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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – MARCH 2010

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in March, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the index increased 2.3 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The seasonally adjusted increase in the all items index was mostly due to an increase in the fresh fruits and vegetables index, which rose 4.6 percent in March and accounted for over 60 percent of the all items increase. Other food at home indexes were mixed and the index for food away from home was unchanged.

The index for energy and for all items less food and energy were both unchanged in March. Within energy, an increase in the electricity index was offset by declines in the indexes for gasoline and natural gas. Within all items less food and energy, the indexes for medical care, new vehicles, and used cars and trucks posted increases, while the indexes for shelter, household furnishings and operations, and apparel declined.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Mar. 2009 - Mar. 2010
Percent change

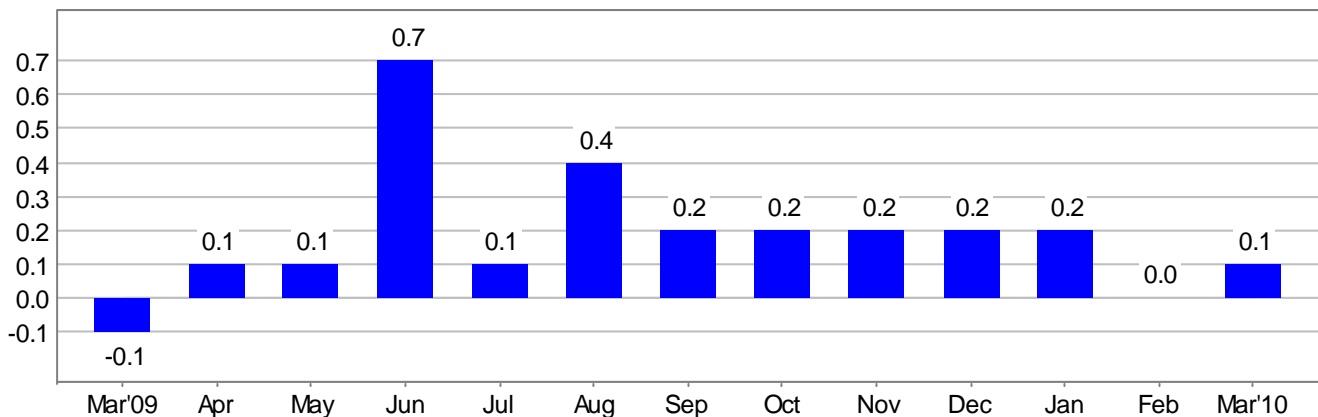


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Mar. 2009 - Mar. 2010

Percent change

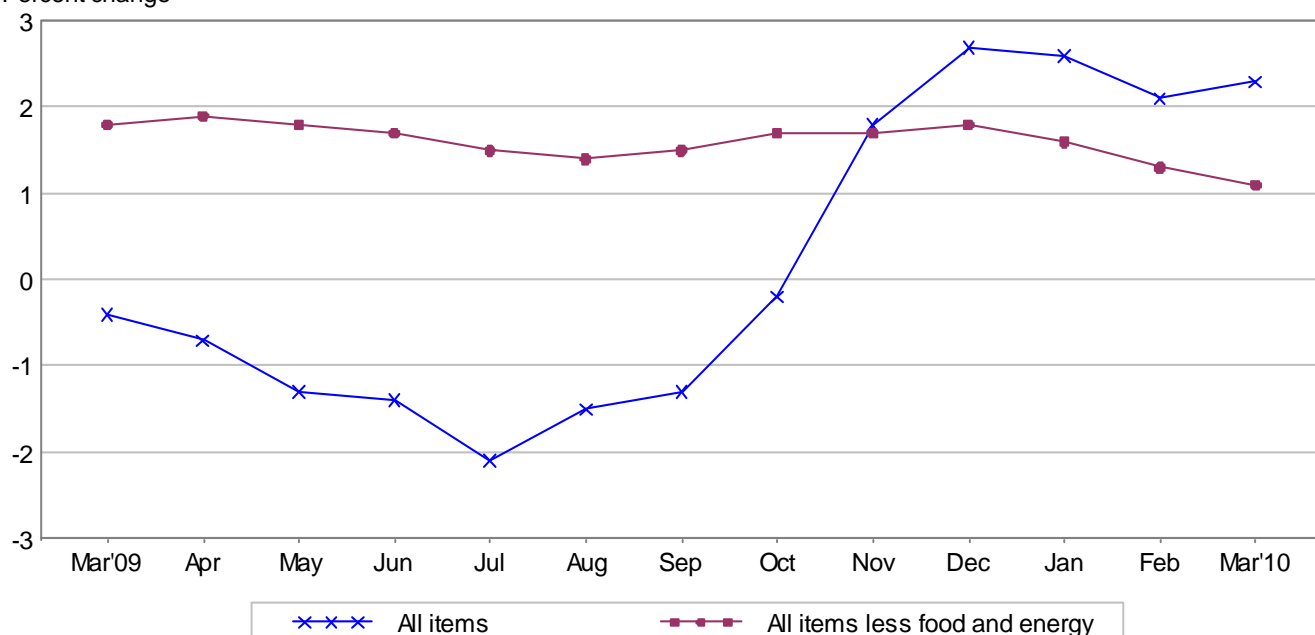


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Mar. 2010
	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	
All items .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.0	.1	2.3
Food	-.1	.0	.1	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2
Food at home	-.3	.0	.0	.2	.4	.1	.5	-.7
Food away from home ¹ .....	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	.0	1.2
Energy .....	.6	.6	2.2	.8	2.8	-.5	.0	18.3
Energy commodities	1.1	.4	3.0	1.6	4.9	-1.3	-1.0	39.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	.9	.3	2.7	2.3	4.4	-1.4	-.8	41.4
Fuel oil ¹	-.3	2.2	7.4	.0	6.1	-2.4	.7	27.2
Energy services	-.1	.8	1.1	-.3	.0	.5	1.4	-1.8
Electricity .....	.3	.8	1.2	-.2	-1.1	-.5	2.1	-.5
Utility (piped) gas service	-1.5	.7	.9	-.7	3.5	3.9	-.7	-5.5
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.0	.1	-.1	.1	.0	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	.3	.4	.2	.1	.1	-.1	-.1	1.9
New vehicles .....	.3	1.4	.5	-.2	-.5	.1	.1	3.0
Used cars and trucks	1.7	3.1	1.9	2.2	1.5	.7	.5	16.3
Apparel .....	.2	-.3	-.3	.4	-.1	-.7	-.4	-.4
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.6	.2	.1	-.1	.7	.8	.4	3.7
Services less energy services .....	.1	.1	.0	.1	-.2	.1	.1	.8
Shelter .....	.0	.0	-.2	.0	-.5	.0	-.1	-.6
Transportation services .....	.7	.5	.5	.3	-.3	.4	.4	3.8
Medical care services .....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.5	.4	.3	3.8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for March 2010

Food

The food index rose 0.2 percent in March after rising 0.1 percent in February. The index for food away from home, which had increased every month since January 2003, was unchanged in March. In contrast, the index for food at home rose 0.5 percent, its largest increase since September 2008. The index for fruits and vegetables rose 3.4 percent due to the sharp rise in the fresh fruits and vegetables index. Other grocery store food groups registered only small changes in March. The meats, poultry, fish, and eggs index increased 0.2 percent, while the indexes for dairy and related products and for nonalcoholic beverages were unchanged and the indexes for cereals and bakery products and for other food at home declined slightly. The food index has risen 0.2 percent over the last 12 months, with the food at home index still down 0.7 percent over that period despite the March increase.

Energy

The energy index, which fell 0.5 percent in February, was unchanged in March. The gasoline index declined for the second straight month, falling 0.8 percent. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 4.5 percent in March and have increased 41.4 percent over the past 12 months.) The index for household energy rose in March, increasing 1.3 percent mostly because of a 2.1 percent rise in the electricity index. The fuel oil index rose 0.7 percent, but the index for natural gas declined 0.7 percent. Over the last 12 months the energy index has risen 18.3 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged in March after rising 0.1 percent in February. The shelter index declined in March, falling 0.1 percent due to a 0.1 percent decline in owners' equivalent rent. The index for household furnishings and operations fell 0.4 percent in March, its ninth decline in the past 10 months. The index for apparel fell 0.4 percent and the recreation index declined 0.1 percent. In contrast to these declines, the medical care index rose 0.3 percent in March with the index for hospital services increasing 1.1 percent. The index for used cars and trucks continued to rise, increasing 0.5 percent, and the new vehicles index rose 0.1 percent. Over the last 12 months the index for all items less food and energy has risen 1.1 percent, its smallest increase since January 2004. This is largely explained by the continued deceleration of the shelter index, which has now fallen 0.6 percent over the last 12 months.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.3 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 217.631 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.4 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 3.0 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 213.525 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.5 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.5 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.4 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2008 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for April 2010 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 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 each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 25,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

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

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

Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.04 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.08 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For example, for a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.12 and 0.28 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Price Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January-December 2008”. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), or by using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2008.pdf>

Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Index Point Change

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

Percent Change

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

Regions Defined

The states in the four regions shown in Tables 3 and 6 are listed below.

The Northeast--Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The Midwest--Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The South--Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The West--Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index before adjustment for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2005 through December 2009 were replaced in January 2010. 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: 46 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2010.

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 2010, BLS adjusted 30 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Feb. 2010	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	216.741	217.631	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	649.259	651.925	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.795	219.140	219.378	.3	.1	.2	.0	.2
Food	13.738	218.778	219.032	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2
Food at home	7.801	215.118	215.623	-.7	.2	.4	.1	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.108	251.361	250.930	-1.1	-.2	-.5	.0	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.745	202.343	202.812	-1.7	.2	.4	.4	.2
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.820	198.800	198.814	-.4	.0	2.1	-.1	.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.153	274.963	280.431	2.1	2.0	1.3	-.1	3.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.952	162.775	162.666	-1.8	-.1	.2	-.4	.0
Other food at home	2.023	191.572	190.991	-.6	-.3	-.3	.2	-.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.295	201.942	199.917	1.4	-1.0	-.3	1.4	-1.1
Fats and oils .....	.232	200.919	198.567	-3.0	-1.2	.2	-.1	-.5
Other foods	1.496	205.008	204.952	-.7	.0	-.3	.0	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.439	121.172	122.318	-.1	.9	-.7	-.3	.9
Food away from home ¹	5.937	225.081	224.991	1.2	.0	.1	.1	.0
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.326	158.569	158.657	2.7	.1	.3	.7	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.056	222.496	222.521	1.1	.0	-.1	-.2	.0
Housing	41.960	215.841	216.023	-.6	.1	-.3	.0	.0
Shelter	32.289	248.001	248.052	-.6	.0	-.5	.0	-.1
Rent of primary residence ³	5.966	249.017	249.089	.2	.0	.0	.0	.1
Lodging away from home ² .....	.769	128.991	133.075	-3.4	3.2	-2.1	.1	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	25.206	256.483	256.272	.0	-.1	-.1	.0	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.593	256.479	256.266	.0	-.1	-.1	.0	-.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.347	124.439	124.416	3.0	.0	.4	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.081	210.819	212.295	.9	.7	.5	.5	1.1
Household energy	4.028	186.345	187.864	-.5	.8	.5	.4	1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.276	277.284	276.027	19.6	-.5	6.9	-1.3	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.752	189.549	191.280	-1.8	.9	.0	.5	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.052	168.078	168.521	6.6	.3	.8	.7	.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.590	126.945	126.750	-2.3	-.2	-.1	-.4	-.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	149.707	149.999	-.6	.2	-.4	.1	.2
Apparel	3.695	118.869	122.073	-.4	2.7	-.1	-.7	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.903	111.351	113.104	-3.9	1.6	.2	-.5	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.580	106.818	111.730	.6	4.6	.1	-.9	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.196	114.318	115.920	.3	1.4	1.0	-1.1	.4
Footwear .....	.721	127.737	128.525	1.4	.6	.3	-.5	-1.0
Transportation	16.685	189.577	192.130	13.3	1.3	1.3	-.1	-.1
Private transportation	15.497	185.274	187.796	13.8	1.4	1.6	-.1	-.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.386	97.020	97.032	5.3	.0	.2	.4	.2
New vehicles	3.573	138.851	138.600	3.0	-.2	-.5	.1	.1
Used cars and trucks	2.012	140.218	140.797	16.3	.4	1.5	.7	.5
Motor fuel	4.525	227.674	237.671	41.1	4.4	4.8	-1.3	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	4.337	227.198	237.356	41.4	4.5	4.4	-1.4	-.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.401	135.649	135.523	.8	-.1	.4	.3	-.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.167	245.969	246.624	1.9	.3	.1	.2	.3
Public transportation	1.187	241.967	244.766	6.1	1.2	-1.8	-.1	.5
Medical care	6.513	385.907	387.142	3.7	.3	.5	.5	.3
Medical care commodities ¹	1.611	312.864	314.023	3.7	.4	.7	.8	.4
Medical care services	4.902	408.447	409.687	3.8	.3	.5	.4	.3
Professional services	2.796	325.969	326.206	2.8	.1	.5	.2	.0

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 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Feb. 2010	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
Expenditure category								
Hospital and related services ³	1.619	598.549	603.850	7.6	0.9	0.4	1.1	1.0
Recreation ²	6.437	113.345	113.339	-1.1	.0	-1	-1	-1
Video and audio ²	1.894	99.532	99.915	-2.0	.4	-2	-7	.1
Education and communication ²	6.434	129.105	129.236	2.4	.1	.3	.2	.3
Education ²	3.035	196.137	196.470	4.9	.2	.3	.5	.6
Educational books and supplies	.200	502.812	502.273	6.4	-1	.4	.7	.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.835	563.544	564.613	4.8	.2	.3	.5	.6
Communication ²	3.399	84.905	84.940	.0	.0	.2	-1	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.225	81.743	81.776	-3	.0	.1	-1	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.392	102.288	102.298	.3	.0	.0	-4	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	.833	9.540	9.552	-3.2	.1	.4	.9	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	.246	77.961	78.385	-9.1	.5	-6	-5	.0
Other goods and services	3.483	377.992	378.808	4.9	.2	.1	.1	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	.871	785.714	787.268	15.9	.2	.4	-1	.2
Personal care	2.612	206.137	206.594	1.2	.2	-1	.1	.0
Personal care products ¹	.688	162.029	162.367	-2	.2	-4	.2	.2
Personal care services ¹	.642	228.107	228.429	.2	.1	.1	-2	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.048	350.780	352.028	3.1	.4	.1	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	39.816	173.419	174.798	4.9	.8	.8	-2	-1
Food and beverages	14.795	219.140	219.378	.3	.1	.2	.0	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	25.021	149.162	150.953	7.9	1.2	1.1	-3	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.044	186.882	190.674	12.0	2.0	1.6	-3	-8
Apparel	3.695	118.869	122.073	-4	2.7	-1	-7	-4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.349	233.447	237.683	16.8	1.8	2.3	-3	-6
Durables	9.978	111.753	111.694	2.2	-1	.0	.0	-1
Services	60.184	259.792	260.196	.6	.2	-2	.1	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.942	258.435	258.489	-7	.0	-3	-3	-3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.347	124.439	124.416	3.0	.0	.4	.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.752	189.549	191.280	-1.8	.9	.0	.5	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.052	168.078	168.521	6.6	.3	.8	.7	.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	.781	149.707	149.999	-6	.2	-4	.1	.2
Transportation services	6.060	256.365	257.337	3.8	.4	-3	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.902	408.447	409.687	3.8	.3	.5	.4	.3
Other services	11.347	307.171	307.451	1.8	.1	.2	.1	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.262	216.440	217.430	2.7	.5	.2	.0	.0
All items less shelter	67.711	206.948	208.181	3.8	.6	.5	.0	.1
All items less medical care	93.487	208.432	209.301	2.2	.4	.1	.0	.0
Commodities less food	26.078	151.767	153.516	7.6	1.2	1.1	-3	-2
Nondurables less food	16.100	189.015	192.601	11.2	1.9	1.6	-3	-6
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.405	231.353	235.198	15.2	1.7	2.1	-3	-5
Nondurables	29.838	203.219	205.409	5.8	1.1	.9	-2	-1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	28.243	281.432	282.297	2.1	.3	.1	.3	.4
Services less medical care services	55.282	248.178	248.531	.3	.1	-2	-1	.0
Energy	8.553	204.455	209.999	18.3	2.7	2.8	-5	.0
All items less energy	91.447	219.708	220.133	1.0	.2	-1	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	77.708	220.602	221.059	1.1	.2	-1	.1	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.276	143.711	144.399	1.9	.5	.1	-1	-1
Energy commodities	4.801	231.735	241.239	39.6	4.1	4.9	-1.3	-1.0
Services less energy services	56.432	266.967	267.248	.8	.1	-2	.1	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.461	\$.459	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.154	\$.153	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2009	Mar. 2010
Expenditure category										
All items	217.224	217.587	217.591	217.729	3.7	2.5	2.5	0.9	3.1	1.7
Food and beverages	218.253	218.731	218.838	219.338	-1.1	-9	1.1	2.0	-1.0	1.5
Food	217.801	218.339	218.494	219.032	-1.3	-1.1	1.0	2.3	-1.2	1.6
Food at home	213.655	214.479	214.628	215.622	-3.7	-3.3	.7	3.7	-3.5	2.2
Cereals and bakery products	252.805	251.452	251.354	250.990	-2.8	-2	1.6	-2.8	-1.5	-6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	200.779	201.682	202.506	202.823	-3.4	-7.0	-2	4.1	-5.2	1.9
Dairy and related products ¹	194.792	198.949	198.800	198.814	-10.6	-1.7	3.0	8.5	-6.2	5.7
Fruits and vegetables	269.428	272.854	272.571	281.805	-1.3	-8.4	.3	19.7	-4.9	9.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	162.202	162.499	161.872	161.908	-4.4	-6	-1.5	-7	-2.5	-1.1
Other food at home	191.326	190.812	191.211	190.831	-2.3	-4	1.2	-1.0	-1.4	.1
Sugar and sweets	199.524	198.862	201.656	199.463	.4	.9	4.5	-.1	.7	2.2
Fats and oils	199.004	199.460	199.352	198.373	-5.7	-4.4	-6	-1.3	-5.1	-9
Other foods	205.455	204.762	204.793	204.843	-2.3	.0	.8	-1.2	-1.2	-2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.422	121.564	121.172	122.318	-6	-4	1.1	-.3	-.5	.4
Food away from home ¹	224.789	224.916	225.081	224.991	1.7	1.5	1.4	.4	1.6	.9
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	156.990	157.517	158.569	158.657	3.7	3.8	-.8	4.3	3.8	1.7
Alcoholic beverages	222.792	222.488	221.954	221.946	1.7	2.4	2.0	-1.5	2.1	.2
Housing	216.880	216.185	216.181	216.280	-9	-4	.3	-1.1	-.6	-.4
Shelter	249.216	248.029	247.976	247.812	1.2	-3	-.5	-2.2	.5	-1.4
Rent of primary residence ³	248.788	248.885	248.813	248.957	1.3	-3	-.6	.3	.5	-.1
Lodging away from home ²	132.480	129.698	129.776	130.195	.3	-2.2	-3.1	-6.7	-1.0	-4.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	256.708	256.509	256.449	256.170	1.2	-1	-.4	-.8	.6	-.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	256.708	256.507	256.445	256.163	1.2	-1	-.4	-.8	.6	-.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	123.812	124.360	124.439	124.416	1.2	3.6	5.5	2.0	2.4	3.7
Fuels and utilities	211.685	212.757	213.770	216.172	-13.2	.8	8.6	8.8	-6.5	8.7
Household energy	188.120	188.982	189.753	192.188	-17.3	-5	9.5	8.9	-9.3	9.2
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	262.649	280.850	277.284	276.027	3.2	7.0	51.8	22.0	5.1	36.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	192.284	192.250	193.283	196.019	-18.5	-1.0	6.9	8.0	-10.2	7.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	165.138	166.463	167.696	168.543	6.9	6.4	4.8	8.5	6.6	6.6
Household furnishings and operations	127.577	127.392	126.879	126.389	-2	-2.5	-2.5	-3.7	-1.4	-3.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.172	149.510	149.707	149.999	-2.4	1.2	-.7	-.5	-.6	-.6
Apparel	120.684	120.613	119.814	119.316	1.1	2.4	-.7	-4.5	1.8	-2.6
Men's and boys' apparel	112.109	112.296	111.748	111.014	-5.9	-2.4	-3.6	-3.9	-4.2	-3.7
Women's and girls' apparel	109.085	109.196	108.261	107.682	5.0	4.3	-1.6	-5.0	4.7	-3.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	113.668	114.757	113.551	114.027	7.5	1.1	-7.9	1.3	4.2	-3.4
Footwear	128.979	129.343	128.641	127.341	3.0	4.0	4.1	-5.0	3.5	-.6
Transportation	191.018	193.593	193.332	193.195	23.3	14.2	12.4	4.6	18.6	8.5
Private transportation	186.356	189.316	189.062	188.843	25.8	13.7	12.0	5.4	19.6	8.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	96.255	96.422	96.794	96.993	5.5	2.6	10.8	3.1	4.0	6.9
New vehicles	138.214	137.470	137.648	137.793	7.1	-.8	7.0	-1.2	3.1	2.8
Used cars and trucks	137.922	139.990	140.963	141.683	7.1	15.7	32.5	11.4	11.3	21.5
Motor fuel	236.762	248.088	244.826	242.182	109.5	43.5	20.5	9.5	73.4	14.9
Gasoline (all types)	237.449	247.897	244.409	242.413	110.1	41.8	23.6	8.6	72.6	15.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	134.781	135.277	135.649	135.523	-.6	-2.5	4.2	2.2	-1.6	3.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	245.417	245.567	245.969	246.624	.9	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.8
Public transportation	249.551	245.058	244.713	246.023	-6.8	20.9	19.0	-5.5	6.1	6.0
Medical care	380.732	382.737	384.703	386.007	3.3	3.5	2.5	5.7	3.4	4.1
Medical care commodities ¹	308.221	310.494	312.864	314.023	2.4	4.0	.7	7.7	3.2	4.2
Medical care services	403.177	405.006	406.755	408.092	3.6	3.4	3.1	5.0	3.5	4.0
Professional services	323.045	324.784	325.373	325.393	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2009	Mar. 2010
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services ³	585.044	587.561	593.869	599.951	6.3	7.1	6.6	10.6	6.7	8.6
Recreation ²	113.598	113.524	113.415	113.299	-2	.1	-3.3	-1.0	.0	-2.2
Video and audio ²	100.440	100.255	99.571	99.650	-3	-2.9	-1.9	-3.1	-1.6	-2.5
Education and communication ²	128.528	128.872	129.141	129.533	2.8	2.3	1.4	3.2	2.5	2.3
Education ²	194.587	195.209	196.252	197.418	5.4	4.3	3.9	5.9	4.9	4.9
Educational books and supplies	496.737	498.880	502.169	501.997	8.3	6.9	6.0	4.3	7.6	5.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	559.232	561.001	563.950	567.553	5.2	4.1	3.8	6.1	4.7	4.9
Communication ²	84.815	84.974	84.905	84.942	.2	.3	-1.0	.6	.3	-.2
Information and information processing ^{1,2}	81.728	81.817	81.743	81.776	-.5	.3	-1.2	.2	-.1	-.5
Telephone services ^{1,2}	102.707	102.729	102.288	102.298	.8	3.1	-1.0	-1.6	1.9	-1.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1,5}	9.423	9.457	9.540	9.552	-5.6	-10.4	-1.8	5.6	-8.0	1.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	78.356	77.925	77.518	77.541	-7.5	-21.3	-2.1	-4.1	-14.7	-3.1
Other goods and services	377.651	377.853	378.091	378.386	11.0	4.6	3.4	.8	7.8	2.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	783.794	786.857	785.714	787.268	45.9	14.0	6.8	1.8	28.9	4.2
Personal care	206.065	205.935	206.209	206.287	.9	1.4	2.2	.4	1.1	1.3
Personal care products ¹	162.275	161.627	162.029	162.367	-1.0	.2	-.2	.2	-.4	.0
Personal care services ¹	228.343	228.629	228.107	228.429	-.7	1.3	.1	.2	.3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	349.935	350.113	351.082	352.109	2.0	1.7	6.0	2.5	1.9	4.3
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	173.830	175.196	174.878	174.762	9.3	4.2	4.4	2.2	6.7	3.3
Food and beverages	218.253	218.731	218.838	219.338	-1.1	-.9	1.1	2.0	-1.0	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages	150.092	151.759	151.280	150.920	16.4	7.4	6.4	2.2	11.8	4.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	189.796	192.765	192.192	190.632	25.8	14.0	7.9	1.8	19.8	4.8
Apparel	120.684	120.613	119.814	119.316	1.1	2.4	-.7	-4.5	1.8	-2.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	236.606	241.982	241.214	239.779	34.3	20.4	9.0	5.5	27.2	7.2
Durables	111.607	111.565	111.514	111.430	3.4	-.5	6.8	-.6	1.4	3.0
Services	260.290	259.716	260.045	260.469	.0	1.3	1.1	.3	.7	.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	259.963	259.168	258.517	257.746	1.2	-.1	-.4	-3.4	.6	-1.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1,2}	123.812	124.360	124.439	124.416	1.2	3.6	5.5	2.0	2.4	3.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	192.284	192.250	193.283	196.019	-18.5	-1.0	6.9	8.0	-10.2	7.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	165.138	166.463	167.696	168.543	6.9	6.4	4.8	8.5	6.6	6.6
Household operations ^{1,2}	150.172	149.510	149.707	149.999	-2.4	1.2	-.7	-.5	-.6	-.6
Transportation services	256.494	255.735	256.676	257.816	.3	7.3	5.5	2.1	3.8	3.8
Medical care services	403.177	405.006	406.755	408.092	3.6	3.4	3.1	5.0	3.5	4.0
Other services	306.521	306.985	307.265	307.678	2.0	2.7	.9	1.5	2.4	1.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	217.160	217.489	217.469	217.544	4.5	3.2	2.7	.7	3.8	1.7
All items less shelter	207.147	208.128	208.155	208.414	4.9	3.9	3.9	2.5	4.4	3.2
All items less medical care	209.126	209.424	209.353	209.445	3.7	2.5	2.5	.6	3.1	1.5
Commodities less food	152.681	154.302	153.820	153.468	15.7	7.2	6.2	2.1	11.4	4.1
Nondurables less food	191.439	194.517	193.959	192.716	22.7	14.4	6.1	2.7	18.5	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	234.233	239.081	238.287	237.059	30.5	18.7	8.3	4.9	24.5	6.6
Nondurables	204.280	206.144	205.792	205.619	8.8	7.5	4.4	2.6	8.2	3.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	281.171	281.417	282.121	283.215	-1.0	3.1	3.6	2.9	1.0	3.2
Services less medical care services	249.198	248.690	248.541	248.658	-.2	1.1	1.3	-.9	.5	.2
Energy	209.699	215.536	214.379	214.376	29.2	20.4	15.3	9.2	24.7	12.2
All items less energy	219.695	219.524	219.646	219.799	1.6	1.0	1.3	.2	1.3	.7
All items less food and energy	220.764	220.463	220.579	220.664	2.2	1.4	1.3	-.2	1.8	.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.702	143.863	143.761	143.666	4.0	1.2	2.9	-.1	2.6	1.4
Energy commodities	239.662	251.449	248.149	245.556	100.3	41.1	22.1	10.2	68.1	16.0
Services less energy services	267.248	266.630	266.894	267.103	1.5	1.5	.7	-.2	1.5	.3

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 Mar.2010 from—			Percent change to Feb.2010 from—		
		Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010
U.S. city average	M	215.949	216.687	216.741	217.631	2.3	0.4	0.4	2.1	0.4	0.0
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	231.462	232.294	232.382	233.188	2.6	.4	.3	2.5	.4	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	233.475	234.109	234.183	235.060	2.3	.4	.4	2.1	.3	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	137.597	138.416	138.491	138.871	3.3	.3	.3	3.4	.6	.1
Midwest urban	M	205.613	206.564	206.563	207.359	2.6	.4	.4	2.5	.5	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	206.399	207.325	207.329	207.975	2.3	.3	.3	2.3	.5	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.742	132.417	132.451	133.096	2.9	.5	.5	2.6	.5	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	202.738	203.490	203.274	204.204	3.5	.4	.5	3.5	.3	-.1
South urban	M	209.476	210.056	210.020	211.216	2.5	.6	.6	2.3	.3	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	210.971	211.762	211.503	212.692	2.0	.4	.6	1.7	.3	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.252	133.517	133.575	134.363	2.7	.6	.6	2.5	.2	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	213.159	213.873	214.007	215.026	3.9	.5	.5	3.5	.4	.1
West urban	M	219.307	219.989	220.179	220.809	1.6	.4	.3	1.4	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	223.058	223.852	223.989	224.636	1.6	.4	.3	1.4	.4	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.132	133.366	133.513	133.863	1.6	.4	.3	1.4	.3	.1
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	197.246	197.948	197.949	198.695	2.0	.4	.4	1.8	.4	.0
B/C ³	M	133.535	133.954	134.028	134.639	2.6	.5	.5	2.4	.4	.1
D	M	209.192	209.984	210.098	211.011	3.1	.5	.4	3.0	.4	.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	211.185	212.104	212.456	212.952	2.6	.4	.2	2.5	.6	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	223.643	224.610	224.620	225.483	1.9	.4	.4	1.4	.4	.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	238.427	238.970	238.862	240.101	2.1	.5	.5	1.8	.2	.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	237.266	-	237.986	2.5	.3	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	203.037	-	203.577	2.1	.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	202.106	-	201.982	1.0	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	141.124	-	141.741	2.3	.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	200.456	-	202.646	-	-	-	-	1.7	1.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	203.880	-	203.380	-	-	-	-	.7	-.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	190.932	-	192.412	-	-	-	-	2.4	.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	222.943	-	222.505	-	-	-	-	.9	-.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	224.800	-	226.529	-	-	-	-	2.8	.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	224.239	-	226.145	-	-	-	-	1.8	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	225.596	-	226.085	-	-	-	-	.6	.2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Feb. 2010	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	212.544	213.525	3.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	633.105	636.025	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.425	218.299	218.502	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2
Food	15.333	217.837	218.066	.1	.1	.2	.1	.2
Food at home	8.900	213.839	214.291	-.8	.2	.4	.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.257	251.757	251.493	-1.1	-1	-6	-1	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.144	202.139	202.540	-1.7	.2	.4	.6	.1
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.898	197.583	197.370	-.3	-1	2.1	.0	-1
Fruits and vegetables	1.223	271.974	277.347	2.1	2.0	1.2	-1	3.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.123	162.524	162.499	-1.8	.0	.2	-.3	.1
Other food at home	2.254	190.831	190.232	-.7	-.3	-.2	.1	-.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	200.880	198.720	1.4	-1.1	-.2	1.4	-1.1
Fats and oils .....	.259	201.356	198.808	-3.3	-1.3	.2	.0	-1.0
Other foods	1.674	205.117	205.081	-.7	.0	-.3	-1	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.472	121.482	122.543	-.2	.9	-6	-.5	.9
Food away from home ¹	6.433	225.168	225.072	1.2	.0	.0	.1	.0
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.321	158.826	159.023	3.2	.1	.5	.7	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.092	223.621	223.452	1.3	-1	-1	-.3	-.2
Housing	39.753	212.401	212.604	-.3	.1	-.1	.0	.1
Shelter	30.171	242.002	242.019	-.2	.0	-.3	.0	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	8.476	247.448	247.555	.1	.0	.0	.0	.1
Lodging away from home ² .....	.432	130.571	134.632	-2.4	3.1	-2.0	.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	20.959	232.354	232.179	.0	-1	-1	.0	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.218	232.353	232.180	.0	-1	-1	.0	-1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.303	125.367	125.374	3.5	.0	.7	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.632	209.171	210.775	.7	.8	.6	.2	1.1
Household energy	4.517	183.918	185.557	-.7	.9	.6	.1	1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.271	281.157	279.384	18.3	-6	7.1	-1.0	-6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.246	187.730	189.595	-1.7	1.0	.2	.2	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.114	168.774	169.229	6.8	.3	.8	.8	.5
Household furnishings and operations	3.950	123.097	122.859	-2.0	-2	-1	-.4	-5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.369	151.535	152.065	-.8	.3	-.6	.0	.3
Apparel	3.788	118.607	121.347	-.7	2.3	.0	-.5	-.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.945	111.575	113.032	-4.8	1.3	.0	-.4	-1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	106.496	110.885	.5	4.1	.1	-.5	-.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.285	117.789	119.644	1.4	1.6	1.6	-1.2	.5
Footwear .....	.781	127.843	128.172	1.0	.3	.1	-.4	-1.2
Transportation	18.647	188.406	191.294	15.3	1.5	1.7	-.1	-.1
Private transportation	17.881	185.268	188.146	15.7	1.6	1.8	-.1	-.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.952	95.819	95.900	7.2	.1	.3	.4	.2
New vehicles	3.385	139.905	139.653	2.9	-2	-5	.1	.1
Used cars and trucks	2.944	141.079	141.657	16.4	.4	1.5	.7	.4
Motor fuel	5.774	228.569	238.769	41.2	4.5	4.9	-1.2	-1.0
Gasoline (all types)	5.530	228.207	238.583	41.5	4.5	4.4	-1.5	-.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.472	135.694	135.573	.8	-1	.4	.2	-1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.180	248.479	249.127	1.8	.3	.1	.2	.3
Public transportation .....	.766	240.418	242.942	6.1	1.0	-1.8	-.2	.5
Medical care	5.261	386.919	388.330	4.0	.4	.5	.6	.4
Medical care commodities ¹	1.301	304.320	305.532	3.7	.4	.7	.8	.4
Medical care services	3.961	411.114	412.568	4.1	.4	.5	.5	.4
Professional services	2.195	329.020	329.294	2.8	.1	.6	.1	.0

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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 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Feb. 2010	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	
Hospital and related services ³	1.339	598.149	604.070	8.4	1.0	0.4	1.3	1.1	
Recreation ²	6.031	110.076	110.073	-1.2	.0	.0	.0	-1	
Video and audio ²	2.046	100.084	100.547	-1.6	.5	-1	-6	.1	
Education and communication ²	6.175	124.334	124.455	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.3	
Education ²	2.327	193.641	193.965	4.9	.2	.3	.6	.6	
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	505.356	505.642	6.5	.1	.4	.6	.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.131	544.155	545.120	4.8	.2	.3	.6	.6	
Communication ²	3.848	87.501	87.548	-1	.1	.1	-1	.1	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.715	85.314	85.362	-3	.1	.0	-1	.1	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.906	102.038	102.048	.1	.0	-1	-5	.0	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.809	10.077	10.099	-2.7	.2	.4	1.0	.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶ .....	.225	77.939	78.474	-8.8	.7	-3	-7	.2
Other goods and services	3.919	404.722	405.641	6.7	.2	.1	.0	.1	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.397	790.710	792.452	16.2	.2	.4	-2	.2	
Personal care	2.522	203.824	204.294	1.1	.2	.0	.1	.0	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.733	162.073	162.417	-1	.2	-3	.2	.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.577	228.169	228.500	.1	.1	.1	-3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.019	352.366	353.667	2.8	.4	.3	.2	.3	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	43.589	176.118	177.591	6.0	.8	.9	-1	-1	
Food and beverages	16.425	218.299	218.502	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.164	153.444	155.417	9.7	1.3	1.3	-3	-3	
Nondurables less food and beverages	16.703	195.059	199.133	13.9	2.1	1.9	-4	-9	
Apparel	3.788	118.607	121.347	-7	2.3	.0	-5	-7	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	12.915	246.914	251.912	19.2	2.0	2.5	-5	-6	
Durables	10.461	112.618	112.618	3.9	.0	.1	.1	.0	
Services	56.411	255.199	255.634	.8	.2	-1	.1	.2	
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.868	233.234	233.250	-3	.0	-2	-2	-1	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.303	125.367	125.374	3.5	.0	.7	.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.246	187.730	189.595	-1.7	1.0	.2	.2	1.4	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.114	168.774	169.229	6.8	.3	.8	.8	.5	
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.369	151.535	152.065	-8	.3	-6	.0	.3
Transportation services	5.918	256.809	257.728	4.0	.4	-2	.4	.5	
Medical care services	3.961	411.114	412.568	4.1	.4	.5	.5	.4	
Other services	10.631	294.230	294.564	1.6	.1	.2	.1	.1	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.667	211.423	212.535	3.6	.5	.4	.0	.0	
All items less shelter	69.829	204.101	205.441	4.5	.7	.6	.0	.1	
All items less medical care	94.739	205.461	206.420	3.0	.5	.3	.0	.0	
Commodities less food	28.256	155.820	157.742	9.4	1.2	1.3	-3	-3	
Nondurables less food	17.795	196.831	200.682	13.1	2.0	1.8	-4	-8	
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.007	243.829	248.369	17.7	1.9	2.3	-5	-5	
Nondurables	33.128	207.092	209.370	6.7	1.1	1.1	-2	-2	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.543	248.586	249.464	2.1	.4	.1	.3	.4	
Services less medical care services	52.450	244.205	244.586	.6	.2	-1	.0	.1	
Energy	10.291	204.494	210.425	19.6	2.9	3.1	-6	.0	
All items less energy	89.709	214.472	214.857	1.4	.2	.0	.1	.1	
All items less food and energy	74.376	214.172	214.589	1.6	.2	.0	.1	.0	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.211	145.722	146.319	3.0	.4	.2	.0	-1	
Energy commodities	6.045	231.808	241.599	40.0	4.2	5.0	-1.2	-9	
Services less energy services	52.165	262.559	262.830	1.0	.1	-1	.1	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.470	\$.468	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.158	\$.157	-	-	-	-	-	

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—	
	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2009	Mar. 2010
Expenditure category										
All items	212.920	213.638	213.644	213.775	4.4	3.4	3.0	1.6	3.9	2.3
Food and beverages	217.426	217.876	218.037	218.460	-1.3	-1.1	1.2	1.9	-1.2	1.6
Food	216.887	217.376	217.593	218.080	-1.5	-1.3	1.1	2.2	-1.4	1.6
Food at home	212.400	213.166	213.428	214.314	-3.7	-3.5	.8	3.7	-3.6	2.2
Cereals and bakery products	253.427	251.835	251.687	251.556	-2.9	-4	1.7	-2.9	-1.7	-6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	200.365	201.172	202.401	202.550	-3.8	-7.3	.3	4.4	-5.6	2.3
Dairy and related products ¹	193.546	197.663	197.583	197.370	-10.0	-1.8	3.2	8.1	-6.0	5.6
Fruits and vegetables	267.011	270.176	270.020	279.327	-1.3	-8.4	.2	19.8	-4.9	9.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	161.738	162.068	161.550	161.684	-4.6	-1.0	-1.3	-.1	-2.8	-.7
Other food at home	190.619	190.215	190.493	190.002	-2.3	-4	1.2	-1.3	-1.3	-.1
Sugar and sweets	198.163	197.745	200.465	198.278	.3	1.2	3.9	.2	.7	2.0
Fats and oils	199.828	200.194	200.243	198.210	-5.1	-4.9	.0	-3.2	-5.0	-1.6
Other foods	205.590	205.030	204.886	204.931	-2.3	.0	.9	-1.3	-1.1	-.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.796	122.051	121.482	122.543	-1.0	-1	1.0	-.8	-.6	.1
Food away from home ¹	224.940	225.015	225.168	225.072	1.5	1.7	1.5	.2	1.6	.9
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	156.830	157.670	158.826	159.023	2.7	5.4	-.8	5.7	4.0	2.4
Alcoholic beverages	223.876	223.748	223.101	222.599	2.3	2.2	3.2	-2.3	2.3	.4
Housing	213.065	212.818	212.780	212.977	-1.0	-.1	.4	-.2	-.6	.1
Shelter	242.592	241.969	241.916	241.831	1.2	-.1	-.6	-1.2	.5	-.9
Rent of primary residence ³	247.237	247.305	247.213	247.433	1.2	-.3	-.7	.3	.4	-.2
Lodging away from home ²	133.606	130.907	131.519	132.046	.3	-.8	-3.3	-4.6	-.3	-4.0
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	232.585	232.351	232.286	232.065	1.3	-.1	-.4	-.9	.6	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	232.585	232.351	232.286	232.066	1.3	-.1	-.4	-.9	.6	-.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	124.415	125.299	125.367	125.374	1.4	3.7	5.9	3.1	2.6	4.5
Fuels and utilities	210.281	211.617	212.146	214.560	-13.1	1.3	7.4	8.4	-6.2	7.9
Household energy	185.937	187.075	187.283	189.703	-16.9	.1	8.0	8.4	-8.8	8.2
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	265.130	284.061	281.157	279.384	-.6	3.7	54.0	23.3	1.5	37.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	190.655	191.039	191.397	194.113	-17.7	-.1	5.7	7.5	-9.3	6.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	165.662	167.045	168.416	169.271	6.9	6.3	5.0	9.0	6.6	7.0
Household furnishings and operations	123.744	123.590	123.126	122.564	.4	-2.2	-2.3	-3.8	-.9	-3.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.486	151.499	151.535	152.065	-1.5	2.6	-3.0	-1.1	.5	-2.0
Apparel	120.151	120.099	119.483	118.685	1.3	2.8	-2.1	-4.8	2.0	-3.4
Men's and boys' apparel	112.285	112.252	111.820	110.643	-5.9	-1.4	-6.1	-5.7	-3.7	-5.9
Women's and girls' apparel	108.442	108.554	107.988	107.167	3.8	5.9	-2.9	-4.6	4.9	-3.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.548	118.441	117.058	117.615	9.6	1.0	-7.7	3.7	5.2	-2.2
Footwear	129.173	129.256	128.706	127.183	3.7	3.1	3.7	-6.0	3.4	-1.3
Transportation	189.949	193.144	192.920	192.779	25.3	17.2	14.1	6.1	21.2	10.0
Private transportation	186.609	190.031	189.821	189.636	26.8	17.1	13.9	6.6	21.8	10.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.030	95.343	95.710	95.930	5.8	5.0	15.0	3.8	5.4	9.3
New vehicles	139.358	138.596	138.749	138.848	6.8	-.7	7.2	-1.5	3.0	2.8
Used cars and trucks	138.813	140.866	141.875	142.513	7.5	15.8	32.8	11.1	11.6	21.5
Motor fuel	237.946	249.602	246.705	244.355	100.9	48.4	20.0	11.2	72.6	15.5
Gasoline (all types)	238.841	249.318	245.597	243.680	109.6	40.8	25.5	8.4	71.8	16.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	134.892	135.383	135.694	135.573	-.6	-2.3	4.2	2.0	-1.5	3.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	247.812	247.975	248.479	249.127	.8	2.8	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.9
Public transportation	247.857	243.274	242.675	243.933	-5.7	20.4	18.9	-6.2	6.5	5.6
Medical care	381.504	383.504	385.728	387.193	3.4	3.6	2.7	6.1	3.5	4.4
Medical care commodities ¹	299.777	301.890	304.320	305.532	2.2	3.7	.9	7.9	3.0	4.3
Medical care services	405.483	407.372	409.435	410.965	3.8	3.6	3.3	5.5	3.7	4.4
Professional services	325.933	327.911	328.390	328.391	3.3	2.7	2.3	3.1	3.0	2.7

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

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	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2009	Mar. 2010
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services ³	583.389	585.929	593.708	600.485	6.8	7.7	7.1	12.2	7.2	9.6
Recreation ²	110.221	110.176	110.176	110.035	-2	-7	-3.2	-7	-5	-2.0
Video and audio ²	100.934	100.793	100.171	100.265	.2	-2.3	-1.6	-2.6	-1.1	-2.1
Education and communication ²	123.911	124.142	124.338	124.650	2.2	2.1	1.0	2.4	2.2	1.7
Education ²	191.835	192.430	193.654	194.762	5.2	4.2	4.2	6.2	4.7	5.2
Educational books and supplies	499.745	501.581	504.554	505.419	8.7	6.6	6.1	4.6	7.6	5.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	539.155	540.811	544.275	547.590	4.8	4.0	4.0	6.4	4.4	5.2
Communication ²	87.545	87.616	87.501	87.550	.2	.7	-1.2	.0	.4	-6
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.404	85.433	85.314	85.362	-3	.7	-1.3	-.2	.2	-7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.585	102.504	102.038	102.048	.7	2.9	-1.2	-2.1	1.8	-1.6
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.935	9.978	10.077	10.099	-5.3	-9.9	-1.6	6.8	-7.6	2.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	78.163	77.929	77.391	77.573	-7.3	-20.5	-3.0	-3.0	-14.2	-3.0
Other goods and services	404.292	404.888	404.813	405.258	16.7	6.0	3.8	1.0	11.2	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	789.173	791.959	790.710	792.452	47.8	13.5	6.9	1.7	29.5	4.2
Personal care	203.727	203.775	203.895	203.994	.7	1.3	1.8	.5	1.0	1.2
Personal care products ¹	162.231	161.689	162.073	162.417	-9	.4	-2	.5	-.3	.1
Personal care services ¹	228.614	228.793	228.169	228.500	-7	1.2	.2	-.2	.2	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	351.092	352.090	352.853	353.940	1.5	1.6	4.9	3.3	1.5	4.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	176.635	178.233	177.989	177.800	10.6	6.0	5.4	2.7	8.3	4.0
Food and beverages	217.426	217.876	218.037	218.460	-1.3	-1.1	1.2	1.9	-1.2	1.6
Commodities less food and beverages	154.519	156.580	156.171	155.727	18.7	10.4	8.0	3.2	14.5	5.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	198.438	202.280	201.470	199.698	28.3	17.3	9.1	2.6	22.6	5.8
Apparel	120.151	120.099	119.483	118.685	1.3	2.8	-2.1	-4.8	2.0	-3.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	251.007	257.262	255.925	254.457	41.0	22.5	10.8	5.6	31.4	8.2
Durables	112.317	112.382	112.465	112.488	4.1	1.4	9.7	.6	2.7	5.1
Services	255.350	255.157	255.440	255.973	-1	1.3	1.1	1.0	.6	1.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	234.082	233.607	233.241	232.894	1.0	.1	-.2	-2.0	.6	-1.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	124.415	125.299	125.367	125.374	1.4	3.7	5.9	3.1	2.6	4.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	190.655	191.039	191.397	194.113	-17.7	-1	5.7	7.5	-9.3	6.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	165.662	167.045	168.416	169.271	6.9	6.3	5.0	9.0	6.6	7.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.486	151.499	151.535	152.065	-1.5	2.6	-3.0	-1.1	.5	-2.0
Transportation services	256.122	255.588	256.694	258.012	1.4	6.4	5.0	3.0	3.9	4.0
Medical care services	405.483	407.372	409.435	410.965	3.8	3.6	3.3	5.5	3.7	4.4
Other services	293.681	294.133	294.301	294.699	1.6	2.4	.8	1.4	2.0	1.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	212.031	212.790	212.759	212.827	5.6	4.3	3.4	1.5	4.9	2.4
All items less shelter	204.406	205.615	205.643	205.853	5.9	5.0	4.6	2.9	5.4	3.7
All items less medical care	206.007	206.680	206.620	206.710	4.5	3.4	3.0	1.4	3.9	2.2
Commodities less food	156.879	158.886	158.469	158.022	18.1	10.1	7.8	2.9	14.0	5.3
Nondurables less food	200.048	203.681	202.891	201.191	26.3	16.4	8.7	2.3	21.2	5.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	247.582	253.287	252.038	250.660	37.0	20.8	10.2	5.1	28.7	7.6
Nondurables	208.232	210.553	210.177	209.771	11.0	8.6	4.4	3.0	9.8	3.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	248.380	248.589	249.271	250.360	-1.2	2.9	3.4	3.2	.8	3.3
Services less medical care services	244.797	244.523	244.557	244.863	-.2	1.2	1.2	.1	.5	.6
Energy	210.195	216.617	215.259	215.253	30.5	24.4	14.7	10.0	27.4	12.3
All items less energy	214.189	214.235	214.406	214.554	1.9	1.2	1.7	.7	1.6	1.2
All items less food and energy	214.023	213.979	214.141	214.221	2.7	1.7	1.8	.4	2.2	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	145.608	145.835	145.848	145.661	5.2	2.4	4.4	.1	3.8	2.3
Energy commodities	240.247	252.253	249.339	246.999	94.2	46.1	21.3	11.7	68.5	16.4
Services less energy services	262.385	262.136	262.409	262.692	1.6	1.5	.7	.5	1.5	.6

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 Mar.2010 from—			Percent change to Feb.2010 from—		
		Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010
U.S. city average	M	211.703	212.568	212.544	213.525	3.0	0.5	0.5	2.8	0.4	0.0
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	228.794	229.744	229.874	230.622	3.1	.4	.3	3.1	.5	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	229.180	229.919	230.099	230.819	2.8	.4	.3	2.7	.4	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.522	139.364	139.379	139.869	3.9	.4	.4	4.1	.6	.0
Midwest urban	M	200.999	202.180	202.044	202.966	3.3	.4	.5	3.2	.5	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	200.820	201.957	201.758	202.639	2.9	.3	.4	2.9	.5	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.639	132.502	132.507	133.140	3.6	.5	.5	3.4	.7	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	200.471	201.414	201.118	202.072	4.0	.3	.5	3.9	.3	-.1
South urban	M	206.716	207.405	207.325	208.621	3.4	.6	.6	3.1	.3	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.788	209.619	209.288	210.613	2.7	.5	.6	2.3	.2	-.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.136	132.508	132.528	133.388	3.7	.7	.6	3.3	.3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	213.184	213.984	214.172	215.205	4.6	.6	.5	4.3	.5	.1
West urban	M	213.919	214.664	214.710	215.457	2.3	.4	.3	2.0	.4	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	215.988	216.905	216.850	217.700	2.2	.4	.4	1.9	.4	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	132.983	133.238	133.325	133.675	2.3	.3	.3	2.0	.3	.1
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	195.779	196.606	196.516	197.377	2.6	.4	.4	2.4	.4	.0
B/C ³	M	133.072	133.589	133.619	134.274	3.4	.5	.5	3.2	.4	.0
D	M	207.417	208.297	208.368	209.326	3.9	.5	.5	3.8	.5	.0
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	204.196	205.529	205.627	206.381	3.1	.4	.4	2.8	.7	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	216.233	217.290	217.090	218.157	2.4	.4	.5	1.8	.4	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	233.448	234.067	234.153	235.240	2.7	.5	.5	2.4	.3	.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	237.999	-	238.388	2.8	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	194.529	-	194.852	2.5	.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	205.456	-	205.351	2.3	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	141.155	-	141.782	3.1	.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	199.331	-	201.407	-	-	-	-	2.0	1.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	199.614	-	198.913	-	-	-	-	1.4	-.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	188.842	-	190.351	-	-	-	-	2.9	.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	221.067	-	221.074	-	-	-	-	1.6	.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	224.732	-	226.539	-	-	-	-	3.3	.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	220.121	-	222.049	-	-	-	-	2.4	.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	220.905	-	221.215	-	-	-	-	1.1	.1	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2007-2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 2010 from—	
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Feb. 2010
		Expenditure category			
All items ¹	100.000	R125.604	R126.162	2.5	0.4
Food and beverages	14.519	127.923	128.059	.1	.1
Food	13.493	127.895	128.042	.0	.1
Food at home	7.780	122.940	123.224	-8	.2
Food away from home	5.712	134.648	134.591	1.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.027	128.745	128.735	1.0	.0
Housing ²	42.074	R128.240	R128.351	-7	.1
Shelter	32.119	130.840	130.877	-6	.0
Fuels and utilities ³	5.231	R157.467	R158.501	.9	.7
Household furnishings and operations	4.724	94.268	94.131	-2.5	-.1
Apparel	3.772	88.474	90.965	-7	2.8
Transportation	17.199	129.375	131.306	15.4	1.5
Private transportation	16.013	130.185	132.155	16.2	1.5
Public transportation	1.186	118.725	120.161	6.0	1.2
Medical care	6.294	149.521	149.981	3.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.570	131.864	132.364	3.4	.4
Medical care services	4.723	156.001	156.442	3.4	.3
Recreation	6.625	103.267	103.246	-2.8	.0
Education and communication	6.288	111.783	111.902	1.6	.1
Education	2.804	181.011	181.331	4.7	.2
Communication	3.484	73.285	73.321	-9	.0
Other goods and services	3.229	137.103	137.391	3.9	.2
Commodity and service group					
Services ⁴	59.383	R134.773	R134.980	.5	.2
Commodities	40.617	114.347	115.341	5.4	.9
Durables	10.376	81.503	81.460	1.3	-.1
Nondurables	30.241	131.435	132.997	6.8	1.2
All items less food and energy	76.901	119.518	119.777	.8	.2
Energy ⁵	9.606	R181.912	R186.931	20.9	2.8

¹ Revised index: Jan. 2010=125.628.

² Revised index: Jan. 2010=128.296.

³ Revised index: Jan. 2010=157.973.

⁴ Revised index: Jan. 2010=134.619.

⁵ Revised index: Jan. 2010=185.213.

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Indexes for 2010 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2009 are interim adjustments.

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