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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FEBRUARY 2009

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The February level of 212.193 (1982-84=100) was 0.2 percent higher than in February 2008.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.5 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 206.708 (1982-84=100) was 0.3 percent lower than in February 2008.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in February on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The February level of 121.901 (December 1999=100) was 0.3 percent lower than in February 2008. Please note that the indexes for the post-2007 period are subject to revision.

### CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.4 percent in February after rising 0.3 percent in January. The energy index rose 3.3 percent in February following a 1.7 percent increase in January as the gasoline index rose 8.3 percent in February after a 6.0 percent increase in January. In contrast, the indexes for fuel oil and natural gas both declined in February. About two-thirds of the all items increase was due to the rise in the gasoline index. Compared to the July 2008 peak, the energy index was 29.2 percent lower and the gasoline index was down 44.0 percent. The food index turned down slightly in February, falling 0.1 percent. The food at home index fell 0.4 percent with five of the six major grocery store food group indexes posting declines in February. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in February, the same (cont.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb. 2009	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009		
All items .....	0.0	0.0	-0.8	-1.7	-0.8	0.3	0.4	-0.5	0.2
Food and beverages .....	.6	.5	.4	.2	.1	.1	-.1	.1	4.7
Housing .....	.0	-.1	.0	-.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	1.9
Apparel .....	.4	-.3	-.7	.1	-.6	.3	1.3	3.9	.8
Transportation .....	-.9	-.1	-4.8	-9.7	-5.0	1.3	1.9	-7.4	-11.0
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	.4	.3	4.3	2.8
Recreation .....	.4	.2	.2	.0	-.2	.0	.4	1.0	1.9
Education and communication .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	3.3	3.6
Other goods and services .....	.2	.2	.3	.0	.0	.3	.2	2.0	3.2
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	-2.0	-1.0	-7.8	-16.9	-9.3	1.7	3.3	-17.4	-18.5
Food .....	.6	.5	.4	.2	.0	.1	-.1	.0	4.8
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.0	.1	.0	.2	.2	1.5	1.8

increase as in January. The indexes for new vehicles and apparel increased substantially in February, and the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased slightly. Partly offsetting these increases were continuing declines in the indexes for lodging away from home and airline fares.

The food and beverages index declined 0.1 percent in February after rising 0.1 percent in January. The food at home index, which declined 0.1 percent in January, fell 0.4 percent in February. Within food at home, the dairy and related products index fell 2.4 percent in February, with the milk index declining 5.7 percent. The milk index has declined 10.0 percent over the past year. The fruits and vegetables index was the only major grocery store food group to post an increase, rising 0.4 percent in February after declining in each of the past five months. The other four groups posted modest declines, from 0.1 percent for the meats, poultry, fish and eggs index to 0.5 percent for the cereals and bakery products index. Over the last year the food at home index has risen 4.8 percent. Among the major grocery store food groups, the cereals and bakery products index had the largest increase over the past year at 8.9 percent, while dairy and related products was the only index to decline, falling 1.7 percent. Among the other indexes within the food and beverages major group, the food away from home index rose 0.3 percent in February, while the index for alcoholic beverages declined 0.2 percent, the first decline since December 2005.

The housing index was virtually unchanged in February for the third straight month. The shelter index, which rose 0.2 percent in January, was virtually unchanged in February. The indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent both rose 0.1 percent in February after increasing 0.3 percent in January. The lodging away from home index fell 1.8 percent in February, the fifth straight monthly decline. It has declined 5.7 percent over the past year. The index for household energy fell 0.2 percent in February and was down 8.1 percent from its July peak. Within household energy, the index for fuel oil fell 3.8 percent and the index for natural gas declined 1.6 percent, while the electricity index rose 0.5 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.2 percent in February after declining 0.1 percent in January. Over the past year, the housing index increased 1.9 percent, with the shelter index up 1.7 percent.

The index for transportation rose 1.9 percent in February after a 1.3 percent increase in January. The new and used motor vehicles index rose 0.5 percent in February. The new vehicles index increased 0.8 percent in February, while the index for used cars and trucks declined 1.7 percent. The motor fuel index rose 7.6 percent in February but was down 35.4 percent over the past year. The airline fare index fell in February for the sixth straight month, declining 2.6 percent, and has fallen 14.0 percent since August 2008. The transportation index has declined 11.0 percent over the past year.

The apparel index rose 1.3 percent in February after increasing 0.3 percent in January. The index for men's and boys' apparel rose 2.8 percent and the index for women's and girls' apparel advanced 0.8 percent. (Before seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 3.5 percent in February and were up 0.8 percent over the past year.)

Among other CPI groups, the medical care index rose 0.3 percent with the prescription drug index rising 0.6 percent. The index for recreation rose 0.4 percent as the indexes for toys, for sporting goods, and for pets, pet products and services all increased. The education and communication index rose 0.2 percent, with the education index rising 0.4 percent and the communication index virtually unchanged. The index for other goods and services advanced 0.2 percent with the tobacco and smoking products index posting a 0.7 percent increase.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.4 percent in February.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. 2009
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb. 2009	
	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009		
All items .....	0.0	0.0	-1.0	-2.1	-1.0	0.3	0.4	-0.8	-0.3
Food and beverages .....	.6	.5	.4	.2	.1	.0	-2	-2	4.8
Housing .....	.0	-.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1	.4	2.4
Apparel .....	.6	.0	-1.0	.0	-.6	.6	1.0	4.1	.7
Transportation .....	-1.1	-.1	-5.3	-10.9	-5.6	1.5	2.0	-8.9	-12.9
Medical care .....	.3	.3	.1	.2	.3	.4	.4	4.4	2.8
Recreation .....	.4	.2	.1	.0	-.1	.0	.4	1.3	1.8
Education and communication .....	.2	.0	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	2.8	3.4
Other goods and services ...	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	.4	.2	3.0	3.8
Special indexes:									
Energy .....	-2.0	-.8	-8.2	-17.8	-9.7	1.9	3.6	-17.6	-19.5
Food .....	.6	.5	.4	.2	.1	.0	-.2	-.3	4.9
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.0	.1	.0	.2	.2	1.6	1.7

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers households of wage earners and clerical workers that comprise approximately 32 percent of the total population and (2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which cover approximately 87 percent of the total population and include in addition to wage earners and clerical worker households, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected 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 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](mailto:Wilson.Jeff@bls.gov). If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items .....	100.000	211.143	212.193	0.2	0.5	-0.8	0.3	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	632.491	635.637	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.757	219.729	219.333	4.7	-2	.1	.1	-1
Food .....	14.629	219.675	219.205	4.8	-2	.0	.1	-1
Food at home .....	8.156	219.744	218.389	4.8	-6	-2	-1	-4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.150	254.445	254.187	8.9	-1	.5	.0	-5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.898	208.616	207.963	4.1	-3	-2	-1	-1
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.910	209.632	204.537	-1.7	-2.4	-1.1	-6	-2.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.194	282.601	278.721	2.4	-1.4	-1.6	-1.3	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.982	164.882	164.213	4.1	-4	.1	-1	-4
Other food at home .....	2.022	192.492	192.404	8.2	.0	.7	.6	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.300	197.429	196.676	8.9	-4	.9	1.5	.0
Fats and oils .....	.241	206.886	205.359	11.1	-7	1.0	-1.9	-1.1
Other foods .....	1.481	206.343	206.621	7.6	.1	.6	.8	-2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.433	124.012	122.580	3.7	-1.2	.2	.2	-1.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.474	221.319	221.968	4.8	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.314	153.402	154.726	4.3	.9	.1	-4	.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.127	219.113	219.682	3.6	.3	.5	.2	-2
Housing .....	43.421	216.928	217.180	1.9	.1	.0	.0	.0
Shelter .....	33.200	248.292	248.878	1.7	.2	.0	.2	.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.957	247.974	248.305	3.3	.1	.2	.3	.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.478	133.559	135.809	-5.7	1.7	-6	-1.1	-1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	24.433	255.500	255.779	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.333	120.402	120.683	2.6	.2	-2	.3	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.431	215.232	213.520	3.8	-8	-4	-7	-1
Household energy .....	4.460	194.149	192.168	3.3	-1.0	-5	-9	-2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.301	247.163	242.264	-21.4	-2.0	-8.4	-2.7	-1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.159	199.791	197.886	5.6	-1.0	.1	-8	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.971	157.275	157.638	5.8	.2	.3	.2	.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.790	128.761	129.170	1.9	.3	.1	-1	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.781	150.438	150.156	4.6	-2	.5	-2	-2
Apparel .....	3.691	114.764	118.825	.8	3.5	-6	.3	1.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.923	110.797	115.202	2.0	4.0	-5	1.6	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.541	100.638	105.777	-5	5.1	-1.0	.2	.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	112.321	113.544	-1.9	1.1	-3	.5	-1.1
Footwear .....	.688	122.363	124.301	1.6	1.6	-4	-2	.7
Transportation .....	15.314	166.738	169.542	-11.0	1.7	-5.0	1.3	1.9
Private transportation .....	14.189	161.788	164.871	-11.6	1.9	-5.2	1.5	2.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	6.931	91.831	92.224	-2.5	.4	-3	.2	.5
New vehicles .....	4.480	133.273	134.186	-1.5	.7	-3	.3	.8
Used cars and trucks .....	1.628	124.863	122.837	-10.5	-1.6	-7	-8	-1.7
Motor fuel .....	3.164	156.604	167.395	-35.4	6.9	-18.8	5.3	7.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.964	154.488	166.118	-35.6	7.5	-19.3	6.0	8.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.382	133.414	134.108	7.1	.5	.1	.3	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.188	241.076	241.689	5.7	.3	.1	.7	.3
Public transportation .....	1.125	234.394	231.529	-1.8	-1.2	-1.4	-1.8	-1.9
Medical care .....	6.390	369.830	372.405	2.8	.7	.3	.4	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.625	299.998	302.184	2.0	.7	.4	.4	.6
Medical care services .....	4.765	391.365	394.047	3.1	.7	.2	.5	.3
Professional services .....	2.702	315.603	316.992	2.9	.4	.2	.3	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.545	551.305	558.373	5.8	1.3	.5	.8	.8

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	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.741	113.822	114.461	1.9	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.822	101.347	101.704	-1.4	.4	.1	-.5	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.301	126.151	126.190	3.6	.0	.3	.3	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	3.107	187.175	187.256	5.5	.0	.5	.3	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.221	468.432	469.996	7.0	.3	.5	.3	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.886	538.765	538.878	5.4	.0	.5	.3	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.194	84.928	84.945	1.9	.0	.2	.2	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.022	82.030	82.052	1.8	.0	.2	.2	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.408	101.880	101.895	3.1	.0	.1	.2	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.614	9.919	9.926	-3.2	.1	.4	.1	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.214	88.522	87.696	-12.8	-.9	-.5	.0	-.9
Other goods and services .....	3.386	350.259	351.223	3.2	.3	.0	.3	.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.776	607.403	611.549	6.3	.7	.5	.8	.7
Personal care .....	2.610	203.080	203.391	2.4	.2	-.1	.1	.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.651	162.588	162.508	3.1	.0	.2	.7	.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.647	225.734	225.895	2.3	.1	.0	-.2	.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.074	340.608	341.188	2.2	.2	.0	.0	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	39.556	164.360	165.891	-3.3	.9	-2.1	.5	.9
Food and beverages .....	15.757	219.729	219.333	4.7	-.2	.1	.1	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	23.799	136.427	138.702	-7.9	1.7	-3.5	.8	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.289	162.938	167.560	-11.5	2.8	-5.8	1.7	2.8
Apparel .....	3.691	114.764	118.825	.8	3.5	-.6	.3	1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.598	196.490	201.554	-15.4	2.6	-7.5	2.3	3.3
Durables .....	10.510	109.025	109.221	-2.6	.2	-.4	-.1	.1
Services .....	60.444	257.780	258.328	2.7	.2	.1	.1	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.867	258.830	259.440	1.7	.2	.1	.2	-.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.333	120.402	120.683	2.6	.2	-.2	.3	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.159	199.791	197.886	5.6	-1.0	.1	-.8	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.971	157.275	157.638	5.8	.2	.3	.2	.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.781	150.438	150.156	4.6	-.2	.5	-.2	-.2
Transportation services .....	5.567	247.006	248.114	4.3	.4	.0	.3	.4
Medical care services .....	4.765	391.365	394.047	3.1	.7	.2	.5	.3
Other services .....	11.002	300.614	301.471	3.5	.3	.2	.1	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.371	209.777	211.076	-.5	.6	-.9	.3	.5
All items less shelter .....	66.800	198.936	200.184	-.5	.6	-1.2	.3	.6
All items less medical care .....	93.610	203.281	204.265	.1	.5	-.9	.3	.4
Commodities less food .....	24.926	139.258	141.491	-7.4	1.6	-3.3	.8	1.4
Nondurables less food .....	14.416	166.282	170.665	-10.5	2.6	-5.3	1.6	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.726	197.704	202.323	-13.8	2.3	-6.6	2.1	3.0
Nondurables .....	29.046	190.649	192.943	-3.5	1.2	-2.5	.8	1.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.577	276.227	276.739	4.0	.2	.3	.1	.2
Services less medical care services .....	55.679	247.013	247.439	2.7	.2	.1	.1	.0
Energy .....	7.624	174.622	178.741	-18.5	2.4	-9.3	1.7	3.3
All items less energy .....	92.376	216.586	217.325	2.2	.3	.0	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	77.746	216.719	217.685	1.8	.4	.0	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.461	139.111	140.270	.0	.8	-.2	.1	.4
Energy commodities .....	3.465	162.395	172.428	-34.6	6.2	-18.0	4.6	6.9
Services less energy services .....	56.285	263.759	264.547	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$. 474	\$. 471	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$. 158	\$. 157	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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 - 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—		
	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009
All items .....	213.263	211.577	212.174	213.007	4.2	6.7	-9.4	-0.5	5.4	-5.0
Food and beverages .....	219.023	219.181	219.309	219.076	5.7	8.7	4.6	.1	7.2	2.3
Food .....	218.988	219.082	219.193	218.970	6.0	9.0	4.5	.0	7.5	2.2
Food at home .....	219.515	219.179	218.879	217.968	7.5	11.6	3.6	-2.8	9.5	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	254.287	255.655	255.719	254.347	17.5	9.5	9.2	.1	13.5	4.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	209.204	208.726	208.536	208.389	3.9	10.9	3.9	-1.5	7.3	1.1
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	213.102	210.838	209.632	204.537	-7	14.1	-3.0	-15.1	6.4	-9.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	282.374	277.783	274.270	275.374	9.9	23.1	-10.1	-9.6	16.3	-9.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	163.799	164.038	163.804	163.173	4.1	4.4	9.5	-1.5	4.3	3.9
Other food at home .....	190.551	191.809	192.914	192.419	10.1	9.1	9.7	4.0	9.6	6.8
Sugar and sweets .....	192.364	194.164	197.086	196.990	9.5	5.2	11.0	10.0	7.3	10.5
Fats and oils .....	207.855	209.848	205.904	203.729	21.3	23.7	9.9	-7.7	22.5	.7
Other foods .....	204.429	205.566	207.193	206.838	8.5	7.6	9.4	4.8	8.1	7.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.543	123.791	124.012	122.580	1.9	7.9	8.6	-3.1	4.9	2.6
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	220.043	220.684	221.319	221.968	4.0	5.9	5.6	3.5	5.0	4.6
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.978	154.062	153.402	154.726	3.5	4.0	7.7	2.0	3.7	4.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	218.167	219.154	219.504	219.141	3.1	4.0	5.6	1.8	3.5	3.7
Housing .....	217.622	217.592	217.646	217.621	4.6	4.1	-.7	.0	4.3	-.4
Shelter .....	248.455	248.519	248.938	248.881	1.9	2.3	1.8	.7	2.1	1.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	246.480	246.928	247.744	248.087	3.1	4.1	3.4	2.6	3.6	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	141.484	140.600	139.122	136.561	-2.6	-9	-5.9	-13.2	-1.7	-9.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	254.522	254.683	255.349	255.687	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.2	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.232	120.019	120.402	120.683	2.7	.5	5.8	1.5	1.6	3.6
Fuels and utilities .....	219.934	219.092	217.515	217.260	24.5	16.6	-16.1	-4.8	20.5	-10.6
Household energy .....	199.606	198.564	196.727	196.415	29.0	18.1	-20.1	-6.2	23.4	-13.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	287.529	263.242	256.210	251.478	53.3	1.9	-58.3	-41.5	25.0	-50.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	203.527	203.746	202.120	202.043	26.8	19.8	-15.5	-2.9	23.3	-9.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	156.219	156.646	157.027	157.141	4.8	9.4	6.5	2.4	7.1	4.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.735	128.910	128.759	129.008	2.5	2.6	1.7	.9	2.5	1.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.998	150.689	150.438	150.156	10.0	6.2	2.2	.4	8.1	1.3
Apparel .....	118.905	118.221	118.523	120.039	-2.3	5.6	-3.5	3.9	1.6	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	112.064	111.478	113.210	116.328	-.4	-2.2	-4.2	16.1	-1.3	5.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	107.286	106.214	106.470	107.374	-7.2	14.6	-8.2	.3	3.1	-4.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	113.858	113.474	114.014	112.796	-4.8	-5.4	6.7	-3.7	-5.1	1.4
Footwear .....	125.046	124.534	124.325	125.209	3.1	-.3	3.0	.5	1.4	1.7
Transportation .....	176.111	167.353	169.489	172.759	4.8	15.6	-45.7	-7.4	10.1	-29.1
Private transportation .....	170.921	161.950	164.414	168.067	3.8	15.2	-47.1	-6.5	9.3	-29.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	91.614	91.321	91.534	91.997	-2.2	-2.4	-6.9	1.7	-2.3	-2.7
New vehicles .....	132.190	131.766	132.132	133.199	-1.4	-1.3	-6.3	3.1	-1.4	-1.7
Used cars and trucks .....	127.738	126.872	125.893	123.757	-5.1	-8.6	-16.0	-11.9	-6.9	-14.0
Motor fuel .....	197.861	160.675	169.176	182.030	10.9	45.5	-85.0	-28.4	27.0	-67.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	195.185	157.460	166.839	180.685	9.9	45.7	-85.4	-26.6	26.5	-67.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	132.947	133.077	133.414	134.108	5.2	11.5	8.3	3.5	8.3	5.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	239.048	239.356	241.076	241.689	5.3	7.8	5.0	4.5	6.6	4.8
Public transportation .....	246.856	243.444	239.071	234.648	21.6	21.4	-22.7	-18.4	21.5	-20.6
Medical care .....	367.299	368.302	369.914	371.175	2.0	2.3	2.7	4.3	2.2	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	297.631	298.814	299.887	301.710	-1.4	.8	3.3	5.6	-.3	4.4
Medical care services .....	388.825	389.723	391.533	392.512	3.2	2.8	2.5	3.8	3.0	3.2
Professional services .....	314.450	315.052	316.115	316.299	3.8	3.0	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.5
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	543.141	545.921	550.035	554.315	5.0	5.5	4.2	8.5	5.2	6.3

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—		
	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	114.196	114.002	114.022	114.492	1.3	3.6	1.5	1.0	2.5	1.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	102.128	102.189	101.677	101.630	-2.2	.3	-1.8	-1.9	-1.0	-1.9
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	125.166	125.567	125.900	126.187	4.2	4.9	2.2	3.3	4.5	2.7
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	184.945	185.829	186.426	187.249	5.9	6.2	4.9	5.1	6.0	5.0
Educational books and supplies .....	462.974	465.315	466.752	468.101	6.9	12.8	4.2	4.5	9.8	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	532.337	534.870	536.592	539.023	5.8	5.7	5.0	5.1	5.8	5.1
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.604	84.746	84.926	84.944	2.6	3.7	-.4	1.6	3.2	.6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.723	81.886	82.030	82.052	2.2	3.7	-.4	1.6	2.9	.6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.538	101.688	101.880	101.895	4.3	5.8	.9	1.4	5.0	1.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	9.867	9.906	9.919	9.926	-5.2	-4.1	-5.7	2.4	-4.6	-1.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	88.984	88.529	88.522	87.696	-13.3	-15.9	-15.9	-5.7	-14.6	-10.9
Other goods and services .....	349.385	349.529	350.529	351.139	4.7	4.3	1.9	2.0	4.5	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	599.820	602.644	607.403	611.549	4.2	11.6	1.7	8.1	7.8	4.8
Personal care .....	203.181	203.007	203.284	203.328	4.9	2.3	2.0	.3	3.6	1.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	161.000	161.397	162.588	162.508	2.9	1.2	4.5	3.8	2.0	4.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	226.197	226.281	225.734	225.895	5.2	.9	3.7	-.5	3.0	1.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	341.188	341.063	341.123	341.519	5.4	3.4	-.2	.4	4.4	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	168.455	164.891	165.772	167.199	3.6	9.6	-21.8	-2.9	6.5	-12.9
Food and beverages .....	219.023	219.181	219.309	219.076	5.7	8.7	4.6	.1	7.2	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	142.365	137.385	138.547	140.611	2.4	10.1	-34.2	-4.8	6.2	-20.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	175.495	165.287	168.119	172.896	9.7	18.3	-49.9	-5.8	13.9	-31.3
Apparel .....	118.905	118.221	118.523	120.039	-2.3	5.6	-3.5	3.9	1.6	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	214.232	198.177	202.707	209.390	12.9	22.4	-59.4	-8.7	17.6	-39.1
Durables .....	109.345	108.961	108.857	108.993	-2.0	-1.4	-5.5	-1.3	-1.7	-3.4
Services .....	257.841	258.073	258.406	258.654	4.6	4.7	.4	1.3	4.6	.8
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	259.074	259.268	259.773	259.487	1.7	2.2	2.1	.6	2.0	1.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.232	120.019	120.402	120.683	2.7	.5	5.8	1.5	1.6	3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	203.527	203.746	202.120	202.043	26.8	19.8	-15.5	-2.9	23.3	-9.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	156.219	156.646	157.027	157.141	4.8	9.4	6.5	2.4	7.1	4.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.998	150.689	150.438	150.156	10.0	6.2	2.2	.4	8.1	1.3
Transportation services .....	246.922	246.912	247.648	248.567	7.3	9.0	-1.6	2.7	8.2	.5
Medical care services .....	388.825	389.723	391.533	392.512	3.2	2.8	2.5	3.8	3.0	3.2
Other services .....	299.430	300.093	300.534	301.506	4.2	4.6	2.2	2.8	4.4	2.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	212.356	210.379	211.055	212.061	3.9	6.4	-11.5	-.6	5.1	-6.2
All items less shelter .....	201.862	199.458	200.133	201.331	5.3	8.9	-14.3	-1.0	7.1	-7.9
All items less medical care .....	205.557	203.785	204.338	205.148	4.3	7.0	-10.1	-.8	5.7	-5.6
Commodities less food .....	145.017	140.192	141.335	143.336	2.4	9.9	-32.9	-4.6	6.0	-20.0
Nondurables less food .....	177.942	168.525	171.218	175.672	9.6	17.1	-47.5	-5.0	13.3	-29.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	213.399	199.276	203.422	209.425	12.3	20.7	-56.1	-7.2	16.5	-36.2
Nondurables .....	196.837	191.854	193.462	195.833	8.4	12.9	-27.8	-2.0	10.6	-15.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	276.182	276.902	277.056	277.608	7.6	7.5	-1.0	2.1	7.5	.5
Services less medical care services .....	247.277	247.630	247.839	247.947	4.4	4.7	.5	1.1	4.6	.8
Energy .....	197.086	178.835	181.938	187.901	18.3	33.2	-67.0	-17.4	25.5	-47.8
All items less energy .....	216.604	216.630	216.970	217.276	2.6	3.9	1.2	1.2	3.3	1.2
All items less food and energy .....	216.868	216.882	217.265	217.670	2.1	3.0	.6	1.5	2.5	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.870	139.578	139.745	140.300	-.6	1.4	-2.2	1.2	.4	-.5
Energy commodities .....	203.872	167.125	174.862	186.872	13.1	42.3	-83.9	-29.4	26.9	-66.3
Services less energy services .....	263.463	263.696	264.221	264.500	3.1	3.6	1.7	1.6	3.4	1.6

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> 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 Feb.2009 from—			Percent change to Jan.2009 from—			
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	
U.S. city average .....	M	212.425	210.228	211.143	212.193	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.0	-0.6	0.4	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	227.236	225.091	225.436	226.754	.7	.7	.6	.5	-.8	.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	229.625	227.681	227.852	229.262	.8	.7	.6	.7	-.8	.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	134.445	132.830	133.308	133.967	.3	.9	.5	.0	-.8	.4	
Midwest urban .....	M	201.737	199.582	200.815	201.453	-.2	.9	.3	-.3	-.5	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	202.922	200.465	202.001	202.639	-.3	1.1	.3	-.4	-.5	.8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.018	128.018	128.636	129.057	.1	.8	.3	-.1	-.3	.5	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	197.883	195.383	195.843	196.421	-.6	.5	.3	-.4	-1.0	.2	
South urban .....	M	205.559	203.501	204.288	205.343	.1	.9	.5	-.1	-.6	.4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	208.644	206.414	207.035	207.929	.2	.7	.4	-.1	-.8	.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.324	129.099	129.615	130.380	.0	1.0	.6	-.2	-.5	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	206.659	204.428	205.766	206.671	.7	1.1	.4	.6	-.4	.7	
West urban .....	M	217.113	214.685	215.923	217.095	.3	1.1	.5	.1	-.5	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	220.925	218.698	219.806	220.955	.5	1.0	.5	.4	-.5	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	131.440	129.725	130.682	131.636	.1	1.5	.7	-.5	-.6	.7	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	194.628	192.646	193.412	194.354	.3	.9	.5	.2	-.6	.4	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.857	129.519	130.135	130.855	.1	1.0	.6	-.2	-.6	.5	
D .....	M	204.856	202.359	203.409	203.999	.1	.8	.3	.1	-.7	.5	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	209.053	205.959	207.616	207.367	-1.0	.7	-.1	-.5	-.7	.8	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	222.229	219.620	220.719	221.439	.0	.8	.3	-.1	-.7	.5	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	234.498	233.012	233.402	234.663	1.6	.7	.5	1.5	-.5	.2	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	232.354	-	230.806	-	-	-	-	-.5	-.7	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	198.187	-	198.232	-	-	-	-	-.7	.0	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	200.051	-	198.623	-	-	-	-	.8	-.7	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	138.547	-	137.598	-	-	-	-	1.0	-.7	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	196.961	-	199.190	-2.4	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	197.991	-	201.913	-.2	2.0	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	185.930	-	187.972	.2	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	218.324	-	220.589	.7	1.0	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	218.186	-	220.262	-.3	1.0	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	218.528	-	222.166	1.2	1.7	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	222.580	-	224.737	1.4	1.0	-	-	-	-	

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

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
- 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for 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 Feb. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items .....	100.000	205.700	206.708	-0.3	0.5	-1.0	0.3	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	612.719	615.719	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.942	219.123	218.645	4.8	-2	.1	.0	-2
Food .....	15.865	218.998	218.449	4.9	-3	.1	.0	-2
Food at home .....	9.201	218.485	217.111	4.8	-6	-1	-2	-5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.249	255.055	254.775	8.9	-1	.5	.0	-6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.315	208.161	207.656	4.3	-2	-2	-2	.0
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.992	208.530	203.023	-2.3	-2.6	-1.1	-7	-2.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.266	279.906	275.884	2.6	-1.4	-1.6	-1.3	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.167	164.514	163.821	4.0	-4	.1	-2	-3
Other food at home .....	2.212	191.782	191.620	8.0	-1	.6	.6	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.304	195.867	195.395	8.7	-2	.9	1.2	.0
Fats and oils .....	.274	207.400	206.185	11.3	-6	.8	-2.0	-9
Other foods .....	1.634	206.490	206.547	7.3	.0	.5	.9	-3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.472	124.477	122.994	3.5	-1.2	.2	.3	-1.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.664	221.497	222.101	5.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.233	153.397	154.520	5.2	.7	.1	-2	.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.077	219.458	220.029	3.5	.3	.5	.1	-2
Housing .....	41.313	213.078	213.192	2.4	.1	.0	.0	.1
Shelter .....	31.224	241.651	242.051	2.1	.2	.1	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.279	246.696	246.991	3.2	.1	.2	.3	.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.209	134.235	136.255	-4.7	1.5	-5	-1.1	-1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	21.430	231.503	231.746	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.306	120.715	120.960	2.6	.2	-2	.3	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	6.030	213.882	212.353	4.3	-7	-3	-8	.0
Household energy .....	4.996	191.852	190.110	4.0	-9	-4	-1.0	.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.283	251.976	246.781	-19.8	-2.1	-7.8	-2.1	-2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.713	197.703	196.040	5.8	-8	.1	-1.0	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.035	157.733	158.069	5.9	.2	.2	.2	.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.059	124.454	124.865	1.9	.3	.0	-.1	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.360	152.273	152.168	4.3	-1	.4	-.4	-.1
Apparel .....	3.979	114.969	118.766	.7	3.3	-6	.6	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.024	111.879	116.332	2.4	4.0	-5	2.0	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.568	100.751	105.538	-9	4.8	-1.1	.6	.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.249	114.775	116.001	-2.1	1.1	-5	.5	-8
Footwear .....	.840	122.753	124.494	1.7	1.4	-2	.0	.6
Transportation .....	17.067	163.215	165.976	-12.9	1.7	-5.6	1.5	2.0
Private transportation .....	16.284	159.719	162.645	-13.4	1.8	-5.8	1.6	2.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.627	89.774	89.728	-4.2	-1	-4	.1	.0
New vehicles .....	4.057	134.490	135.248	-1.6	.6	-3	.4	.7
Used cars and trucks .....	2.863	125.485	123.443	-10.6	-1.6	-6	-.8	-1.7
Motor fuel .....	4.029	157.265	168.028	-35.5	6.8	-18.7	5.3	7.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.770	155.204	166.831	-35.6	7.5	-19.1	6.0	8.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.482	133.645	134.264	7.2	.5	.1	.3	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.242	243.594	244.219	5.6	.3	.1	.7	.3
Public transportation .....	.784	232.422	229.404	-2.0	-1.3	-1.4	-1.5	-2.0
Medical care .....	5.355	370.001	372.630	2.8	.7	.3	.4	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.320	291.710	293.917	1.9	.8	.4	.3	.6
Medical care services .....	4.035	392.831	395.563	3.1	.7	.2	.5	.3
Professional services .....	2.234	318.110	319.663	3.0	.5	.2	.3	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.338	547.655	554.390	5.9	1.2	.5	.8	.7

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 Feb. 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.454	110.630	111.257	1.8	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.982	101.488	101.857	-1.1	.4	.1	-5	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.221	122.025	122.092	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.527	184.642	184.765	5.5	.1	.5	.2	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	471.061	473.012	7.0	.4	.5	.2	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.308	519.987	520.159	5.4	.0	.5	.2	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.694	87.599	87.640	2.0	.0	.2	.2	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.568	85.581	85.624	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.965	101.876	101.890	3.0	.0	.2	.2	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.604	10.418	10.442	-2.9	.2	.4	.1	.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.202	88.178	87.622	-12.9	-6	-5	.0	-6
Other goods and services .....	3.668	364.333	365.522	3.8	.3	.1	.4	.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.267	610.503	615.012	6.5	.7	.5	.8	.7
Personal care .....	2.401	201.209	201.426	2.5	.1	.0	.1	.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.662	162.683	162.543	3.0	-1	.2	.9	-1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.580	225.951	226.088	2.1	.1	.1	-3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.947	343.022	343.443	2.6	.1	.1	-1	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	42.689	165.151	166.673	-4.3	.9	-2.4	.6	.8
Food and beverages .....	16.942	219.123	218.645	4.8	-2	.1	.0	-2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.747	137.932	140.235	-9.3	1.7	-4.0	1.1	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.587	166.694	171.698	-13.1	3.0	-6.3	2.2	3.1
Apparel .....	3.979	114.969	118.766	.7	3.3	-6	.6	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.609	202.400	208.255	-17.2	2.9	-8.3	2.8	3.7
Durables .....	11.160	108.689	108.592	-3.5	-1	-4	-1	-1
Services .....	57.311	253.033	253.456	3.0	.2	.1	.1	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	30.918	232.981	233.365	2.1	.2	.1	.2	.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.306	120.715	120.960	2.6	.2	-2	.3	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.713	197.703	196.040	5.8	-8	.1	-1.0	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.035	157.733	158.069	5.9	.2	.2	.2	.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.360	152.273	152.168	4.3	-1	.4	-4	-1
Transportation services .....	5.512	246.931	248.029	4.5	.4	.1	.5	.4
Medical care services .....	4.035	392.831	395.563	3.1	.7	.2	.5	.3
Other services .....	10.432	288.627	289.432	3.3	.3	.2	.1	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.135	203.186	204.465	-1.2	.6	-1.2	.4	.6
All items less shelter .....	68.776	194.811	196.052	-1.3	.6	-1.4	.4	.6
All items less medical care .....	94.645	198.978	199.928	-.4	.5	-1.0	.3	.4
Commodities less food .....	26.824	140.543	142.809	-8.8	1.6	-3.8	1.0	1.4
Nondurables less food .....	15.664	169.708	174.484	-12.2	2.8	-5.9	2.1	2.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.686	202.906	208.291	-15.7	2.7	-7.5	2.6	3.4
Nondurables .....	31.530	192.284	194.740	-4.5	1.3	-2.9	1.1	1.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	26.392	244.376	244.791	4.1	.2	.3	.0	.2
Services less medical care services .....	53.275	242.819	243.128	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.1
Energy .....	9.024	172.463	177.033	-19.5	2.6	-9.7	1.9	3.6
All items less energy .....	90.976	210.707	211.279	2.3	.3	.0	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	75.111	209.404	210.203	1.7	.4	.0	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.513	139.614	140.554	-.5	.7	-2	.2	.2
Energy commodities .....	4.311	161.781	171.978	-34.8	6.3	-18.1	4.9	7.0
Services less energy services .....	52.598	258.976	259.643	2.7	.3	.1	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .486	\$ .484	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .163	\$ .162	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.  
<sup>6</sup> 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—	
	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	208.101	206.067	206.778	207.692	4.3	7.5	-11.8	-0.8	5.9	-6.5
Food and beverages .....	218.475	218.667	218.714	218.371	5.8	9.0	4.7	-2	7.4	2.2
Food .....	218.380	218.504	218.536	218.207	6.0	9.4	4.6	-3	7.7	2.1
Food at home .....	218.414	218.100	217.690	216.694	7.4	11.7	3.8	-3.1	9.5	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	255.122	256.440	256.432	254.813	17.4	10.3	9.2	-5	13.8	4.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	208.861	208.532	208.092	208.151	4.1	11.1	3.9	-1.4	7.5	1.2
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	212.184	209.922	208.530	203.023	-1.3	14.3	-3.6	-16.2	6.2	-10.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	280.199	275.625	272.072	272.522	11.1	24.2	-10.4	-10.5	17.5	-10.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	163.379	163.589	163.227	162.689	2.8	4.1	11.3	-1.7	3.5	4.6
Other food at home .....	189.935	191.118	192.226	191.629	10.1	8.9	9.4	3.6	9.5	6.5
Sugar and sweets .....	191.411	193.170	195.556	195.485	9.5	5.5	11.2	8.8	7.5	10.0
Fats and oils .....	208.914	210.685	206.547	204.738	21.8	23.4	10.6	-7.8	22.6	1.0
Other foods .....	204.430	205.514	207.338	206.781	8.5	7.4	8.9	4.7	7.9	6.8
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.837	124.144	124.477	122.994	1.4	7.6	8.1	-2.7	4.4	2.6
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	220.107	220.847	221.497	222.101	4.2	6.3	5.8	3.7	5.3	4.8
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.464	153.646	153.397	154.520	4.4	4.9	8.7	2.8	4.6	5.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	218.369	219.567	219.832	219.285	2.5	4.1	5.9	1.7	3.3	3.8
Housing .....	213.447	213.500	213.570	213.680	5.1	4.6	-.5	.4	4.9	.0
Shelter .....	241.167	241.355	241.879	242.000	2.1	2.4	2.4	1.4	2.3	1.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	245.224	245.683	246.440	246.739	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.5	3.5	2.9
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	141.612	140.971	139.451	137.170	-1.6	-1.6	-3.4	-12.0	-1.6	-7.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	230.625	230.792	231.392	231.675	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.589	120.360	120.715	120.960	2.4	.9	5.8	1.2	1.7	3.5
Fuels and utilities .....	218.484	217.920	216.117	216.077	24.4	17.1	-14.9	-4.3	20.7	-9.8
Household energy .....	197.108	196.397	194.348	194.282	28.7	18.5	-18.6	-5.6	23.5	-12.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	289.361	266.721	261.002	255.111	50.1	3.1	-55.7	-39.6	24.4	-48.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	201.730	201.987	200.013	200.210	27.1	19.8	-15.0	-3.0	23.4	-9.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	156.679	157.070	157.447	157.531	4.9	9.7	6.8	2.2	7.3	4.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	124.600	124.653	124.546	124.754	2.3	3.1	1.7	.5	2.7	1.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.247	152.814	152.273	152.168	11.4	6.2	.4	-2	8.8	.1
Apparel .....	118.644	117.923	118.677	119.854	-2.8	5.7	-3.7	4.1	1.4	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	112.498	111.922	114.105	117.255	-1.2	-1.2	-4.5	18.0	-1.2	6.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	107.198	106.026	106.642	107.054	-7.9	15.6	-9.0	-.5	3.2	-4.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.261	115.672	116.306	115.319	-4.6	-8.3	8.7	-3.2	-6.5	2.6
Footwear .....	124.867	124.559	124.556	125.352	2.5	.4	2.4	1.6	1.5	2.0
Transportation .....	173.617	163.954	166.362	169.627	4.4	16.0	-49.6	-8.9	10.1	-32.2
Private transportation .....	170.016	160.223	162.806	166.302	3.8	15.8	-50.5	-8.5	9.6	-32.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	89.915	89.570	89.682	89.662	-2.8	-3.8	-9.0	-1.1	-3.3	-5.2
New vehicles .....	133.231	132.783	133.378	134.277	-1.3	-1.5	-6.6	3.2	-1.4	-1.8
Used cars and trucks .....	128.402	127.590	126.534	124.356	-5.2	-8.6	-16.3	-12.0	-6.9	-14.2
Motor fuel .....	198.375	161.274	169.900	182.697	10.8	45.2	-85.0	-28.1	26.8	-67.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	195.487	158.198	167.678	181.433	9.9	45.5	-85.5	-25.8	26.4	-67.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.125	133.295	133.645	134.264	4.9	11.5	9.2	3.5	8.1	6.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	241.509	241.855	243.594	244.219	5.1	7.7	5.0	4.6	6.4	4.8
Public transportation .....	243.594	240.296	236.685	231.991	20.9	22.1	-23.9	-17.7	21.5	-20.9
Medical care .....	367.450	368.451	370.068	371.397	2.0	2.4	2.6	4.4	2.2	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	289.453	290.504	291.485	293.339	-1.7	1.0	3.2	5.5	-.4	4.3
Medical care services .....	390.230	391.178	393.024	394.081	3.2	2.9	2.5	4.0	3.1	3.2
Professional services .....	316.894	317.551	318.623	318.961	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.6	3.3	2.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	539.315	541.934	546.425	550.509	5.4	5.8	3.7	8.6	5.6	6.1

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—		
	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	May 2008	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	110.939	110.795	110.813	111.309	1.1	3.7	1.0	1.3	2.4	1.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	102.240	102.323	101.794	101.852	-2.0	.8	-1.8	-1.5	-6	-1.6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	121.236	121.592	121.817	122.064	4.0	5.1	1.7	2.8	4.6	2.3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	182.620	183.489	183.869	184.662	6.0	6.7	4.8	4.5	6.3	4.7
Educational books and supplies .....	465.758	468.077	469.011	471.367	6.5	11.2	5.6	4.9	8.8	5.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	514.306	516.743	517.817	520.014	5.9	6.3	4.8	4.5	6.1	4.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	87.301	87.450	87.598	87.639	2.7	4.1	-3	1.6	3.4	.6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	85.292	85.454	85.581	85.624	2.5	4.1	-3	1.6	3.3	.6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.564	101.720	101.876	101.890	4.1	5.7	.9	1.3	4.9	1.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.367	10.406	10.418	10.442	-4.9	-3.6	-5.9	2.9	-4.2	-1.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	88.631	88.176	88.178	87.622	-13.5	-15.8	-17.3	-4.5	-14.6	-11.1
Other goods and services .....	362.805	363.328	364.631	365.470	4.7	5.4	2.4	3.0	5.0	2.7
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	602.881	605.662	610.503	615.012	4.2	11.8	2.1	8.3	7.9	5.1
Personal care .....	201.251	201.207	201.461	201.381	4.9	2.2	2.6	.3	3.5	1.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	160.994	161.295	162.683	162.543	2.9	.9	4.2	3.9	1.9	4.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	226.433	226.578	225.951	226.088	4.8	1.0	3.6	-6	2.8	1.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	343.491	343.848	343.462	343.601	6.5	3.5	.3	.1	5.0	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	169.885	165.761	166.831	168.242	3.6	10.6	-25.1	-3.8	7.1	-15.1
Food and beverages .....	218.475	218.667	218.714	218.371	5.8	9.0	4.7	-2	7.4	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	144.748	138.964	140.426	142.519	2.4	11.5	-38.4	-6.0	6.9	-23.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	180.093	168.682	172.433	177.755	11.0	20.2	-55.0	-5.1	15.5	-34.7
Apparel .....	118.644	117.923	118.677	119.854	-2.8	5.7	-3.7	4.1	1.4	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	222.275	203.893	209.548	217.299	14.3	24.8	-64.0	-8.7	19.4	-42.6
Durables .....	109.240	108.798	108.637	108.475	-2.4	-1.6	-7.2	-2.8	-2.0	-5.0
Services .....	252.766	253.092	253.417	253.785	4.9	4.9	.5	1.6	4.9	1.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	232.611	232.887	233.312	233.328	2.0	2.3	2.7	1.2	2.2	1.9
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.589	120.360	120.715	120.960	2.4	.9	5.8	1.2	1.7	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	201.730	201.987	200.013	200.210	27.1	19.8	-15.0	-3.0	23.4	-9.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	156.679	157.070	157.447	157.531	4.9	9.7	6.8	2.2	7.3	4.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.247	152.814	152.273	152.168	11.4	6.2	.4	-2	8.8	.1
Transportation services .....	245.719	245.957	247.099	248.087	6.1	8.1	-1	3.9	7.1	1.9
Medical care services .....	390.230	391.178	393.024	394.081	3.2	2.9	2.5	4.0	3.1	3.2
Other services .....	287.718	288.397	288.590	289.415	4.1	4.7	2.0	2.4	4.4	2.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	206.112	203.702	204.532	205.662	4.0	7.2	-14.5	-9	5.6	-7.9
All items less shelter .....	198.293	195.424	196.211	197.425	5.3	9.8	-17.3	-1.7	7.5	-9.9
All items less medical care .....	201.510	199.400	200.078	200.971	4.4	7.8	-12.5	-1.1	6.1	-7.0
Commodities less food .....	147.181	141.555	142.991	145.025	2.4	11.3	-37.2	-5.7	6.7	-23.1
Nondurables less food .....	182.304	171.591	175.208	180.246	10.8	19.2	-52.8	-4.4	14.9	-32.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	220.873	204.294	209.514	216.564	13.6	23.3	-61.1	-7.6	18.4	-40.0
Nondurables .....	199.078	193.307	195.377	198.015	9.3	14.0	-31.8	-2.1	11.6	-18.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	244.382	245.083	245.075	245.607	7.9	8.0	-1.4	2.0	8.0	.3
Services less medical care services .....	242.767	243.176	243.374	243.578	4.8	5.0	.7	1.3	4.9	1.0
Energy .....	195.711	176.692	180.037	186.446	17.5	34.1	-68.6	-17.6	25.5	-49.1
All items less energy .....	210.543	210.598	210.987	211.226	2.6	4.0	1.2	1.3	3.3	1.3
All items less food and energy .....	209.331	209.372	209.834	210.188	1.9	2.9	.5	1.6	2.4	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.424	140.094	140.375	140.675	-9	1.4	-3.1	.7	.2	-1.2
Energy commodities .....	202.960	166.230	174.341	186.476	12.3	43.0	-84.2	-28.7	26.7	-66.4
Services less energy services .....	258.207	258.541	259.134	259.521	3.1	3.6	2.1	2.1	3.4	2.1

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> 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 Feb.2009 from—			Percent change to Jan.2009 from—			
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	
U.S. city average .....	M	207.296	204.813	205.700	206.708	-0.3	0.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.8	0.4	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	223.741	221.446	221.704	222.945	.6	.7	.6	.3	-.9	.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	224.621	222.628	222.707	224.084	.8	.7	.6	.5	-.9	.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	134.757	132.938	133.345	133.908	.0	.7	.4	-.3	-1.0	.3	
Midwest urban .....	M	196.346	193.987	195.245	195.813	-.7	.9	.3	-.7	-.6	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	196.770	194.120	195.621	196.147	-.7	1.0	.3	-.7	-.6	.8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.186	127.005	127.768	128.167	-.4	.9	.3	-.6	-.3	.6	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	195.114	192.391	192.907	193.527	-1.1	.6	.3	-1.0	-1.1	.3	
South urban .....	M	201.821	199.399	200.067	201.150	-.6	.9	.5	-.9	-.9	.3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	205.753	203.121	203.519	204.501	-.5	.7	.5	-.9	-1.1	.2	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.504	127.055	127.529	128.276	-.7	1.0	.6	-1.0	-.8	.4	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	205.777	203.054	204.316	205.337	-.1	1.1	.5	-.3	-.7	.6	
West urban .....	M	210.870	208.088	209.367	210.492	-.2	1.2	.5	-.5	-.7	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	213.143	210.637	211.857	212.890	.1	1.1	.5	-.1	-.6	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.684	128.641	129.639	130.649	-.4	1.6	.8	-1.0	-.8	.8	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	192.508	190.272	191.023	191.927	.0	.9	.5	-.2	-.8	.4	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.723	128.157	128.783	129.488	-.5	1.0	.5	-.8	-.7	.5	
D .....	M	202.041	199.228	200.057	200.681	-.8	.7	.3	-.8	-1.0	.4	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	202.022	198.434	200.222	199.944	-1.3	.8	-.1	-.6	-.9	.9	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	214.083	211.007	212.454	213.234	-.5	1.1	.4	-.6	-.8	.7	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	228.727	227.223	227.503	228.653	1.5	.6	.5	1.3	-.5	.1	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	231.854	-	230.095	-	-	-	-	-.5	-.8	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	188.860	-	188.798	-	-	-	-	-.7	.0	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	201.479	-	199.416	-	-	-	-	.0	-1.0	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	137.700	-	136.359	-	-	-	-	.4	-1.0	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	195.310	-	197.528	-2.9	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	192.808	-	196.191	-.7	1.8	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	183.088	-	185.015	-.5	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	215.867	-	217.635	.3	.8	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	217.610	-	219.356	-.6	.8	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	213.685	-	216.797	.9	1.5	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	216.424	-	218.752	1.1	1.1	-	-	-	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

**Table 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 Feb. 2009 from—	
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009
		Expenditure category			
All items .....	100.000	121.208	121.901	-0.3	0.6
Food and beverages .....	14.726	128.877	128.622	4.6	-.2
Food .....	13.648	129.049	128.747	4.7	-.2
Food at home .....	7.557	126.363	125.539	4.6	-.7
Food away from home .....	6.091	132.469	132.849	4.7	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.077	127.069	127.399	3.5	.3
Housing .....	42.421	128.626	128.765	1.8	.1
Shelter .....	32.409	130.787	131.107	1.6	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.004	159.345	157.776	3.5	-1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	5.008	95.606	95.917	1.2	.3
Apparel .....	3.988	84.775	87.673	.2	3.4
Transportation .....	17.393	111.132	113.341	-11.3	2.0
Private transportation .....	16.285	110.987	113.448	-11.9	2.2
Public transportation .....	1.108	114.670	113.167	-2.1	-1.3
Medical care .....	6.085	143.725	144.662	2.6	.7
Medical care commodities .....	1.615	126.833	127.740	1.9	.7
Medical care services .....	4.470	149.960	150.904	2.9	.6
Recreation .....	5.935	105.210	105.707	.7	.5
Education and communication .....	6.196	109.680	109.693	3.1	.0
Education .....	2.771	173.075	173.166	5.5	.1
Communication .....	3.425	74.235	74.219	1.2	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.257	126.949	127.284	.7	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.427	133.356	133.617	2.4	.2
Commodities .....	41.573	106.544	107.718	-3.9	1.1
Durables .....	11.817	80.775	80.865	-3.2	.1
Nondurables .....	29.756	119.615	121.408	-4.2	1.5
All items less food and energy .....	77.561	117.453	117.964	1.3	.4
Energy .....	8.790	146.297	150.780	-19.6	3.1

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.