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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 1.0 percent in December, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The December level of 210.228 (1982-84=100) was 0.1 percent higher than in December 2007.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 1.2 percent in December, prior to seasonal adjustment. The December level of 204.813 (1982-84=100) was 0.5 percent lower than in December 2007.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 1.3 percent in December on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The December level of 120.661 (December 1999=100) was 0.5 percent lower than in December 2007. Please note that the indexes for the post-2006 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U decreased 0.7 percent in December, the third consecutive decline. The index is now only 0.1 percent higher than in December 2007. Declining energy prices, particularly for gasoline, again drove most of the decline. The energy index declined 8.3 percent in December. Within energy, the gasoline index fell 17.2 percent and accounted for almost 90 percent of the decrease in the all items index. The index for household energy declined 0.7 percent. Excluding energy, the index was virtually unchanged for the third straight month. The food index declined 0.1 percent in December, the first (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	June 2008	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008		
All items	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	-1.7	-0.7	-12.7	0.1
Food and beverages .....	.7	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	.0	1.7	5.8
Housing .....	.5	.6	-1	-1	.0	-1	.0	-7	2.4
Apparel .....	.1	1.2	.5	-1	-1.0	.3	-9	-6.4	-1.0
Transportation	3.8	1.7	-1.5	-6	-5.4	-9.8	-4.4	-55.6	-13.3
Medical care .....	.2	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	2.8	2.6
Recreation .....	.1	.4	.5	.2	.1	.0	-2	-4	1.8
Education and communication .....	.5	.5	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	3.0	3.6
Other goods and services .....	.4	.4	.2	.2	.3	.0	.0	.8	3.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	6.6	4.0	-3.1	-1.9	-8.6	-17.0	-8.3	-76.6	-21.3
Food .....	.8	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	-1	1.4	5.9
All items less food and energy .....	.3	.3	.2	.1	-1	.0	.0	-3	1.8

decrease since April 2006, as many meat, dairy, fruit, and vegetable indexes decreased. The index for all items excluding food and energy was virtually unchanged in December. Continuing decreases in the indexes for lodging away from home, airline fare, and new and used motor vehicles, along with downturns in the indexes for apparel and recreation, offset increases in other indexes including rent and owners' equivalent rent, medical care, and education.

For the 12 month period ending December 2008, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent. This was the smallest calendar year increase since a 0.7 percent decline in 1954 and compares with a 4.1 percent increase for the 12 months ended December 2007. Consumer prices declined at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate (SAAR) of 12.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008. This followed increases during the first three quarters at rates of 3.1, 7.9, and 2.6 percent, respectively. The index for energy declined at a SAAR of 76.6 percent during the fourth quarter and fell 21.3 percent for the 12 months ending December after rising 17.4 percent during 2007. Petroleum-based energy prices declined 40.5 percent during 2008 while prices for energy services rose 7.7 percent. The food index rose 5.9 percent in 2008 compared to 4.9 percent in 2007, with grocery store food prices rising 6.6 percent in 2008 compared to 5.6 percent in 2007. In both cases, the 2008 increases were the largest since 1980. Among the grocery store food groups, the 2008 increases ranged from a low of 2.7 percent for dairy and related products to a high of 11.7 percent for cereals and bakery products.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI declined at a 0.3 percent SAAR during the last quarter of 2008, after increasing at rates of 2.0, 2.5, and 2.7 percent during the first three quarters, respectively. The 1.8 percent increase for all of 2008 compares to 2.4 percent during 2007 and is the smallest one-year increase since 2003. The smaller increase reflects slower advances in prices for shelter and medical care as well as a decline in the price of new and used motor vehicles. Shelter costs rose 1.9 percent in 2008 after increasing 3.1 percent in 2007, while medical care prices rose 2.6 percent in 2008 after increasing 5.2 percent in 2007. Prices for new and used motor vehicles declined 3.5 percent during 2008 after being virtually unchanged during 2007. The annual rates for selected groups for the last eight years are shown below.

Table Q4. Annual percent changes in the CPI for All Urban Consumers, 2001-2008

Expenditure Category	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All items	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	2.5	4.1	0.1
Food and beverages	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	4.8	5.8
Housing	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	2.4
Apparel	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-2	-1.1	.9	-.3	-1.0
Transportation	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	1.6	8.3	-13.3
Medical care	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	2.6
Recreation	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.0	.8	1.8
Education and communication	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.3	3.0	3.6
Other goods and services	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.4
Special indexes:								
Energy	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	2.9	17.4	-21.3
Energy commodities	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	6.1	29.4	-40.5
Energy services	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	-.6	3.4	7.7
All items less energy	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.4
Food	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	4.9	5.9
All items less food and energy	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.4	1.8

The food and beverages index was virtually unchanged in December, as increases in the indexes for food away from home and alcoholic beverages offset a 0.4 percent decline in the food at home index. Within food at home, the indexes for three of the six major grocery store food groups declined. The fruits and vegetables index declined 2.4 percent in December, the fourth consecutive decrease, with fresh vegetables down 4.4 percent. The index for dairy and related products turned down in December, falling 0.9 percent after rising 0.4 percent in November. For the year, the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for dairy and related products rose 3.4 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs declined 0.5 percent in December, but was up 5.1 percent for the year. The December decrease was driven by a 6.6 percent decline in the index for eggs. The indexes for cereals and bakery products and for other food at home both increased in December. The former index rose 0.3 percent in December and posted an 11.7 percent 12 month increase, while the latter climbed 0.6 percent and was up 9.3 percent for the year. The index for nonalcoholic beverages was virtually unchanged in December and has increased 5.9 percent since December 2007. The index for food away from home advanced 0.3 percent in December while the alcoholic beverages index increased 0.6 percent.

The index for housing was virtually unchanged in December after declining 0.1 percent in November. The shelter index, which rose 0.2 percent in November, was also virtually unchanged. Increases in the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent of 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively, offset a 0.7 percent decline in the index for lodging away from home. For the 12 months ending December, the housing index rose 2.4 percent, with the index for shelter increasing 1.9 percent. The household energy index declined 0.7 percent in December, but registered a 5.9 percent increase over the last 12 months. Within household energy, the index for fuel oil declined sharply, down 12.7 percent in December and 21.0 percent over the last year. The natural gas index declined 1.6 percent but was up 5.5 percent during 2008. The electricity index increased in December, rising 0.6 percent to a level 8.6 percent above a year ago. The index for household furnishings and operations increased 0.1 percent in December.

The transportation index fell 4.4 percent in December as several of its major components continue to decline. This was the fifth consecutive monthly decrease and the index is now down 13.3 percent over the past year. The motor fuel index decreased 16.8 percent in December. (Before seasonal adjustment, motor fuel prices fell 20.3 percent in December and were 42.2 percent below their December 2007 level) The index for new and used motor vehicles fell for the fifth straight month, declining 0.4 percent. The new vehicles index declined 0.4 percent and the index for used cars and trucks fell 0.8 percent. The index for public transportation declined 1.3 percent in December as the airline fare index decreased 1.2 percent. This was the fourth straight decline in the airline fare index, but it was still 1.4 percent higher than in December 2007.

The index for apparel turned down in December, declining 0.9 percent after rising 0.3 percent in November. Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 3.5 percent, and are 1.0 percent below their December 2007 level.

The index for medical care rose 0.3 percent in December after increasing 0.2 percent in November, and is up 2.6 percent over the past year. The medical care commodities index increased 0.5 percent, with the index for nonprescription drugs and medical supplies rising 1.1 percent. The index for medical care services advanced 0.2 percent in December after rising 0.1 percent in November. The physicians' services index increased 0.4 percent and the index for hospital and related services rose 0.5 percent.

After being virtually unchanged in November, the index for recreation declined 0.2 percent in December. Decreases in the indexes for sporting goods, for photography, and for toys contributed to the decline. The index for video and audio, which fell 0.1 percent in November, increased 0.1 percent in December. The recreation index has increased 1.8 percent over the past year.

The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in December after advancing 0.2 percent in November and has risen 3.6 percent over the past year. The index for education increased 0.5 percent in December and the index for communication rose 0.2 percent. Within the latter group, the telephone services index increased 0.1 percent and the index for information technology, hardware and services rose 0.4 percent.

The index for other goods and services was virtually unchanged for the second consecutive month and rose 3.4 percent during all of 2008. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.5 percent in December after being virtually unchanged in November. The index for personal care turned down in December, falling 0.2 percent after being virtually unchanged in November.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers decreased 0.9 percent in December.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. 2008	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2008
	Changes from preceding month								
	June 2008	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008		
All items	1.2	0.9	-0.2	-0.1	-1.2	-2.1	-0.9	-15.7	-0.5
Food and beverages .....	.8	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	.0	1.8	5.9
Housing .....	.5	.7	.0	-2	.0	-1	.0	-2	2.8
Apparel .....	.0	.8	1.0	.0	-1.2	.2	-1.0	-7.7	-.9
Transportation	4.0	1.8	-1.7	-7	-6.0	-10.9	-5.0	-59.8	-15.3
Medical care .....	.2	.1	.3	.3	.1	.2	.3	2.6	2.7
Recreation .....	.2	.4	.5	.2	.0	-1	-2	-8	1.6
Education and communication5	.5	.2	.0	.2	.2	.3	2.8	3.4
Other goods and services6	.5	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	1.8	4.1
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Energy	6.8	4.0	-3.2	-1.7	-9.0	-17.8	-8.7	-78.2	-22.6
Food8	.9	.6	.6	.3	.2	-1	1.5	6.0
All items less food and energy3	.3	.2	.1	-1	.0	.0	-3	1.7

Consumer Price Index data for January are scheduled for release on Friday, February 20, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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 in 87 urban areas across the country from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

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

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

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 0.06 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 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. 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 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005-December 2005” in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.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 2003 through December 2007 were replaced in January 2008. 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: 48 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2008.

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 2008, BLS adjusted 20 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 18, 2009

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 2004 through December 2008, on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 2009 CPI on Friday, February 20, 2009.

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, 2004-2008.

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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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	212.425	210.228	0.1	-1.0	-1.0	-1.7	-0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	636.332	629.751	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.914	218.752	218.839	5.8	.0	.3	.2	.0
Food	13.833	218.749	218.805	5.9	.0	.3	.2	-.1
Food at home	7.660	219.086	218.683	6.6	-.2	.1	.0	-.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.030	252.723	253.063	11.7	.1	.6	.2	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.807	209.602	208.890	5.1	-.3	.6	-.7	-.5
Dairy and related products .....	.887	213.102	210.838	2.7	-1.1	-1.0	.4	-.9
Fruits and vegetables	1.156	283.677	281.706	3.4	-.7	-2.2	-.4	-2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.928	163.015	162.750	5.9	-.2	1.2	.1	.0
Other food at home	1.852	189.301	190.203	9.3	.5	.6	.6	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.277	191.756	193.312	8.2	.8	.7	.6	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.205	205.806	206.710	17.4	.4	.5	.0	1.0
Other foods	1.369	203.058	203.902	8.3	.4	.6	.8	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.404	123.543	123.791	7.4	.2	1.3	.7	.2
Food away from home ¹	6.173	220.043	220.684	5.0	.3	.5	.3	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.297	153.978	154.062	5.7	.1	1.0	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.080	217.492	217.975	4.4	.2	.4	.5	.6
Housing	42.427	216.467	216.073	2.4	-.2	.0	-.1	.0
Shelter	32.596	247.463	247.085	1.9	-.2	.0	.2	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	5.765	246.681	247.278	3.4	.2	.4	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	2.564	133.555	129.157	-3.3	-3.3	-1.6	-1.1	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.942	254.669	254.875	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.325	120.232	120.019	2.6	-.2	.0	.3	-.2
Fuels and utilities	5.128	216.285	215.184	6.0	-.5	-.6	-1.6	-.5
Household energy	4.215	195.599	194.335	5.9	-.6	-.9	-2.0	-.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.351	281.869	256.209	-14.4	-9.1	-8.8	-13.6	-9.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.864	199.435	199.487	7.7	.0	-.1	-1.0	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.913	156.193	156.390	6.5	.1	1.0	.4	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.702	128.554	128.535	2.0	.0	.0	-.2	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.737	149.998	150.689	6.0	.5	-.1	.0	.5
Apparel	3.731	121.262	117.078	-1.0	-3.5	-1.0	.3	-.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.935	114.239	110.767	-1.1	-3.0	-.5	-.7	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel	1.600	110.588	105.456	-3.6	-4.6	-2.2	.7	-1.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.185	116.010	112.568	-1.1	-3.0	.6	.5	-.9
Footwear .....	.679	126.788	124.093	1.5	-2.1	.3	1.1	-.8
Transportation	17.688	173.644	164.628	-13.3	-5.2	-5.4	-9.8	-4.4
Private transportation	16.583	168.527	159.411	-14.4	-5.4	-5.5	-10.3	-4.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.191	91.618	91.408	-3.5	-.2	-.7	-.9	-.4
New vehicles	4.632	132.359	132.308	-3.2	.0	-.5	-.6	-.4
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.773	126.869	125.883	-8.1	-.8	-2.4	-2.2	-.8
Motor fuel	5.482	187.189	149.132	-42.2	-20.3	-13.9	-29.0	-16.8
Gasoline (all types)	5.215	184.235	146.102	-43.1	-20.7	-14.2	-29.5	-17.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.356	132.947	133.077	7.4	.1	.7	.8	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.123	239.048	239.356	5.9	.1	.3	.3	.2
Public transportation	1.106	243.385	237.638	1.8	-2.4	-3.3	-2.7	-1.3
Medical care	6.231	366.613	367.133	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.3
Medical care commodities	1.601	297.317	298.361	1.6	.4	.2	.6	.5
Medical care services	4.630	387.992	388.267	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.2
Professional services	2.626	313.328	313.886	3.0	.2	.1	.3	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.467	543.183	543.585	5.4	.1	.4	.0	.5

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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	
		Recreation ²	5.647	114.078	113.674	1.8	-0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.843	101.831	101.629	-1.0	-2	-6	-1	.1	
Education and communication ²	6.086	125.758	125.921	3.6	.1	.2	.2	.3	
Education ²	2.944	186.733	186.916	5.6	.1	.4	.4	.5	
Educational books and supplies .....	.207	462.694	464.544	7.0	.4	.2	.3	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.736	537.906	538.309	5.5	.1	.5	.4	.5	
Communication ²	3.142	84.601	84.737	1.7	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.975	81.723	81.886	1.7	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.342	101.538	101.688	2.9	.1	.1	.1	.1	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.634	9.867	9.906	-3.0	.4	-3	-1	.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.242	88.984	88.529	-11.5	-5	-9	-1.1	-5
Other goods and services	3.277	349.040	349.220	3.4	.1	.3	.0	.0	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.731	599.820	602.644	6.3	.5	.4	.0	.5
Personal care	2.546	202.921	202.774	2.6	-1	.2	.0	-2	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.639	161.000	161.397	2.0	.2	.1	.7	.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.629	226.197	226.281	3.0	.0	.4	.3	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.044	340.174	339.698	3.0	-1	.0	-8	-1	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	41.269	167.673	163.582	-4.1	-2.4	-2.3	-4.1	-2.0	
Food and beverages	14.914	218.752	218.839	5.8	.0	.3	.2	.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	26.356	141.397	135.720	-9.6	-4.0	-3.8	-6.7	-3.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.519	173.346	161.681	-14.3	-6.7	-5.5	-9.5	-5.9	
Apparel	3.731	121.262	117.078	-1.0	-3.5	-1.0	.3	-9	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.787	209.569	192.948	-18.5	-7.9	-7.9	-14.0	-6.3	
Durables	10.837	109.191	108.811	-2.9	-3	-6	-6	-4	
Services	58.731	256.967	256.731	3.0	-1	.0	.0	.1	
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.271	257.961	257.567	1.9	-2	.0	.2	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.325	120.232	120.019	2.6	-2	.0	.3	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.864	199.435	199.487	7.7	.0	-1	-1.0	.0	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.913	156.193	156.390	6.5	.1	1.0	.4	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.737	149.998	150.689	6.0	.5	-1	.0	.5
Transportation services	5.350	247.030	246.287	4.1	-3	-4	-3	.0	
Medical care services	4.630	387.992	388.267	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.2	
Other services	10.641	299.996	300.067	3.5	.0	.2	.1	.2	
Special indexes									
All items less food	86.167	211.421	208.855	-.8	-1.2	-1.2	-2.0	-.8	
All items less shelter	67.404	201.075	198.127	-.8	-1.5	-1.4	-2.6	-1.1	
All items less medical care	93.769	204.721	202.442	-.1	-1.1	-1.0	-1.8	-.8	
Commodities less food	27.436	144.055	138.536	-9.1	-3.8	-3.6	-6.4	-3.0	
Nondurables less food	16.599	175.979	165.032	-13.1	-6.2	-5.3	-8.8	-5.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.868	209.344	194.403	-16.6	-7.1	-7.0	-12.6	-5.4	
Nondurables	30.432	195.773	189.557	-4.5	-3.2	-2.6	-4.9	-2.5	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.460	275.425	275.370	4.3	.0	-1	-.2	.2	
Services less medical care services	54.101	246.351	246.090	3.0	-1	.0	.0	.1	
Energy	9.698	189.938	171.158	-21.3	-9.9	-8.6	-17.0	-8.3	
All items less energy	90.302	216.417	215.930	2.4	-2	.0	.0	.0	
All items less food and energy	76.469	216.690	216.100	1.8	-3	-1	.0	.0	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.602	140.236	139.228	-.6	-7	-4	-.2	-.3	
Energy commodities	5.834	193.395	155.745	-40.5	-19.5	-13.6	-28.1	-16.2	
Services less energy services	54.867	262.901	262.636	2.7	-1	.0	.1	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.471	\$.476	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.157	\$.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 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—	
	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sep. 2008	Dec. 2008	June 2008	Dec. 2008
All items	218.813	216.710	213.060	211.490	3.1	7.9	2.6	-12.7	5.5	-5.4
Food and beverages	217.996	218.569	218.981	218.915	5.1	8.1	8.5	1.7	6.6	5.0
Food	218.029	218.582	218.939	218.770	5.3	8.5	8.7	1.4	6.8	5.0
Food at home	219.225	219.380	219.428	218.620	5.9	11.5	10.7	-1.1	8.7	4.7
Cereals and bakery products	251.760	253.199	253.738	254.619	15.7	15.2	11.8	4.6	15.5	8.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	209.534	210.721	209.295	208.347	2.6	7.8	12.9	-2.2	5.2	5.0
Dairy and related products	214.066	211.930	212.757	210.817	.7	11.1	5.8	-5.9	5.7	-3
Fruits and vegetables	290.047	283.770	282.618	275.694	3.9	20.9	12.1	-18.4	12.1	-4.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	161.609	163.526	163.684	163.631	7.3	3.9	7.4	5.1	5.6	6.3
Other food at home	188.124	189.320	190.510	191.690	6.3	11.7	11.3	7.8	9.0	9.6
Sugar and sweets	190.197	191.438	192.492	194.720	5.3	6.6	11.2	9.9	6.0	10.5
Fats and oils	206.381	207.508	207.407	209.531	8.6	34.5	22.4	6.2	20.9	14.0
Other foods	201.577	202.881	204.414	205.325	6.3	9.5	9.7	7.6	7.9	8.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	121.144	122.699	123.543	123.791	7.3	3.9	9.4	9.0	5.6	9.2
Food away from home ¹	218.225	219.290	220.043	220.684	4.5	4.7	6.1	4.6	4.6	5.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	152.040	153.544	153.978	154.062	7.8	3.6	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.7
Alcoholic beverages	216.276	217.103	218.212	219.478	2.9	3.1	5.8	6.1	3.0	5.9
Housing	217.891	217.793	217.577	217.521	3.4	5.2	1.8	-.7	4.3	.6
Shelter	247.971	248.058	248.472	248.556	2.0	2.3	2.2	.9	2.2	1.6
Rent of primary residence ³	244.977	245.840	246.558	247.095	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.5
Lodging away from home ²	145.173	142.808	141.218	140.233	-2.5	.8	2.1	-12.9	-.9	-5.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	253.493	253.871	254.580	254.766	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	119.944	119.916	120.232	120.019	2.4	4.8	2.9	.3	3.6	1.6
Fuels and utilities	224.377	223.111	219.524	218.362	13.7	28.8	-3.1	-10.3	21.0	-6.8
Household energy	205.021	203.206	199.099	197.723	15.6	34.2	-5.4	-13.5	24.6	-9.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	353.309	322.208	278.365	252.782	49.2	116.7	-36.6	-73.8	79.8	-59.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	205.785	205.538	203.484	203.409	12.8	27.9	-1.5	-4.5	20.1	-3.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	154.269	155.827	156.427	156.788	5.0	4.8	9.4	6.7	4.9	8.1
Household furnishings and operations	128.917	128.936	128.711	128.890	2.5	.5	5.0	-.1	1.5	2.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.193	150.052	149.998	150.689	8.5	8.5	6.0	1.3	8.5	3.7
Apparel	120.005	118.843	119.165	118.043	-4.7	1.0	6.6	-6.4	-1.9	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	113.108	112.533	111.786	110.906	3.9	-.4	-.1	-7.6	1.7	-3.9
Women's and girls' apparel	109.678	107.255	108.001	106.394	-16.6	.6	15.9	-11.4	-8.4	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.172	113.815	114.398	113.412	-3.4	-2.6	.9	.9	-3.0	-.9
Footwear	123.572	123.896	125.281	124.307	2.4	4.3	-2.9	2.4	3.3	-.3
Transportation	205.036	194.031	175.106	167.363	2.4	22.3	-1.7	-55.6	11.9	-33.9
Private transportation	200.367	189.326	169.911	161.989	1.8	22.2	-2.1	-57.3	11.5	-35.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.900	92.229	91.425	91.073	-1.4	-.7	-4.2	-7.6	-1.0	-5.9
New vehicles	133.567	132.889	132.153	131.620	-2.7	-.1	-4.2	-5.7	-1.4	-4.9
Used cars and trucks ¹	132.916	129.733	126.869	125.883	.8	-3.6	-8.7	-19.5	-1.4	-14.3
Motor fuel	317.962	273.671	194.333	161.723	3.0	69.2	-4.5	-93.3	32.0	-74.7
Gasoline (all types)	316.443	271.580	191.383	158.504	1.8	69.1	-3.3	-93.7	31.2	-75.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	131.048	131.917	132.947	133.077	8.0	4.8	10.5	6.3	6.4	8.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	237.284	238.108	238.802	239.375	6.3	6.6	7.0	3.6	6.5	5.3
Public transportation	261.556	252.920	246.102	242.894	11.5	23.6	4.9	-25.6	17.4	-11.7
Medical care	365.836	366.470	367.316	368.350	3.2	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.6
Medical care commodities	295.231	295.741	297.469	299.001	4.3	-3.0	.2	5.2	.6	2.7
Medical care services	387.816	388.489	388.922	389.708	2.8	4.0	3.3	2.0	3.4	2.6
Professional services	313.273	313.601	314.457	315.042	2.1	4.7	2.9	2.3	3.4	2.6
Hospital and related services ³	540.539	542.655	542.537	545.510	6.5	5.4	6.1	3.7	5.9	4.9

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. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sep. 2008	Dec. 2008	June 2008	Dec. 2008
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	114.120	114.214	114.222	113.995	2.3	0.6	4.6	-0.4	1.5	2.1
Video and audio ²	102.801	102.168	102.084	102.223	.3	-4.5	2.4	-2.2	-2.1	.1
Education and communication ²	124.615	124.888	125.157	125.550	3.2	5.1	3.3	3.0	4.1	3.2
Education ²	183.462	184.260	184.919	185.796	5.3	6.0	6.1	5.2	5.6	5.7
Educational books and supplies	461.555	462.451	463.867	466.658	1.2	6.4	16.3	4.5	3.8	10.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	527.863	530.257	532.175	534.646	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.8	5.3
Communication ²	84.526	84.538	84.604	84.740	1.0	4.3	.6	1.0	2.7	.8
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.635	81.652	81.723	81.886	1.0	3.8	.6	1.2	2.4	.9
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.311	101.407	101.538	101.688	1.0	6.8	2.5	1.5	3.9	2.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.901	9.874	9.867	9.906	1.2	-6.7	-6.6	.2	-2.8	-3.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	90.797	89.945	88.984	88.529	1.4	-17.4	-18.8	-9.6	-8.5	-14.4
Other goods and services	348.540	349.441	349.336	349.225	4.5	5.2	3.3	.8	4.8	2.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	597.581	599.744	599.820	602.644	5.9	10.9	5.3	3.4	8.4	4.4
Personal care	202.768	203.231	203.144	202.778	4.1	3.6	2.8	.0	3.8	1.4
Personal care products ¹	159.643	159.826	161.000	161.397	.5	1.1	2.0	4.5	.8	3.2
Personal care services ¹	224.614	225.564	226.197	226.281	5.8	1.4	2.0	3.0	3.5	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services	343.441	343.499	340.689	340.273	5.4	6.4	4.0	-3.6	5.9	.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	179.530	175.334	168.069	164.769	2.6	12.0	2.2	-29.0	7.2	-14.8
Food and beverages	217.996	218.569	218.981	218.915	5.1	8.1	8.5	1.7	6.6	5.0
Commodities less food and beverages	158.058	152.036	141.850	137.326	1.1	14.2	-1.1	-43.0	7.5	-24.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	205.585	194.214	175.859	165.396	8.4	26.1	-5.8	-58.1	16.9	-37.2
Apparel	120.005	118.843	119.165	118.043	-4.7	1.0	6.6	-6.4	-1.9	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	266.376	245.230	210.977	197.709	13.3	34.9	-4.9	-69.7	23.7	-46.3
Durables	110.513	109.868	109.244	108.815	-1.1	-1.9	-2.7	-6.0	-1.5	-4.3
Services	257.662	257.742	257.820	258.035	3.5	5.1	2.8	.6	4.3	1.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	258.498	258.583	259.077	259.211	2.2	2.2	2.3	1.1	2.2	1.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	119.944	119.916	120.232	120.019	2.4	4.8	2.9	.3	3.6	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	205.785	205.538	203.484	203.409	12.8	27.9	-1.5	-4.5	20.1	-3.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	154.269	155.827	156.427	156.788	5.0	4.8	9.4	6.7	4.9	8.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.193	150.052	149.998	150.689	8.5	8.5	6.0	1.3	8.5	3.7
Transportation services	248.422	247.447	246.653	246.753	5.5	8.7	5.5	-2.7	7.1	1.4
Medical care services	387.816	388.489	388.922	389.708	2.8	4.0	3.3	2.0	3.4	2.6
Other services	298.481	298.953	299.356	299.986	3.6	4.3	4.1	2.0	4.0	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	218.972	216.434	212.128	210.329	2.7	7.8	1.7	-14.9	5.3	-7.0
All items less shelter	209.885	206.884	201.569	199.321	3.6	10.7	2.8	-18.7	7.1	-8.6
All items less medical care	211.322	209.135	205.347	203.694	3.1	8.3	2.6	-13.7	5.7	-5.9
Commodities less food	160.257	154.412	144.517	140.144	1.2	13.8	-.9	-41.5	7.3	-23.9
Nondurables less food	206.042	195.181	177.989	168.805	6.0	28.3	-6.8	-54.9	16.6	-35.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	259.597	241.328	210.875	199.416	10.4	34.2	-6.1	-65.2	21.7	-42.8
Nondurables	212.583	207.029	196.797	191.846	5.9	18.8	-.3	-33.7	12.2	-18.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	276.660	276.380	275.814	276.292	5.1	9.5	3.5	-.5	7.3	1.4
Services less medical care services	247.172	247.197	247.090	247.344	3.5	5.6	2.7	.3	4.6	1.5
Energy	257.086	235.053	195.144	178.901	8.6	53.6	-4.9	-76.6	29.1	-52.8
All items less energy	216.528	216.484	216.580	216.526	2.5	3.4	3.6	.0	3.0	1.8
All items less food and energy	216.956	216.801	216.849	216.816	2.0	2.5	2.7	-.3	2.3	1.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.655	140.136	139.853	139.438	-.1	-.1	1.4	-3.4	-.1	-1.0
Energy commodities	321.888	278.005	200.024	167.573	5.6	71.8	-6.8	-92.7	34.7	-73.8
Services less energy services	263.046	263.159	263.444	263.687	2.9	3.6	3.2	1.0	3.2	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 Dec.2008 from—			Percent change to Nov.2008 from—		
		Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008
U.S. city average	M	218.783	216.573	212.425	210.228	0.1	-2.9	-1.0	1.1	-2.9	-1.9
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	232.841	230.837	227.236	225.091	.7	-2.5	-9	1.7	-2.4	-1.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	235.314	233.165	229.625	227.681	.9	-2.4	-8	1.7	-2.4	-1.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	137.723	136.730	134.445	132.830	.4	-2.9	-1.2	1.8	-2.4	-1.7
Midwest urban	M	209.252	206.019	201.737	199.582	-3	-3.1	-1.1	.5	-3.6	-2.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	210.283	207.049	202.922	200.465	-5	-3.2	-1.2	.5	-3.5	-2.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.982	131.946	129.018	128.018	.0	-3.0	-8	.5	-3.7	-2.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	205.522	202.086	197.883	195.383	-2	-3.3	-1.3	.7	-3.7	-2.1
South urban	M	212.650	210.108	205.559	203.501	.0	-3.1	-1.0	1.0	-3.3	-2.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	214.854	212.617	208.644	206.414	.2	-2.9	-1.1	1.4	-2.9	-1.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	135.093	133.285	130.324	129.099	-2	-3.1	-9	.6	-3.5	-2.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	215.258	213.103	206.659	204.428	.8	-4.1	-1.1	2.0	-4.0	-3.0
West urban	M	222.132	221.034	217.113	214.685	.0	-2.9	-1.1	1.0	-2.3	-1.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	225.910	224.967	220.925	218.698	.3	-2.8	-1.0	1.3	-2.2	-1.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.834	133.795	131.440	129.725	-6	-3.0	-1.3	.7	-2.5	-1.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	199.982	198.148	194.628	192.646	.3	-2.8	-1.0	1.3	-2.7	-1.8
B/C ³	M	135.160	133.587	130.857	129.519	-2	-3.0	-1.0	.8	-3.2	-2.0
D	M	211.740	209.755	204.856	202.359	.0	-3.5	-1.2	1.2	-3.3	-2.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	215.465	213.363	209.053	205.959	-6	-3.5	-1.5	.6	-3.0	-2.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	227.449	226.159	222.229	219.620	.1	-2.9	-1.2	1.0	-2.3	-1.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	240.089	238.403	234.498	233.012	1.6	-2.3	-6	2.2	-2.3	-1.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	238.519	-	232.354	-	-	-	-	.7	-2.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	206.219	-	198.187	-	-	-	-	.2	-3.9	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	205.883	-	200.051	-	-	-	-	1.8	-2.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	142.036	-	138.547	-	-	-	-	2.5	-2.5	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	206.388	-	196.961	-2.9	-4.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	205.238	-	197.991	-1.1	-3.5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	191.140	-	185.930	-2	-2.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	223.699	-	218.324	.5	-2.4	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	225.113	-	218.186	-4	-3.1	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	225.824	-	218.528	.0	-3.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	225.915	-	222.580	1.7	-1.5	-	-	-	-

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	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	207.296	204.813	-0.5	-1.2	-1.2	-2.1	-0.9
All items (1967=100)	-	617.472	610.075	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.926	218.178	218.269	5.9	.0	.3	.2	.0
Food	14.901	218.114	218.155	6.0	.0	.3	.2	-.1
Food at home	8.595	217.956	217.498	6.5	-.2	.1	.0	-.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.110	253.498	253.759	11.9	.1	.7	.2	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.192	209.297	208.639	5.1	-.3	.6	-.7	-.4
Dairy and related products .....	.965	212.184	209.922	2.3	-1.1	-1.1	.4	-.9
Fruits and vegetables	1.218	281.279	278.835	3.5	-.9	-2.3	-.3	-2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.094	162.472	162.280	6.1	-.1	1.3	.1	.0
Other food at home	2.016	188.685	189.527	9.2	.4	.6	.6	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.279	190.501	192.120	8.5	.8	.6	.6	1.1
Fats and oils .....	.232	206.870	207.439	17.4	.3	.6	.1	.9
Other foods	1.504	203.126	203.937	8.1	.4	.6	.6	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.438	123.837	124.144	7.3	.2	1.2	.7	.2
Food away from home ¹	6.305	220.107	220.847	5.2	.3	.5	.4	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.218	153.464	153.646	6.4	.1	1.1	.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.025	217.626	218.445	4.6	.4	.4	.5	.7
Housing	39.994	212.591	212.452	2.8	-.1	.0	-.1	.0
Shelter	30.397	240.740	240.752	2.2	.0	.1	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	7.979	245.425	246.026	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	1.233	133.747	129.982	-2.4	-2.8	-1.2	-.7	-.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.888	230.743	230.926	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.297	120.589	120.360	2.5	-.2	.0	.3	-.2
Fuels and utilities	5.637	214.700	213.861	6.5	-.4	-.5	-1.5	-.4
Household energy	4.670	193.000	192.050	6.5	-.5	-.8	-1.9	-.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.323	283.747	260.185	-12.9	-8.3	-8.5	-12.7	-8.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.347	197.507	197.545	7.9	.0	-.2	-1.1	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.966	156.702	156.864	6.6	.1	1.1	.4	.2
Household furnishings and operations	3.960	124.466	124.314	2.0	-.1	.0	-.2	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.339	152.247	152.814	5.6	.4	-.2	-.2	.4
Apparel	3.998	121.149	117.006	-.9	-3.4	-1.2	.2	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.031	114.651	111.232	-1.1	-3.0	-.4	-.8	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.619	110.612	105.413	-3.6	-4.7	-3.1	.5	-1.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.251	118.611	115.003	-1.2	-3.0	.3	.7	-1.5
Footwear .....	.821	126.689	124.152	1.7	-2.0	.4	.8	-.6
Transportation	20.054	170.870	160.914	-15.3	-5.8	-6.0	-10.9	-5.0
Private transportation	19.287	167.301	157.272	-16.0	-6.0	-6.1	-11.3	-5.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.952	89.783	89.482	-4.5	-.3	-1.1	-1.1	-.5
New vehicles	4.172	133.380	133.317	-3.2	.0	-.5	-.6	-.4
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.103	127.540	126.526	-8.2	-.8	-2.4	-2.2	-.8
Motor fuel	6.940	187.770	149.650	-42.2	-20.3	-13.9	-29.1	-16.7
Gasoline (all types)	6.597	184.855	146.644	-43.1	-20.7	-14.2	-29.6	-17.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.446	133.125	133.295	7.7	.1	.8	.8	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.169	241.509	241.855	5.8	.1	.3	.3	.3
Public transportation .....	.767	240.496	235.199	1.7	-2.2	-3.3	-2.8	-1.2
Medical care	5.192	366.800	367.301	2.7	.1	.1	.2	.3
Medical care commodities	1.295	289.046	290.080	1.5	.4	.1	.6	.6
Medical care services	3.897	389.493	389.744	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.2
Professional services	2.159	315.825	316.435	3.0	.2	.1	.2	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.260	539.864	540.101	5.7	.0	.3	-.1	.6

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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.341	110.826	110.487	1.6	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Video and audio ²	1.987	101.974	101.810	-7	-2	-6	-1	.2
Education and communication ²	5.987	121.636	121.819	3.4	.2	.2	.2	.3
Education ²	2.377	184.115	184.352	5.8	.1	.5	.3	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	465.576	467.179	6.8	.3	.3	.2	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.174	518.938	519.500	5.7	.1	.5	.4	.5
Communication ²	3.609	87.300	87.444	1.9	.2	.0	.1	.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.488	85.292	85.454	1.8	.2	.0	.1	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.869	101.564	101.720	2.9	.2	.1	.1	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.619	10.367	10.406	-2.9	.4	-4	-1	.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.228	88.631	88.176	-11.8	-5	-1.1	-1.2	-5
Other goods and services	3.508	362.550	362.986	4.1	.1	.3	.1	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.183	602.881	605.662	6.6	.5	.4	.1	.5
Personal care	2.325	201.036	200.918	2.8	-1	.2	.1	-1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.647	160.994	161.295	1.8	.2	.1	.7	.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.560	226.433	226.578	3.0	.1	.4	.3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.910	342.853	342.530	3.5	-1	-1	-4	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.745	168.926	164.233	-5.0	-2.8	-2.7	-4.9	-2.2
Food and beverages	15.926	218.178	218.269	5.9	.0	.3	.2	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	28.819	143.544	137.015	-11.1	-4.5	-4.4	-7.8	-3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	17.315	178.209	164.879	-16.2	-7.5	-6.2	-10.8	-6.6
Apparel	3.998	121.149	117.006	-9	-3.4	-1.2	.2	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	13.318	217.500	198.108	-20.7	-8.9	-8.4	-15.4	-6.9
Durables	11.504	109.038	108.576	-3.4	-4	-8	-7	-5
Services	55.255	252.144	252.176	3.2	.0	.1	.1	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.100	232.096	232.112	2.2	.0	.1	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.297	120.589	120.360	2.5	-2	.0	.3	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.347	197.507	197.545	7.9	.0	-2	-1.1	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.966	156.702	156.864	6.6	.1	1.1	.4	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.339	152.247	152.814	5.6	.4	-2	-2	.4
Transportation services	5.266	246.126	245.881	4.2	-1	-2	-1	.1
Medical care services	3.897	389.493	389.744	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.2
Other services	10.042	288.082	288.227	3.4	.1	.1	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.099	205.214	202.292	-1.6	-1.4	-1.5	-2.5	-1.1
All items less shelter	69.603	197.342	193.918	-1.7	-1.7	-1.8	-3.1	-1.4
All items less medical care	94.808	200.707	198.153	-6	-1.3	-1.3	-2.3	-1.0
Commodities less food	29.844	145.985	139.620	-10.5	-4.4	-4.2	-7.5	-3.5
Nondurables less food	18.341	180.533	167.933	-15.0	-7.0	-5.9	-10.2	-6.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.343	216.516	198.909	-18.9	-8.1	-7.9	-14.3	-6.2
Nondurables	33.241	198.009	190.910	-5.6	-3.6	-3.0	-5.6	-3.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.155	243.599	243.646	4.4	.0	-2	-.2	.2
Services less medical care services	51.358	242.058	242.079	3.2	.0	.0	.0	.1
Energy	11.610	188.375	168.726	-22.6	-10.4	-9.0	-17.8	-8.7
All items less energy	88.390	210.541	210.168	2.4	-2	.0	.0	.0
All items less food and energy	73.489	209.383	208.925	1.7	-2	-1	.0	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.581	140.793	139.731	-8	-8	-5	-3	-3
Energy commodities	7.264	192.494	154.744	-40.9	-19.6	-13.7	-28.3	-16.3
Services less energy services	50.908	258.008	258.039	2.8	.0	.1	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.482	\$.488	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.162	\$.164	-	-	-	-	-

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—		
	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sep. 2008	Dec. 2008	June 2008	Dec. 2008
Expenditure category										
All items	214.946	212.361	207.847	205.956	3.3	9.0	2.5	-15.7	6.1	-7.0
Food and beverages	217.401	218.005	218.417	218.355	5.1	8.4	8.7	1.8	6.7	5.2
Food	217.375	217.962	218.330	218.159	5.2	8.7	8.9	1.5	7.0	5.1
Food at home	218.085	218.328	218.329	217.505	5.8	11.4	10.7	-1.1	8.6	4.7
Cereals and bakery products	252.230	254.031	254.580	255.350	16.0	15.7	11.4	5.0	15.9	8.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	209.114	210.380	208.935	208.083	2.4	7.5	13.0	-2.0	5.0	5.2
Dairy and related products	213.317	211.048	211.860	209.981	-2	10.9	5.6	-6.1	5.2	-4
Fruits and vegetables	288.190	281.464	280.614	273.436	4.1	22.7	11.4	-19.0	13.0	-5.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	160.916	163.076	163.225	163.220	7.5	2.8	8.5	5.9	5.1	7.2
Other food at home	187.670	188.794	189.849	190.906	6.5	12.1	11.3	7.1	9.3	9.2
Sugar and sweets	189.095	190.215	191.433	193.504	6.6	6.6	11.3	9.7	6.6	10.5
Fats and oils	207.065	208.358	208.546	210.339	7.8	36.3	21.3	6.5	21.2	13.7
Other foods	201.892	203.095	204.360	205.195	6.4	9.6	9.7	6.7	8.0	8.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	121.589	123.026	123.837	124.144	7.4	3.9	9.4	8.7	5.6	9.1
Food away from home ¹	218.147	219.219	220.107	220.847	4.4	5.1	6.3	5.0	4.7	5.7
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	151.321	152.910	153.464	153.646	7.8	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.8	5.9
Alcoholic beverages	216.292	217.149	218.182	219.748	3.0	3.0	5.7	6.5	3.0	6.1
Housing	213.496	213.543	213.408	213.410	3.6	5.9	1.9	-.2	4.7	.8
Shelter	240.297	240.616	241.193	241.386	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.3	2.0
Rent of primary residence ³	243.875	244.675	245.342	245.790	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3
Lodging away from home ²	144.035	142.329	141.362	140.713	-5.2	4.8	-1.3	-8.9	-.3	-5.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	229.663	229.991	230.644	230.822	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.279	120.258	120.589	120.360	2.1	4.5	3.3	.3	3.3	1.8
Fuels and utilities	222.522	221.400	218.105	217.262	13.1	28.3	-1.6	-9.1	20.5	-5.4
Household energy	202.000	200.368	196.628	195.628	15.0	33.5	-3.6	-12.0	23.9	-7.9
Fuel oil and other fuels	350.353	320.577	279.760	256.590	45.0	108.2	-33.7	-71.2	73.7	-56.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	204.284	203.862	201.644	201.610	12.8	28.7	-.6	-5.1	20.5	-2.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	154.652	156.289	156.953	157.292	4.7	4.7	10.0	7.0	4.7	8.5
Household furnishings and operations	124.860	124.842	124.587	124.562	2.6	1.0	5.5	-1.0	1.8	2.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.850	152.612	152.247	152.814	7.6	10.0	5.4	-.1	8.8	2.6
Apparel	120.102	118.614	118.864	117.715	-3.1	-.2	7.6	-7.7	-1.5	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	113.679	113.184	112.252	111.461	4.3	-1.5	.7	-7.6	1.4	-3.5
Women's and girls' apparel	110.689	107.308	107.834	106.183	-15.1	-.8	20.7	-15.3	-8.2	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.496	115.890	116.742	115.007	.7	-2.9	-1.0	-1.7	-1.1	-1.3
Footwear	123.558	124.008	125.026	124.295	4.2	2.7	-2.3	2.4	3.5	.0
Transportation	205.872	193.620	172.496	163.935	2.8	23.7	-2.4	-59.8	12.8	-37.4
Private transportation	202.585	190.310	168.891	160.215	2.5	23.7	-2.6	-60.9	12.6	-38.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	91.646	90.675	89.665	89.237	-.9	-1.3	-5.4	-10.1	-1.1	-7.8
New vehicles	134.684	133.947	133.188	132.649	-2.4	-.2	-4.2	-5.9	-1.3	-5.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	133.669	130.444	127.540	126.526	.8	-3.7	-8.8	-19.7	-1.4	-14.4
Motor fuel	319.245	274.761	194.879	162.298	3.5	68.6	-4.4	-93.3	32.1	-74.7
Gasoline (all types)	317.912	272.741	191.944	159.138	2.0	69.1	-3.3	-93.7	31.3	-75.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	131.072	132.088	133.125	133.295	8.5	4.6	10.8	7.0	6.5	8.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	239.756	240.510	241.219	241.855	6.4	6.1	7.1	3.5	6.2	5.3
Public transportation	258.294	249.715	242.846	239.925	11.4	24.9	3.1	-25.6	17.9	-12.4
Medical care	366.132	366.635	367.415	368.485	3.2	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7
Medical care commodities	287.227	287.613	289.320	290.912	3.6	-3.5	.7	5.2	.0	2.9
Medical care services	389.352	389.891	390.239	391.046	3.1	4.0	3.5	1.8	3.5	2.6
Professional services	315.757	316.135	316.915	317.566	2.1	4.4	3.0	2.3	3.2	2.7
Hospital and related services ³	537.382	539.145	538.389	541.352	7.4	6.1	6.4	3.0	6.8	4.7

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. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sep. 2008	Dec. 2008	June 2008	Dec. 2008
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.998	111.021	110.958	110.777	2.5	0.2	4.7	-0.8	1.4	1.9
Video and audio ²	102.922	102.257	102.168	102.337	1.1	-4.4	3.0	-2.3	-1.7	.3
Education and communication ²	120.747	121.001	121.229	121.594	2.6	5.1	3.2	2.8	3.9	3.0
Education ²	181.030	181.968	182.592	183.509	5.2	5.8	6.6	5.6	5.5	6.1
Educational books and supplies	464.432	465.921	466.752	469.527	.4	6.5	16.5	4.5	3.4	10.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	509.542	512.277	514.115	516.653	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Communication ²	87.225	87.228	87.301	87.446	.8	4.7	1.0	1.0	2.8	1.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.208	85.214	85.292	85.454	.8	4.4	.9	1.2	2.6	1.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.350	101.436	101.564	101.720	.8	6.8	2.5	1.5	3.7	2.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.414	10.375	10.367	10.406	.9	-5.8	-6.3	-.3	-2.5	-3.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	90.722	89.690	88.631	88.176	1.1	-16.8	-19.5	-10.8	-8.3	-15.2
Other goods and services	361.459	362.487	362.769	363.055	4.8	6.1	3.6	1.8	5.5	2.7
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	600.293	602.533	602.881	605.662	6.1	11.1	5.5	3.6	8.6	4.6
Personal care	200.567	201.043	201.221	200.976	4.1	3.7	2.6	.8	3.9	1.7
Personal care products ¹	159.730	159.914	160.994	161.295	.8	.8	1.7	4.0	.8	2.8
Personal care services ¹	224.910	225.800	226.433	226.578	5.8	1.4	1.9	3.0	3.6	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services	345.068	344.743	343.275	343.429	5.2	6.6	4.4	-1.9	5.9	1.2
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	183.072	178.054	169.415	165.609	3.1	13.3	2.2	-33.0	8.1	-17.3
Food and beverages	217.401	218.005	218.417	218.355	5.1	8.4	8.7	1.8	6.7	5.2
Commodities less food and beverages	163.433	156.243	144.123	138.883	1.8	16.0	-1.2	-47.9	8.7	-28.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	216.425	202.998	180.978	169.082	9.3	29.4	-6.2	-62.7	18.9	-40.9
Apparel	120.102	118.614	118.864	117.715	-3.1	.2	7.6	-7.7	-1.5	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	283.308	259.494	219.482	204.365	11.7	40.6	-7.1	-72.9	25.3	-49.8
Durables	110.738	109.905	109.094	108.600	-.3	-2.2	-3.7	-7.5	-1.2	-5.6
Services	252.363	252.575	252.756	253.057	3.5	5.5	2.8	1.1	4.5	1.9
Rent of shelter ⁴	231.740	232.006	232.713	232.974	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.279	120.258	120.589	120.360	2.1	4.5	3.3	.3	3.3	1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	204.284	203.862	201.644	201.610	12.8	28.7	-.6	-5.1	20.5	-2.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	154.652	156.289	156.953	157.292	4.7	4.7	10.0	7.0	4.7	8.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.850	152.612	152.247	152.814	7.6	10.0	5.4	-.1	8.8	2.6
Transportation services	246.228	245.773	245.541	245.895	4.7	7.8	5.0	-.5	6.2	2.2
Medical care services	389.352	389.891	390.239	391.046	3.1	4.0	3.5	1.8	3.5	2.6
Other services	286.893	287.198	287.677	288.351	3.2	4.1	4.2	2.0	3.7	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	214.323	211.186	205.823	203.633	2.9	9.0	1.5	-18.5	5.9	-9.1
All items less shelter	208.034	204.359	197.934	195.260	3.8	11.8	2.7	-22.4	7.7	-10.7
All items less medical care	208.547	205.889	201.251	199.286	3.3	9.4	2.5	-16.6	6.3	-7.5
Commodities less food	165.404	158.393	146.565	141.480	1.9	15.6	-1.0	-46.5	8.5	-27.2
Nondurables less food	216.742	204.058	183.159	171.967	9.2	27.9	-5.6	-60.4	18.1	-38.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	276.627	254.725	218.302	204.725	11.2	38.2	-6.2	-70.0	24.0	-47.0
Nondurables	218.036	211.430	199.682	193.329	7.6	19.5	.0	-38.2	13.4	-21.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	244.940	244.551	244.011	244.497	5.0	10.2	3.5	-.7	7.6	1.4
Services less medical care services	242.484	242.544	242.606	242.888	3.4	6.1	2.8	.7	4.8	1.7
Energy	258.926	235.743	193.718	176.833	8.3	54.1	-4.1	-78.2	29.2	-54.3
All items less energy	210.452	210.401	210.502	210.456	2.6	3.5	3.6	.0	3.1	1.8
All items less food and energy	209.425	209.245	209.292	209.271	2.1	2.5	2.5	-.3	2.3	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.581	140.817	140.339	139.862	.6	.0	1.3	-4.8	.3	-1.8
Energy commodities	322.124	277.981	199.208	166.824	5.5	70.2	-5.9	-92.8	34.0	-74.0
Services less energy services	257.459	257.744	258.206	258.546	2.7	3.6	3.1	1.7	3.2	2.4

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 Dec.2008 from—			Percent change to Nov.2008 from—		
		Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008
U.S. city average	M	214.935	212.182	207.296	204.813	-0.5	-3.5	-1.2	0.7	-3.6	-2.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	229.949	227.762	223.741	221.446	.6	-2.8	-1.0	1.8	-2.7	-1.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	230.579	228.437	224.621	222.628	.8	-2.5	-.9	1.8	-2.6	-1.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.881	137.489	134.757	132.938	.1	-3.3	-1.3	1.7	-3.0	-2.0
Midwest urban	M	205.023	201.236	196.346	193.987	-.8	-3.6	-1.2	.1	-4.2	-2.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	205.002	201.323	196.770	194.120	-.9	-3.6	-1.3	.2	-4.0	-2.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.215	131.699	128.186	127.005	-.6	-3.6	-.9	.0	-4.5	-2.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	204.064	200.017	195.114	192.391	-.9	-3.8	-1.4	.1	-4.4	-2.5
South urban	M	210.572	207.312	201.821	199.399	-.7	-3.8	-1.2	.5	-4.2	-2.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.579	210.663	205.753	203.121	-.6	-3.6	-1.3	.9	-3.7	-2.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.285	132.017	128.504	127.055	-.9	-3.8	-1.1	.1	-4.3	-2.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	216.762	213.696	205.777	203.054	-.1	-5.0	-1.3	1.4	-5.1	-3.7
West urban	M	217.028	215.499	210.870	208.088	-.7	-3.4	-1.3	.6	-2.8	-2.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.169	217.714	213.143	210.637	-.2	-3.3	-1.2	.9	-2.7	-2.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.873	133.694	130.684	128.641	-1.3	-3.8	-1.6	.3	-3.1	-2.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	198.842	196.590	192.508	190.272	-.2	-3.2	-1.2	1.0	-3.2	-2.1
B/C ³	M	135.003	133.026	129.723	128.157	-.8	-3.7	-1.2	.4	-3.9	-2.5
D	M	210.844	208.028	202.041	199.228	-.8	-4.2	-1.4	.5	-4.2	-2.9
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	209.084	206.772	202.022	198.434	-.9	-4.0	-1.8	.6	-3.4	-2.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	220.285	218.726	214.083	211.007	-.6	-3.5	-1.4	.6	-2.8	-2.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	234.703	232.778	228.727	227.223	1.5	-2.4	-.7	2.2	-2.5	-1.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	238.133	-	231.854	-	-	-	-	.6	-2.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	197.260	-	188.860	-	-	-	-	.2	-4.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	209.666	-	201.479	-	-	-	-	1.5	-3.9	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	141.679	-	137.700	-	-	-	-	2.1	-2.8	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	205.236	-	195.310	-3.3	-4.8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	200.570	-	192.808	-1.6	-3.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	190.600	-	183.088	-1.0	-3.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	222.038	-	215.867	.1	-2.8	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	225.069	-	217.610	-.5	-3.3	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	221.192	-	213.685	-.2	-3.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	220.687	-	216.424	1.1	-1.9	-	-	-	-

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. 2008 from—	
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	122.284	120.661	-0.5	-1.3
Food and beverages	14.726	128.500	128.540	5.7	.0
Food	13.648	128.705	128.726	5.8	.0
Food at home	7.557	126.365	126.109	6.5	-.2
Food away from home	6.091	131.821	132.204	4.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	126.301	126.570	4.4	.2
Housing	42.421	128.534	128.282	2.3	-.2
Shelter	32.409	130.457	130.217	1.9	-.2
Fuels and utilities	5.004	159.272	158.615	6.0	-.4
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	96.317	96.261	1.2	-.1
Apparel	3.988	90.265	87.041	-1.3	-3.6
Transportation	17.393	115.537	108.485	-14.2	-6.1
Private transportation	16.285	115.410	108.078	-15.2	-6.4
Public transportation	1.108	119.644	116.826	1.6	-2.4
Medical care	6.085	142.633	142.838	2.5	.1
Medical care commodities	1.615	125.920	126.353	1.4	.3
Medical care services	4.470	148.889	148.995	2.9	.1
Recreation	5.935	105.962	105.412	.7	-.5
Education and communication	6.196	109.242	109.369	3.1	.1
Education	2.771	172.872	173.043	5.6	.1
Communication	3.425	74.111	74.208	1.1	.1
Other goods and services	3.257	126.818	126.749	.9	-.1
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	132.999	132.849	2.7	-.1
Commodities	41.573	109.089	105.806	-5.0	-3.0
Durables	11.817	81.481	81.153	-3.5	-.4
Nondurables	29.756	123.506	118.535	-5.6	-4.0
All items less food and energy	77.561	117.730	117.344	1.3	-.3
Energy	8.790	160.638	142.000	-23.3	-11.6

Indexes for 2008 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2007 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 2007	Annual average 2008	Percent change from 2007 to 2008
Expenditure category			
All items	207.342	215.303	3.8
All items (1967=100)	621.106	644.951	-
Food and beverages	203.300	214.225	5.4
Food	202.916	214.106	5.5
Food at home	201.245	214.125	6.4
Cereals and bakery products	222.107	244.853	10.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	195.616	204.653	4.6
Dairy and related products	194.770	210.396	8.0
Fruits and vegetables	262.628	278.932	6.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	153.432	160.045	4.3
Other food at home	173.275	184.166	6.3
Sugar and sweets	176.772	186.577	5.5
Fats and oils	172.921	196.751	13.8
Other foods	188.244	198.103	5.2
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	115.105	119.924	4.2
Food away from home	206.659	215.769	4.4
Other food away from home ¹	144.068	150.640	4.6
Alcoholic beverages	207.026	214.484	3.6
Housing	209.586	216.264	3.2
Shelter	240.611	246.666	2.5
Rent of primary residence	234.679	243.271	3.7
Lodging away from home ¹	142.813	143.664	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ²	246.235	252.426	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	117.004	118.843	1.6
Fuels and utilities	200.632	220.018	9.7
Household energy	181.744	200.808	10.5
Fuel oil and other fuels	251.453	334.405	33.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	186.262	202.212	8.6
Household furnishings and operations	126.875	127.800	.7
Apparel	118.998	118.907	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	112.368	113.032	.6
Women's and girls' apparel	110.296	107.460	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.948	113.762	-.2
Footwear	122.374	124.157	1.5
Transportation	184.682	195.549	5.9
Private transportation	180.778	191.039	5.7
New and used motor vehicles ¹	94.303	93.291	-1.1
New vehicles	136.254	134.194	-1.5
Used cars and trucks	135.747	133.951	-1.3
Motor fuel	239.070	279.652	17.0
Gasoline (all types)	237.959	277.457	16.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	121.583	128.747	5.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	222.963	233.859	4.9
Public transportation	230.002	250.549	8.9
Medical care	351.054	364.065	3.7
Medical care commodities	289.999	296.045	2.1
Medical care services	369.302	384.943	4.2
Professional services	300.792	310.968	3.4
Hospital and related services	498.922	533.953	7.0
Recreation ¹	111.443	113.254	1.6
Video and audio ¹	102.949	102.632	-.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 2007	Annual average 2008	Percent change from 2007 to 2008
Expenditure category			
Education and communication ¹	119.577	123.631	3.4
Education ¹	171.388	181.277	5.8
Educational books and supplies	420.418	450.187	7.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	494.079	522.098	5.7
Communication ¹	83.367	84.185	1.0
Information and information processing ¹	80.720	81.352	.8
Telephone services ¹	98.247	100.451	2.2
Information technology, hardware and services ³	10.597	10.061	-5.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁴	108.411	94.944	-12.4
Other goods and services	333.328	345.381	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products	554.184	588.682	6.2
Personal care	195.622	201.279	2.9
Personal care products	158.285	159.290	.6
Personal care services	216.559	223.669	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services	324.984	338.921	4.3
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	167.509	174.764	4.3
Food and beverages	203.300	214.225	5.4
Commodities less food and beverages	147.515	153.034	3.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	182.526	196.192	7.5
Apparel	118.998	118.907	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	226.224	248.809	10.0
Durables	112.473	110.877	-1.4
Services	246.848	255.498	3.5
Rent of shelter ²	250.813	257.152	2.5
Transportation services	233.731	244.074	4.4
Other services	285.559	295.780	3.6
Special indexes			
All items less food	208.098	215.528	3.6
All items less shelter	196.639	205.453	4.5
All items less medical care	200.080	207.777	3.8
Commodities less food	149.720	155.310	3.7
Nondurables less food	184.012	197.297	7.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	223.411	244.443	9.4
Nondurables	193.468	205.901	6.4
Services less rent of shelter ²	260.764	273.000	4.7
Services less medical care services	236.847	244.987	3.4
Energy	207.723	236.666	13.9
All items less energy	208.925	214.751	2.8
All items less food and energy	210.729	215.572	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.053	140.246	.1
Energy commodities	241.018	284.352	18.0
Services less energy services	253.058	261.017	3.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	\$.482	\$.465	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.161	\$.155	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁴ 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 2007	Annual average 2008	Percent change from 2007 to 2008
Expenditure category			
All items	202.767	211.053	4.1
All items (1967=100)	603.982	628.661	-
Food and beverages	202.531	213.546	5.4
Food	202.134	213.376	5.6
Food at home	200.273	213.017	6.4
Cereals and bakery products	222.409	245.472	10.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	195.193	204.255	4.6
Dairy and related products	194.474	209.773	7.9
Fruits and vegetables	260.484	276.759	6.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	152.786	159.324	4.3
Other food at home	172.630	183.637	6.4
Sugar and sweets	175.323	185.494	5.8
Fats and oils	173.640	197.512	13.7
Other foods	188.405	198.303	5.3
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	115.356	120.348	4.3
Food away from home	206.412	215.613	4.5
Other food away from home ¹	143.462	149.731	4.4
Alcoholic beverages	207.097	214.579	3.6
Housing	204.795	211.839	3.4
Shelter	232.998	239.128	2.6
Rent of primary residence	233.806	242.196	3.6
Lodging away from home ¹	142.339	143.164	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ²	223.175	228.758	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	117.366	119.136	1.5
Fuels and utilities	198.863	217.883	9.6
Household energy	179.031	197.537	10.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	251.121	331.784	32.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	184.357	200.265	8.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	143.980	152.419	5.9
Household furnishings and operations	122.477	123.635	.9
Household operations ¹	143.054	150.130	4.9
Apparel	118.518	118.735	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	112.224	113.490	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	110.202	107.489	-2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.278	116.266	.0
Footwear	122.062	124.102	1.7
Transportation	184.344	195.692	6.2
Private transportation	181.496	192.492	6.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	93.300	92.146	-1.2
New vehicles	137.415	135.338	-1.5
Used cars and trucks	136.586	134.731	-1.4
Motor fuel	239.900	280.817	17.1
Gasoline (all types)	238.879	278.728	16.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	121.356	128.776	6.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	225.535	236.353	4.8
Public transportation	228.531	247.865	8.5
Medical care	350.882	364.208	3.8
Medical care commodities	282.558	287.970	1.9
Medical care services	370.111	386.317	4.4
Professional services	303.169	313.446	3.4
Hospital and related services	493.740	530.193	7.4

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 2007	Annual average 2008	Percent change from 2007 to 2008
Expenditure category			
Recreation ¹	108.572	110.143	1.4
Video and audio ¹	102.559	102.654	.1
Education and communication ¹	116.301	119.827	3.0
Education ¹	169.280	178.892	5.7
Educational books and supplies	423.730	452.880	6.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	477.589	504.163	5.6
Communication ¹	85.782	86.807	1.2
Information and information processing ¹	83.928	84.828	1.1
Telephone services ¹	98.373	100.502	2.2
Information technology, hardware and services ³	11.062	10.567	-4.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁴	108.164	94.863	-12.3
Other goods and services	344.004	357.906	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products	555.502	591.100	6.4
Personal care	193.590	199.170	2.9
Personal care products	158.268	159.410	.7
Personal care services	216.823	223.978	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services	326.100	340.533	4.4
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	169.554	177.618	4.8
Food and beverages	202.531	213.546	5.4
Commodities less food and beverages	150.865	157.481	4.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	189.507	205.279	8.3
Apparel	118.518	118.735	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	237.858	263.756	10.9
Durables	112.640	111.217	-1.3
Services	241.696	250.272	3.5
Rent of shelter ²	224.617	230.555	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	117.366	119.136	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	184.357	200.265	8.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	143.980	152.419	5.9
Household operations ¹	143.054	150.130	4.9
Transportation services	233.420	242.563	3.9
Medical care services	370.111	386.317	4.4
Other services	275.218	284.319	3.3
Special indexes			
All items less food	202.698	210.452	3.8
All items less shelter	193.940	203.102	4.7
All items less medical care	196.564	204.626	4.1
Commodities less food	152.875	159.538	4.4
Nondurables less food	190.698	206.047	8.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	234.201	258.423	10.3
Nondurables	196.772	210.333	6.9
Services less rent of shelter ²	230.876	241.567	4.6
Services less medical care services	232.195	240.275	3.5
Energy	208.066	237.414	14.1
All items less energy	203.002	208.719	2.8
All items less food and energy	203.554	208.147	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.612	141.084	.3
Energy commodities	241.257	284.270	17.8
Services less energy services	247.888	255.598	3.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	\$.493	\$.474	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.166	\$.159	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

³ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

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