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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent in January, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The January level of 198.3 (1982-84=100) was 4.0 percent higher than in January 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.8 percent in January, prior to seasonal adjustment. The January level of 194.0 (1982-84=100) was 4.1 percent higher than in January 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.7 percent in January on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The January level of 115.2 (December 1999=100) was 3.4 percent higher than in January 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision. Previously published and revised data for 2004 and 2005 are shown on page 5.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.7 percent in January, following declines in each of the previous two months. Energy costs increased 5.0 percent in January, its first advance since September and accounted for about 70 percent of the advance in the overall CPI-U. Within energy, the index (cont. on page 2.)

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan.'06	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005						2006		
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All Items	.6	.6	1.2	.3	-.7	-.1	.7	-.2	4.0
Food and beverages	.2	.1	.3	.2	.3	.1	.5	3.4	2.6
Housing	.4	.2	.5	.9	.4	.2	.5	4.1	4.3
Apparel	-.6	.7	-.1	-.3	.1	-.3	.3	.7	-1.0
Transportation	2.1	2.3	5.0	-1.2	-4.9	-.7	1.8	-14.7	7.3
Medical care	.4	.1	.3	.6	.5	.2	.1	3.5	4.0
Recreation	.1	.3	.4	.2	-.1	.1	.0	.0	.9
Education and communication	.1	.0	.6	.0	.4	.2	.4	4.3	2.7
Other goods and services	.5	.2	.2	.1	.3	.4	.3	4.0	2.9
Special indexes:									
Energy	5.3	5.1	11.8	.0	-8.1	-2.1	5.0	-20.6	24.8
Food	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	.1	.5	3.4	2.6
All items less food and energy	.2	.1	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	2.4	2.1

Note: Seasonal factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 2005. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures above and elsewhere in this report differ from those previously published. See the technical note on page 9 for details.

Effective with this month's release the CPI expenditure weights have been updated to 2003-04. See page 4 for notes on changes introduced into the CPI in 2006.

for petroleum-based energy increased 5.7 percent and the index for energy services rose 4.2 percent. The food index rose 0.5 percent in January after increasing 0.1 percent in December. Increases in fresh fruit and vegetable prices accounted for more than half of the 0.5 percent rise in the index for food at home. The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.2 percent in January, following a 0.1 percent increase in December, reflecting upturns in the indexes for new vehicles and for apparel.

The food and beverages index rose 0.5 percent in January. The index for food at home also rose 0.5 percent, following a 0.1 percent increase in December. Each of the six major grocery store food groups contributed to the acceleration in January. The index for fruits and vegetables registered the largest advance--up 1.7 percent, following a 0.7 percent rise in December. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables increased 2.7 and 2.1 percent, respectively, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables decreased 0.7 percent. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for dairy products, each of which declined in December, rose 0.5 percent in January. The index for other food at home also rose 0.5 percent, reflecting large increases in the indexes for fats and oils and for spices, seasonings, condiments, and sauces. The index for nonalcoholic beverages also turned up in January, reflecting price increases for carbonated and noncarbonated juices and drinks. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which was unchanged in December, increased 0.1 percent in January. Price increases for beef, for fish and seafood, and for eggs--up 0.6, 0.9, and 3.6 percent, respectively--were largely offset by decreases in prices for pork, for other meats, and for poultry. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.2 percent in December, increased 0.5 percent in January. The index for fuels and utilities, which decreased 1.3 percent in December, increased 3.4 percent in January. The index for fuel oil declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 1.9 percent in January. This decline was more than offset by increased charges for energy services. The indexes for electricity and for natural gas each turned up in January, advancing 5.5 and 1.7 percent, respectively. The index for shelter increased 0.1 percent in January, following a 0.3 percent rise in December. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.1 percent; owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 percent; and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 3.8 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations, which rose 0.5 percent in December, declined 0.3 percent in January.

The transportation index rose 1.8 percent in January. Gasoline prices, which had declined in each of the preceding three months, rose 6.4 percent in January and accounted for almost 90 percent of the January transportation advance. The index for new vehicles increased 0.6 percent in January, following declines in each of the preceding two months. (As of January, about 85 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2006 models. The 2006 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.1 percent in January. The index for public transportation rose 1.3 percent in January, reflecting an upturn in airline fares. Airline fares rose 1.2 percent in January, following large declines in November and December.

The index for apparel rose 0.3 percent in January, following a 0.3 percent decline in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 2.2 percent, reflecting post-holiday discounting.)

Medical care costs rose 0.1 percent in January and are 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services was virtually unchanged in January. A 0.3 percent decrease in the index for professional services was offset by a 0.7 percent increase in the index for hospital and related services.

The index for recreation was unchanged in January. Increases in the indexes for newspapers and magazines--up 0.8 percent--for sporting goods, for pets, pet products and services, and for club membership dues and fees for participant sports--each up 0.3 percent--were offset by declines in the indexes for video and audio, for toys, and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for education and communication rose 0.4 percent in January. Educational costs increased 0.7 percent, reflecting increases in the indexes for child care and nursery school and for college textbooks--up 1.1 and 1.4 percent, respectively. Communication costs increased 0.2 percent as a 5.3 percent increase in

postal charges more than offset a 0.9 percent decrease in the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.3 percent in January, reflecting increases of 0.4 percent in the index for tobacco and smoking products and 0.2 percent in the index for personal care.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.7 percent in January.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan.'06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan.'06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005						2006		
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All Items	.7	.7	1.4	.2	-.8	-.1	.7	-1.0	4.1
Food and beverages	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	3.4	2.5
Housing	.4	.3	.6	.9	.4	.1	.5	4.0	4.5
Apparel	-.3	.6	-.4	-.2	.0	-.3	.0	-1.0	-1.6
Transportation	2.3	2.5	5.3	-1.3	-5.2	-.7	1.8	-15.5	7.6
Medical care	.3	.1	.3	.6	.6	.2	.1	3.5	4.0
Recreation	.0	.3	.4	.3	-.2	.0	.0	-.7	.7
Education and communication	.0	-.1	.7	-.1	.4	.1	.4	4.0	2.3
Other goods and services	.6	.2	.3	.0	.3	.4	.3	4.0	3.0
Special indexes:									
Energy	5.5	5.3	12.1	-.3	-8.7	-2.1	5.0	-22.3	24.7
Food	.1	.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	3.4	2.6
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	1.9	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for February are scheduled for release on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

CPI (Old Weights)

For the first six months of 2006, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 2001-02 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 2004 through 2005. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From December 2005 to January 2006, the Old Weight CPI-U rose 0.8 percent and the Old Weight CPI-W also rose 0.8 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

Changes in the Consumer Price Index in 2006

Expenditure Weight Update

As announced, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has updated the consumption expenditure weights in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to the 2003-04 period. The updated expenditure weights for these indexes replace the 2001-2002 weights that were introduced effective with the January 2004 CPI release. As originally announced by BLS in December 1998, CPI expenditure weights will continue to be updated at two-year intervals subsequent to the 2006 updating.

For the first six months of 2006, BLS will continue to calculate and publish selected CPI-U and CPI-W “overlap” indexes using the 2001-2002 expenditure pattern that was introduced into the CPI in 2004. These indexes will be compiled on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Comparison of these index series to the corresponding updated series will enable users of the CPI to observe the effects of the expenditure weight change. The subsequent expenditure updates scheduled in 2008 and every two years thereafter also will be accompanied by the publication of overlap indexes for a six-month period using the previous expenditure pattern.

Change to Published Item Structure

Effective with release of the January 2006 CPI, BLS began publishing item indexes for Health insurance and for Care of invalids and elderly at home. Note, the Health insurance index only reflects changes in the cost for individual insurance carriers of administering policies, maintaining reserves, and profits. The CPI does not directly reflect health insurance premiums for use in the index. (For details on how health insurance is treated in the CPI, see “Measuring Price Change for Medical Care in the CPI,” on the CPI home page <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>) These indexes are available at the U.S. City Average area level for both the CPI-U and CPI-W with a December 2005 = 100 reference base. In addition, new indexes based on substantially smaller samples will be published for the CPI-U only on a December 2005 = 100 reference base. These are: 1) Food at elementary and secondary schools, 2) Infants’ furniture, and 3) Infants’ equipment.

C-CPI-U Index Revisions

In accordance with the previously-announced schedule, the Bureau of Labor Statistics is revising the 2004 and 2005 values of the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), effective with the release of January 2006 data.

The C-CPI-U was introduced with release of July data on August 16, 2002. The index in its final form employs a Tornqvist formula and utilizes expenditure data in adjacent time periods in order to reflect the effect of any substitution that consumers make across item categories in response to changes in relative prices. The C-CPI-U was designed to be a closer approximation to a “cost-of-living” index than the CPI-U and CPI-W. The use of expenditure data for both a base period and a current period distinguishes the C-CPI-U from the other CPI measures, which use only a single expenditure base period to compute price change over time.

Because the current expenditure data required for the calculation of the C-CPI-U are available only with a time lag, the index is issued first in preliminary form, using the latest available expenditure data at the time of publication, and is subject to two subsequent revisions. The preliminary values for each month of the preceding two years are revised annually with release of the January index. Expenditure data for the year 2004 are now available, and the C-CPI-U indexes for that year are now in final form. The initial indexes for 2005 are now revised interim indexes. The C-CPI-U U.S. All Items index values for 2004 and 2005 as originally published and revised are shown below.

For more information on the C-CPI-U, write to:

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U.S. City Average C-CPI-U All Items

2004	Interim	Final
January	108.3	108.5
February	108.9	109.1
March	109.6	109.7
April	109.9	110.0
May	110.3	110.6
June	110.6	110.8
July	110.5	110.7
August	110.5	110.7
September	110.8	111.0
October	111.3	111.6
November	111.3	111.6
December	110.9	111.2
Annual average	110.2	110.5

2005	Initial	Interim
January	111.1	111.4
February	111.7	112.0
March	112.5	112.7
April	113.1	113.3
May	113.1	113.3
June	113.0	113.3
July	113.4	113.6
August	113.8	114.0
September	114.7	115.1
October	115.0	115.4
November	114.4	114.8
December	114.0	114.4
Annual average	n.a.	113.6

Over-the-month percent changes in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for All Items and for All Items less food and energy, seasonally adjusted, using former and recalculated seasonal factors for 2005.

All Items

2005	Former	Recalculated	Difference
January	.1	.1	.0
February	.4	.4	.0
March	.6	.6	.0
April	.5	.5	.0
May	-.1	-.1	.0
June	.0	-.1	-.1
July	.5	.6	.1
August	.5	.6	.1
September	1.2	1.2	.0
October	.2	.3	.1
November	-.6	-.7	-.1
December	-.1	-.1	.0

All Items less food and energy

2005	Former	Recalculated	Difference
January	.2	.3	.1
February	.3	.2	-.1
March	.4	.3	-.1
April	.0	.1	.1
May	.1	.1	.0
June	.1	.0	-.1
July	.1	.2	.1
August	.1	.1	.0
September	.1	.1	.0
October	.2	.2	.0
November	.2	.2	.0
December	.2	.1	-.1

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 87 urban areas across the country from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

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

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

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	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

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 unadjusted 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 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. 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 for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2006.

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 Fuel oil, Utility (piped) gas, Motor fuels, and Educational books and supplies indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of sharp rises in the price of coffee futures. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, changes in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk, butter and cheese production levels. For Fresh vegetable series, the method was used to account for the effects of hurricane-related disruptions. For Electricity, it was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than expected weather, increased rates to conserve supplies, and declining natural gas inventories.

For New vehicle series, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

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 Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at Chow.Daniel@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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
All items	100.000	196.8	198.3	4.0	0.8	-0.7	-0.1	0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	589.4	593.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.051	193.2	194.5	2.6	.7	.3	.1	.5
Food	13.942	192.9	194.1	2.6	.6	.3	.1	.5
Food at home	7.988	191.7	193.4	2.4	.9	.3	.1	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.098	208.4	210.6	1.4	1.1	.2	-1.1	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.133	185.7	185.8	1.3	.1	.7	.0	.1
Dairy and related products .....	.852	183.2	183.7	.2	.3	.7	-3.3	.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	252.3	258.5	6.4	2.5	.0	.7	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	145.5	147.2	3.5	1.2	.4	-1.1	.3
Other food at home	1.777	167.6	169.1	2.1	.9	-3.3	.2	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	167.8	169.3	3.9	.9	.4	1.0	.2
Fats and oils .....	.231	165.2	169.9	-3	2.8	.1	-3	1.4
Other foods ¹	1.244	183.3	184.3	2.2	.5	-5	.2	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.328	112.4	112.6	2.3	.2	.5	-3	.2
Food away from home ¹	5.953	196.0	196.6	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.277	133.7	134.1	5.2	.3	.3	.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.109	196.4	198.0	1.9	.8	.2	-4	.8
Housing	42.380	198.3	200.0	4.3	.9	.4	.2	.5
Shelter	32.260	225.6	226.8	2.6	.5	.3	.3	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	5.832	220.5	220.9	3.0	.2	.2	.2	.1
Lodging away from home ²	2.611	122.8	127.5	4.0	3.8	1.1	.8	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.442	232.8	233.4	2.5	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.1	115.9	-2.2	-2	.1	.2	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.371	191.6	198.7	19.1	3.7	1.2	-1.3	3.4
Fuels	4.494	174.7	182.1	22.2	4.2	1.4	-1.6	3.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	227.8	229.5	26.7	.7	-3.8	-1.0	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	180.0	188.1	21.9	4.5	1.8	-1.6	4.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	132.9	134.0	5.0	.8	.5	.4	.7
Household furnishings and operations	4.749	126.4	126.5	.3	.1	.1	.5	-3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	133.3	134.1	4.8	.6	.7	.6	.6
Apparel	3.786	117.5	114.9	-1.0	-2.2	.1	-3	.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	114.1	112.4	-2.3	-1.5	-2	-3	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.612	108.9	103.0	-2.0	-5.4	1.0	-4	-6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	115.0	113.3	-3.6	-1.5	-3	.8	.2
Footwear .....	.759	121.4	122.3	2.4	.7	-1.0	-4	2.1
Transportation	17.415	172.7	175.9	7.3	1.9	-4.9	-7	1.8
Private transportation	16.329	168.9	172.1	7.2	1.9	-5.1	-8	1.8
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.858	95.8	96.2	.4	.4	-3	-2	.3
New vehicles	5.155	138.3	139.3	-4	.7	-1	-1	.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.799	139.2	139.3	1.3	.1	-9	-1	.1
Motor fuel	4.191	187.3	199.2	27.4	6.4	-16.0	-2.7	6.2
Gasoline (all types)	4.148	186.2	198.2	27.4	6.4	-16.1	-2.7	6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.362	114.0	114.4	3.4	.4	.5	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.131	210.7	211.2	3.5	.2	.2	.1	.2
Public transportation	1.087	217.6	219.9	7.6	1.1	.1	-5	1.3
Medical care	6.220	328.4	329.5	4.0	.3	.5	.2	.1
Medical care commodities	1.457	280.8	282.0	3.8	.4	.6	.2	.4
Medical care services	4.764	342.0	342.9	4.1	.3	.5	.2	.0
Professional services	2.815	284.9	284.7	3.1	-1	.4	.2	-3
Hospital and related services ³	1.576	449.7	453.6	5.2	.9	.7	.2	.7

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.637	109.7	109.9	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.783	103.9	104.1	-1	.2	-2	.0	-2
Education and communication ²	6.047	115.3	115.7	2.7	.3	.4	.2	.4
Education ²	2.967	157.6	158.3	6.4	.4	.5	.4	.7
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	374.3	379.2	6.1	1.3	.7	.5	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.771	455.3	457.2	6.4	.4	.5	.5	.7
Communication ²	3.080	84.3	84.5	-1.1	.2	.2	-1	.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.895	82.2	82.1	-1.3	-1	.2	.0	-1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.245	95.2	95.2	.4	.0	.6	.0	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.650	13.1	13.0	-8.5	-8	-1.5	.0	-8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.236	11.7	11.6	-17.1	-9	-1.6	-2.5	-9
Other goods and services	3.463	317.3	318.2	2.9	.3	.3	.4	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.710	513.1	515.1	4.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
Personal care	2.752	187.6	188.1	2.5	.3	.4	.4	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.710	155.4	155.8	1.8	.3	.0	.3	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.675	206.6	206.4	2.2	-1	.2	.7	-1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.172	306.6	308.2	3.2	.5	.3	.4	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.790	160.0	161.3	3.8	.8	-2.2	-3	.9
Food and beverages	15.051	193.2	194.5	2.6	.7	.3	.1	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	25.739	141.3	142.6	4.5	.9	-3.6	-6	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.163	166.3	168.7	8.7	1.4	-4.3	-7	2.3
Apparel	3.786	117.5	114.9	-1.0	-2.2	.1	-3	.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.377	200.4	206.0	12.4	2.8	-7.8	-1.1	2.5
Durables	11.576	114.9	115.3	-6	.3	-3	-1	.1
Services	59.210	233.2	234.9	4.1	.7	.4	.1	.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.884	235.0	236.2	2.7	.5	.3	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.1	115.9	-2.2	-2	.1	.2	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	180.0	188.1	21.9	4.5	1.8	-1.6	4.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	132.9	134.0	5.0	.8	.5	.4	.7
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	133.3	134.1	4.8	.6	.7	.6	.6
Transportation services	5.707	227.8	228.2	2.9	.2	.3	.0	.4
Medical care services	4.764	342.0	342.9	4.1	.3	.5	.2	.0
Other services	10.669	272.3	273.2	3.1	.3	.4	.3	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.058	197.4	199.0	4.2	.8	-8	-1	.7
All items less shelter	67.740	187.7	189.3	4.6	.9	-1.1	-2	.9
All items less medical care	93.780	190.0	191.6	4.0	.8	-7	-1	.7
Commodities less food	26.848	143.3	144.7	4.4	1.0	-3.5	-5	1.1
Nondurables less food	15.272	168.1	170.5	8.3	1.4	-4.0	-7	2.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.486	199.2	204.3	11.3	2.6	-7.2	-1.0	2.3
Nondurables	29.214	180.1	182.0	5.5	1.1	-2.1	-3	1.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.325	248.8	251.2	5.8	1.0	.6	.0	.9
Services less medical care services	54.446	224.2	225.9	4.1	.8	.3	.2	.5
Energy	8.685	180.0	189.5	24.8	5.3	-8.1	-2.1	5.0
All items less energy	91.315	200.1	200.8	2.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.373	202.1	202.6	2.1	.2	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.319	140.1	139.9	.1	-1	-1	.0	.2
Energy commodities	4.530	190.7	202.1	27.3	6.0	-15.3	-2.6	5.7
Services less energy services	55.055	238.7	239.7	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.508	\$.504	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.170	\$.168	-	-	-	-	-

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.

- 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—		
	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2005	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	July 2005	Jan. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	199.1	197.8	197.7	199.0	5.8	2.1	8.5	-0.2	3.9	4.0
Food and beverages	192.4	192.9	193.1	194.0	3.9	1.1	2.1	3.4	2.4	2.7
Food	192.0	192.5	192.7	193.6	3.9	1.1	2.3	3.4	2.5	2.8
Food at home	190.7	191.2	191.4	192.4	4.8	-4	1.5	3.6	2.1	2.5
Cereals and bakery products	209.7	210.1	209.9	211.0	1.2	-4	2.3	2.5	.4	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	184.5	185.7	185.7	185.8	4.2	-1.7	.0	2.8	1.2	1.4
Dairy and related products	181.7	183.0	182.5	183.4	.0	-1.5	-1.1	3.8	-8	1.3
Fruits and vegetables	245.6	245.5	247.2	251.5	10.0	.8	4.9	10.0	5.3	7.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	145.6	146.2	146.1	146.5	8.8	.8	2.2	2.5	4.7	2.4
Other food at home	168.2	167.7	168.1	169.0	4.7	.0	1.7	1.9	2.3	1.8
Sugar and sweets	166.7	167.4	169.0	169.3	5.3	3.2	.7	6.4	4.2	3.5
Fats and oils	167.5	167.6	167.1	169.4	-1.9	-3.0	-7	4.6	-2.5	1.9
Other foods ¹	184.0	183.0	183.3	184.3	6.1	.0	2.2	.7	3.0	1.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.1	112.7	112.4	112.6	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.8	2.6	2.0
Food away from home ¹	195.2	195.6	196.0	196.6	2.8	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.1
Other food away from home ²	133.2	133.6	133.9	134.2	6.4	7.3	3.7	3.0	6.8	3.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	196.8	197.1	196.4	198.0	3.3	-2	2.1	2.5	1.5	2.3
Housing	198.6	199.4	199.7	200.6	4.0	2.5	6.5	4.1	3.2	5.3
Shelter	225.8	226.5	227.2	227.4	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.6	2.4
Rent of primary residence ³	219.4	219.9	220.4	220.7	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.4	3.0	2.9
Lodging away from home ²	130.4	131.8	132.8	133.4	10.4	-2.4	-6	9.5	3.8	4.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	231.6	232.1	232.7	233.2	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.8	2.5	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.8	115.9	116.1	115.9	-1.0	-3	-7.6	.3	-7	-3.7
Fuels and utilities	193.7	196.0	193.5	200.0	11.2	7.6	47.7	13.7	9.4	29.6
Fuels	177.2	179.6	176.8	183.6	12.8	8.0	59.0	15.2	10.4	35.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	242.1	233.0	230.7	227.9	38.0	31.2	80.7	-21.5	34.6	19.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	181.8	185.1	182.1	189.8	10.9	6.1	57.4	18.8	8.5	36.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	131.9	132.6	133.1	134.0	4.5	6.0	3.1	6.5	5.2	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	126.2	126.8	126.4	-3	.3	.3	1.0	.0	.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	131.6	132.5	133.3	134.1	3.8	3.8	4.1	7.8	3.8	5.9
Apparel	118.9	119.0	118.7	119.1	-7	-4.9	1.0	.7	-2.8	.8
Men's and boys' apparel	115.1	114.9	114.6	114.8	.0	-9.5	1.8	-1.0	-4.9	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	109.5	110.6	110.2	109.5	-1.1	-5.3	-1.4	.0	-3.2	-7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	114.3	113.9	114.8	115.0	-3	-8.4	-7.7	2.5	-4.5	-2.7
Footwear	123.9	122.7	122.2	124.8	.0	2.3	4.3	2.9	1.2	3.6
Transportation	184.4	175.4	174.1	177.2	17.8	3.8	27.0	-14.7	10.6	4.1
Private transportation	180.8	171.5	170.2	173.3	18.5	3.4	28.2	-15.6	10.7	4.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.9	95.6	95.4	95.7	.8	.4	1.3	-.8	.6	.2
New vehicles	137.7	137.6	137.4	138.2	-6	-3.4	1.2	1.5	-2.0	1.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	140.6	139.4	139.2	139.3	1.8	8.7	-1.1	-3.6	5.2	-2.4
Motor fuel	237.5	199.4	194.1	206.2	88.0	10.1	123.2	-43.2	43.9	12.6
Gasoline (all types)	236.4	198.4	193.0	205.4	87.4	10.3	123.7	-43.0	43.8	12.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	113.0	113.6	114.0	114.4	.7	4.0	4.0	5.0	2.4	4.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	209.6	210.1	210.4	210.8	3.0	3.6	5.1	2.3	3.3	3.7
Public transportation	223.1	223.4	222.3	225.1	9.7	10.3	6.7	3.6	10.0	5.2
Medical care	327.0	328.7	329.4	329.8	4.8	3.9	4.0	3.5	4.3	3.7
Medical care commodities	278.9	280.5	281.1	282.3	2.2	3.7	4.3	5.0	3.0	4.6
Medical care services	340.7	342.5	343.2	343.3	5.6	4.0	3.8	3.1	4.8	3.5
Professional services	284.6	285.6	286.3	285.3	4.7	3.0	3.6	1.0	3.9	2.3
Hospital and related services ³	445.4	448.7	449.7	452.7	6.3	4.1	4.1	6.7	5.2	5.4

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—		
	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2005	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	July 2005	Jan. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.0	109.9	110.0	110.0	0.0	0.4	3.3	0.0	0.2	1.7
Video and audio ²	104.6	104.4	104.4	104.2	.4	-4.5	5.5	-1.5	-2.1	1.9
Education and communication ²	114.3	114.8	115.0	115.5	3.2	.7	2.5	4.3	2.0	3.4
Education ²	155.3	156.1	156.8	157.9	6.6	6.5	5.6	6.9	6.6	6.2
Educational books and supplies	372.4	374.9	376.9	378.9	4.0	5.7	7.5	7.2	4.8	7.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	448.3	450.5	452.7	455.8	6.8	6.6	5.4	6.9	6.7	6.1
Communication ²	84.2	84.4	84.3	84.5	-5	-4.2	-9	1.4	-2.3	.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.0	82.2	82.2	82.1	.0	-4.7	-1.0	.5	-2.4	-2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	94.6	95.2	95.2	95.2	2.1	-3.7	.9	2.6	-8	1.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.3	13.1	13.1	13.0	-8.2	-8.4	-8.5	-8.7	-8.3	-8.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	12.2	12.0	11.7	11.6	-16.1	-16.7	-17.5	-18.3	-16.4	-17.9
Other goods and services	315.4	316.5	317.7	318.5	2.1	3.5	1.9	4.0	2.8	3.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	509.4	511.2	513.1	515.1	2.5	5.3	4.9	4.6	3.9	4.7
Personal care	186.5	187.2	187.9	188.3	2.0	3.1	1.1	3.9	2.5	2.5
Personal care products ¹	155.0	155.0	155.4	155.8	.8	4.2	.0	2.1	2.5	1.0
Personal care services ¹	204.8	205.2	206.6	206.4	2.8	1.2	1.8	3.2	2.0	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services	305.6	306.5	307.6	308.5	3.0	3.5	2.7	3.9	3.2	3.3
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	164.8	161.2	160.7	162.1	8.4	1.5	12.6	-6.4	4.9	2.6
Food and beverages	192.4	192.9	193.1	194.0	3.9	1.1	2.1	3.4	2.4	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	148.4	143.1	142.3	143.9	11.8	1.4	18.9	-11.6	6.5	2.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	178.8	171.2	170.0	173.9	15.0	6.4	27.1	-10.5	10.6	6.6
Apparel	118.9	119.0	118.7	119.1	-7	-4.9	1.0	.7	-2.8	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	223.0	205.6	203.4	208.5	32.7	6.8	47.4	-23.6	19.1	6.1
Durables	115.2	114.9	114.8	114.9	-1.4	-.3	.0	-1.0	-.9	-5
Services	233.1	234.1	234.4	235.5	3.9	2.5	5.7	4.2	3.2	4.9
Rent of shelter ⁴	235.2	235.9	236.6	236.9	3.9	2.1	1.7	2.9	3.0	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.8	115.9	116.1	115.9	-1.0	-.3	-7.6	.3	-.7	-3.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	181.8	185.1	182.1	189.8	10.9	6.1	57.4	18.8	8.5	36.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	131.9	132.6	133.1	134.0	4.5	6.0	3.1	6.5	5.2	4.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	131.6	132.5	133.3	134.1	3.8	3.8	4.1	7.8	3.8	5.9
Transportation services	227.7	228.3	228.3	229.1	2.9	3.6	2.9	2.5	3.3	2.7
Medical care services	340.7	342.5	343.2	343.3	5.6	4.0	3.8	3.1	4.8	3.5
Other services	270.6	271.6	272.4	273.1	3.1	1.8	3.8	3.7	2.4	3.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	200.3	198.7	198.6	199.9	6.0	2.3	9.5	-.8	4.1	4.2
All items less shelter	190.9	188.8	188.4	190.1	7.0	2.2	11.7	-1.7	4.6	4.8
All items less medical care	192.5	191.1	191.0	192.3	6.0	1.9	8.8	-.4	3.9	4.1
Commodities less food	150.3	145.1	144.4	146.0	11.3	1.4	18.4	-11.0	6.2	2.7
Nondurables less food	180.0	172.8	171.6	175.4	14.3	6.1	25.4	-9.8	10.1	6.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	219.8	204.0	202.0	206.6	29.5	6.4	43.0	-21.9	17.4	5.6
Nondurables	186.3	182.4	181.8	184.6	10.0	2.7	14.0	-3.6	6.3	4.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	248.0	249.5	249.5	251.7	4.3	4.1	8.8	6.1	4.2	7.5
Services less medical care services	224.2	224.9	225.4	226.6	3.9	2.8	5.5	4.4	3.3	4.9
Energy	205.0	188.3	184.3	193.5	46.3	9.0	90.9	-20.6	26.3	23.1
All items less energy	199.9	200.3	200.7	201.1	2.7	1.4	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.3
All items less food and energy	202.0	202.5	202.8	203.2	2.4	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.0	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.3	140.2	140.2	140.5	-.3	-.6	.6	.6	-.4	.6
Energy commodities	239.0	202.5	197.3	208.6	84.4	11.3	120.2	-42.0	43.3	13.0
Services less energy services	238.4	239.2	239.8	240.2	3.5	2.2	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.9

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.

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 Jan.2006 from—			Percent change to Dec.2005 from—			
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	
U.S. city average	M	199.2	197.6	196.8	198.3	4.0	0.4	0.8	3.4	-1.2	-0.4	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	211.5	210.0	209.0	211.0	4.1	.5	1.0	3.5	-1.2	-5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.8	212.2	211.3	213.2	4.0	.5	.9	3.5	-1.2	-4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.2	124.3	123.6	124.8	4.5	.4	1.0	3.7	-1.3	-6	
Midwest urban	M	192.1	190.3	189.7	190.8	3.6	.3	.6	3.2	-1.2	-3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	193.7	192.1	191.6	192.7	3.7	.3	.6	3.2	-1.1	-3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.6	121.3	120.9	121.6	3.7	.2	.6	3.1	-1.4	-3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	186.8	185.0	184.4	185.3	4.0	.2	.5	4.1	-1.3	-3	
South urban	M	192.5	190.7	190.1	191.5	4.3	.4	.7	3.7	-1.2	-3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.5	192.9	191.9	193.6	4.5	.4	.9	3.8	-1.3	-5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.5	121.4	121.2	122.0	4.2	.5	.7	3.5	-1.1	-2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	193.6	190.7	189.7	191.0	4.8	.2	.7	4.3	-2.0	-5	
West urban	M	202.6	201.4	200.0	201.7	3.7	.1	.9	3.0	-1.3	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	205.4	204.2	203.0	204.7	4.1	.2	.8	3.3	-1.2	-6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.6	122.8	121.8	122.9	2.8	.1	.9	2.4	-1.5	-8	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	182.1	180.8	180.0	181.4	4.1	.3	.8	3.4	-1.2	-4	
B/C ³	M	123.1	122.0	121.6	122.5	3.9	.4	.7	3.3	-1.2	-3	
D	M	192.2	190.2	189.3	190.1	3.9	-.1	.4	3.8	-1.5	-5	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.9	197.3	196.4	197.5	4.0	.1	.6	3.6	-.8	-5	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	206.9	205.6	203.9	206.0	5.4	.2	1.0	4.5	-1.4	-8	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	216.6	215.3	214.2	215.9	3.7	.3	.8	3.6	-1.1	-5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	218.6	-	220.5	4.4	.9	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	189.9	-	190.3	3.8	.2	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	187.8	-	188.6	4.8	.4	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	125.4	-	126.3	4.1	.7	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	193.9	-	188.7	-	-	-	-	3.0	-2.7	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	195.1	-	192.4	-	-	-	-	3.8	-1.4	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	179.2	-	177.2	-	-	-	-	4.2	-1.1	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	198.8	-	197.4	-	-	-	-	4.7	-.7	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	207.5	-	204.9	-	-	-	-	3.6	-1.3	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	205.9	-	203.4	-	-	-	-	2.0	-1.2	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	203.3	-	200.9	-	-	-	-	3.0	-1.2	-	

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

Table 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
All items	100.000	192.5	194.0	4.1	0.8	-0.8	-0.1	0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	573.3	577.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.537	192.5	193.8	2.5	.7	.3	.2	.4
Food	15.519	192.2	193.4	2.6	.6	.3	.2	.4
Food at home	9.347	190.7	192.4	2.3	.9	.3	.2	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.275	208.4	210.8	1.5	1.2	.2	.0	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.653	185.6	185.4	1.1	-1	.7	-1	-1
Dairy and related products .....	.965	183.0	183.5	.2	.3	.7	-3	.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.338	249.6	256.2	6.7	2.6	.0	.9	1.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.087	144.9	146.7	3.6	1.2	.4	.0	.3
Other food at home	2.030	167.1	168.5	1.9	.8	-2	.2	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	166.9	168.3	3.8	.8	.5	.9	.1
Fats and oils .....	.287	165.6	170.4	.0	2.9	.1	-2	1.5
Other foods ¹	1.406	183.7	184.4	2.0	.4	-4	.2	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.370	112.9	113.0	2.1	.1	.6	-3	.1
Food away from home ¹	6.172	195.8	196.4	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.275	133.6	133.7	5.0	.1	.2	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	196.3	198.0	1.9	.9	.3	-4	.9
Housing	40.161	194.2	195.8	4.5	.8	.4	.1	.5
Shelter	30.069	219.2	220.0	2.6	.4	.3	.3	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	7.880	219.7	220.1	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.1
Lodging away from home ²	1.412	122.4	126.1	3.2	3.0	.9	1.1	-5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.429	211.2	211.7	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.4	116.2	-2.2	-2	.2	.2	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.900	190.2	197.3	18.9	3.7	1.3	-1.2	3.3
Fuels	4.984	172.4	179.7	21.9	4.2	1.4	-1.5	3.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	227.4	228.9	26.5	.7	-4.0	-9	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	178.3	186.4	21.6	4.5	1.9	-1.5	4.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	133.2	134.3	5.0	.8	.5	.4	.7
Household furnishings and operations	4.193	121.9	122.0	.1	.1	.0	.2	-2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	136.0	136.7	4.9	.5	.6	.5	.5
Apparel	4.090	117.2	114.3	-1.6	-2.5	.0	-3	.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	113.5	112.0	-2.3	-1.3	-3	-3	.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.689	108.3	102.1	-3.0	-5.7	.7	-3	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	117.6	115.8	-3.9	-1.5	-3	.8	.3
Footwear .....	.964	120.9	121.6	2.4	.6	-1.1	-2	1.8
Transportation	19.669	171.6	174.9	7.6	1.9	-5.2	-7	1.8
Private transportation	18.931	168.8	172.2	7.6	2.0	-5.4	-8	1.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.944	94.8	95.2	.6	.4	-4	-2	.3
New vehicles	5.380	139.3	140.3	-3	.7	-1	-1	.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.801	140.0	140.1	1.3	.1	-8	-1	.1
Motor fuel	5.244	188.0	199.9	27.4	6.3	-16.0	-2.6	6.2
Gasoline (all types)	5.193	187.0	198.9	27.4	6.4	-16.0	-2.6	6.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.434	113.6	113.9	3.5	.3	.5	.4	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.130	213.2	213.6	3.7	.2	.2	.1	.2
Public transportation .....	.738	216.6	219.0	7.7	1.1	.0	-4	1.3
Medical care	5.171	328.2	329.1	4.0	.3	.6	.2	.1
Medical care commodities	1.140	273.9	275.0	3.7	.4	.7	.2	.4
Medical care services	4.030	342.8	343.6	4.1	.2	.6	.2	.0
Professional services	2.336	287.4	287.2	3.0	-1	.3	.2	-3
Hospital and related services ³	1.332	446.4	450.1	5.3	.8	.8	.2	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.097	107.1	107.2	0.7	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.928	103.2	103.3	-1	.1	-1	-1	-2
Education and communication ²	5.635	112.6	113.1	2.3	.4	.4	.1	.4
Education ²	2.243	155.6	156.7	6.4	.7	.5	.5	.8
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	375.5	380.6	6.0	1.4	.6	.5	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.044	440.5	443.3	6.4	.6	.5	.5	.8
Communication ²	3.392	86.2	86.3	-8	.1	.3	.0	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.244	84.6	84.6	-1.1	.0	.4	-1	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.653	95.3	95.3	.4	.0	.5	.0	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.590	13.6	13.6	-8.1	.0	-7	-7	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.208	11.6	11.4	-16.8	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Other goods and services	3.640	326.6	327.6	3.0	.3	.3	.4	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.137	515.0	517.1	4.5	.4	.4	.4	.4
Personal care	2.504	185.8	186.3	2.3	.3	.3	.4	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.774	155.4	155.8	1.6	.3	-1	.3	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.616	206.9	206.6	2.1	-1	.2	.7	-1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	307.0	308.6	3.1	.5	.3	.4	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.601	161.2	162.6	4.0	.9	-2.4	-4	1.0
Food and beverages	16.537	192.5	193.8	2.5	.7	.3	.2	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	28.064	143.4	144.8	4.9	1.0	-3.9	-6	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.599	170.8	173.5	9.3	1.6	-4.6	-8	2.5
Apparel	4.090	117.2	114.3	-1.6	-2.5	.0	-3	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.509	207.8	214.2	13.5	3.1	-8.5	-1.2	2.7
Durables	12.465	114.9	115.2	-.3	.3	-.3	-1	.2
Services	55.399	229.2	230.7	4.2	.7	.4	.1	.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.721	211.2	211.9	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.4	116.2	-2.2	-2	.2	.2	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	178.3	186.4	21.6	4.5	1.9	-1.5	4.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	133.2	134.3	5.0	.8	.5	.4	.7
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	136.0	136.7	4.9	.5	.6	.5	.5
Transportation services	5.659	228.3	228.6	2.6	.1	.2	.1	.2
Medical care services	4.030	342.8	343.6	4.1	.2	.6	.2	.0
Other services	9.726	263.5	264.4	2.8	.3	.4	.2	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.481	192.3	193.9	4.4	.8	-1.0	-2	.8
All items less shelter	69.931	184.8	186.6	4.8	1.0	-1.3	-3	1.0
All items less medical care	94.829	186.7	188.2	4.1	.8	-.9	-1	.7
Commodities less food	29.082	145.3	146.8	4.9	1.0	-3.7	-6	1.2
Nondurables less food	16.617	172.4	175.1	8.8	1.6	-4.4	-7	2.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.527	205.9	211.9	12.4	2.9	-7.8	-1.2	2.6
Nondurables	32.136	182.2	184.2	5.7	1.1	-2.4	-3	1.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.679	221.1	223.4	6.0	1.0	.7	.0	1.0
Services less medical care services	51.369	220.6	222.2	4.2	.7	.5	.2	.5
Energy	10.228	179.3	188.8	24.7	5.3	-8.7	-2.1	5.0
All items less energy	89.772	194.9	195.4	2.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	74.253	195.9	196.2	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.491	140.4	140.2	.2	-1	-1	-1	.1
Energy commodities	5.591	190.7	202.0	27.3	5.9	-15.4	-2.5	5.7
Services less energy services	50.762	234.6	235.4	2.8	.3	.3	.3	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.520	\$.516	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.174	\$.173	-	-	-	-	-

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.

- 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—		
	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2005	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	July 2005	Jan. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	195.1	193.5	193.3	194.6	6.1	2.3	9.3	-1.0	4.2	4.0
Food and beverages	191.7	192.2	192.5	193.3	3.9	.8	2.1	3.4	2.3	2.7
Food	191.3	191.8	192.1	192.9	3.9	.8	2.3	3.4	2.4	2.9
Food at home	189.7	190.3	190.6	191.5	4.6	-.6	1.5	3.8	1.9	2.7
Cereals and bakery products	209.5	210.0	209.9	211.3	1.4	-1.0	2.5	3.5	.2	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	184.4	185.7	185.6	185.4	3.5	-1.3	-.2	2.2	1.1	1.0
Dairy and related products	181.5	182.8	182.3	182.9	.2	-1.7	-1.1	3.1	-.8	1.0
Fruits and vegetables	243.1	243.2	245.3	249.0	10.7	1.0	5.1	10.1	5.7	7.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	144.9	145.5	145.5	146.0	9.1	.3	2.2	3.1	4.6	2.7
Other food at home	167.5	167.2	167.6	168.4	4.4	.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	1.7
Sugar and sweets	165.8	166.6	168.1	168.3	5.0	3.7	.2	6.2	4.4	3.2
Fats and oils	167.6	167.7	167.4	169.9	-1.6	-3.3	-.5	5.6	-2.5	2.5
Other foods ¹	184.1	183.4	183.7	184.4	5.9	-.2	1.8	.7	2.8	1.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.5	113.2	112.9	113.0	1.5	2.9	2.2	1.8	2.2	2.0
Food away from home ¹	195.1	195.5	195.8	196.4	3.0	2.9	3.6	2.7	3.0	3.1
Other food away from home ²	133.0	133.3	133.7	133.9	6.1	8.0	3.7	2.7	7.0	3.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	196.5	197.0	196.3	198.0	3.8	-1.2	1.9	3.1	1.2	2.5
Housing	194.3	195.1	195.2	196.2	4.1	2.8	7.3	4.0	3.4	5.6
Shelter	218.8	219.5	220.1	220.2	3.4	2.2	1.8	2.6	2.8	2.2
Rent of primary residence ³	218.4	219.0	219.6	219.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.9
Lodging away from home ²	129.8	131.0	132.5	131.9	10.4	.0	-3.0	6.6	5.1	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	210.1	210.6	211.0	211.5	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.0	116.2	116.4	116.2	-1.0	-.3	-7.9	.7	-.7	-3.7
Fuels and utilities	192.1	194.6	192.2	198.6	11.2	7.4	45.9	14.2	9.3	29.1
Fuels	174.6	177.1	174.5	181.1	13.0	7.5	56.5	15.7	10.2	34.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	242.1	232.4	230.4	226.8	39.0	30.5	83.2	-23.0	34.7	18.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.9	183.3	180.5	188.1	11.3	6.2	54.4	19.5	8.7	35.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	132.2	132.9	133.4	134.3	4.5	6.0	3.1	6.5	5.2	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	121.9	121.9	122.2	121.9	-.3	-.3	1.0	.0	-.3	.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	134.5	135.3	136.0	136.7	3.1	5.3	4.6	6.7	4.2	5.6
Apparel	118.5	118.5	118.2	118.2	-1.7	-3.6	.0	-1.0	-2.6	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	114.8	114.5	114.2	114.3	-.3	-8.9	2.1	-1.7	-4.7	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	109.1	109.9	109.6	108.4	-2.5	-3.9	-2.9	-2.5	-3.2	-2.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.8	116.4	117.3	117.6	-1.9	-8.9	-6.9	2.8	-5.5	-2.2
Footwear	123.0	121.7	121.5	123.7	.7	3.3	3.3	2.3	2.0	2.8
Transportation	184.0	174.5	173.2	176.4	18.8	4.3	28.6	-15.5	11.3	4.2
Private transportation	181.4	171.6	170.3	173.5	19.1	4.3	29.3	-16.3	11.5	4.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.1	94.7	94.5	94.8	.4	1.7	1.3	-1.3	1.1	.0
New vehicles	138.7	138.6	138.4	139.2	-.6	-3.7	1.7	1.4	-2.1	1.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	141.4	140.2	140.0	140.1	1.7	8.9	-1.4	-3.6	5.3	-2.5
Motor fuel	238.5	200.4	195.1	207.1	86.8	10.7	123.8	-43.1	43.8	12.8
Gasoline (all types)	237.3	199.3	194.1	206.1	87.8	10.3	123.9	-43.1	43.9	12.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	112.6	113.2	113.6	113.9	1.1	3.7	4.4	4.7	2.4	4.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	212.1	212.6	212.9	213.4	3.3	3.9	5.3	2.5	3.6	3.9
Public transportation	221.6	221.6	220.8	223.6	9.8	9.3	8.0	3.7	9.6	5.8
Medical care	326.7	328.6	329.2	329.5	4.9	3.8	4.1	3.5	4.3	3.8
Medical care commodities	271.8	273.7	274.2	275.3	2.0	3.3	4.1	5.3	2.7	4.7
Medical care services	341.5	343.4	344.0	344.0	5.7	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.8	3.5
Professional services	287.2	288.2	288.7	287.7	4.7	3.3	3.3	.7	4.0	2.0
Hospital and related services ³	441.8	445.5	446.2	448.7	6.3	3.9	4.4	6.4	5.1	5.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2005	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	July 2005	Jan. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	107.5	107.3	107.3	107.3	0.0	0.0	3.8	-0.7	0.0	1.5
Video and audio ²	103.8	103.7	103.6	103.4	.4	-4.2	5.2	-1.5	-1.9	1.8
Education and communication ²	111.8	112.3	112.4	112.9	2.9	.0	2.2	4.0	1.5	3.1
Education ²	153.4	154.2	155.0	156.2	6.1	6.3	5.4	7.5	6.2	6.4
Educational books and supplies	373.9	376.0	377.9	380.2	4.2	5.4	7.4	6.9	4.8	7.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	434.0	436.3	438.3	442.0	6.3	6.5	5.1	7.6	6.4	6.4
Communication ²	85.9	86.2	86.2	86.3	.0	-4.1	-.9	1.9	-2.1	.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.4	84.7	84.6	84.6	.0	-4.6	-.5	1.0	-2.3	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	94.8	95.3	95.3	95.3	2.1	-3.3	.8	2.1	-6	1.5
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.8	13.7	13.6	13.6	-7.9	-10.6	-8.2	-5.7	-9.2	-7.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	12.0	11.8	11.6	11.4	-13.8	-19.6	-15.1	-18.5	-16.8	-16.8
Other goods and services	324.6	325.6	326.8	327.8	1.8	4.2	2.1	4.0	3.0	3.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	511.3	513.2	515.0	517.1	2.4	6.1	4.9	4.6	4.2	4.8
Personal care	184.8	185.3	186.0	186.5	1.3	3.3	.9	3.7	2.3	2.3
Personal care products ¹	155.0	154.9	155.4	155.8	.8	4.8	-1.0	2.1	2.8	.5
Personal care services ¹	205.0	205.5	206.9	206.6	2.4	1.0	1.8	3.2	1.7	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services	305.9	306.7	308.0	308.9	2.3	3.8	2.5	4.0	3.0	3.2
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	166.5	162.5	161.9	163.5	9.2	1.8	13.5	-7.0	5.4	2.7
Food and beverages	191.7	192.2	192.5	193.3	3.9	.8	2.1	3.4	2.3	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	151.3	145.4	144.5	146.3	12.6	2.2	20.5	-12.6	7.3	2.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	184.8	176.3	174.9	179.3	16.5	7.0	29.3	-11.4	11.7	7.0
Apparel	118.5	118.5	118.2	118.2	-1.7	-3.6	.0	-1.0	-2.6	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	233.9	214.1	211.5	217.2	35.5	7.4	53.0	-25.6	20.6	6.7
Durables	115.2	114.9	114.8	115.0	-.7	.0	.3	-.7	-.3	-.2
Services	228.8	229.8	230.0	231.1	3.8	2.7	6.0	4.1	3.3	5.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	210.8	211.5	212.1	212.1	3.3	2.7	1.7	2.5	3.0	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.0	116.2	116.4	116.2	-1.0	-.3	-7.9	.7	-.7	-3.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.9	183.3	180.5	188.1	11.3	6.2	54.4	19.5	8.7	35.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	132.2	132.9	133.4	134.3	4.5	6.0	3.1	6.5	5.2	4.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	134.5	135.3	136.0	136.7	3.1	5.3	4.6	6.7	4.2	5.6
Transportation services	227.7	228.2	228.5	229.0	2.4	3.1	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.5
Medical care services	341.5	343.4	344.0	344.0	5.7	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.8	3.5
Other services	262.0	263.0	263.6	264.3	2.7	1.2	3.7	3.6	2.0	3.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	195.6	193.6	193.3	194.8	6.6	2.6	10.7	-1.6	4.6	4.3
All items less shelter	188.5	186.1	185.6	187.4	7.6	2.2	12.6	-2.3	4.9	4.9
All items less medical care	189.5	187.7	187.5	188.9	6.3	2.2	9.6	-1.3	4.2	4.0
Commodities less food	153.0	147.3	146.4	148.2	12.1	2.2	19.9	-12.0	7.1	2.8
Nondurables less food	185.7	177.5	176.3	180.5	16.1	6.4	27.4	-10.7	11.2	6.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	229.6	211.7	209.2	214.6	32.2	6.8	48.2	-23.7	18.8	6.3
Nondurables	189.2	184.7	184.1	186.9	10.3	3.1	15.3	-4.8	6.7	4.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	220.2	221.7	221.7	223.9	4.2	4.0	9.0	6.9	4.1	7.9
Services less medical care services	220.0	221.0	221.4	222.6	3.8	2.8	5.5	4.8	3.3	5.1
Energy	205.7	187.9	183.9	193.1	48.2	9.4	91.8	-22.3	27.3	22.0
All items less energy	194.6	195.0	195.3	195.7	2.5	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.2
All items less food and energy	195.7	196.0	196.3	196.6	2.3	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.7	140.6	140.5	140.7	.0	.0	.6	.0	.0	.3
Energy commodities	239.6	202.7	197.6	208.8	84.4	11.6	121.5	-42.3	43.4	13.0
Services less energy services	234.0	234.7	235.3	235.6	3.4	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.7

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.

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 Jan.2006 from—			Percent change to Dec.2005 from—			
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	
U.S. city average	M	195.2	193.4	192.5	194.0	4.1	0.3	0.8	3.5	-1.4	-0.5	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	208.1	206.5	205.5	207.5	4.3	.5	1.0	3.4	-1.2	-5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.9	207.3	206.4	208.2	4.0	.4	.9	3.4	-1.2	-4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.4	124.4	123.7	125.2	4.7	.6	1.2	3.6	-1.4	-6	
Midwest urban	M	187.6	185.6	185.1	186.2	4.0	.3	.6	3.5	-1.3	-3	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.5	186.7	186.2	187.3	3.8	.3	.6	3.4	-1.2	-3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.2	120.6	120.3	121.1	4.0	.4	.7	3.4	-1.6	-2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	184.9	183.0	182.4	183.5	4.4	.3	.6	4.3	-1.4	-3	
South urban	M	190.2	188.0	187.2	188.8	4.6	.4	.9	3.8	-1.6	-4	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	193.2	191.1	189.7	191.6	4.9	.3	1.0	4.0	-1.8	-7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.4	120.0	119.8	120.7	4.3	.6	.8	3.6	-1.3	-2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	194.4	191.0	189.8	191.0	5.0	.0	.6	4.6	-2.4	-6	
West urban	M	197.8	196.4	194.9	196.3	3.6	-1	.7	2.9	-1.5	-8	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	199.1	197.7	196.2	197.6	3.9	-1	.7	3.2	-1.5	-8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.2	122.4	121.3	122.3	2.9	-1	.8	2.3	-1.5	-9	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	180.9	179.3	178.4	179.8	4.2	.3	.8	3.5	-1.4	-5	
B/C ³	M	122.4	121.2	120.7	121.7	4.0	.4	.8	3.3	-1.4	-4	
D	M	191.3	189.0	187.9	188.7	4.3	-2	.4	4.0	-1.8	-6	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	191.9	191.1	190.2	191.2	4.2	.1	.5	3.9	-.9	-5	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	200.0	198.4	196.5	198.3	5.2	-1	.9	4.2	-1.8	-1.0	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	211.0	209.9	208.7	210.2	3.8	.1	.7	3.4	-1.1	-6	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	217.7	-	219.5	4.4	.8	-	-	-	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	180.8	-	181.4	4.0	.3	-	-	-	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	188.9	-	189.9	5.3	.5	-	-	-	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	125.2	-	126.1	4.5	.7	-	-	-	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	193.1	-	187.2	-	-	-	-	3.1	-3.1	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	190.5	-	187.9	-	-	-	-	4.0	-1.4	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	178.4	-	175.1	-	-	-	-	4.4	-1.8	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	197.4	-	195.5	-	-	-	-	4.8	-1.0	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	207.6	-	205.2	-	-	-	-	3.7	-1.2	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	202.6	-	199.3	-	-	-	-	1.7	-1.6	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	198.6	-	196.1	-	-	-	-	3.0	-1.3	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

Table 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, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—	
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	114.4	115.2	3.4	0.7
Food and beverages	15.072	114.2	114.9	2.5	.6
Food	13.943	114.3	115.0	2.6	.6
Food at home	8.029	111.9	112.9	2.3	.9
Food away from home	5.914	117.5	117.8	3.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	113.1	114.0	1.8	.8
Housing	42.173	119.1	120.0	3.7	.8
Shelter	32.495	119.3	119.9	2.6	.5
Fuels and utilities	4.702	146.5	152.0	17.4	3.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.7	96.7	-1	.0
Apparel	4.076	88.5	86.3	-1.3	-2.5
Transportation	17.095	114.8	116.6	6.2	1.6
Private transportation	15.988	115.4	117.3	6.1	1.6
Public transportation	1.107	107.0	108.1	7.5	1.0
Medical care	6.055	128.4	128.8	4.0	.3
Medical care commodities	1.458	118.9	119.4	3.6	.4
Medical care services	4.597	131.7	132.0	4.0	.2
Recreation	5.863	104.9	105.1	.5	.2
Education and communication	6.190	102.5	102.8	1.6	.3
Education	2.751	146.3	147.0	6.4	.5
Communication	3.439	76.3	76.4	-2.3	.1
Other goods and services	3.475	118.1	118.5	2.7	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	121.6	122.5	3.8	.7
Commodities	41.237	105.4	106.0	2.8	.6
Durables	12.340	87.9	88.1	-1.1	.2
Nondurables	28.897	113.8	114.7	4.6	.8
All items less food and energy	78.707	111.0	111.3	1.8	.3
Energy	7.351	156.0	164.3	23.5	5.3

Indexes for 2006 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2005 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—	
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	196.8	198.3	4.0	0.8
All items (1967=100)	-	589.4	594.0	-	-
Food and beverages	15.127	193.2	194.5	2.6	.7
Food	14.151	192.9	194.2	2.7	.7
Food at home	8.049	191.7	193.4	2.4	.9
Cereals and bakery products	1.157	208.4	210.5	1.4	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.229	185.7	186.0	1.4	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.836	183.2	183.6	.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.242	252.3	258.5	6.4	2.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.885	145.5	147.4	3.7	1.3
Other food at home	1.700	167.6	169.2	2.2	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.297	167.8	169.3	3.9	.9
Fats and oils .....	.246	165.2	169.9	-3	2.8
Other foods	1.157	183.3	184.3	2.2	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.295	112.4	112.7	2.4	.3
Food away from home	6.102	196.0	196.6	3.0	.3
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.338	133.7	134.0	5.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.976	196.4	198.0	1.9	.8
Housing	42.224	198.3	200.0	4.3	.9
Shelter	32.442	225.6	226.7	2.6	.5
Rent of primary residence ²	6.116	220.5	220.9	3.0	.2
Lodging away from home ¹	3.009	122.8	126.9	3.5	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	22.951	232.8	233.4	2.5	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	116.1	115.9	-2.2	-2
Fuels and utilities	5.538	191.6	198.4	18.9	3.5
Fuels	4.592	174.7	181.9	22.1	4.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.360	227.8	229.8	26.8	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.233	180.0	187.8	21.7	4.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.946	132.9	134.0	5.0	.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.243	126.4	126.6	.4	.2
Household operations ¹ .....	.717	133.3	134.0	4.8	.5
Apparel	3.677	117.5	114.6	-1.3	-2.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.927	114.1	112.2	-2.4	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	108.9	102.5	-2.5	-5.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	115.0	113.1	-3.7	-1.7
Footwear .....	.747	121.4	122.6	2.7	1.0
Transportation	17.650	172.7	175.9	7.3	1.9
Private transportation	16.595	168.9	172.2	7.3	2.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.519	95.8	96.2	.4	.4
New vehicles	4.521	138.3	139.3	-.4	.7
Used cars and trucks	1.998	139.2	139.3	1.3	.1
Motor fuel	4.460	187.3	199.2	27.4	6.4
Gasoline (all types)	4.418	186.2	198.2	27.4	6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.366	114.0	114.4	3.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.344	210.7	211.2	3.5	.2
Public transportation	1.055	217.6	219.8	7.5	1.0
Medical care	6.186	328.4	329.5	4.0	.3
Medical care commodities	1.488	280.8	282.1	3.9	.5
Medical care services	4.698	342.0	342.9	4.1	.3
Professional services	2.776	284.9	284.7	3.1	-1
Hospital and related services ²	1.540	449.7	453.4	5.2	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—	
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.605	109.7	110.1	1.1	0.4
Video and audio ¹	1.637	103.9	104.0	-2	.1
Education and communication ¹	5.791	115.3	115.7	2.7	.3
Education ¹	3.008	157.6	158.4	6.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.223	374.3	379.4	6.2	1.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.784	455.3	457.4	6.4	.5
Communication ¹	2.784	84.3	84.5	-1.1	.2
Information and information processing ¹	2.612	82.2	82.1	-1.3	-1
Telephone services ¹	2.123	95.2	95.2	.4	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴ .....	.489	13.1	13.0	-8.5	-8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.156	11.7	11.6	-17.1	-9
Other goods and services	3.739	317.3	318.2	2.9	.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.824	513.1	515.3	4.3	.4
Personal care	2.916	187.6	188.0	2.5	.2
Personal care products .....	.645	155.4	155.5	1.6	.1
Personal care services .....	.647	206.6	206.4	2.2	-1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.449	306.6	308.1	3.2	.5
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	39.974	160.0	161.4	3.9	.9
Food and beverages	15.127	193.2	194.5	2.6	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	24.847	141.3	142.7	4.6	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.289	166.3	168.8	8.8	1.5
Apparel	3.677	117.5	114.6	-1.3	-2.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.612	200.4	206.2	12.5	2.9
Durables	10.558	114.9	115.3	-6	.3
Services	60.026	233.2	234.9	4.1	.7
Rent of shelter ³	32.076	235.0	236.2	2.7	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	116.1	115.9	-2.2	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.233	180.0	187.8	21.7	4.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.946	132.9	134.0	5.0	.8
Household operations ¹ .....	.717	133.3	134.0	4.8	.5
Transportation services	6.194	227.8	228.1	2.9	.1
Medical care services	4.698	342.0	342.9	4.1	.3
Other services	10.795	272.3	273.3	3.1	.4
Special indexes					
All items less food	85.849	197.4	199.0	4.2	.8
All items less shelter	67.558	187.7	189.4	4.7	.9
All items less medical care	93.814	190.0	191.6	4.0	.8
Commodities less food	25.823	143.3	144.8	4.5	1.0
Nondurables less food	15.265	168.1	170.6	8.3	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.588	199.2	204.6	11.5	2.7
Nondurables	29.416	180.1	182.0	5.5	1.1
Services less rent of shelter ³	27.950	248.8	251.1	5.8	.9
Services less medical care services	55.328	224.2	225.9	4.1	.8
Energy	9.052	180.0	189.4	24.7	5.2
All items less energy	90.948	200.1	200.7	2.2	.3
All items less food and energy	76.797	202.1	202.6	2.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.004	140.1	139.9	.1	-1
Energy commodities	4.819	190.7	202.1	27.3	6.0
Services less energy services	55.793	238.7	239.7	2.9	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.508	\$.504	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.170	\$.168	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—	
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	192.5	194.0	4.1	0.8
All items (1967=100)	-	573.3	578.0	-	-
Food and beverages	16.817	192.5	193.9	2.6	.7
Food	15.758	192.2	193.5	2.7	.7
Food at home	9.374	190.7	192.5	2.4	.9
Cereals and bakery products	1.310	208.4	210.5	1.4	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.787	185.6	185.9	1.4	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.946	183.0	183.3	.1	.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.365	249.6	256.1	6.7	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.051	144.9	146.8	3.7	1.3
Other food at home	1.914	167.1	168.6	2.0	.9
Sugar and sweets .....	.312	166.9	168.5	3.9	1.0
Fats and oils .....	.298	165.6	170.0	-2	2.7
Other foods	1.304	183.7	184.6	2.1	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.335	112.9	113.2	2.3	.3
Food away from home	6.385	195.8	196.4	3.0	.3
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.255	133.6	133.8	5.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.059	196.3	197.7	1.7	.7
Housing	39.247	194.2	195.9	4.6	.9
Shelter	29.666	219.2	220.1	2.7	.4
Rent of primary residence ²	8.000	219.7	220.1	3.0	.2
Lodging away from home ¹	1.739	122.4	127.3	4.2	4.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	19.607	211.2	211.7	2.5	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.321	116.4	116.1	-2.3	-3
Fuels and utilities	5.903	190.2	197.1	18.7	3.6
Fuels	4.935	172.4	179.5	21.8	4.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.337	227.4	229.2	26.7	.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.598	178.3	186.1	21.4	4.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.968	133.2	134.3	5.0	.8
Household furnishings and operations	3.677	121.9	122.0	.1	.1
Household operations ¹ .....	.326	136.0	136.6	4.8	.4
Apparel	4.020	117.2	114.5	-1.4	-2.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.009	113.5	111.9	-2.4	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.582	108.3	102.2	-2.9	-5.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.226	117.6	115.7	-4.0	-1.6
Footwear .....	.970	120.9	122.0	2.7	.9
Transportation	20.141	171.6	174.9	7.6	1.9
Private transportation	19.348	168.8	172.2	7.6	2.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	8.889	94.8	95.2	.6	.4
New vehicles	4.550	139.3	140.4	-2	.8
Used cars and trucks	3.465	140.0	140.1	1.3	.1
Motor fuel	5.443	188.0	199.9	27.4	6.3
Gasoline (all types)	5.396	187.0	199.0	27.5	6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.451	113.6	114.0	3.5	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.362	213.2	213.7	3.7	.2
Public transportation .....	.793	216.6	218.5	7.4	.9
Medical care	5.059	328.2	329.2	4.1	.3
Medical care commodities	1.127	273.9	275.0	3.7	.4
Medical care services	3.931	342.8	343.7	4.2	.3
Professional services	2.275	287.4	287.3	3.0	.0
Hospital and related services ²	1.297	446.4	450.0	5.3	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 2006 from—	
		Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Dec. 2005
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.408	107.1	107.3	0.8	0.2
Video and audio ¹	1.816	103.2	103.2	-.2	.0
Education and communication ¹	5.419	112.6	113.1	2.3	.4
Education ¹	2.416	155.6	156.6	6.3	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	375.5	380.4	6.0	1.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.196	440.5	443.1	6.3	.6
Communication ¹	3.003	86.2	86.3	-.8	.1
Information and information processing ¹	2.861	84.6	84.6	-1.1	.0
Telephone services ¹	2.399	95.3	95.3	.4	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴ .....	.462	13.6	13.6	-8.1	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.140	11.6	11.4	-16.8	-1.7
Other goods and services	3.889	326.6	327.6	3.0	.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1.275	515.0	517.4	4.5	.5
Personal care	2.614	185.8	186.2	2.3	.2
Personal care products .....	.696	155.4	155.5	1.4	.1
Personal care services .....	.605	206.9	206.6	2.1	-1.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.154	307.0	308.4	3.1	.5
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	44.564	161.2	162.7	4.1	.9
Food and beverages	16.817	192.5	193.9	2.6	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	27.747	143.4	145.0	5.1	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.719	170.8	173.8	9.4	1.8
Apparel	4.020	117.2	114.5	-1.4	-2.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.700	207.8	214.3	13.5	3.1
Durables	12.027	114.9	115.3	-.2	.3
Services	55.436	229.2	230.8	4.2	.7
Rent of shelter ³	29.345	211.2	212.1	2.7	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.321	116.4	116.1	-2.3	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.598	178.3	186.1	21.4	4.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.968	133.2	134.3	5.0	.8
Household operations ¹ .....	.326	136.0	136.6	4.8	.4
Transportation services	6.109	228.3	228.5	2.6	.1
Medical care services	3.931	342.8	343.7	4.2	.3
Other services	9.837	263.5	264.4	2.8	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.242	192.3	194.0	4.5	.9
All items less shelter	70.334	184.8	186.6	4.8	1.0
All items less medical care	94.941	186.7	188.3	4.1	.9
Commodities less food	28.806	145.3	146.9	4.9	1.1
Nondurables less food	16.778	172.4	175.3	8.9	1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.759	205.9	212.0	12.5	3.0
Nondurables	32.537	182.2	184.4	5.8	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.091	221.1	223.3	5.9	1.0
Services less medical care services	51.504	220.6	222.2	4.2	.7
Energy	10.378	179.3	188.8	24.7	5.3
All items less energy	89.622	194.9	195.5	2.1	.3
All items less food and energy	73.864	195.9	196.3	2.0	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.026	140.4	140.2	.2	-1.1
Energy commodities	5.780	190.7	202.1	27.3	6.0
Services less energy services	50.838	234.6	235.5	2.8	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.520	\$.515	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.174	\$.173	-	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Jan. 2006 from—			Percent change to Dec. 2005 from—		
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005
U.S. city average	M	199.2	197.6	196.8	198.3	4.0	0.4	0.8	3.4	-1.2	-0.4
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	211.5	210.0	209.0	211.1	4.2	.5	1.0	3.5	-1.2	-5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.8	212.2	211.3	213.3	4.0	.5	.9	3.5	-1.2	-4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.2	124.3	123.6	124.9	4.6	.5	1.1	3.7	-1.3	-6
Midwest urban	M	192.1	190.3	189.7	190.8	3.6	.3	.6	3.2	-1.2	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	193.7	192.1	191.6	192.7	3.7	.3	.6	3.2	-1.1	-3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.6	121.3	120.9	121.6	3.7	.2	.6	3.1	-1.4	-3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	186.8	185.0	184.4	185.4	4.0	.2	.5	4.1	-1.3	-3
South urban	M	192.5	190.7	190.1	191.6	4.4	.5	.8	3.7	-1.2	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.5	192.9	191.9	193.7	4.6	.4	.9	3.8	-1.3	-5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.5	121.4	121.2	122.0	4.2	.5	.7	3.5	-1.1	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	193.6	190.7	189.7	191.1	4.8	.2	.7	4.3	-2.0	-5
West urban	M	202.6	201.4	200.0	201.6	3.7	.1	.8	3.0	-1.3	-7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	205.4	204.2	203.0	204.6	4.0	.2	.8	3.3	-1.2	-6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.6	122.8	121.8	122.9	2.8	.1	.9	2.4	-1.5	-8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	182.1	180.8	180.0	181.5	4.1	.4	.8	3.4	-1.2	-4
B/C ³	M	123.1	122.0	121.6	122.5	3.9	.4	.7	3.3	-1.2	-3
D	M	192.2	190.2	189.3	190.2	3.9	.0	.5	3.8	-1.5	-5
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.9	197.3	196.4	197.6	4.1	.2	.6	3.6	-.8	-5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	206.9	205.6	203.9	205.9	5.4	.1	1.0	4.5	-1.4	-8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	216.6	215.3	214.2	215.9	3.7	.3	.8	3.6	-1.1	-5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	218.6	-	221.0	4.6	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	189.9	-	190.3	3.8	.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	187.8	-	188.7	4.8	.5	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	125.4	-	126.3	4.1	.7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	193.9	-	188.7	-	-	-	-	3.0	-2.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	195.1	-	192.4	-	-	-	-	3.8	-1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	179.2	-	177.2	-	-	-	-	4.2	-1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	198.8	-	197.4	-	-	-	-	4.7	-.7	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	207.5	-	204.9	-	-	-	-	3.6	-1.3	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	205.9	-	203.4	-	-	-	-	2.0	-1.2	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	203.3	-	200.9	-	-	-	-	3.0	-1.2	-

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Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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Table 4 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Jan. 2006 from—			Percent change to Dec. 2005 from—		
		Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005
U.S. city average	M	195.2	193.4	192.5	194.0	4.1	0.3	0.8	3.5	-1.4	-0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	208.1	206.5	205.5	207.6	4.3	.5	1.0	3.4	-1.2	-5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.9	207.3	206.4	208.4	4.1	.5	1.0	3.4	-1.2	-4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.4	124.4	123.7	125.1	4.6	.6	1.1	3.6	-1.4	-6
Midwest urban	M	187.6	185.6	185.1	186.2	4.0	.3	.6	3.5	-1.3	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.5	186.7	186.2	187.4	3.9	.4	.6	3.4	-1.2	-3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.2	120.6	120.3	121.0	4.0	.3	.6	3.4	-1.6	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	184.9	183.0	182.4	183.5	4.4	.3	.6	4.3	-1.4	-3
South urban	M	190.2	188.0	187.2	188.9	4.7	.5	.9	3.8	-1.6	-4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	193.2	191.1	189.7	191.8	5.0	.4	1.1	4.0	-1.8	-7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.4	120.0	119.8	120.7	4.3	.6	.8	3.6	-1.3	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	194.4	191.0	189.8	191.3	5.2	.2	.8	4.6	-2.4	-6
West urban	M	197.8	196.4	194.9	196.4	3.6	.0	.8	2.9	-1.5	-8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	199.1	197.7	196.2	197.8	4.1	.1	.8	3.2	-1.5	-8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.2	122.4	121.3	122.4	2.9	.0	.9	2.3	-1.5	-9
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	180.9	179.3	178.4	179.9	4.2	.3	.8	3.5	-1.4	-5
B/C ³	M	122.4	121.2	120.7	121.7	4.0	.4	.8	3.3	-1.4	-4
D	M	191.3	189.0	187.9	188.9	4.4	-.1	.5	4.0	-1.8	-6
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	191.9	191.1	190.2	191.4	4.3	.2	.6	3.9	-.9	-5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	200.0	198.4	196.5	198.4	5.3	.0	1.0	4.2	-1.8	-1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	211.0	209.9	208.7	210.2	3.8	.1	.7	3.4	-1.1	-6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	217.7	-	219.9	4.6	1.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	180.8	-	181.5	4.0	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	188.9	-	190.1	5.4	.6	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	125.2	-	126.2	4.6	.8	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	193.1	-	187.2	-	-	-	-	3.1	-3.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	190.5	-	187.9	-	-	-	-	4.0	-1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	178.4	-	175.1	-	-	-	-	4.4	-1.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	197.4	-	195.5	-	-	-	-	4.8	-1.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	207.6	-	205.2	-	-	-	-	3.7	-1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	202.6	-	199.3	-	-	-	-	1.7	-1.6	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	198.6	-	196.1	-	-	-	-	3.0	-1.3	-

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