812	3.2	1.3	.0	.0	1.3
Fuels and utilities	5.431	208.955	208.760	-3.0	-1	1.2	1.5	.0
Household energy	4.460	185.165	184.886	-4.9	-2	1.3	1.8	.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.301	260.250	262.649	2.5	.9	6.0	7.3	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	189.166	188.724	-5.4	-2	.9	1.4	-1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	164.962	165.204	5.6	.1	.8	.2	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.790	127.265	127.119	-1.1	-1	-5	-3	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.135	150.172	-3	.0	-2	.0	.0
Apparel	3.691	122.465	119.357	1.9	-2.5	-4	-3	.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.923	113.636	110.633	-1	-2.6	-6	-8	-1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.541	111.460	108.304	2.7	-2.8	-6	-8	.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	116.312	112.695	.1	-3.1	-1.5	-4	-5
Footwear .....	.688	130.594	128.492	3.5	-1.6	.2	.7	.1
Transportation	15.314	188.587	188.318	14.4	-1	1.4	2.3	.4
Private transportation	14.189	184.099	183.766	15.3	-2	1.4	2.3	.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.931	96.039	96.421	5.5	.4	1.7	.8	.3
New vehicles	4.480	138.831	138.857	4.9	.0	1.6	.6	-3
Used cars and trucks	1.628	134.173	137.406	9.2	2.4	3.4	2.0	2.5
Motor fuel	3.164	228.050	224.730	50.7	-1.5	1.6	6.2	.4
Gasoline (all types)	2.964	227.665	224.260	53.5	-1.5	1.6	6.4	.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.382	134.234	134.781	1.3	.4	.2	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.188	245.511	245.417	2.5	.0	.4	.0	.0
Public transportation	1.125	244.226	245.203	3.2	.4	.9	2.6	1.4
Medical care	6.390	379.575	379.516	3.4	.0	.2	.3	.1
Medical care commodities	1.625	308.546	308.221	3.3	-1	.2	.0	-1
Medical care services	4.765	401.392	401.452	3.4	.0	.2	.4	.2
Professional services	2.702	321.473	321.827	2.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.545	581.603	581.968	7.1	.1	.2	.8	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.741	113.820	113.212	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4
Video and audio ²	1.822	100.199	99.873	-1.7	-3	-6	.3	-1
Education and communication ²	6.301	128.845	128.883	2.4	.0	.2	.0	.2
Education ²	3.107	195.649	195.672	4.7	.0	.3	.2	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.221	495.660	496.580	6.9	.2	.2	.9	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.886	562.623	562.610	4.5	.0	.3	.2	.4
Communication ²	3.194	84.768	84.809	.1	.0	.0	-.3	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.022	81.688	81.728	-.2	.0	.0	-.4	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.408	102.528	102.707	1.0	.2	-.1	-.4	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 6} .....	.614	9.467	9.423	-4.9	-5	.4	-.4	-5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 7} .....	.214	78.077	77.960	-11.9	-1	.3	-.2	-1
Other goods and services	3.386	376.702	377.330	8.0	.2	.3	.4	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.776	781.538	783.794	30.1	.3	.3	1.0	.3
Personal care	2.610	205.575	205.823	1.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.651	161.753	162.275	.5	.3	-.1	-.3	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.647	228.358	228.343	.9	.0	.1	.0	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.074	348.792	348.697	2.6	.0	.9	.6	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	39.556	173.061	172.572	5.5	-3	.5	.9	.2
Food and beverages	15.757	217.733	218.049	-.4	.1	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	23.799	149.245	148.441	9.4	-5	.8	1.4	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.289	187.776	185.689	14.8	-1.1	-.8	2.8	-.1
Apparel	3.691	122.465	119.357	1.9	-2.5	-.4	-.3	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.598	232.649	231.169	19.8	-.6	-.9	3.9	-.2
Durables	10.510	111.159	111.477	2.5	.3	1.1	.4	.3
Services	60.444	259.323	259.055	.9	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.867	258.704	258.303	.3	-.2	.0	-.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	122.243	123.812	3.2	1.3	.0	.0	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	189.166	188.724	-5.4	-.2	.9	1.4	-.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	164.962	165.204	5.6	.1	.8	.2	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.135	150.172	-.3	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Transportation services	5.567	255.935	256.014	3.9	.0	.4	.6	.3
Medical care services	4.765	401.392	401.452	3.4	.0	.2	.4	.2
Other services	11.002	306.740	306.436	2.1	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.371	216.207	215.703	3.3	-.2	.3	.5	.1
All items less shelter	66.800	206.286	205.888	3.9	-.2	.4	.7	.2
All items less medical care	93.610	208.250	207.860	2.7	-.2	.3	.4	.1
Commodities less food	24.926	151.847	151.052	9.0	-5	.7	1.3	.2
Nondurables less food	14.416	189.852	187.864	13.8	-1.0	-.7	2.6	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.726	230.622	229.250	17.9	-.6	-.8	3.4	.0
Nondurables	29.046	203.035	202.064	6.6	-5	-.3	1.3	.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.577	280.014	279.896	1.6	.0	.3	.4	.2
Services less medical care services	55.679	248.075	247.793	.7	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Energy	7.624	204.026	202.301	18.2	-.8	1.5	4.1	.2
All items less energy	92.376	219.291	219.048	1.4	-.1	.2	.0	.1
All items less food and energy	77.746	220.384	220.025	1.8	-.2	.2	.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.461	143.871	143.383	3.0	-.3	.4	.2	.2
Energy commodities	3.465	231.226	228.186	46.5	-1.3	1.9	6.3	.5
Services less energy services	56.285	266.488	266.237	1.4	-.1	.1	.0	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.462	\$.463	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.154	\$.155	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.
² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
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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—		
	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	June 2009	Dec. 2009
All items	215.791	216.385	217.250	217.541	2.2	3.3	2.5	3.3	2.7	2.9
Food and beverages	217.670	217.830	218.011	218.399	-7	-1.3	-8	1.3	-1.0	.3
Food	217.257	217.377	217.511	217.921	-8	-1.5	-1.1	1.2	-1.1	.1
Food at home	213.298	213.338	213.257	213.869	-3.6	-4.0	-3.1	1.1	-3.8	-1.0
Cereals and bakery products	251.711	251.814	252.151	253.590	-2.8	-3.6	.2	3.0	-3.2	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	200.583	200.128	200.815	200.845	-4.3	-4.0	-7.2	.5	-4.1	-3.4
Dairy and related products ¹	193.353	195.360	193.914	194.792	-19.5	-10.6	-1.7	3.0	-15.2	.6
Fruits and vegetables	270.064	268.276	268.645	269.445	-2.8	.4	-8.5	-9	-1.2	-4.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	162.981	162.638	162.133	162.492	1.9	-4.3	.0	-1.2	-1.3	-6
Other food at home	190.598	191.178	190.887	191.514	1.3	-3.7	-.1	1.9	-1.2	.9
Sugar and sweets	197.000	197.535	198.855	199.588	6.6	-1.0	.4	5.4	2.8	2.8
Fats and oils	199.971	199.118	198.430	200.387	-10.6	-5.7	-2.2	.8	-8.2	-7
Other foods	204.773	205.645	205.047	205.494	2.3	-3.9	.2	1.4	-.8	.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.099	122.112	121.263	122.422	-4.4	-.6	-.4	1.1	-2.5	.3
Food away from home ¹	224.003	224.224	224.633	224.789	2.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	2.3	1.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	157.302	157.056	157.027	156.990	.9	3.7	3.8	-.8	2.3	1.5
Alcoholic beverages	221.709	222.394	223.175	223.283	.3	1.4	2.9	2.9	.9	2.9
Housing	216.770	216.964	216.918	216.991	-.5	-.6	-.4	.4	-.6	.0
Shelter	249.655	249.678	249.122	249.202	.6	1.6	-.3	-.7	1.1	-.5
Rent of primary residence ³	249.132	248.868	248.682	248.646	2.6	1.4	-.4	-.8	2.0	-.6
Lodging away from home ²	134.342	134.890	132.806	133.421	-19.1	3.6	-.5	-2.7	-8.5	-1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4 5}	256.911	256.900	256.582	256.535	2.5	1.4	-.4	-.6	1.9	-.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	122.170	122.184	122.243	123.812	2.4	1.2	3.6	5.5	1.8	4.6
Fuels and utilities	207.172	209.580	212.681	212.768	-8.5	-14.0	1.6	11.3	-11.3	6.3
Household energy	183.627	185.931	189.255	189.220	-10.9	-18.1	.2	12.8	-14.6	6.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	233.497	247.530	265.477	269.859	-39.5	-12.3	16.6	78.4	-27.1	44.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	188.979	190.725	193.374	193.089	-8.5	-18.5	-.8	9.0	-13.6	4.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	163.402	164.675	164.990	165.478	3.0	6.7	7.7	5.2	4.9	6.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.455	127.790	127.445	127.490	1.6	.0	-3.0	-3.0	.8	-3.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.437	150.184	150.135	150.172	.6	-2.4	1.2	-.7	-.9	.2
Apparel	120.931	120.505	120.097	120.524	5.3	1.5	2.5	-1.3	3.3	.6
Men's and boys' apparel	112.991	112.329	111.473	111.343	17.3	-6.7	-3.5	-5.7	4.6	-4.6
Women's and girls' apparel	109.688	109.020	108.138	109.087	1.4	6.9	4.9	-2.2	4.1	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.350	114.644	114.155	113.603	.1	7.8	2.4	-9.1	3.9	-3.5
Footwear	127.603	127.894	128.799	128.948	3.2	3.0	3.7	4.3	3.1	4.0
Transportation	184.750	187.276	191.582	192.384	8.8	19.9	13.9	17.6	14.2	15.7
Private transportation	180.352	182.877	187.044	187.697	11.1	22.3	13.2	17.3	16.5	15.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.605	95.229	96.038	96.339	3.1	5.4	1.6	12.2	4.2	6.8
New vehicles	135.574	137.777	138.654	138.288	7.0	6.6	-1.8	8.3	6.8	3.1
Used cars and trucks	128.153	132.456	135.093	138.485	-15.3	7.2	14.6	36.4	-4.7	25.0
Motor fuel	223.273	226.932	241.049	242.124	37.4	88.1	44.3	38.3	60.7	41.3
Gasoline (all types)	223.146	226.688	241.196	241.693	47.4	91.6	42.8	37.6	68.1	40.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	133.406	133.650	134.234	134.781	4.3	-.6	-2.5	4.2	1.8	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	244.493	245.393	245.511	245.417	4.7	.9	3.0	1.5	2.8	2.3
Public transportation	239.281	241.437	247.709	251.194	-17.1	-8.8	23.5	21.5	-13.1	22.4
Medical care	378.555	379.229	380.284	380.726	4.0	3.6	3.6	2.3	3.8	3.0
Medical care commodities	308.016	308.780	308.873	308.691	5.0	3.2	4.3	.9	4.1	2.6
Medical care services	400.180	400.797	402.252	402.959	3.6	3.8	3.4	2.8	3.7	3.1
Professional services	321.405	322.067	322.625	323.022	1.7	3.7	2.6	2.0	2.7	2.3
Hospital and related services ³	575.812	577.133	581.557	584.470	8.8	6.0	7.3	6.2	7.4	6.7

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	June 2009	Dec. 2009
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	114.585	114.155	113.937	113.536	1.8	0.3	0.0	-3.6	1.0	-1.8
Video and audio ²	100.824	100.191	100.491	100.423	-2.1	1.1	-4.2	-1.6	-5	-2.9
Education and communication ²	128.074	128.285	128.226	128.513	2.9	2.9	2.2	1.4	2.9	1.8
Education ²	192.711	193.313	193.780	194.536	5.0	5.7	4.2	3.8	5.3	4.0
Educational books and supplies	490.667	491.662	495.958	497.406	4.7	8.6	8.7	5.6	6.6	7.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	553.955	555.733	556.799	559.016	5.0	5.5	3.9	3.7	5.2	3.8
Communication ²	85.040	85.054	84.771	84.818	.8	.2	.3	-1.0	.5	-4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.969	81.978	81.688	81.728	.7	-.5	.3	-1.2	.1	-4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.968	102.891	102.528	102.707	1.2	.8	3.1	-1.0	1.0	1.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 6}	9.467	9.501	9.467	9.423	-1.4	-5.6	-10.4	-1.8	-3.5	-6.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 7}	77.997	78.213	78.077	77.960	-10.1	-12.1	-23.8	-.2	-11.1	-12.8
Other goods and services	374.442	375.427	377.051	377.645	13.5	10.9	4.6	3.5	12.2	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	771.089	773.758	781.538	783.794	61.2	45.9	14.0	6.8	53.4	10.3
Personal care	204.919	205.394	205.839	206.060	1.6	.8	1.4	2.2	1.2	1.8
Personal care products ¹	162.372	162.257	161.753	162.275	3.3	-1.0	.2	-.2	1.1	.0
Personal care services ¹	228.286	228.465	228.358	228.343	3.0	-.7	1.3	.1	1.1	.7
Miscellaneous personal services	344.770	347.750	349.831	350.097	.4	2.1	1.9	6.3	1.2	4.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	171.666	172.529	174.046	174.400	4.5	7.9	4.2	6.5	6.2	5.3
Food and beverages	217.670	217.830	218.011	218.399	-.7	-1.3	-.8	1.3	-1.0	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	147.347	148.472	150.490	150.818	8.0	14.2	7.3	9.8	11.0	8.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	186.349	184.873	190.103	189.831	13.9	21.0	17.2	7.7	17.4	12.4
Apparel	120.931	120.505	120.097	120.524	5.3	1.5	2.5	-1.3	3.3	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	231.087	228.965	237.827	237.433	16.8	30.7	21.2	11.4	23.5	16.2
Durables	109.714	110.882	111.316	111.631	.2	3.5	-.9	7.2	1.8	3.1
Services	259.617	259.979	260.154	260.354	.8	.3	1.3	1.1	.5	1.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	260.233	260.293	259.821	260.009	.1	1.4	-.1	-.3	.8	-.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	122.170	122.184	122.243	123.812	2.4	1.2	3.6	5.5	1.8	4.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	188.979	190.725	193.374	193.089	-8.5	-18.5	-.8	9.0	-13.6	4.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	163.402	164.675	164.990	165.478	3.0	6.7	7.7	5.2	4.9	6.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.437	150.184	150.135	150.172	.6	-2.4	1.2	-.7	-.9	.2
Transportation services	253.146	254.265	255.797	256.652	2.4	.4	7.4	5.7	1.4	6.5
Medical care services	400.180	400.797	402.252	402.959	3.6	3.8	3.4	2.8	3.7	3.1
Other services	305.795	305.965	306.142	306.447	2.9	2.2	2.5	.9	2.6	1.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	215.582	216.253	217.238	217.509	2.7	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.4
All items less shelter	204.951	205.779	207.221	207.600	2.9	4.2	3.9	5.3	3.6	4.6
All items less medical care	207.735	208.320	209.170	209.452	2.0	3.3	2.4	3.3	2.7	2.9
Commodities less food	149.975	151.091	153.080	153.403	7.6	13.6	7.1	9.5	10.6	8.3
Nondurables less food	188.493	187.110	191.970	191.841	12.7	19.6	16.1	7.3	16.1	11.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	229.166	227.347	235.089	234.996	15.0	27.5	19.3	10.6	21.1	14.9
Nondurables	202.076	201.442	204.139	204.512	5.7	8.5	7.4	4.9	7.1	6.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	278.770	279.601	280.784	281.453	.7	-1.6	3.7	3.9	-.5	3.8
Services less medical care services	248.397	248.834	249.009	249.344	.2	-.4	1.4	1.5	-.1	1.5
Energy	200.959	203.889	212.326	212.819	7.9	22.1	21.1	25.8	14.8	23.4
All items less energy	219.012	219.367	219.450	219.722	1.7	1.8	.9	1.3	1.7	1.1
All items less food and energy	220.053	220.453	220.527	220.774	2.2	2.4	1.3	1.3	2.3	1.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.624	143.240	143.505	143.737	3.8	4.1	.9	3.2	3.9	2.0
Energy commodities	225.260	229.490	243.900	245.156	29.1	79.3	42.6	40.3	52.1	41.4
Services less energy services	266.830	267.058	266.992	267.240	1.5	1.8	1.4	.6	1.7	1.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Dec.2009 from—			Percent change to Nov.2009 from—			
		Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	
U.S. city average	M	215.969	216.177	216.330	215.949	2.7	-0.1	-0.2	1.8	0.2	0.1	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	231.200	231.304	231.708	231.462	2.8	.1	-1	2.0	.2	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	233.695	233.415	233.785	233.475	2.5	.0	-1	1.8	.0	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	136.691	137.348	137.646	137.597	3.6	.2	.0	2.4	.7	.2	
Midwest urban	M	205.601	205.706	206.247	205.613	3.0	.0	-3	2.2	.3	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	206.459	206.625	207.277	206.399	3.0	-1	-4	2.1	.4	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.812	131.724	131.952	131.742	2.9	.0	-2	2.3	.1	.2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	201.918	202.499	203.047	202.738	3.8	.1	-2	2.6	.6	.3	
South urban	M	208.912	209.292	209.738	209.476	2.9	.1	-1	2.0	.4	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.212	211.152	211.424	210.971	-2.2	-1	-2	1.3	.1	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.722	133.035	133.342	133.252	3.2	.2	-1	2.3	.5	.2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	210.911	212.423	213.372	213.159	4.3	.3	-1	3.2	1.2	.4	
West urban	M	220.294	220.447	219.728	219.307	2.2	-5	-2	1.2	-3	-3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	224.412	224.372	223.489	223.058	2.0	-6	-2	1.2	-4	-4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.128	133.618	133.335	133.132	2.6	-4	-2	1.4	.2	-2	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	197.724	197.670	197.697	197.246	2.4	-2	-2	1.6	.0	.0	
B/C ³	M	133.165	133.489	133.663	133.535	3.1	.0	-1	2.1	.4	.1	
D	M	208.503	209.139	209.567	209.192	3.4	.0	-2	2.3	.5	.2	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	211.345	211.708	212.206	211.185	2.5	-2	-5	1.5	.4	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	225.226	225.264	224.317	223.643	1.8	-7	-3	.9	-4	-4	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	238.568	238.380	238.777	238.427	2.3	.0	-1	1.8	.1	.2	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	236.596	-	236.589	-	-	-	-	1.8	.0	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	201.836	-	201.471	-	-	-	-	1.7	-2	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	201.802	-	201.958	-	-	-	-	1.0	.1	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	140.945	-	140.718	-	-	-	-	1.6	-2	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	201.068	-	200.456	1.8	-3	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	205.079	-	203.880	3.0	-6	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	191.608	-	190.932	2.7	-4	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	222.416	-	222.943	2.1	.2	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	224.787	-	224.800	3.0	.0	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	226.051	-	224.239	2.6	-8	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	226.277	-	225.596	1.4	-3	-	-	-	-	

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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	212.003	211.703	3.4	-0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	631.491	630.600	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.942	216.853	217.186	-5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Food	15.865	216.305	216.679	-7	.2	.1	.0	.2
Food at home	9.201	211.488	212.041	-2.5	.3	.1	-.1	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.249	251.376	251.570	-9	.1	.1	.2	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.315	200.709	200.623	-3.8	.0	-.1	.3	.1
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.992	192.695	193.546	-7.8	.4	1.1	-.7	.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.266	267.049	270.279	-3.1	1.2	-.7	-.1	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.167	160.619	160.745	-9	.1	-.1	-.4	.3
Other food at home	2.212	188.868	189.197	-2	.2	.3	-.2	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.304	197.031	197.258	2.7	.1	.2	.8	.2
Fats and oils .....	.274	197.400	198.165	-4.5	.4	-.2	-.4	1.0
Other foods	1.634	203.664	203.972	.0	.2	.4	-.4	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.472	121.647	122.796	-1.1	.9	.1	-.8	.9
Food away from home ¹	6.664	224.815	224.940	1.9	.1	-.1	.2	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.233	156.853	156.830	2.1	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	223.445	223.168	2.2	-.1	.3	.6	.0
Housing	41.313	212.327	212.142	-1	-.1	.1	.0	.0
Shelter	31.224	242.159	241.991	.5	-.1	.0	-.2	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	8.279	247.361	247.465	.6	.0	-.1	-.1	.0
Lodging away from home ²	1.209	127.061	124.222	-4.4	-2.2	.5	-1.2	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4 5}	21.430	232.635	232.603	.7	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	122.830	124.415	3.4	1.3	.1	.1	1.3
Fuels and utilities	6.030	207.530	207.329	-3.1	-.1	1.0	1.4	.0
Household energy	4.996	182.994	182.701	-4.9	-.2	1.1	1.7	.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.283	262.340	265.130	1.9	1.1	6.2	7.0	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	187.572	187.125	-5.3	-.2	.8	1.4	-.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	165.509	165.808	5.7	.2	.8	.2	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.059	123.448	123.187	-9	-.2	-.5	-.3	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.747	152.486	-2	-.2	-.2	-.4	-.2
Apparel	3.979	122.228	118.984	1.7	-2.7	-.6	-.4	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	114.091	110.856	-3	-2.8	-1.0	-1.0	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	111.039	107.819	2.3	-2.9	-1.1	-.8	.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.249	119.272	115.754	.7	-2.9	-1.7	-.3	-.4
Footwear .....	.840	130.682	128.637	3.6	-1.6	.3	.4	.2
Transportation	17.067	186.928	186.839	16.1	.0	1.6	2.5	.6
Private transportation	16.284	183.680	183.565	16.7	-.1	1.6	2.5	.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.627	94.338	95.072	6.2	.8	2.1	1.1	.7
New vehicles	4.057	139.952	139.962	5.0	.0	1.6	.7	-.3
Used cars and trucks	2.863	134.977	138.242	9.3	2.4	3.4	2.0	2.6
Motor fuel	4.029	228.871	225.584	50.7	-1.4	1.8	6.2	.5
Gasoline (all types)	3.770	228.598	225.223	53.6	-1.5	1.7	6.3	.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.482	134.346	134.892	1.2	.4	.2	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.242	247.972	247.812	2.5	-.1	.4	.1	-.1
Public transportation .....	.784	242.698	243.453	3.5	.3	.9	2.4	1.2
Medical care	5.355	380.295	380.302	3.5	.0	.1	.3	.1
Medical care commodities	1.320	299.972	299.777	3.3	-.1	.2	.1	-.1
Medical care services	4.035	403.695	403.791	3.6	.0	.1	.4	.2
Professional services	2.234	324.382	324.763	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.338	580.048	580.567	7.5	.1	.1	.9	.5

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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.454	110.401	109.851	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Video and audio ²	1.982	100.681	100.400	-1.4	-.3	-.6	.3	.0
Education and communication ²	6.221	124.100	124.156	1.9	.0	.1	-.1	.2
Education ²	2.527	192.776	192.760	4.6	.0	.3	.4	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	498.627	499.478	6.9	.2	.1	.8	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.308	542.174	542.036	4.3	.0	.4	.3	.3
Communication ²	3.694	87.468	87.541	.1	.1	.0	-.4	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.568	85.331	85.404	-.1	.1	.0	-.4	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.965	102.413	102.585	.9	.2	-.1	-.4	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 6} .....	.604	9.969	9.935	-4.5	-.3	-.2	-.3	-.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 7} .....	.202	77.926	77.821	-11.7	-.1	.1	.0	-.1
Other goods and services	3.668	403.178	403.970	11.3	.2	.2	.5	.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.267	786.541	789.173	30.3	.3	.3	1.0	.3
Personal care	2.401	203.245	203.454	1.3	.1	.2	.2	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.662	161.784	162.231	.6	.3	.0	-.3	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.580	228.614	228.614	.9	.0	.1	.0	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.947	350.046	349.851	2.1	-.1	.6	.4	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.689	175.563	175.127	6.6	-.2	.6	1.0	.3
Food and beverages	16.942	216.853	217.186	-.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	25.747	153.273	152.532	11.3	-.5	.9	1.6	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.587	195.926	193.667	17.5	-1.2	-.9	2.9	.1
Apparel	3.979	122.228	118.984	1.7	-2.7	-.6	-.4	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.609	246.085	244.413	23.4	-.7	-1.1	4.1	.0
Durables	11.160	111.575	112.165	3.3	.5	1.4	.6	.5
Services	57.311	254.663	254.519	.9	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.918	233.436	233.241	.5	-.1	.0	-.1	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	122.830	124.415	3.4	1.3	.1	.1	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	187.572	187.125	-5.3	-.2	.8	1.4	-.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	165.509	165.808	5.7	.2	.8	.2	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.747	152.486	-.2	-.2	-.2	-.4	-.2
Transportation services	5.512	255.871	256.007	4.1	.1	.5	.4	.3
Medical care services	4.035	403.695	403.791	3.6	.0	.1	.4	.2
Other services	10.432	293.624	293.470	1.8	-.1	.0	.0	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.135	211.055	210.639	4.1	-.2	.4	.6	.2
All items less shelter	68.776	203.301	202.951	4.7	-.2	.5	.8	.2
All items less medical care	94.645	205.106	204.800	3.4	-.1	.3	.5	.2
Commodities less food	26.824	155.650	154.918	11.0	-.5	.9	1.6	.3
Nondurables less food	15.664	197.644	195.487	16.4	-1.1	-.9	2.7	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.686	243.061	241.513	21.4	-.6	-1.0	3.8	.0
Nondurables	31.530	206.876	205.823	7.8	-.5	-.3	1.4	.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.392	247.237	247.174	1.4	.0	.3	.4	.2
Services less medical care services	53.275	243.991	243.838	.7	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Energy	9.024	204.196	202.398	20.0	-.9	1.5	4.2	.3
All items less energy	90.976	213.895	213.780	1.7	-.1	.2	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	75.111	213.787	213.572	2.2	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.513	145.595	145.253	4.0	-.2	.5	.3	.3
Energy commodities	4.311	231.371	228.303	47.5	-1.3	2.0	6.2	.6
Services less energy services	52.598	261.979	261.871	1.5	.0	.1	.0	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$. 472	\$. 472	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$. 158	\$. 159	-	-	-	-	-

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 This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 2010. The expenditure class will include weight from secondary residences, and

will be re-titled Owners' equivalent rent of residences. The item stratum Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences, which prior to January, 2010 is identical to the EC, will be published as well.
⁶ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
⁷ 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—	
	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	June 2009	Dec. 2009
Expenditure category										
All items	211.136	211.842	212.929	213.280	2.6	4.2	3.1	4.1	3.4	3.6
Food and beverages	216.778	217.027	217.157	217.591	-1.1	-1.4	-1.0	1.5	-1.2	.3
Food	216.317	216.531	216.578	217.034	-1.1	-1.6	-1.2	1.3	-1.4	.1
Food at home	212.018	212.185	211.957	212.652	-3.9	-3.9	-3.3	1.2	-3.9	-1.1
Cereals and bakery products	252.195	252.524	252.985	254.226	-2.9	-3.6	.0	3.3	-3.3	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	199.912	199.773	200.285	200.521	-4.4	-4.5	-7.5	1.2	-4.4	-3.2
Dairy and related products ¹	192.048	194.120	192.695	193.546	-20.8	-10.0	-1.8	3.2	-15.6	.7
Fruits and vegetables	268.099	266.270	266.091	267.226	-4.1	1.5	-8.1	-1.3	-1.3	-4.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	162.444	162.244	161.516	162.041	2.4	-4.7	-.4	-1.0	-1.2	-.7
Other food at home	189.934	190.529	190.114	190.777	1.3	-3.5	-.1	1.8	-1.2	.8
Sugar and sweets	195.992	196.328	197.971	198.337	6.4	-1.0	.6	4.9	2.6	2.7
Fats and oils	200.499	200.113	199.349	201.266	-11.1	-5.1	-2.8	1.5	-8.1	-.7
Other foods	204.911	205.775	204.972	205.549	2.5	-3.8	.2	1.3	-.7	.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.496	122.676	121.647	122.796	-4.1	-1.0	-.1	1.0	-2.6	.4
Food away from home ¹	224.102	224.382	224.815	224.940	2.7	1.5	1.7	1.5	2.1	1.6
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	157.132	156.909	156.853	156.830	1.1	2.7	5.4	-.8	1.9	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	222.073	222.843	224.207	224.315	-.1	2.3	2.4	4.1	1.1	3.3
Housing	212.863	213.063	213.168	213.172	-.1	-.9	-.2	.6	-.5	.2
Shelter	242.930	242.918	242.551	242.550	1.5	1.4	-.3	-.6	1.5	-.5
Rent of primary residence ³	247.669	247.420	247.158	247.122	2.4	1.3	-.5	-.9	1.9	-.7
Lodging away from home ²	135.480	136.095	134.437	134.604	-18.4	3.9	.6	-2.6	-7.9	-1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4 5}	232.761	232.770	232.516	232.468	2.5	1.3	-.3	-.5	1.9	-.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	122.644	122.761	122.830	124.415	2.5	1.4	3.7	5.9	2.0	4.8
Fuels and utilities	206.356	208.463	211.374	211.468	-8.6	-13.5	1.7	10.3	-11.1	5.9
Household energy	182.153	184.089	187.167	187.131	-10.8	-17.4	.4	11.4	-14.1	5.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	235.480	250.133	267.530	271.789	-37.4	-15.2	14.4	77.5	-27.1	42.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	187.880	189.323	191.886	191.653	-9.0	-17.5	-.3	8.3	-13.3	3.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	163.808	165.178	165.484	166.028	3.0	6.7	7.7	5.5	4.8	6.6
Household furnishings and operations	124.592	124.011	123.581	123.523	1.2	.9	-2.3	-3.4	1.1	-2.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	153.648	153.368	152.747	152.486	1.1	-1.5	2.6	-3.0	-.2	-.2
Apparel	120.949	120.228	119.712	119.916	5.4	1.6	3.3	-3.4	3.5	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	114.131	113.038	111.949	111.545	18.2	-7.2	-1.4	-8.8	4.7	-5.2
Women's and girls' apparel	109.649	108.460	107.620	108.450	.7	5.4	7.8	-4.3	3.0	1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	119.258	117.261	116.909	116.428	.3	10.5	1.9	-9.2	5.3	-3.8
Footwear	127.912	128.352	128.802	129.058	4.3	3.8	2.7	3.6	4.1	3.2
Transportation	182.716	185.612	190.266	191.389	8.8	22.9	15.4	20.4	15.6	17.8
Private transportation	179.519	182.415	186.999	188.056	10.1	24.4	15.1	20.4	17.0	17.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	91.560	93.467	94.479	95.177	-.7	5.7	4.0	16.8	2.5	10.2
New vehicles	136.675	138.886	139.797	139.402	7.4	6.3	-1.6	8.2	6.8	3.2
Used cars and trucks	128.878	133.216	135.889	139.404	-15.6	7.6	14.6	36.9	-4.7	25.3
Motor fuel	223.652	227.788	241.798	243.107	37.7	87.8	43.1	39.6	60.8	41.3
Gasoline (all types)	223.578	227.480	241.747	242.970	47.5	91.6	41.2	39.5	68.1	40.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	133.504	133.764	134.346	134.892	3.6	-.6	-2.3	4.2	1.5	.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	246.850	247.811	247.972	247.812	4.7	.8	2.8	1.6	2.7	2.2
Public transportation	237.928	240.111	245.825	248.728	-15.7	-7.1	22.7	19.4	-11.5	21.1
Medical care	379.213	379.750	380.969	381.493	4.1	3.8	3.8	2.4	3.9	3.1
Medical care commodities	299.487	300.144	300.393	300.215	5.3	3.1	4.0	1.0	4.2	2.5
Medical care services	402.384	402.852	404.459	405.275	3.7	4.0	3.8	2.9	3.9	3.3
Professional services	324.248	324.921	325.479	325.907	2.0	3.7	2.7	2.1	2.9	2.4
Hospital and related services ³	573.743	574.505	579.457	582.536	9.2	6.5	8.0	6.3	7.9	7.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	June 2009	Dec. 2009
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.147	110.717	110.513	110.155	1.9	0.4	-1.0	-3.5	1.1	-2.3
Video and audio ²	101.243	100.681	100.943	100.906	-2.2	1.9	-3.8	-1.3	-2	-2.6
Education and communication ²	123.601	123.757	123.682	123.919	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.6
Education ²	189.872	190.521	191.213	191.859	4.5	5.3	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.3
Educational books and supplies	493.984	494.705	498.822	500.439	4.5	9.2	8.7	5.3	6.8	7.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	533.704	535.632	537.333	539.156	4.4	4.9	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.0
Communication ²	87.807	87.785	87.470	87.547	.8	.2	.7	-1.2	.5	-2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.676	85.651	85.331	85.404	.7	-3	.7	-1.3	.2	-3
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.896	102.818	102.413	102.585	1.0	.7	2.9	-1.2	.9	.8
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 6}	9.975	9.995	9.969	9.935	-1.1	-5.3	-9.9	-1.6	-3.2	-5.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 7}	77.835	77.939	77.926	77.821	-9.5	-12.1	-23.7	-1	-10.8	-12.7
Other goods and services	400.504	401.414	403.435	404.317	19.5	16.6	6.0	3.9	18.0	4.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	776.198	778.650	786.541	789.173	60.9	47.8	13.5	6.9	54.2	10.1
Personal care	202.795	203.135	203.463	203.748	1.2	.6	1.4	1.9	.9	1.6
Personal care products ¹	162.312	162.242	161.784	162.231	3.1	-9	.4	-2	1.1	.1
Personal care services ¹	228.480	228.683	228.614	228.614	2.9	-7	1.2	.2	1.1	.7
Miscellaneous personal services	347.345	349.308	350.699	351.197	-2	2.0	2.2	4.5	.9	3.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	173.885	174.960	176.765	177.274	4.8	9.6	5.4	8.0	7.2	6.7
Food and beverages	216.778	217.027	217.157	217.591	-1.1	-1.4	-1.0	1.5	-1.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	150.983	152.366	154.809	155.335	8.8	17.1	9.4	12.0	12.9	10.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	194.337	192.499	197.997	198.135	17.5	27.7	17.4	8.0	22.5	12.6
Apparel	120.949	120.228	119.712	119.916	5.4	1.6	3.3	-3.4	3.5	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	244.219	241.553	251.487	251.550	21.8	37.4	23.1	12.6	29.3	17.7
Durables	109.657	111.148	111.782	112.394	-2.0	4.2	1.1	10.4	1.0	5.6
Services	254.679	255.014	255.269	255.421	1.1	.1	1.3	1.2	.6	1.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	234.254	234.207	233.955	234.021	1.0	1.3	.0	-4	1.2	-2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	122.644	122.761	122.830	124.415	2.5	1.4	3.7	5.9	2.0	4.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	187.880	189.323	191.886	191.653	-9.0	-17.5	-3	8.3	-13.3	3.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	163.808	165.178	165.484	166.028	3.0	6.7	7.7	5.5	4.8	6.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	153.648	153.368	152.747	152.486	1.1	-1.5	2.6	-3.0	-2	-2
Transportation services	253.079	254.314	255.433	256.080	3.6	1.7	6.4	4.8	2.7	5.6
Medical care services	402.384	402.852	404.459	405.275	3.7	4.0	3.8	2.9	3.9	3.3
Other services	293.119	293.183	293.238	293.633	2.5	1.8	2.3	.7	2.1	1.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	210.036	210.827	212.095	212.428	3.3	5.3	3.9	4.6	4.3	4.3
All items less shelter	201.826	202.802	204.433	204.917	3.1	5.4	4.6	6.3	4.3	5.4
All items less medical care	204.253	204.958	206.033	206.375	2.5	4.2	3.0	4.2	3.4	3.6
Commodities less food	153.374	154.747	157.172	157.688	8.4	16.5	9.1	11.7	12.4	10.4
Nondurables less food	196.084	194.368	199.584	199.746	16.3	25.7	16.6	7.7	20.9	12.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	241.279	238.966	247.953	248.052	19.7	34.0	21.3	11.7	26.7	16.4
Nondurables	205.775	205.065	207.993	208.407	7.3	11.2	7.6	5.2	9.2	6.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	246.381	247.071	248.031	248.631	.4	-1.8	3.5	3.7	-7	3.6
Services less medical care services	244.068	244.456	244.706	244.943	.5	-4	1.3	1.4	.1	1.4
Energy	201.160	204.183	212.732	213.373	9.5	25.8	21.9	26.6	17.4	24.2
All items less energy	213.292	213.715	213.885	214.202	1.9	2.1	1.1	1.7	2.0	1.4
All items less food and energy	213.059	213.524	213.720	214.009	2.6	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.7	1.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.992	144.772	145.230	145.626	3.7	5.4	2.2	4.6	4.5	3.4
Energy commodities	225.279	229.848	244.063	245.494	31.6	80.9	41.7	41.0	54.3	41.4
Services less energy services	261.962	262.166	262.150	262.346	2.1	1.8	1.4	.6	2.0	1.0

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 This index series will undergo a change in composition in January,

2010. The expenditure class will include weight from secondary residences, and will be re-titled Owners' equivalent rent of residences. The item stratum Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences, which prior to January, 2010 is identical to the EC, will be published as well.
⁶ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
⁷ 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 Dec.2009 from—			Percent change to Nov.2009 from—			
		Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	
U.S. city average	M	211.322	211.549	212.003	211.703	3.4	0.1	-0.1	2.3	0.3	0.2	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	228.158	228.193	229.048	228.794	3.3	.3	-1	2.4	.4	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	229.067	228.720	229.541	229.180	2.9	.2	-2	2.2	.2	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	137.400	137.959	138.527	138.522	4.2	.4	.0	2.8	.8	.4	
Midwest urban	M	200.658	200.781	201.553	200.999	3.6	.1	-3	2.7	.4	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	200.566	200.730	201.626	200.820	3.5	.0	-4	2.5	.5	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.497	131.420	131.823	131.639	3.6	.2	-1	2.8	.2	.3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	199.416	200.053	200.748	200.471	4.2	.2	-1	2.9	.7	.3	
South urban	M	205.726	206.121	206.859	206.716	3.7	.3	-1	2.5	.6	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.677	208.577	209.161	208.788	2.8	.1	-2	1.7	.2	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.284	131.621	132.129	132.136	4.0	.4	.0	2.8	.6	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	210.922	212.368	213.396	213.184	5.0	.4	-1	3.7	1.2	.5	
West urban	M	214.490	214.718	214.228	213.919	2.8	-4	-1	1.6	-1	-2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	217.000	217.002	216.286	215.988	2.5	-5	-1	1.5	-3	-3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.773	133.244	133.149	132.983	3.4	-2	-1	1.9	.3	-1	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	195.957	195.895	196.187	195.779	2.9	-1	-2	1.9	.1	.1	
B/C ³	M	132.450	132.764	133.139	133.072	3.8	.2	-1	2.6	.5	.3	
D	M	206.341	207.120	207.739	207.417	4.1	.1	-2	2.8	.7	.3	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	204.278	204.511	205.136	204.196	2.9	-2	-5	1.5	.4	.3	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	217.302	217.474	216.618	216.233	2.5	-6	-2	1.2	-3	-4	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	233.502	233.084	233.893	233.448	2.7	.2	-2	2.3	.2	.3	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	235.744	-	236.859	-	-	-	-	2.2	.5	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	192.800	-	192.871	-	-	-	-	2.1	.0	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	204.298	-	205.297	-	-	-	-	1.9	.5	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	140.701	-	140.608	-	-	-	-	2.1	-1	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	199.736	-	199.331	2.1	-2	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	200.324	-	199.614	3.5	-4	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	189.304	-	188.842	3.1	-2	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	220.358	-	221.067	2.4	.3	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	224.573	-	224.732	3.3	.1	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	221.708	-	220.121	3.0	-7	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	221.339	-	220.905	2.1	-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, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2009 from—	
		Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	124.231	123.965	2.8	-0.2
Food and beverages	14.726	127.616	127.781	-5	.1
Food	13.648	127.538	127.738	-6	.2
Food at home	7.557	122.249	122.526	-2.6	.2
Food away from home	6.091	134.427	134.522	1.8	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	128.961	128.685	1.8	-.2
Housing	42.421	127.729	127.519	-5	-.2
Shelter	32.409	130.640	130.413	.2	-.2
Fuels and utilities	5.004	153.587	153.402	-3.7	-.1
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	94.161	94.020	-1.6	-.1
Apparel	3.988	90.350	88.004	1.5	-2.6
Transportation	17.393	126.788	126.638	15.7	-.1
Private transportation	16.285	127.413	127.216	16.7	-.2
Public transportation	1.108	119.391	119.889	3.0	.4
Medical care	6.085	147.213	147.164	3.1	.0
Medical care commodities	1.615	130.309	130.145	3.2	-.1
Medical care services	4.470	153.430	153.430	3.1	.0
Recreation	5.935	103.789	103.062	-2.0	-.7
Education and communication	6.196	111.299	111.307	1.7	.0
Education	2.771	180.676	180.697	4.6	.0
Communication	3.425	73.623	73.626	-6	.0
Other goods and services	3.257	135.123	135.340	6.9	.2
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	133.887	133.707	.7	-.1
Commodities	41.573	112.420	112.053	5.8	-.3
Durables	11.817	81.824	81.993	1.6	.2
Nondurables	29.756	128.273	127.584	7.5	-.5
All items less food and energy	77.561	119.113	118.867	1.5	-.2
Energy	8.790	174.226	172.737	21.2	-.9

Indexes for 2009 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2008 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1A. 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	Annual average 2008	Annual average 2009	Percent change from 2008 to 2009
Expenditure category			
All items	215.303	214.537	-0.4
All items (1967=100)	644.951	642.658	-
Food and beverages	214.225	218.249	1.9
Food	214.106	217.955	1.8
Food at home	214.125	215.124	.5
Cereals and bakery products	244.853	252.567	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	204.653	203.805	-.4
Dairy and related products	210.396	197.013	-6.4
Fruits and vegetables	278.932	272.945	-2.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	160.045	163.034	1.9
Other food at home	184.166	191.220	3.8
Sugar and sweets	186.577	196.933	5.6
Fats and oils	196.751	201.224	2.3
Other foods	198.103	205.497	3.7
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	119.924	122.393	2.1
Food away from home	215.769	223.272	3.5
Other food away from home ¹	150.640	155.852	3.5
Alcoholic beverages	214.484	220.751	2.9
Housing	216.264	217.057	.4
Shelter	246.666	249.354	1.1
Rent of primary residence	243.271	248.812	2.3
Lodging away from home ¹	143.664	134.243	-6.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	252.426	256.610	1.7
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	118.843	121.487	2.2
Fuels and utilities	220.018	210.696	-4.2
Household energy	200.808	188.113	-6.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	334.405	239.778	-28.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	202.212	193.563	-4.3
Household furnishings and operations	127.800	128.701	.7
Apparel	118.907	120.078	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	113.032	113.628	.5
Women's and girls' apparel	107.460	108.091	.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.762	114.489	.6
Footwear	124.157	126.854	2.2
Transportation	195.549	179.252	-8.3
Private transportation	191.039	174.762	-8.5
New and used motor vehicles ¹	93.291	93.486	.2
New vehicles	134.194	135.623	1.1
Used cars and trucks	133.951	126.973	-5.2
Motor fuel	279.652	201.978	-27.8
Gasoline (all types)	277.457	201.555	-27.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	128.747	134.050	4.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	233.859	243.337	4.1
Public transportation	250.549	236.348	-5.7
Medical care	364.065	375.613	3.2
Medical care commodities	296.045	305.108	3.1
Medical care services	384.943	397.299	3.2
Professional services	310.968	319.372	2.7
Hospital and related services	533.953	567.879	6.4
Recreation ¹	113.254	114.272	.9
Video and audio ¹	102.632	101.276	-1.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1A. 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	Annual average 2008	Annual average 2009	Percent change from 2008 to 2009
Expenditure category			
Education and communication ¹	123.631	127.393	3.0
Education ¹	181.277	190.857	5.3
Educational books and supplies	450.187	482.072	7.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	522.098	548.971	5.1
Communication ¹	84.185	84.954	.9
Information and information processing ¹	81.352	81.944	.7
Telephone services ¹	100.451	102.392	1.9
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴	10.061	9.672	-3.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁵	94.944	82.304	-13.3
Other goods and services	345.381	368.586	6.7
Tobacco and smoking products	588.682	730.316	24.1
Personal care	201.279	204.587	1.6
Personal care products	159.290	162.578	2.1
Personal care services	223.669	227.588	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services	338.921	344.469	1.6
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	174.764	169.698	-2.9
Food and beverages	214.225	218.249	1.9
Commodities less food and beverages	153.034	144.395	-5.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	196.192	178.959	-8.8
Apparel	118.907	120.078	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	248.809	219.592	-11.7
Durables	110.877	109.859	-.9
Services	255.498	259.154	1.4
Rent of shelter ²	257.152	259.924	1.1
Transportation services	244.074	251.031	2.9
Other services	295.780	303.992	2.8
Special indexes			
All items less food	215.528	214.008	-.7
All items less shelter	205.453	203.301	-1.0
All items less medical care	207.777	206.555	-.6
Commodities less food	155.310	147.071	-5.3
Nondurables less food	197.297	181.453	-8.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	244.443	218.687	-10.5
Nondurables	205.901	198.548	-3.6
Services less rent of shelter ²	273.000	278.064	1.9
Services less medical care services	244.987	248.122	1.3
Energy	236.666	193.126	-18.4
All items less energy	214.751	218.433	1.7
All items less food and energy	215.572	219.235	1.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.246	142.041	1.3
Energy commodities	284.352	205.281	-27.8
Services less energy services	261.017	265.875	1.9
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	\$.465	\$.466	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.155	\$.156	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 2010. The expenditure class will include weight from secondary residences, and will be re-titled Owners' equivalent rent of residences. The item stratum Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences, which prior to January, 2010 is identical to the EC, will be published as well.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

- Data not available.

Table 4A. 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	Annual average 2008	Annual average 2009	Percent change from 2008 to 2009
Expenditure category			
All items	211.053	209.630	-0.7
All items (1967=100)	628.661	624.423	-
Food and beverages	213.546	217.480	1.8
Food	213.376	217.118	1.8
Food at home	213.017	213.908	.4
Cereals and bakery products	245.472	253.214	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	204.255	203.394	-.4
Dairy and related products	209.773	195.679	-6.7
Fruits and vegetables	276.759	270.562	-2.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	159.324	162.598	2.1
Other food at home	183.637	190.519	3.7
Sugar and sweets	185.494	195.702	5.5
Fats and oils	197.512	202.003	2.3
Other foods	198.303	205.573	3.7
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	120.348	122.753	2.0
Food away from home	215.613	223.383	3.6
Other food away from home ¹	149.731	155.607	3.9
Alcoholic beverages	214.579	221.325	3.1
Housing	211.839	213.144	.6
Shelter	239.128	242.637	1.5
Rent of primary residence	242.196	247.401	2.1
Lodging away from home ¹	143.164	135.163	-5.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	228.758	232.499	1.6
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	119.136	121.935	2.3
Fuels and utilities	217.883	209.595	-3.8
Household energy	197.537	186.229	-5.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	331.784	243.003	-26.8
Gas (piped) and electricity	200.265	191.981	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	152.419	161.584	6.0
Household furnishings and operations	123.635	124.632	.8
Household operations ¹	150.130	152.818	1.8
Apparel	118.735	119.847	.9
Men's and boys' apparel	113.490	114.340	.7
Women's and girls' apparel	107.489	107.602	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.266	117.202	.8
Footwear	124.102	127.183	2.5
Transportation	195.692	176.729	-9.7
Private transportation	192.492	173.491	-9.9
New and used motor vehicles ¹	92.146	91.308	-.9
New vehicles	135.338	136.711	1.0
Used cars and trucks	134.731	127.687	-5.2
Motor fuel	280.817	202.695	-27.8
Gasoline (all types)	278.728	202.375	-27.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	128.776	134.133	4.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	236.353	245.795	4.0
Public transportation	247.865	234.661	-5.3
Medical care	364.208	376.064	3.3
Medical care commodities	287.970	296.724	3.0
Medical care services	386.317	399.165	3.3
Professional services	313.446	322.127	2.8
Hospital and related services	530.193	565.029	6.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4A. 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	Annual average 2008	Annual average 2009	Percent change from 2008 to 2009
Expenditure category			
Recreation ¹	110.143	111.015	0.8
Video and audio ¹	102.654	101.602	-1.0
Education and communication ¹	119.827	123.017	2.7
Education ¹	178.892	188.143	5.2
Educational books and supplies	452.880	485.025	7.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	504.163	529.316	5.0
Communication ¹	86.807	87.662	1.0
Information and information processing ¹	84.828	85.571	.9
Telephone services ¹	100.502	102.341	1.8
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴	10.567	10.178	-3.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁵	94.863	82.104	-13.4
Other goods and services	357.906	391.628	9.4
Tobacco and smoking products	591.100	735.056	24.4
Personal care	199.170	202.490	1.7
Personal care products	159.410	162.557	2.0
Personal care services	223.978	227.804	1.7
Miscellaneous personal services	340.533	346.500	1.8
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	177.618	171.452	-3.5
Food and beverages	213.546	217.480	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	157.481	147.327	-6.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	205.279	185.579	-9.6
Apparel	118.735	119.847	.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	263.756	230.503	-12.6
Durables	111.217	109.610	-1.4
Services	250.272	254.267	1.6
Rent of shelter ²	230.555	233.917	1.5
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	119.136	121.935	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	200.265	191.981	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	152.419	161.584	6.0
Household operations ¹	150.130	152.818	1.8
Transportation services	242.563	250.960	3.5
Medical care services	386.317	399.165	3.3
Other services	284.319	291.572	2.6
Special indexes			
All items less food	210.452	208.128	-1.1
All items less shelter	203.102	199.860	-1.6
All items less medical care	204.626	202.810	-.9
Commodities less food	159.538	149.780	-6.1
Nondurables less food	206.047	187.718	-8.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	258.423	228.679	-11.5
Nondurables	210.333	201.628	-4.1
Services less rent of shelter ²	241.567	245.814	1.8
Services less medical care services	240.275	243.796	1.5
Energy	237.414	192.594	-18.9
All items less energy	208.719	212.652	1.9
All items less food and energy	208.147	212.126	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.084	143.099	1.4
Energy commodities	284.270	205.325	-27.8
Services less energy services	255.598	261.022	2.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	\$.474	\$.477	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.159	\$.160	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

³ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 2010. The expenditure class will include weight from secondary residences, and will be re-titled Owners' equivalent rent of residences. The item stratum Owners' equivalent rent of primary residences, which prior to January, 2010 is identical to the EC, will be published as well.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

- Data not available.