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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER 2010

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in September on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.1 percent before seasonal adjustment.

Increases in food indexes and another rise in the gasoline index contributed to the all items seasonally adjusted increase this month. Four of the six major grocery store food group indexes increased in September as the food index posted its largest increase since October 2008. The gasoline index rose again in September, leading to a third consecutive increase in the energy index despite a decline in the index for household energy.

The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged in September, as it was in August. The shelter index was unchanged for the second month in a row. The indexes for apparel, household furnishing and operations, recreation, and used cars and trucks all declined in September, offsetting a sharp increase in the index for medical care and a slight increase in the index for new vehicles.

Over the last 12 months, the index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent, the lowest 12-month increase since March 1961, with the shelter component down 0.4 percent. The food index rose 1.4 percent, with both the food at home index and food away from home index rising the same 1.4 percent. The energy index rose 3.8 percent over the last year, with gasoline up 5.1 percent.

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

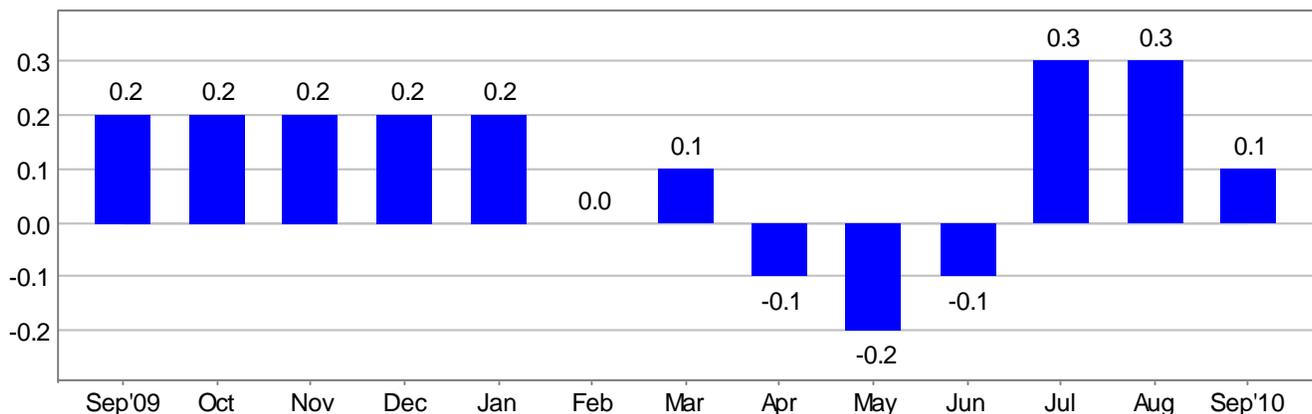


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Sep. 2009 - Sep. 2010

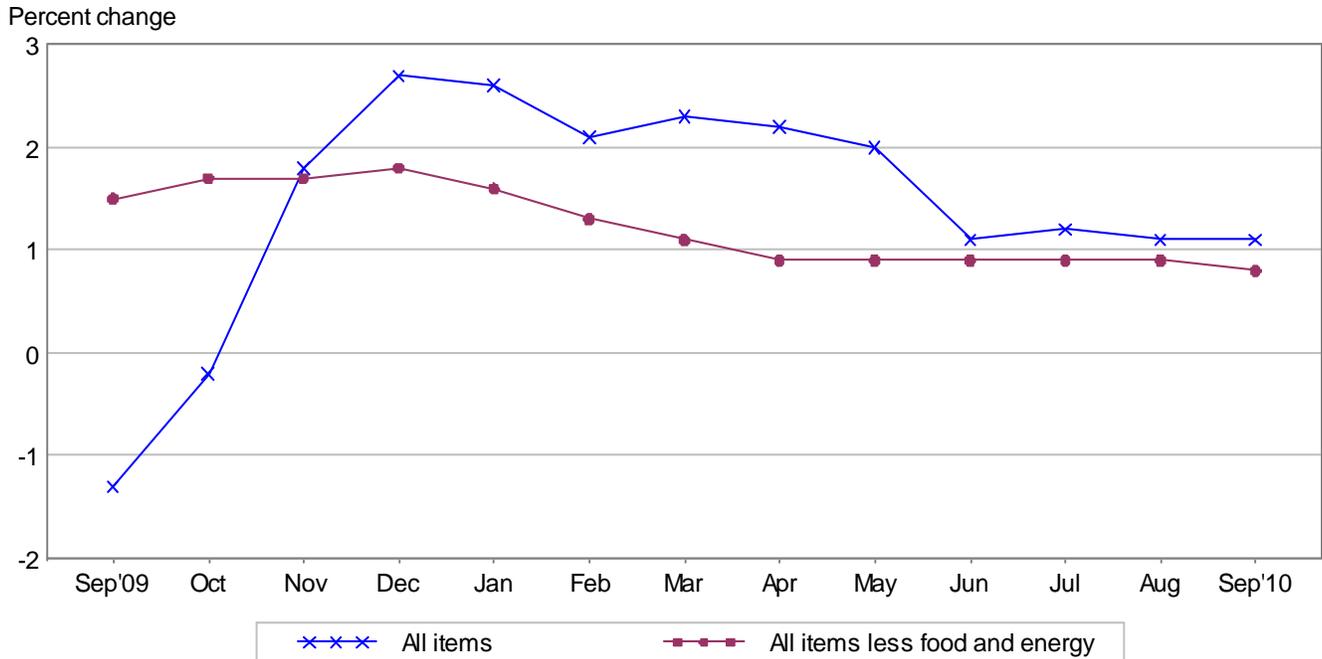


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. 2010
	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	June 2010	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	
All items .....	.1	-.1	-.2	-.1	.3	.3	.1	1.1
Food .....	.2	.2	.0	.0	-.1	.2	.3	1.4
Food at home .....	.5	.2	.0	-.1	-.1	.0	.3	1.4
Food away from home ¹ .....	.0	.1	.1	.1	.0	.3	.3	1.4
Energy .....	.0	-1.4	-2.9	-2.9	2.6	2.3	.7	3.8
Energy commodities	-1.0	-2.1	-4.8	-4.1	4.0	3.8	1.8	5.8
Gasoline (all types)	-.8	-2.4	-5.2	-4.5	4.6	3.9	1.6	5.1
Fuel oil ¹ .....	.7	2.3	-1.4	-3.2	-1.6	.9	.8	11.8
Energy services	1.4	-.5	-.5	-1.6	.8	.4	-.8	1.5
Electricity	2.1	.7	-.4	-2.2	.5	.2	-.3	1.1
Utility (piped) gas service	-.7	-4.4	-1.0	.6	1.7	1.1	-2.3	3.0
All items less food and energy .....	.0	.0	.1	.2	.1	.0	.0	.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	-.1	-.3	.1	.2	.2	.1	-.2	.8
New vehicles .....	.1	.0	.1	.1	.1	.3	.1	2.1
Used cars and trucks .....	.5	.2	.6	.9	.8	.7	-.7	12.9
Apparel	-.4	-.7	.2	.8	.6	-.1	-.6	-1.2
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.4	.2	.1	.0	-.2	.2	.3	2.6
Services less energy services .....	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	.0	.1	.8
Shelter	-.1	.0	.1	.1	.1	.0	.0	-.4
Transportation services .....	.4	.4	.4	.0	.0	.1	.3	3.0
Medical care services .....	.3	.3	.0	.4	.0	.2	.8	3.7

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for September 2010

Food

The food index rose 0.3 percent in September after a 0.2 percent increase in August. Both the food away from home and the food at home index increased 0.3 percent. Within the latter group, four of the six major grocery store food groups posted increases, with the other two unchanged. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose the most, increasing 0.9 percent after declining in August. Within that group, the eggs index rose 7.2 percent. The index for cereals and bakery products rose 0.8 percent in September after a 0.1 percent increase in August. The indexes for dairy and related products and for fruits and vegetables posted slight increases in September, while the indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home were unchanged. Over the past year, the indexes for cereals and bakery products and for nonalcoholic beverages have declined, while the indexes for the other four groups have increased.

Energy

The energy index rose 0.7 percent in September after a 2.3 percent increase in August. Following a 3.9 percent increase in August, the gasoline index rose 1.6 percent in September. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 1.4 percent in September.) In contrast, the household energy index declined in September, falling 0.6 percent, primarily due to a 2.3 percent decrease in the index for natural gas. The electricity index also declined, falling 0.3 percent, while the fuel oil index rose 0.8 percent. The indexes of all the major energy components have risen over the last 12 months.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged in September, as it was in August. The shelter index was unchanged for the second month in a row. The rent index rose 0.1 percent while the index for owners' equivalent rent was unchanged and the index for lodging away from home fell 0.2 percent. The medical care index rose sharply in September, increasing 0.6 percent. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.3 percent while the index for medical care services increased 0.8 percent with the hospital services index rising 1.8 percent. The index for new vehicles posted a slight increase in September, rising 0.1 percent, while the index for airline fares increased 0.2 percent. Offsetting these increases was a downturn in the index for used cars and trucks and continuing declines in several indexes. The used cars and trucks index fell 0.7 percent in September, its first decline since April 2009. The apparel index decreased 0.6 percent following a 0.1 percent decline last month. The index for household furnishings and operations fell 0.4 percent in September and has now declined in three of the last four months. The recreation index decreased 0.3 percent in September, its third consecutive decline.

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.8 percent over the last 12 months. The index for education has increased 4.0 percent with the index for college tuition and fees up 4.4 percent. The index for used cars and trucks has risen 12.9 percent over the past year, with the indexes for new vehicles index up 2.1 percent and for airline fares up 6.1 percent. The medical care index has increased 3.4 percent. In contrast to these increases, the index for shelter has fallen 0.4 percent and the indexes for apparel, recreation, household furnishings and operations, and communication have also declined.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.1 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 218.439 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.4 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 214.306 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index was unchanged prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index rose 0.1 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 October 2010 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

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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 2009”. 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/cpivar2009.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 Sep. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	Aug. 2010	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	218.312	218.439	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	653.966	654.346	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.795	219.877	220.586	1.4	.3	.0	.1	.3
Food	13.738	219.491	220.216	1.4	.3	-.1	.2	.3
Food at home	7.801	215.382	216.161	1.4	.4	-.1	.0	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.108	249.736	250.085	-.5	.1	-.3	.1	.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.745	208.854	211.280	4.7	1.2	.3	-.3	.9
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.820	198.712	199.042	2.9	.2	.5	-.1	.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.153	265.914	268.832	.5	1.1	-1.9	.4	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.952	161.764	161.771	-.7	.0	.6	-.1	.0
Other food at home	2.023	192.026	191.289	.4	-.4	.2	.2	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.295	200.335	202.469	2.8	1.1	.6	-.1	1.1
Fats and oils .....	.232	201.764	201.971	1.0	.1	.0	.7	.1
Other foods	1.496	205.857	204.322	-.2	-.7	.1	.2	-.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.439	121.787	122.106	.0	.3	.4	-.2	.3
Food away from home ¹	5.937	226.422	227.075	1.4	.3	.0	.3	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.326	159.517	160.072	1.8	.3	.0	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.056	223.536	224.043	1.2	.2	.5	.0	.2
Housing	41.960	216.976	216.602	-.3	-.2	.1	.0	-.1
Shelter	32.289	248.595	248.522	-.4	.0	.1	.0	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	5.966	249.024	249.368	.2	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Lodging away from home ² .....	.769	139.999	135.800	1.6	-3.0	.2	-1.3	-.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	25.206	256.509	256.590	-.1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.593	256.503	256.584	-.1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.347	126.463	126.627	3.6	.1	.5	.5	.1
Fuels and utilities	5.081	219.602	217.695	2.9	-.9	.6	.4	-.4
Household energy	4.028	194.865	192.635	2.2	-1.1	.6	.5	-.6
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.276	263.196	265.812	12.3	1.0	-1.6	.7	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.752	199.632	197.049	1.5	-1.3	.8	.4	-.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.052	172.491	172.833	5.8	.2	.4	.2	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.590	125.005	124.535	-2.9	-.4	-.1	.0	-.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.630	150.346	-.1	-.2	.1	-.1	-.2
Apparel	3.695	116.667	121.011	-1.2	3.7	.6	-.1	-.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.903	110.229	112.201	-.6	1.8	-.2	-.1	-.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.580	102.702	109.217	-2.9	6.3	1.4	-.3	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.196	113.245	114.413	-1.6	1.0	2.2	-1.3	-1.3
Footwear .....	.721	125.656	129.303	.5	2.9	.2	-.5	.3
Transportation	16.685	193.454	192.412	4.6	-.5	1.3	1.2	.5
Private transportation	15.497	188.616	187.646	4.6	-.5	1.4	1.3	.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.386	97.891	97.502	4.3	-.4	.3	.4	-.2
New vehicles	3.573	137.119	137.365	2.1	.2	.1	.3	.1
Used cars and trucks	2.012	147.909	146.065	12.9	-1.2	.8	.7	-.7
Motor fuel	4.525	235.690	232.518	5.4	-1.3	4.4	3.9	1.8
Gasoline (all types)	4.337	235.110	231.819	5.1	-1.4	4.6	3.9	1.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.401	137.646	137.802	3.3	.1	.4	.3	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.167	248.390	249.231	1.9	.3	.0	.3	.3
Public transportation	1.187	254.717	252.525	5.3	-.9	-.8	-.2	.5
Medical care	6.513	388.467	390.616	3.4	.6	-.1	.2	.6
Medical care commodities ¹	1.611	314.881	315.804	2.6	.3	-.2	.2	.3
Medical care services	4.902	411.182	413.807	3.7	.6	.0	.2	.8
Professional services	2.796	329.318	330.149	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.4

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 Sep. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	Aug. 2010	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
Hospital and related services ³	1.619	605.859	614.667	7.3	1.5	-0.4	0.5	1.5
Recreation ²	6.437	113.521	113.120	-1.3	-.4	-.1	-.2	-.3
Video and audio ²	1.894	98.852	98.638	-2.1	-.2	-.4	-.5	.0
Education and communication ²	6.434	130.599	131.154	1.6	.4	.2	.0	-.1
Education ²	3.035	201.476	203.353	4.0	.9	.4	.0	-.2
Educational books and supplies	.200	504.635	508.892	3.1	.8	-.2	-1.4	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.835	579.833	585.271	4.0	.9	.4	.1	-.3
Communication ²	3.399	84.699	84.665	-.4	.0	.1	.0	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.225	81.532	81.497	-.6	.0	.1	.0	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.392	102.534	102.633	-.3	.1	.2	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	.833	9.381	9.339	-1.4	-.4	-.2	-.2	-.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	.246	75.798	75.570	-3.1	-.3	.4	.2	.1
Other goods and services	3.483	383.685	383.663	2.5	.0	.7	.3	-.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	.871	822.662	823.766	6.8	.1	1.6	.4	.1
Personal care	2.612	207.042	206.929	1.1	-.1	.4	.2	-.2
Personal care products ¹	.688	161.337	160.985	-.9	-.2	.8	.0	-.2
Personal care services ¹	.642	230.354	230.332	.9	.0	.1	-.1	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.048	355.429	355.964	3.0	.2	.5	.2	-.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	39.816	173.925	174.282	1.6	.2	.5	.5	.2
Food and beverages	14.795	219.877	220.586	1.4	.3	.0	.1	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	25.021	149.558	149.761	1.7	.1	.9	.8	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.044	187.890	188.770	1.7	.5	1.3	1.4	.4
Apparel	3.695	116.667	121.011	-1.2	3.7	.6	-.1	-.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.349	236.498	235.211	2.7	-.5	1.9	2.0	.8
Durables	9.978	111.587	111.174	1.6	-.4	.1	.4	-.3
Services	60.184	262.421	262.320	.8	.0	.1	.1	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.942	259.015	258.934	-.4	.0	-.1	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	.347	126.463	126.627	3.6	.1	.5	.5	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.752	199.632	197.049	1.5	-1.3	.8	.4	-.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.052	172.491	172.833	5.8	.2	.4	.2	.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	.781	150.630	150.346	-.1	-.2	.1	-.1	-.2
Transportation services	6.060	260.944	260.577	3.0	-.1	.0	.1	.3
Medical care services	4.902	411.182	413.807	3.7	.6	.0	.2	.8
Other services	11.347	311.443	311.802	1.5	.1	.3	.0	-.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.262	218.147	218.179	1.1	.0	.4	.3	.1
All items less shelter	67.711	208.925	209.133	1.9	.1	.4	.4	.1
All items less medical care	93.487	209.952	210.001	1.0	.0	.3	.3	.1
Commodities less food	26.078	152.182	152.395	1.7	.1	.9	.7	.1
Nondurables less food	16.100	190.025	190.885	1.7	.5	1.4	1.3	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.405	234.212	233.089	2.6	-.5	1.7	1.8	.7
Nondurables	29.838	204.111	204.920	1.6	.4	.8	.9	.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	28.243	286.775	286.640	2.3	.0	.1	.2	.1
Services less medical care services	55.282	250.766	250.516	.6	-.1	.0	.1	.1
Energy	8.553	212.663	210.003	3.8	-1.3	2.6	2.3	.7
All items less energy	91.447	220.619	221.030	.9	.2	.1	.1	.0
All items less food and energy	77.708	221.551	221.907	.8	.2	.1	.0	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.276	143.206	143.866	.8	.5	.2	.1	-.2
Energy commodities	4.801	238.702	235.797	5.8	-1.2	4.0	3.8	1.8
Services less energy services	56.432	268.903	269.034	.8	.0	.1	.0	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.458	\$.458	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.153	\$.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.

- 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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2010	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sep. 2010	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2010
Expenditure category										
All items	216.929	217.597	218.150	218.372	2.5	0.9	-1.5	2.7	1.7	0.6
Food and beverages	219.696	219.641	219.961	220.644	1.1	2.0	.7	1.7	1.5	1.2
Food	219.369	219.222	219.563	220.262	1.0	2.3	.6	1.6	1.6	1.1
Food at home	215.622	215.430	215.506	216.241	.7	3.7	.0	1.2	2.2	.6
Cereals and bakery products	249.216	248.561	248.746	250.651	1.6	-2.8	-2.8	2.3	-6	-3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	208.669	209.196	208.537	210.311	-2	4.1	12.0	3.2	1.9	7.5
Dairy and related products ¹	197.947	198.991	198.712	199.042	3.0	8.5	-1.7	2.2	5.7	.2
Fruits and vegetables	274.549	269.266	270.413	270.585	.3	19.7	-9.9	-5.7	9.6	-7.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	160.840	161.755	161.588	161.667	-1.5	-7	-2.6	2.1	-1.1	-3
Other food at home	190.613	190.968	191.436	191.482	1.2	-1.0	-.5	1.8	.1	.7
Sugar and sweets	199.608	200.816	200.610	202.826	4.5	-.1	.3	6.6	2.2	3.4
Fats and oils	199.817	199.743	201.077	201.256	-6	-1.3	2.9	2.9	-9	2.9
Other foods	204.265	204.548	205.055	204.645	.8	-1.2	-1.1	.7	-2	-2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	121.551	122.052	121.787	122.106	1.1	-.3	-2.5	1.8	.4	-3
Food away from home ¹	225.797	225.710	226.422	227.075	1.4	.4	1.4	2.3	.9	1.9
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	159.271	159.338	159.517	160.072	-8	4.3	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.8
Alcoholic beverages	222.582	223.758	223.789	224.249	2.0	-1.5	1.2	3.0	.2	2.1
Housing	215.933	216.192	216.277	216.157	.3	-1.1	-.6	.4	-.4	-.1
Shelter	248.360	248.533	248.475	248.590	-.5	-2.2	.9	.4	-1.4	.6
Rent of primary residence ³	249.201	249.381	249.213	249.535	-.6	.3	.4	.5	-.1	.5
Lodging away from home ²	137.144	137.410	135.651	135.371	-3.1	-6.7	23.1	-5.1	-4.9	8.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	256.370	256.521	256.580	256.667	-.4	-.8	.3	.5	-.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	256.365	256.513	256.575	256.661	-.4	-.8	.3	.5	-.6	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	125.289	125.865	126.463	126.627	5.5	2.0	2.8	4.3	3.7	3.6
Fuels and utilities	212.218	213.471	214.372	213.483	8.6	8.8	-7.1	2.4	8.7	-2.5
Household energy	187.134	188.333	189.216	187.999	9.5	8.9	-10.1	1.9	9.2	-4.3
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	265.521	261.257	263.196	265.812	51.8	22.0	-14.4	.4	36.1	-7.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	191.036	192.576	193.441	191.969	6.9	8.0	-9.8	2.0	7.4	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	170.723	171.409	171.833	172.598	4.8	8.5	5.3	4.5	6.6	4.9
Household furnishings and operations	125.203	125.135	125.193	124.729	-2.5	-3.7	-3.7	-1.5	-3.1	-2.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.560	150.747	150.630	150.346	-.7	-.5	1.5	-.6	-.6	.5
Apparel	119.705	120.373	120.205	119.444	-.7	-4.5	1.3	-.9	-2.6	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	113.432	113.220	113.094	112.412	-3.6	-3.9	9.0	-3.5	-3.7	2.5
Women's and girls' apparel	106.627	108.074	107.759	106.293	-1.6	-5.0	-3.9	-1.2	-3.4	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	114.727	117.212	115.667	114.148	-7.9	1.3	2.5	-2.0	-3.4	.2
Footwear	128.153	128.465	127.882	128.327	4.1	-5.0	2.6	.5	-.6	1.6
Transportation	188.135	190.544	192.909	193.961	12.4	4.6	-10.1	13.0	8.5	.8
Private transportation	183.147	185.797	188.302	189.331	12.0	5.4	-11.5	14.2	8.6	.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	97.307	97.557	97.908	97.739	10.8	3.1	1.3	1.8	6.9	1.5
New vehicles	137.939	138.139	138.529	138.704	7.0	-1.2	.4	2.2	2.8	1.3
Used cars and trucks	143.950	145.088	146.093	145.139	32.5	11.4	6.6	3.3	21.5	4.9
Motor fuel	215.489	224.977	233.847	238.064	20.5	9.5	-37.3	49.0	14.9	-3.4
Gasoline (all types)	214.321	224.135	232.965	236.714	23.6	8.6	-38.9	48.8	15.9	-4.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	136.686	137.236	137.646	137.802	4.2	2.2	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	247.635	247.536	248.390	249.231	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.6	1.8	2.1
Public transportation	252.626	250.567	250.191	251.529	19.0	-5.5	11.2	-1.7	6.0	4.5
Medical care	388.254	387.933	388.842	391.328	2.5	5.7	2.3	3.2	4.1	2.8
Medical care commodities ¹	314.888	314.113	314.881	315.804	.7	7.7	1.1	1.2	4.2	1.1
Medical care services	410.880	410.759	411.709	414.806	3.1	5.0	2.8	3.9	4.0	3.3
Professional services	327.522	328.610	329.413	330.705	2.2	2.9	2.6	3.9	2.6	3.3

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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2010	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sep. 2010	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2010
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services ³	607.995	605.466	608.304	617.619	6.6	10.6	5.5	6.5	8.6	6.0
Recreation ²	113.695	113.599	113.375	113.028	-3.3	-1.0	1.4	-2.3	-2.2	-5
Video and audio ²	99.598	99.240	98.747	98.746	-1.9	-3.1	-2	-3.4	-2.5	-1.8
Education and communication ²	130.083	130.355	130.369	130.220	1.4	3.2	1.7	.4	2.3	1.1
Education ²	199.925	200.686	200.746	200.358	3.9	5.9	5.2	.9	4.9	3.0
Educational books and supplies	509.604	508.430	501.521	504.653	6.0	4.3	6.2	-3.8	5.2	1.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	574.662	577.097	577.834	576.388	3.8	6.1	5.1	1.2	4.9	3.1
Communication ²	84.657	84.702	84.695	84.660	-1.0	.6	-1.3	.0	-2	-7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	81.487	81.535	81.532	81.497	-1.2	.2	-1.4	.0	-5	-7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.303	102.471	102.534	102.633	-1.0	-1.6	.0	1.3	-1.3	.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.422	9.399	9.381	9.339	-1.8	5.6	-5.3	-3.5	1.8	-4.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	75.891	76.160	76.281	76.330	-2.1	-4.1	-8.2	2.3	-3.1	-3.1
Other goods and services	380.603	383.432	384.493	383.948	3.4	.8	2.4	3.6	2.1	3.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	806.154	819.214	822.662	823.766	6.8	1.8	9.9	9.0	4.2	9.5
Personal care	206.246	207.160	207.630	207.136	2.2	.4	-1	1.7	1.3	.8
Personal care products ¹	160.061	161.372	161.337	160.985	-2	.2	-5.6	2.3	.0	-1.7
Personal care services ¹	230.225	230.519	230.354	230.332	.1	.2	3.2	.2	.1	1.7
Miscellaneous personal services	353.072	354.973	355.528	355.275	6.0	2.5	1.1	2.5	4.3	1.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	172.440	173.368	174.304	174.665	4.4	2.2	-5.2	5.3	3.3	-1
Food and beverages	219.696	219.641	219.961	220.644	1.1	2.0	.7	1.7	1.5	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages	147.598	148.890	150.042	150.262	6.4	2.2	-8.5	7.4	4.3	-9
Nondurables less food and beverages	183.771	186.102	188.620	189.461	7.9	1.8	-13.6	13.0	4.8	-1.2
Apparel	119.705	120.373	120.205	119.444	-7	-4.5	1.3	-9	-2.6	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	227.173	231.395	235.953	237.892	9.0	5.5	-19.4	20.3	7.2	-1.6
Durables	111.381	111.465	111.895	111.580	6.8	-6	-2	.7	3.0	.3
Services	261.169	261.549	261.680	261.781	1.1	.3	1.1	.9	.7	1.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	258.297	257.998	258.276	259.063	-4	-3.4	.9	1.2	-1.9	1.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	125.289	125.865	126.463	126.627	5.5	2.0	2.8	4.3	3.7	3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	191.036	192.576	193.441	191.969	6.9	8.0	-9.8	2.0	7.4	-4.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	170.723	171.409	171.833	172.598	4.8	8.5	5.3	4.5	6.6	4.9
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.560	150.747	150.630	150.346	-7	-5	1.5	-6	-6	.5
Transportation services	259.909	259.852	260.059	260.777	5.5	2.1	3.3	1.3	3.8	2.3
Medical care services	410.880	410.759	411.709	414.806	3.1	5.0	2.8	3.9	4.0	3.3
Other services	310.105	310.990	311.046	310.495	.9	1.5	3.2	.5	1.2	1.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	216.564	217.361	217.947	218.095	2.7	.7	-1.8	2.9	1.7	.5
All items less shelter	207.070	207.943	208.744	209.012	3.9	2.5	-2.6	3.8	3.2	.6
All items less medical care	208.536	209.236	209.770	209.905	2.5	.6	-1.7	2.7	1.5	.4
Commodities less food	150.242	151.537	152.662	152.889	6.2	2.1	-8.1	7.2	4.1	-8
Nondurables less food	185.878	188.502	190.950	191.839	6.1	2.7	-13.5	13.5	4.4	-9
Nondurables less food and apparel	225.675	229.614	233.855	235.546	8.3	4.9	-17.9	18.7	6.6	-1.3
Nondurables	201.106	202.701	204.516	205.209	4.4	2.6	-8.5	8.4	3.5	-4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	284.147	284.537	284.979	285.138	3.6	2.9	1.3	1.4	3.2	1.4
Services less medical care services	249.234	249.251	249.511	249.872	1.3	-9	.9	1.0	.2	1.0
Energy	199.059	204.195	208.874	210.256	15.3	9.2	-25.7	24.5	12.2	-3.8
All items less energy	220.463	220.684	220.823	220.930	1.3	.2	1.2	.9	.7	1.0
All items less food and energy	221.388	221.676	221.779	221.781	1.3	-2	1.3	.7	.6	1.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.626	143.923	144.079	143.727	2.9	-1	-1	.3	1.4	.1
Energy commodities	219.487	228.353	236.938	241.105	22.1	10.2	-36.2	45.6	16.0	-3.6
Services less energy services	268.337	268.610	268.672	268.921	.7	-2	1.9	.9	.3	1.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2010 from—			Percent change to Aug.2010 from—		
		June 2010	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Aug. 2009	June 2010	July 2010
U.S. city average	M	217.965	218.011	218.312	218.439	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	233.834	233.885	234.150	234.027	1.2	.1	-.1	1.4	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	235.769	235.770	236.089	235.995	1.0	.1	.0	1.2	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.163	139.274	139.348	139.229	1.9	.0	-.1	2.0	.1	.1
Midwest urban	M	207.886	208.211	208.639	208.788	1.6	.3	.1	1.5	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.289	208.556	208.912	209.253	1.4	.3	.2	1.1	.3	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.845	134.130	134.375	134.275	1.9	.1	-.1	2.0	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	203.749	203.992	204.985	205.100	1.6	.5	.1	1.6	.6	.5
South urban	M	211.232	210.988	211.308	211.775	1.4	.4	.2	1.1	.0	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.121	212.696	212.947	213.493	1.1	.4	.3	.7	-.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.173	134.130	134.335	134.658	1.5	.4	.2	1.2	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	215.216	214.639	215.266	215.172	2.0	.2	.0	2.1	.0	.3
West urban	M	221.147	221.331	221.523	221.384	.5	.0	-.1	.7	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	225.291	225.574	225.790	225.726	.6	.1	.0	.8	.2	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.635	133.685	133.704	133.544	.3	-.1	-.1	.7	.1	.0
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	199.183	199.224	199.477	199.617	1.0	.2	.1	.9	.1	.1
B/C ³	M	134.692	134.753	134.908	134.987	1.4	.2	.1	1.4	.2	.1
D	M	211.094	210.882	211.606	211.524	1.4	.3	.0	1.6	.2	.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	212.186	212.535	212.784	213.339	.9	.4	.3	.6	.3	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	225.877	225.991	226.373	226.048	.4	.0	-.1	.8	.2	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	240.817	241.147	241.569	241.485	1.2	.1	.0	1.4	.3	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	236.132	-	236.474	-.1	.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	203.989	-	205.492	1.8	.7	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	200.227	-	201.882	.0	.8	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	141.966	-	142.738	1.3	.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	204.725	-	204.511	-	-	-	-	.6	-.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	204.891	-	205.412	-	-	-	-	.4	.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	194.734	-	195.165	-	-	-	-	1.8	.2	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	222.390	-	222.803	-	-	-	-	.7	.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	228.074	-	228.500	-	-	-	-	1.1	.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	228.110	-	227.954	-	-	-	-	1.0	-.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	226.118	-	227.645	-	-	-	-	.2	.7	-

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 Sep. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	Aug. 2010	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items	100.000	214.205	214.306	1.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	638.052	638.353	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.425	219.175	219.817	1.4	.3	.0	.2	.3
Food	15.333	218.696	219.376	1.4	.3	.0	.2	.3
Food at home	8.900	214.392	215.058	1.4	.3	.0	.0	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.257	250.327	250.654	-4	.1	-2	.2	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.144	208.676	211.109	5.0	1.2	.3	-3	.9
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.898	197.651	197.812	3.0	.1	.6	-1	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.223	263.946	266.461	.2	1.0	-1.8	.4	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.123	161.353	161.210	-7	-1	.7	-2	-1
Other food at home	2.254	191.226	190.318	.2	-5	.2	.3	-1
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	198.872	200.971	2.5	1.1	.4	-2	1.1
Fats and oils .....	.259	201.786	202.118	.7	.2	.0	.6	.1
Other foods	1.674	206.021	204.234	-3	-9	.2	.3	-3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.472	121.804	122.164	-3	.3	.3	-3	.3
Food away from home ¹	6.433	226.481	227.188	1.4	.3	-1	.3	.3
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.321	159.866	160.755	2.3	.6	.1	.1	.6
Alcoholic beverages	1.092	224.749	224.828	1.5	.0	.7	.1	.1
Housing	39.753	213.603	213.294	.0	-1	.1	.0	.0
Shelter	30.171	242.295	242.338	-2	.0	.1	.0	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	8.476	247.250	247.589	.0	.1	.0	-1	.1
Lodging away from home ² .....	.432	140.967	136.488	1.2	-3.2	.3	-2.0	-3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	20.959	232.373	232.472	-1	.0	.1	.0	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.218	232.374	232.473	-1	.0	.1	.0	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.303	127.526	127.718	4.1	.2	.5	.5	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.632	218.703	216.787	2.8	-9	.6	.6	-4
Household energy	4.517	193.259	191.066	2.2	-1.1	.6	.7	-7
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.271	264.904	267.283	12.3	.9	-1.6	.6	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.246	198.640	196.143	1.6	-1.3	.8	.7	-8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.114	172.934	173.258	5.8	.2	.4	.2	.5
Household furnishings and operations	3.950	120.912	120.560	-3.0	-3	-2	-1	-3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.369	153.542	152.851	-5	-5	.3	-1	-5
Apparel	3.788	115.600	119.942	-1.8	3.8	.4	-4	-4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.945	110.005	111.901	-1.6	1.7	-5	.1	-6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	101.483	108.532	-3.2	6.9	.8	-7	-3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.285	116.066	116.688	-2.0	.5	2.0	-2.1	-1.6
Footwear .....	.781	125.535	128.436	-4	2.3	.3	-5	-2
Transportation	18.647	192.657	191.517	5.2	-6	1.5	1.6	.6
Private transportation	17.881	189.261	188.152	5.2	-6	1.6	1.7	.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.952	97.389	96.860	5.7	-5	.3	.4	-3
New vehicles	3.385	138.152	138.353	2.0	.1	.1	.2	.1
Used cars and trucks	2.944	148.782	146.959	12.9	-1.2	.8	.7	-6
Motor fuel	5.774	236.436	233.370	5.5	-1.3	4.4	4.7	2.1
Gasoline (all types)	5.530	235.966	232.783	5.2	-1.3	4.6	3.9	1.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.472	137.612	137.728	3.2	.1	.4	.3	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.180	251.084	251.938	2.1	.3	.0	.4	.3
Public transportation .....	.766	251.634	249.816	4.9	-7	-6	.0	.4
Medical care	5.261	389.905	392.028	3.6	.5	.0	.2	.6
Medical care commodities ¹	1.301	306.541	307.322	2.7	.3	-2	.3	.3
Medical care services	3.961	414.344	416.993	3.9	.6	.0	.2	.7
Professional services	2.195	332.656	333.547	3.1	.3	.3	.2	.4

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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 Sep. 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	Aug. 2010	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Hospital and related services ³	1.339	607.181	615.785	7.9	1.4	-0.2	0.5	1.5
Recreation ²	6.031	109.967	109.626	-1.4	-3	-2	-2	-3
Video and audio ²	2.046	99.385	99.199	-2.0	-2	-3	-4	.0
Education and communication ²	6.175	125.425	125.818	1.2	.3	.2	.0	-1
Education ²	2.327	198.537	200.329	4.0	.9	.4	.0	-2
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	508.150	512.303	3.1	.8	-3	-1.1	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.131	558.909	563.998	4.1	.9	.4	.1	-3
Communication ²	3.848	87.391	87.343	-5	-1	.1	.0	-1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.715	85.201	85.154	-6	-1	.1	.0	-1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.906	102.239	102.325	-6	.1	.2	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.809	9.947	9.891	-8	-6	-2	-1	-6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶ .....	.225	75.848	75.356	-3.2	-6	.5	.2	-1
Other goods and services	3.919	412.453	412.690	3.1	.1	.9	.3	.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.397	827.609	828.794	6.8	.1	1.6	.4	.1
Personal care	2.522	204.604	204.620	1.0	.0	.5	.2	-1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.733	161.376	161.132	-7	-2	.9	.0	-2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.577	230.625	230.624	.9	.0	.1	-1	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.019	356.582	357.423	2.8	.2	.4	.2	.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	43.589	177.003	177.267	2.0	.1	.6	.7	.3
Food and beverages	16.425	219.175	219.817	1.4	.3	.0	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	27.164	154.309	154.406	2.4	.1	1.0	1.0	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	16.703	196.297	197.015	2.0	.4	1.7	1.5	.6
Apparel	3.788	115.600	119.942	-1.8	3.8	.4	-4	-4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	12.915	250.745	249.301	3.2	-6	2.1	2.2	1.0
Durables	10.461	113.125	112.646	2.9	-4	.1	.3	-2
Services	56.411	257.745	257.663	.9	.0	.2	.1	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.868	233.478	233.516	-2	.0	.0	.0	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.303	127.526	127.718	4.1	.2	.5	.5	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.246	198.640	196.143	1.6	-1.3	.8	.7	-8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.114	172.934	173.258	5.8	.2	.4	.2	.5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.369	153.542	152.851	-5	-5	.3	-1	-5
Transportation services	5.918	260.904	260.813	3.2	.0	.2	.1	.2
Medical care services	3.961	414.344	416.993	3.9	.6	.0	.2	.7
Other services	10.631	297.576	297.815	1.2	.1	.2	.0	-2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.667	213.224	213.223	1.4	.0	.4	.4	.1
All items less shelter	69.829	206.276	206.399	2.1	.1	.5	.5	.2
All items less medical care	94.739	207.068	207.107	1.3	.0	.4	.4	.1
Commodities less food	28.256	156.695	156.792	2.3	.1	1.0	1.0	.3
Nondurables less food	17.795	198.064	198.749	1.9	.3	1.6	1.5	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.007	247.415	246.106	3.0	-5	2.0	2.0	.9
Nondurables	33.128	208.167	208.853	1.7	.3	.9	.9	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.543	253.551	253.335	2.3	-1	.2	.2	.0
Services less medical care services	52.450	246.681	246.476	.7	-1	.1	.1	.1
Energy	10.291	212.996	210.386	4.0	-1.2	2.7	2.9	.9
All items less energy	89.709	215.312	215.742	1.1	.2	.1	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	74.376	215.009	215.388	1.1	.2	.1	.0	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.211	145.557	146.170	1.4	.4	.2	.1	-2
Energy commodities	6.045	238.785	235.913	5.8	-1.2	4.1	4.5	2.0
Services less energy services	52.165	264.149	264.342	.9	.1	.1	.0	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.467	\$.467	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.157	\$.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—		
	June 2010	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sep. 2010	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2010
Expenditure category										
All items	212.487	213.275	214.019	214.345	3.0	1.6	-2.4	3.5	2.3	0.5
Food and beverages	218.830	218.851	219.203	219.852	1.2	1.9	.7	1.9	1.6	1.3
Food	218.416	218.336	218.696	219.367	1.1	2.2	.6	1.8	1.6	1.2
Food at home	214.353	214.312	214.392	215.042	.8	3.7	.1	1.3	2.2	.7
Cereals and bakery products	249.676	249.053	249.429	251.234	1.7	-2.9	-3.0	2.5	-6	-3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	208.396	208.949	208.288	210.142	.3	4.4	12.1	3.4	2.3	7.6
Dairy and related products ¹	196.663	197.782	197.651	197.812	3.2	8.1	-1.4	2.4	5.6	.4
Fruits and vegetables	271.241	266.463	267.571	267.680	.2	19.8	-11.1	-5.1	9.6	-8.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	160.429	161.496	161.246	161.087	-1.3	-1	-3.1	1.7	-.7	-.7
Other food at home	189.767	190.144	190.637	190.495	1.2	-1.3	-.5	1.5	-.1	.5
Sugar and sweets	198.514	199.386	199.065	201.240	3.9	.2	.5	5.6	2.0	3.0
Fats and oils	200.054	199.998	201.168	201.340	.0	-3.2	3.8	2.6	-1.6	3.2
Other foods	204.250	204.633	205.225	204.561	.9	-1.3	-1.3	.6	-.2	-.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	121.830	122.217	121.804	122.164	1.0	-.8	-2.3	1.1	.1	-.6
Food away from home ¹	225.846	225.707	226.481	227.188	1.5	.2	1.4	2.4	.9	1.9
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	159.601	159.725	159.866	160.755	-.8	5.7	1.5	2.9	2.4	2.2
Alcoholic beverages	223.450	224.936	225.179	225.507	3.2	-2.3	1.5	3.7	.4	2.6
Housing	212.526	212.756	212.842	212.764	.4	-.2	-.8	.4	.1	-.2
Shelter	242.233	242.390	242.282	242.448	-.6	-1.2	.7	.4	-.9	.5
Rent of primary residence ³	247.585	247.705	247.460	247.767	-.7	.3	.2	.3	-.2	.3
Lodging away from home ²	138.894	139.345	136.626	136.197	-3.3	-4.6	22.4	-7.5	-4.0	6.4
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{3 4}	232.272	232.411	232.443	232.567	-.4	-.9	.4	.5	-.7	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	232.275	232.411	232.444	232.568	-.4	-.9	.4	.5	-.7	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	126.345	126.950	127.526	127.718	5.9	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.5	3.8
Fuels and utilities	211.014	212.231	213.407	212.484	7.4	8.4	-6.4	2.8	7.9	-1.9
Household energy	185.237	186.400	187.614	186.387	8.0	8.4	-9.1	2.5	8.2	-3.5
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	267.671	263.269	264.904	267.283	54.0	23.3	-15.7	-.6	37.8	-8.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	189.775	191.240	192.489	191.045	5.7	7.5	-8.6	2.7	6.6	-3.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	171.367	172.010	172.296	173.079	5.0	9.0	5.0	4.1	7.0	4.5
Household furnishings and operations	121.367	121.071	121.001	120.681	-2.3	-3.8	-3.8	-2.2	-3.0	-3.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	153.235	153.634	153.542	152.851	-3.0	-1.1	3.1	-1.0	-2.0	1.0
Apparel	119.096	119.544	119.017	118.544	-2.1	-4.8	1.4	-1.8	-3.4	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	113.393	112.845	112.965	112.281	-6.1	-5.7	10.3	-3.9	-5.9	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel	105.953	106.821	106.111	105.776	-2.9	-4.6	-4.5	-.7	-3.8	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.487	120.885	118.376	116.525	-7.7	3.7	3.0	-6.5	-2.2	-1.8
Footwear	127.913	128.294	127.689	127.444	3.7	-6.0	2.3	-1.5	-1.3	.4
Transportation	186.209	189.020	192.130	193.376	14.1	6.1	-13.0	16.3	10.0	.6
Private transportation	182.732	185.661	188.845	190.087	13.9	6.6	-13.8	17.1	10.2	.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	96.497	96.827	97.221	96.958	15.0	3.8	2.4	1.9	9.3	2.2
New vehicles	139.038	139.218	139.526	139.661	7.2	-1.5	.5	1.8	2.8	1.2
Used cars and trucks	144.773	145.889	146.935	146.033	32.8	11.1	6.5	3.5	21.5	5.0
Motor fuel	214.902	224.320	234.907	239.792	20.0	11.2	-40.2	55.0	15.5	-3.7
Gasoline (all types)	215.031	224.891	233.750	237.478	25.5	8.4	-39.4	48.8	16.6	-5.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	136.719	137.218	137.612	137.728	4.2	2.0	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	250.142	250.143	251.084	251.938	1.6	2.1	1.6	2.9	1.9	2.3
Public transportation	249.252	247.744	247.825	248.885	18.9	-6.2	9.0	-.6	5.6	4.1
Medical care	389.639	389.453	390.299	392.737	2.7	6.1	2.6	3.2	4.4	2.9
Medical care commodities ¹	306.440	305.764	306.541	307.322	.9	7.9	1.2	1.2	4.3	1.2
Medical care services	414.012	414.049	414.900	417.992	3.3	5.5	3.0	3.9	4.4	3.4
Professional services	330.959	331.963	332.739	334.108	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.9	2.7	3.5

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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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Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services ³	608.514	606.994	609.797	618.805	7.1	12.2	5.5	6.9	9.6	6.2
Recreation ²	110.196	109.992	109.813	109.532	-3.2	-.7	.6	-2.4	-2.0	-.9
Video and audio ²	99.980	99.646	99.260	99.299	-1.6	-2.6	-1.1	-2.7	-2.1	-1.9
Education and communication ²	125.018	125.256	125.272	125.137	1.0	2.4	1.2	.4	1.7	.8
Education ²	197.168	197.893	197.914	197.532	4.2	6.2	5.0	.7	5.2	2.9
Educational books and supplies	512.033	510.490	504.799	507.899	6.1	4.6	5.3	-3.2	5.3	1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	554.317	556.699	557.331	555.849	4.0	6.4	5.0	1.1	5.2	3.0
Communication ²	87.306	87.375	87.388	87.340	-1.2	.0	-1.1	.2	-.6	-.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.115	85.186	85.201	85.154	-1.3	-.2	-1.2	.2	-.7	-.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.021	102.185	102.239	102.325	-1.2	-2.1	-.1	1.2	-1.6	.5
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.976	9.957	9.947	9.891	-1.6	6.8	-4.8	-3.4	2.5	-4.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	75.763	76.168	76.335	76.253	-3.0	-3.0	-9.0	2.6	-3.0	-3.4
Other goods and services	408.314	411.916	413.142	413.007	3.8	1.0	3.1	4.7	2.4	3.9
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	811.325	824.198	827.609	828.794	6.9	1.7	9.9	8.9	4.2	9.4
Personal care	203.690	204.671	205.143	204.868	1.8	.5	-.6	2.3	1.2	.9
Personal care products ¹	159.900	161.416	161.376	161.132	-.2	.5	-6.1	3.1	.1	-1.6
Personal care services ¹	230.472	230.769	230.625	230.624	.2	-.2	3.5	.3	.0	1.9
Miscellaneous personal services	354.233	355.713	356.397	356.667	4.9	3.3	.3	2.8	4.1	1.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	174.912	176.029	177.262	177.809	5.4	2.7	-6.3	6.8	4.0	.0
Food and beverages	218.830	218.851	219.203	219.852	1.2	1.9	.7	1.9	1.6	1.3
Commodities less food and beverages	151.534	153.086	154.660	155.148	8.0	3.2	-10.3	9.9	5.5	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	190.600	193.805	196.796	197.981	9.1	2.6	-17.0	16.4	5.8	-1.7
Apparel	119.096	119.544	119.017	118.544	-2.1	-4.8	1.4	-1.8	-3.4	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	239.549	244.635	249.977	252.387	10.8	5.6	-21.5	23.2	8.2	-1.6
Durables	112.718	112.840	113.188	112.925	9.7	.6	.8	.7	5.1	.8
Services	256.454	256.860	257.025	257.115	1.1	1.0	.8	1.0	1.0	.9
Rent of shelter ⁴	233.089	233.052	233.137	233.640	-.2	-2.0	.3	.9	-1.1	.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	126.345	126.950	127.526	127.718	5.9	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.5	3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	189.775	191.240	192.489	191.045	5.7	7.5	-8.6	2.7	6.6	-3.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	171.367	172.010	172.296	173.079	5.0	9.0	5.0	4.1	7.0	4.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	153.235	153.634	153.542	152.851	-3.0	-1.1	3.1	-1.0	-2.0	1.0
Transportation services	259.839	260.234	260.588	261.213	5.0	3.0	2.9	2.1	4.0	2.5
Medical care services	414.012	414.049	414.900	417.992	3.3	5.5	3.0	3.9	4.4	3.4
Other services	296.522	297.141	297.236	296.788	.8	1.4	2.5	.4	1.1	1.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	211.254	212.194	213.004	213.269	3.4	1.5	-2.9	3.9	2.4	.4
All items less shelter	203.939	204.964	206.024	206.412	4.6	2.9	-3.7	4.9	3.7	.5
All items less medical care	205.321	206.132	206.865	207.125	3.0	1.4	-2.7	3.6	2.2	.4
Commodities less food	153.951	155.506	157.049	157.535	7.8	2.9	-9.9	9.6	5.3	-.6
Nondurables less food	192.563	195.686	198.552	199.695	8.7	2.3	-16.1	15.7	5.5	-1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	237.103	241.864	246.763	248.977	10.2	5.1	-19.9	21.6	7.6	-1.3
Nondurables	204.622	206.494	208.421	209.473	4.4	3.0	-9.5	9.8	3.7	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	250.979	251.382	251.873	251.937	3.4	3.2	1.0	1.5	3.3	1.3
Services less medical care services	245.258	245.438	245.645	245.846	1.2	.1	.6	1.0	.6	.8
Energy	198.255	203.561	209.481	211.343	14.7	10.0	-28.0	29.1	12.3	-3.6
All items less energy	215.163	215.408	215.528	215.669	1.7	.7	1.1	.9	1.2	1.0
All items less food and energy	214.887	215.198	215.269	215.303	1.8	.4	1.2	.8	1.1	1.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	145.835	146.172	146.280	146.012	4.4	.1	.5	.5	2.3	.5
Energy commodities	218.075	227.010	237.307	242.121	21.3	11.7	-39.2	52.0	16.4	-3.9
Services less energy services	263.722	264.007	264.048	264.313	.7	.5	1.6	.9	.6	1.2

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

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

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2010 from—			Percent change to Aug.2010 from—		
		June 2010	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	July 2010	Aug. 2010	Aug. 2009	June 2010	July 2010
U.S. city average	M	213.839	213.898	214.205	214.306	1.4	0.2	0.0	1.4	0.2	0.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	231.308	231.380	231.694	231.566	1.5	.1	-1	1.8	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	231.552	231.615	231.995	231.881	1.2	.1	.0	1.5	.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	140.227	140.283	140.390	140.295	2.1	.0	-1	2.4	.1	.1
Midwest urban	M	203.524	203.877	204.273	204.442	1.9	.3	.1	1.8	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.063	203.363	203.593	203.946	1.7	.3	.2	1.4	.3	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.845	134.136	134.426	134.361	2.2	.2	.0	2.2	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	201.654	201.950	202.896	203.086	1.8	.6	.1	1.8	.6	.5
South urban	M	208.640	208.440	208.740	209.155	1.7	.3	.2	1.4	.0	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	210.985	210.592	210.831	211.393	1.3	.4	.3	.9	-1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.227	133.227	133.420	133.680	1.8	.3	.2	1.6	.1	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	215.416	214.840	215.354	215.346	2.1	.2	.0	2.0	.0	.2
West urban	M	215.681	215.824	216.048	215.804	.6	.0	-1	1.0	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	218.238	218.499	218.784	218.524	.7	.0	-1	1.0	.3	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.448	133.471	133.480	133.346	.4	-1	-1	.8	.0	.0
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	197.852	197.908	198.168	198.278	1.2	.2	.1	1.2	.2	.1
B/C ³	M	134.349	134.420	134.581	134.644	1.7	.2	.0	1.7	.2	.1
D	M	209.374	209.161	209.863	209.864	1.7	.3	.0	1.7	.2	.3
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	205.834	206.307	206.338	206.897	1.3	.3	.3	1.0	.2	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	218.222	218.367	218.752	218.427	.5	.0	-1	1.0	.2	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	235.916	236.330	236.820	236.725	1.4	.2	.0	1.7	.4	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	236.657	-	236.844	.5	.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	195.477	-	196.787	2.1	.7	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	203.537	-	205.602	.6	1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	141.926	-	142.755	1.5	.6	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	204.084	-	203.745	-	-	-	-	.7	-.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	200.703	-	201.359	-	-	-	-	.6	.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	192.696	-	193.276	-	-	-	-	2.0	.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	220.384	-	220.790	-	-	-	-	.8	.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	228.175	-	228.523	-	-	-	-	1.3	.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	224.185	-	224.195	-	-	-	-	1.3	.0	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	221.857	-	223.444	-	-	-	-	.7	.7	-

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2007-2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2010 from—	
		Aug. 2010	Sep. 2010	Sep. 2009	Aug. 2010
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	126.353	126.418	0.9	0.1
Food and beverages	14.519	128.118	128.713	1.3	.5
Food	13.493	128.064	128.683	1.3	.5
Food at home	7.780	122.994	123.467	1.3	.4
Food away from home	5.712	134.987	135.821	1.3	.6
Alcoholic beverages	1.027	129.286	129.566	1.0	.2
Housing	42.074	128.757	128.505	-.3	-.2
Shelter	32.119	131.134	131.106	-.4	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.231	163.017	161.361	3.0	-1.0
Household furnishings and operations	4.724	92.604	92.177	-3.4	-.5
Apparel	3.772	86.736	89.951	-1.7	3.7
Transportation	17.199	132.073	131.313	4.7	-.6
Private transportation	16.013	132.593	131.858	4.7	-.6
Public transportation	1.186	125.033	123.963	5.3	-.9
Medical care	6.294	150.417	151.186	3.1	.5
Medical care commodities	1.570	132.621	133.004	2.5	.3
Medical care services	4.723	156.948	157.867	3.4	.6
Recreation	6.625	103.042	102.617	-2.5	-.4
Education and communication	6.288	112.876	113.302	1.2	.4
Education	2.804	185.792	187.500	3.9	.9
Communication	3.484	73.034	72.993	-.9	-.1
Other goods and services	3.229	138.760	138.734	2.0	.0
Commodity and service group					
Services	59.383	136.031	135.941	.7	-.1
Commodities	40.617	114.467	114.721	1.2	.2
Durables	10.376	81.114	80.769	.7	-.4
Nondurables	30.241	131.837	132.423	1.4	.4
All items less food and energy	76.901	119.885	120.061	.5	.1
Energy	9.606	188.497	186.018	4.2	-1.3

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.