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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – FEBRUARY 2012

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.4 percent in February on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.9 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The gasoline index rose sharply in February, accounting for over 80 percent of the change in the all items index. The gasoline increase led to a 3.2 percent rise in the energy index despite a decline in the index for natural gas. The food index was unchanged in February, with the food at home index unchanged for the second month in a row as major grocery store food indexes were mixed.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in February after increasing 0.2 percent in January. Indexes for shelter, new vehicles, medical care, and household furnishings and operations all advanced, while indexes for apparel, recreation, used cars and trucks, and tobacco all declined.

The all items index has risen 2.9 percent over the last 12 months, the same figure as last month. The index for all items less food and energy was up 2.2 percent, a slight decline from last month's 2.3 percent figure, while the 12-month change in the food index fell to 3.9 percent in February, its lowest level since last June. In contrast, the 12-month change in the energy index was 7.0 percent in February compared to 6.1 percent in January.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Feb. 2011 - Feb. 2012
Percent change

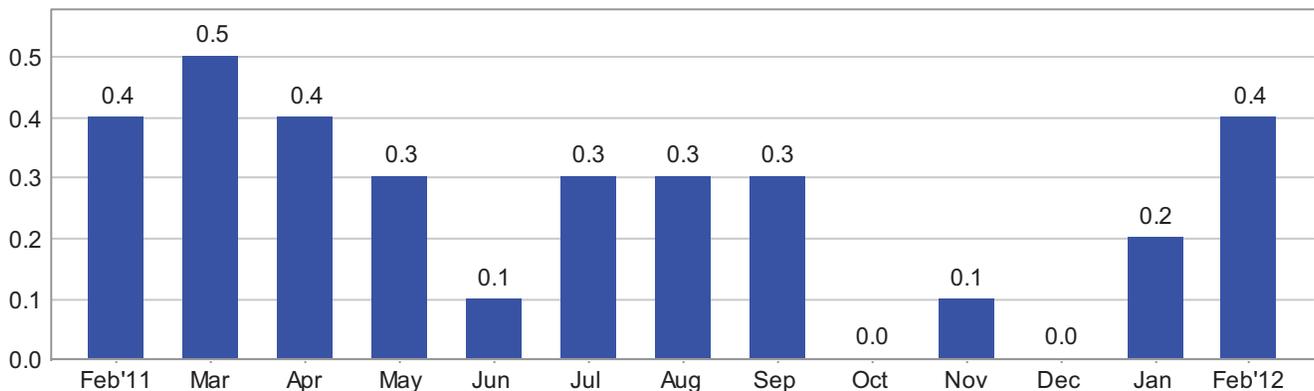


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Feb. 2011 - Feb. 2012

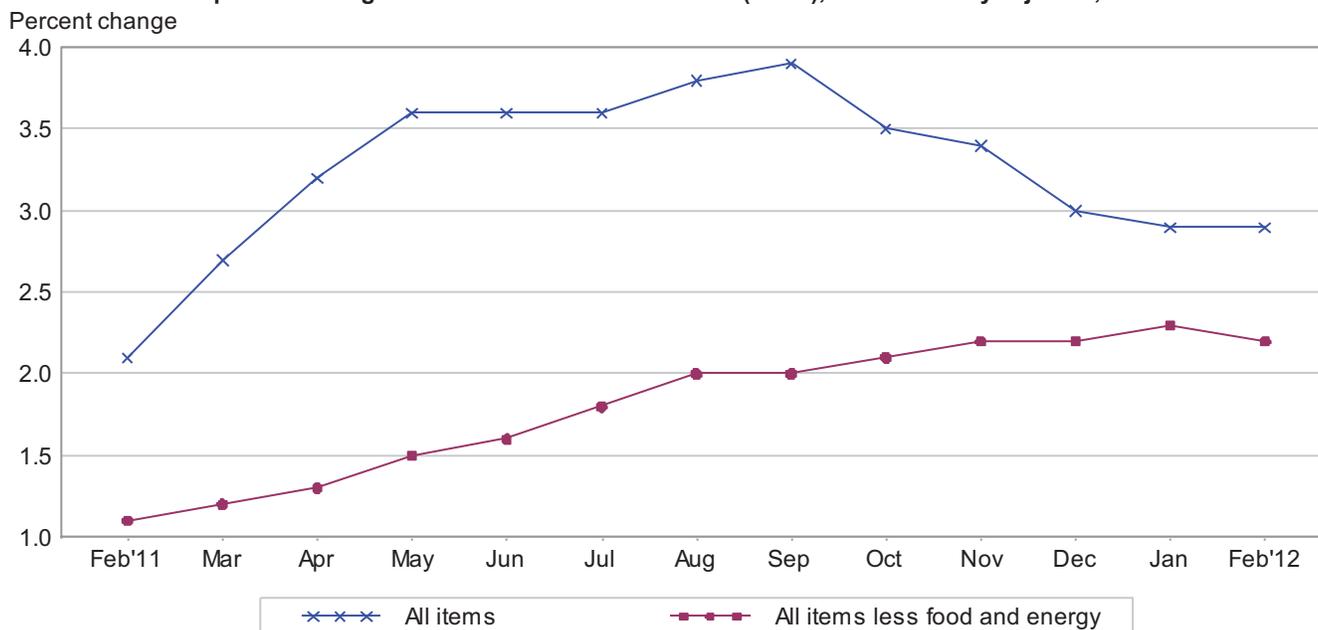


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. 2012
	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	
All items .....	.3	.3	.0	.1	.0	.2	.4	2.9
Food .....	.5	.4	.2	.1	.2	.2	.0	3.9
Food at home .....	.6	.6	.2	.0	.2	.0	.0	4.5
Food away from home ¹ .....	.4	.2	.2	.3	.2	.4	.1	3.1
Energy .....	.8	1.5	-1.8	-5	-1.3	.2	3.2	7.0
Energy commodities	1.1	1.9	-2.6	-6	-2.0	.9	5.7	12.4
Gasoline (all types)	1.2	2.0	-2.8	-9	-2.1	.9	6.0	12.6
Fuel oil ¹	-.4	-.7	-.5	2.7	-1.0	1.4	2.8	8.9
Energy services .....	.3	.8	-.4	-.4	-.2	-.8	-.8	-1.0
Electricity .....	.1	.6	.2	.2	-.1	.0	.0	1.9
Utility (piped) gas service	1.0	1.5	-2.6	-2.6	-.6	-2.9	-3.4	-9.8
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	.3	-.2	.0	.1	-.1	.2	.1	2.0
New vehicles .....	.0	-.1	-.2	-.2	-.2	.0	.6	3.0
Used cars and trucks .....	.7	-.5	-.4	-.4	-.7	-1.0	-.2	2.9
Apparel .....	.9	-.7	.4	.5	-.1	.9	-.9	4.2
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.6	.8	3.3
Services less energy services .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	2.2
Shelter .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.0
Transportation services .....	.2	.4	.2	.0	.1	.0	-.2	1.6
Medical care services .....	.3	.2	.5	.4	.4	.2	.0	3.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for February 2012

Food

The food index, which rose 0.2 percent in January, was unchanged in February. The food at home index was unchanged for the second month in a row. Within the food at home group, the indexes for fruits and vegetables continued to decline, falling 0.5 percent. The index for fresh fruits rose 1.3 percent, but the fresh vegetables index fell 3.5 percent, its fifth consecutive decline. The index for dairy and related products also fell 0.5 percent, while the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs decreased 0.2 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages, which declined in January, was unchanged in February. The only major grocery store food group indexes to rise were cereals and bakery products (up 0.2 percent) and other food at home (up 0.4 percent). The food at home index has risen 4.5 percent over the last 12 months; the fruits and vegetables index has declined 2.0 percent over that period but the other five major grocery store food group indexes all increased. The index for food away from home rose 0.1 percent in February after a 0.4 percent increase in January and has risen 3.1 percent over the last 12 months.

Energy

The energy index rose 3.2 percent in February after a 0.2 percent increase in January. The gasoline index rose 6.0 percent, its largest increase since December 2010. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices increased 4.9 percent in February.) The gasoline increase more than offset a decline in the index for household energy, which fell 0.6 percent. The index for natural gas continued its string of declines, falling 3.4 percent. The electricity index was unchanged and the index for fuel oil increased 2.8 percent. Over the last 12 months, the gasoline index has risen 12.6 percent, the fuel oil index has increased 8.9 percent and the electricity index has advanced 1.9 percent. In contrast, the index for natural gas has declined 9.8 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in February. The shelter index increased 0.2 percent for the fifth month in a row. The rent index increased 0.2 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.1 percent, while the index for lodging away from home advanced 1.9 percent. The index for new vehicles rose for the first time since June, increasing 0.6 percent. The medical care index increased 0.2 percent with the prescription drugs index rising 0.6 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.3 percent in February, its largest increase since August. In contrast to these indexes, the apparel index declined in February, falling 0.9 percent after a 0.9 percent increase in January. The index for used cars and trucks declined for the sixth month in a row, falling 0.2 percent, and the tobacco index declined 0.4 percent. The indexes for recreation, personal care, and airline fares all posted slight declines in February.

The index for all items less food and energy has risen 2.2 percent over the last 12 months. Indexes rising faster include apparel (4.2 percent), medical care (3.4 percent), new vehicles (3.0 percent) and used cars and trucks (2.9 percent). Among those indexes rising more slowly were shelter (2.0 percent), household furnishings and operations (1.3 percent), and recreation (1.0 percent).

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.9 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 227.663 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.4 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 3.1 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 224.317 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.5 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.6 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.4 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2010 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for March 2012 is scheduled to be released on Friday, April 13, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

C-CPI-U Index Revisions

As scheduled, effective with this release of data for January 2012, the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) has undergone its annual revision. 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. Therefore, C-CPI-U indexes for the 12 months of 2010 are issued in final form – employing monthly expenditure weights from 2010. Values for the 12 months of 2011 are revised and issued as interim, using expenditure weights from the 2009-2010 period. Calculation of the initial value of the January 2012 C-CPI-U index, and all subsequent months in 2012, will also be based upon 2009-2010 expenditure weights.

For more information on the C-CPI-U, contact Rob Cage by telephone at (202) 691-6959 or by electronic mail at Cage.Rob@bls.gov.

Redesigning the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Press Release Tables

The format of the tables contained in the CPI News Release will change beginning with the CPI News Release for March, 2012, which will be issued on Friday, April 13, 2012. News Release tables are currently available as part of the News Release pdf and html files, and independently in html format. The new tables will also be available in XLS format. In addition, the BLS will begin issuing monthly companion XLS files, which will contain additional index level and CPI-W information.

These tables were made available for public comment during October 2011. In response to the public comments, the BLS will issue XLS files each month, as companions to the News Release. There will be CPI-U and CPI-W files, and in addition to the data contained in the News Release tables, the Excel files will contain index values. Samples of the new CPI press release tables and companion XLS files are available now at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/mock-ups.htm>.

In August 2009, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) restructured the text of the CPI press release to focus on the price movements of three broad expenditure categories, namely Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy. Table A within the CPI press release text was also updated in August 2009 to reflect this new structure. Before August 2009, the text of the CPI press release had focused on eight CPI ‘major groups’ (Food and beverages; Housing; Apparel; Transportation; Medical care; Recreation; Education and communication; and Other goods and services).

While the text of the CPI press release was restructured in 2009, seven additional CPI press release tables continued to be published using the eight major groups. BLS has redesigned these press release tables, to reflect the focus on Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy. Within these three broad categories, CPI item series will be further divided into commodities and services. The CPI News Release will contain these updated tables beginning with the March 2012 News Release, to be issued on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Beyond the redesign in the structure of the CPI press release tables, several other improvements to these tables have been made.

The new Table 1 gives a summary of the index series which typically contribute to changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

The new Table 2 will show the full publication stub using the new structure for the CPI-U, including 11 new items series that were created to augment the redesign in the publication structure. Table 3 will show aggregate item series (e.g., Transportation) that do not fall under the Food, Energy, and All items less food and energy structure.

Table 4 will show the All items indexes at the local, regional, and city-size class levels.

Table 5 will show the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), and presents a history of annual percentage changes in the C-CPI-U compared to the CPI-U.

Table 6 will focus on 1-month seasonally adjusted changes in the CPI-U, while table 7 will focus on 12-month not seasonally adjusted changes. Tables 6 and 7 will present three additional pieces of data to help users better interpret index changes. First, these tables will show the ‘effect’ each item has on the price change for All items. For example, if the effect of food is 0.4, and the index for All items increased 1.2 percent, it can be said that increases in food prices accounted for $0.4 / 1.2$, or 33.3 percent, of the increase in overall prices for that period. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged, the All items index only would have increased 0.8 percent (or 1.2 percent for All items, minus the 0.4 effect for Food). Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged.

Second, standard errors for percent changes will be shown on tables 6 and 7. Confidence intervals for statistics can be created using standard errors; e.g., roughly 95 percent confidence intervals can be constructed using two standard errors. For example, if an item increased 3.7 percent, and its standard error was 0.6 percent, the 95 percent confidence interval for that price change can be said to be 3.7 percent plus or minus two standard errors, or 3.7 percent plus or minus 1.2 percent.

Finally, each item series in tables 6 and 7 will show the last time that item had a price change as large (or as small) as the percent change published that period. For example, if bananas rose 3.7 percent, and that was its largest increase since November 2007, that would be noted in the new tables.

In addition, most of the existing tables show the ‘relative importance’, or weight, of each item category as of the previous December. The relative importance columns in the new tables will be improved in that they will be updated monthly to reflect the change in relative prices over time.

Finally, there will no longer be any press release tables that focus on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). That said, the CPI-W All items index level and percent changes will still be noted in the text of the press release, and a companion XLS file with CPI-W information will be available.

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

Information from this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200, Federal Relay Services: 1-800-877-8339.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers households of wage earners and clerical workers that comprise approximately 29 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 88 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 26,000 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. 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 116.500. 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 0.03 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 0.06 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 0.14 and 0.26 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 2011”. 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/cpivar2011.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 2007 through December 2011 were replaced in January 2012. 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.

Effective with the publication of data from January 2006 through December 2010 in January 2011, the Video and audio series and the Information technology, hardware and services series were changed from independently adjusted to dependently adjusted. This resulted in an increase in the number of seasonal components used in deriving seasonal movement of the All items and 54 other lower level aggregations, from 73 for the publication of January 1998 through December 2005 data to 82 for the publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2006 and later. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 82 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 before that period will not be changed. Note: 38 of the 82 components are not seasonally adjusted for 2012.

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 2012, BLS adjusted 31 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 2011	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2012 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	226.665	227.663	2.9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	678.988	681.977	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.256	232.559	232.453	3.8	.0	.2	.2	.1
Food	14.308	232.666	232.486	3.9	-.1	.2	.2	.0
Food at home	8.638	231.694	231.180	4.5	-.2	.2	.0	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.242	266.677	267.821	5.3	.4	.3	-.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.960	229.809	228.610	5.8	-.5	.6	.2	-.2
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.916	220.492	219.377	7.8	-.5	-.1	.9	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.287	285.437	281.072	-2.0	-1.5	-.5	-1.3	-.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.961	170.454	169.758	3.7	-.4	.2	-.3	.0
Other food at home	2.272	202.756	204.001	5.7	.6	.4	.5	.4
Sugar and sweets ¹ .....	.307	213.700	213.902	4.8	.1	.4	1.4	.1
Fats and oils .....	.263	234.252	233.196	10.8	-.5	1.2	1.4	-.7
Other foods	1.703	213.602	215.473	5.0	.9	.3	.2	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.627	125.536	127.193	4.7	1.3	.5	-.6	1.3
Food away from home ¹	5.669	235.268	235.603	3.1	.1	.2	.4	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.361	165.884	165.566	2.3	-.2	.0	1.1	-.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.948	229.704	230.704	2.2	.4	.2	.8	.3
Housing	41.020	220.805	221.117	1.8	.1	.1	.1	.1
Shelter	31.539	254.409	254.931	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	6.485	257.714	258.184	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Lodging away from home ² .....	.749	131.601	136.832	4.0	4.0	-.3	.2	1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{1 3 4}	23.957	262.543	262.812	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 3 4}	22.543	262.522	262.788	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	129.929	129.158	2.1	-.6	.5	.3	-.6
Fuels and utilities	5.372	218.199	217.189	.7	-.5	-.1	-.4	-.3
Household energy	4.216	189.945	188.393	-.3	-.8	-.2	-.6	-.6
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.343	344.644	350.482	7.2	1.7	-.7	1.2	1.7
Energy services ³	3.873	189.942	187.962	-1.0	-1.0	-.2	-.8	-.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.156	183.984	185.499	4.7	.8	.5	.3	.7
Household furnishings and operations	4.109	125.629	126.180	1.3	.4	.1	.1	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.727	153.634	154.198	1.9	.4	.1	.6	.4
Apparel	3.562	122.105	123.312	4.2	1.0	-.1	.9	-.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.855	116.409	116.400	4.9	.0	-.5	1.0	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.507	107.644	110.044	4.7	2.2	-.2	1.3	-.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.201	118.399	118.161	7.3	-.2	1.3	1.6	-.9
Footwear .....	.678	126.915	127.668	.7	.6	.3	-.3	.1
Transportation	16.875	210.799	214.429	5.6	1.7	-.7	.3	2.1
Private transportation	15.694	206.307	210.013	6.0	1.8	-.8	.4	2.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	5.651	99.659	99.889	2.3	.2	-.3	-.4	.2
New vehicles	3.195	143.438	144.326	3.0	.6	-.2	.0	.6
Used cars and trucks	1.913	147.143	147.011	2.9	-.1	-.7	-1.0	-.2
Motor fuel	5.463	292.236	306.348	12.7	4.8	-.2	.8	6.0
Gasoline (all types)	5.273	290.762	305.076	12.6	4.9	-.2	.9	6.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.438	148.126	148.230	5.2	.1	.8	.4	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.155	256.405	256.968	2.4	.2	.0	.3	.2
Public transportation	1.181	263.968	265.830	.2	.7	.0	-.8	-.2
Medical care	7.061	408.056	410.466	3.4	.6	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities ¹	1.716	329.201	331.867	3.3	.8	.2	.6	.8
Medical care services	5.345	432.583	434.832	3.4	.5	.4	.2	.0
Professional services	3.005	338.714	339.136	1.4	.1	.3	-.2	-.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2011	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2012 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Hospital and related services	1.732	659.194	664.591	4.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.0
Recreation ²	6.044	114.183	114.333	1.0	.1	.3	.6	-.1
Video and audio ²	1.924	98.743	99.371	1.1	.6	.1	.6	.1
Education and communication ²	6.797	133.067	133.199	1.9	.1	.2	.3	.2
Education ²	3.216	213.067	213.039	4.4	.0	.3	.3	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.201	547.629	548.192	5.3	.1	.0	.8	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	3.015	612.104	611.974	4.3	.0	.4	.2	.3
Communication ²	3.581	83.280	83.446	-.4	.2	.0	.2	.2
Information and information processing ²	3.436	79.858	79.928	-.6	.1	.0	.3	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.429	101.687	101.728	.4	.0	.1	.3	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵	1.006	8.855	8.873	-3.6	.2	-.5	.2	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶ .....	.269	64.356	64.686	-11.0	.5	-2.1	-.6	.2
Other goods and services	3.385	391.382	391.236	1.5	.0	.1	.2	-.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.804	851.016	847.880	2.2	-.4	.4	.5	-.4
Personal care	2.581	210.299	210.330	1.3	.0	.0	.1	-.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.656	161.256	160.616	-.4	-.4	-.5	.3	-.4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.633	232.039	232.907	1.2	.4	.0	-.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.081	367.934	367.968	2.6	.0	.5	-.1	-.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	39.966	184.636	186.279	4.1	.9	-.3	.3	.9
Food and beverages	15.256	232.559	232.453	3.8	.0	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	24.710	159.117	161.451	4.4	1.5	-.6	.4	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.742	206.834	211.182	6.2	2.1	-.7	.8	1.9
Apparel	3.562	122.105	123.312	4.2	1.0	-.1	.9	-.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	12.179	264.289	270.682	6.7	2.4	-1.0	.6	2.8
Durables	8.968	112.399	112.780	1.4	.3	.0	-.1	.2
Services	60.034	268.459	268.819	2.0	.1	.2	.2	.1
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.190	265.060	265.628	2.0	.2	.2	.1	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	129.929	129.158	2.1	-.6	.5	.3	-.6
Energy services ³	3.873	189.942	187.962	-1.0	-1.0	-.2	-.8	-.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.156	183.984	185.499	4.7	.8	.5	.3	.7
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.727	153.634	154.198	1.9	.4	.1	.6	.4
Transportation services	5.797	269.438	269.535	1.6	.0	.1	.0	-.2
Medical care services	5.345	432.583	434.832	3.4	.5	.4	.2	.0
Other services	11.598	319.100	319.510	2.4	.1	.4	.4	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.692	225.739	226.927	2.7	.5	.0	.2	.5
All items less shelter	68.461	218.378	219.580	3.3	.6	-.1	.2	.5
All items less medical care	92.939	217.804	218.737	2.8	.4	.0	.2	.4
Commodities less food	25.658	161.685	163.994	4.3	1.4	-.5	.5	1.4
Nondurables less food	16.690	208.277	212.459	5.9	2.0	-.7	.8	1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	13.127	259.979	265.898	6.4	2.3	-.9	.7	2.7
Nondurables	30.997	220.325	222.634	5.0	1.0	-.3	.5	1.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	28.844	293.269	293.406	2.0	.0	.3	.1	-.1
Services less medical care services	54.689	255.881	256.123	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.0
Energy	9.679	236.942	242.663	7.0	2.4	-1.3	.2	3.2
All items less energy	90.321	227.422	227.925	2.4	.2	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	76.013	227.237	227.865	2.2	.3	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	19.852	145.963	146.628	2.0	.5	-.1	.2	.1
Energy commodities	5.806	296.886	310.685	12.4	4.6	-2.0	.9	5.7
Services less energy services	56.161	276.432	277.027	2.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.441	\$.439	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.147	\$.147	-	-	-	-	-

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—		
	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2012	Aug. 2011	Feb. 2012
Expenditure category										
All items	227.014	227.033	227.505	228.433	4.8	2.9	1.3	2.5	3.9	1.9
Food and beverages	231.136	231.610	232.080	232.208	5.8	4.6	2.8	1.9	5.2	2.3
Food	231.298	231.778	232.154	232.245	6.0	5.0	3.0	1.6	5.5	2.3
Food at home	230.256	230.805	230.851	230.784	8.0	6.0	3.2	.9	7.0	2.1
Cereals and bakery products	266.541	267.370	266.995	267.562	6.9	7.0	6.0	1.5	6.9	3.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	227.639	229.103	229.463	229.080	13.8	2.7	4.2	2.6	8.1	3.4
Dairy and related products ¹	218.767	218.458	220.492	219.377	16.3	10.6	3.8	1.1	13.4	2.5
Fruits and vegetables	284.772	283.333	279.700	278.347	-2.1	7.4	-3.5	-8.7	2.5	-6.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	169.448	169.798	169.236	169.152	7.5	4.5	3.6	-.7	6.0	1.4
Other food at home	201.152	201.996	203.003	203.834	6.4	6.6	4.3	5.4	6.5	4.8
Sugar and sweets ¹	210.039	210.846	213.700	213.902	2.2	9.1	.5	7.6	5.6	4.0
Fats and oils	227.351	230.188	233.400	231.653	14.4	12.0	9.0	7.8	13.2	8.4
Other foods	213.041	213.648	214.073	215.460	6.0	5.3	4.2	4.6	5.6	4.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	125.702	126.293	125.536	127.193	6.4	6.1	1.6	4.8	6.3	3.2
Food away from home ¹	234.046	234.435	235.268	235.603	3.4	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.7
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	164.120	164.095	165.884	165.566	1.6	2.4	1.6	3.6	2.0	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	227.465	227.849	229.704	230.398	2.7	.6	.4	5.3	1.6	2.8
Housing	220.691	221.005	221.246	221.490	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.7
Shelter	253.645	254.112	254.613	255.034	1.1	2.6	2.2	2.2	1.8	2.2
Rent of primary residence ³	256.307	256.894	257.285	257.867	1.6	2.8	3.2	2.5	2.2	2.8
Lodging away from home ²	137.839	137.482	137.802	140.404	6.3	5.1	-2.6	7.7	5.7	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{1 3 4}	261.503	261.982	262.543	262.812	.8	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.6	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 3 4}	261.479	261.960	262.522	262.788	.8	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	128.777	129.480	129.929	129.158	.8	2.6	3.8	1.2	1.7	2.5
Fuels and utilities	221.545	221.347	220.362	219.632	6.3	-1.0	1.2	-3.4	2.6	-1.1
Household energy	194.147	193.673	192.424	191.248	6.8	-2.1	.2	-5.8	2.3	-2.9
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	342.823	340.512	344.644	350.482	26.9	-12.1	8.4	9.2	5.6	8.8
Energy services ³	194.630	194.233	192.643	191.073	5.1	-1.1	-.5	-7.1	2.0	-3.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	182.373	183.235	183.712	184.996	4.8	3.2	4.9	5.9	4.0	5.4
Household furnishings and operations	125.503	125.646	125.732	126.072	.9	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.2	1.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.578	152.729	153.634	154.198	1.0	.9	1.4	4.3	.9	2.8
Apparel	124.618	124.539	125.646	124.534	4.0	12.5	.9	-.3	8.2	.3
Men's and boys' apparel	118.407	117.795	118.920	116.920	3.9	14.5	7.0	-4.9	9.1	.9
Women's and girls' apparel	111.555	111.303	112.767	111.841	4.0	15.9	-1.3	1.0	9.8	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.365	117.848	119.698	118.652	4.0	15.4	2.3	8.1	9.5	5.1
Footwear	128.512	128.846	128.516	128.605	2.5	3.1	-3.1	.3	2.8	-1.4
Transportation	214.432	212.861	213.465	217.846	16.0	3.4	-2.0	6.5	9.5	2.2
Private transportation	209.701	208.050	208.812	213.445	17.1	3.8	-2.4	7.3	10.2	2.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.347	100.034	99.631	99.795	10.6	4.3	-3.0	-2.2	7.4	-2.6
New vehicles	142.712	142.470	142.407	143.277	10.2	2.4	-2.0	1.6	6.3	-.2
Used cars and trucks	150.890	149.907	148.412	148.047	13.7	11.4	-4.6	-7.3	12.5	-6.0
Motor fuel	306.556	300.149	302.700	320.746	37.5	4.2	-6.1	19.8	19.7	6.1
Gasoline (all types)	305.245	298.833	301.449	319.615	37.8	4.2	-6.7	20.2	19.8	5.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	146.338	147.499	148.126	148.230	7.0	6.3	2.2	5.3	6.7	3.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	255.663	255.644	256.405	256.968	2.5	1.5	3.7	2.1	2.0	2.9
Public transportation	271.334	271.330	269.105	268.594	3.2	-1.7	3.5	-4.0	.7	-3
Medical care	405.533	406.879	408.096	408.930	3.3	2.7	4.1	3.4	3.0	3.7
Medical care commodities ¹	326.624	327.254	329.201	331.867	4.1	.0	2.8	6.6	2.0	4.7
Medical care services	430.140	431.762	432.639	432.682	3.1	3.6	4.5	2.4	3.3	3.4
Professional services	338.426	339.288	338.778	338.091	1.6	2.2	2.4	-.4	1.9	1.0

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—		
	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2012	Aug. 2011	Feb. 2012
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services	654.547	657.425	659.286	659.271	6.1	5.6	5.1	2.9	5.9	4.0
Recreation ²	113.396	113.753	114.448	114.365	1.1	.0	-.5	3.5	.6	1.5
Video and audio ²	98.699	98.759	99.306	99.433	.2	-7	2.0	3.0	-.3	2.5
Education and communication ²	132.361	132.569	132.930	133.226	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.6	1.4	2.4
Education ²	211.371	212.078	212.673	213.268	4.3	4.8	4.7	3.6	4.5	4.2
Educational books and supplies	541.592	541.542	545.675	546.465	5.5	2.6	9.4	3.6	4.0	6.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	607.338	609.518	611.041	612.808	4.2	5.0	4.4	3.7	4.6	4.0
Communication ²	83.065	83.050	83.255	83.398	-1.5	-1.4	-.3	1.6	-1.4	.7
Information and information processing ²	79.637	79.619	79.842	79.890	-1.7	-1.5	-.5	1.3	-1.6	.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.259	101.397	101.687	101.728	-.6	-.6	1.0	1.9	-.6	1.4
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵	8.871	8.827	8.849	8.859	-4.6	-4.3	-4.8	-.5	-4.5	-2.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	66.002	64.590	64.192	64.297	-9.7	-16.5	-7.7	-9.9	-13.2	-8.8
Other goods and services	390.660	390.983	391.639	391.195	.0	2.5	3.1	.5	1.2	1.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	843.604	847.063	851.016	847.880	-1.8	5.8	3.0	2.0	1.9	2.5
Personal care	210.281	210.213	210.462	210.301	.6	1.3	3.1	.0	1.0	1.6
Personal care products ¹	161.585	160.825	161.256	160.616	-4.5	-1.2	6.6	-2.4	-2.8	2.0
Personal care services ¹	232.216	232.302	232.039	232.907	.6	.5	2.5	1.2	.5	1.9
Miscellaneous personal services	366.920	368.883	368.638	368.381	2.8	3.3	2.9	1.6	3.0	2.2
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	185.800	185.269	185.883	187.596	9.1	4.1	-.1	3.9	6.6	1.9
Food and beverages	231.136	231.610	232.080	232.208	5.8	4.6	2.8	1.9	5.2	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	161.280	160.361	161.056	163.389	11.1	3.8	-1.7	5.3	7.3	1.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	210.858	209.290	210.895	215.005	15.1	3.5	-1.4	8.1	9.2	3.3
Apparel	124.618	124.539	125.646	124.534	4.0	12.5	.9	-.3	8.2	.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	269.443	266.827	268.523	276.068	18.6	1.4	-2.0	10.2	9.6	3.9
Durables	112.812	112.785	112.618	112.884	4.9	3.8	-3.2	.3	4.3	-1.5
Services	267.932	268.503	268.937	269.085	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.7	2.0	2.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	264.414	265.018	265.379	265.702	1.2	2.3	2.6	2.0	1.7	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	128.777	129.480	129.929	129.158	.8	2.6	3.8	1.2	1.7	2.5
Energy services ³	194.630	194.233	192.643	191.073	5.1	-1.1	-.5	-7.1	2.0	-3.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	182.373	183.235	183.712	184.996	4.8	3.2	4.9	5.9	4.0	5.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.578	152.729	153.634	154.198	1.0	.9	1.4	4.3	.9	2.8
Transportation services	269.984	270.283	270.368	269.913	3.2	.4	2.7	-.1	1.8	1.3
Medical care services	430.140	431.762	432.639	432.682	3.1	3.6	4.5	2.4	3.3	3.4
Other services	316.934	318.190	319.362	319.650	2.1	1.8	2.3	3.5	2.0	2.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	226.360	226.305	226.794	227.861	4.6	2.6	1.1	2.7	3.6	1.9
All items less shelter	219.178	219.019	219.470	220.622	6.6	3.1	1.0	2.7	4.8	1.8
All items less medical care	218.261	218.228	218.669	219.595	4.9	3.0	1.1	2.5	3.9	1.8
Commodities less food	163.735	162.849	163.582	165.883	10.7	3.6	-1.6	5.4	7.1	1.8
Nondurables less food	211.951	210.490	212.097	216.034	14.5	3.3	-1.3	7.9	8.7	3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	264.418	262.078	263.793	270.788	17.3	1.2	-1.8	10.0	9.0	3.9
Nondurables	221.919	221.266	222.270	224.565	10.9	3.7	.7	4.9	7.2	2.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	293.003	293.840	294.175	294.003	2.9	1.3	2.5	1.4	2.1	1.9
Services less medical care services	255.628	256.245	256.504	256.549	1.8	1.8	2.5	1.4	1.8	2.0
Energy	246.041	242.746	243.121	250.868	23.8	1.6	-3.6	8.1	12.2	2.1
All items less energy	226.892	227.246	227.722	227.924	2.9	3.1	1.9	1.8	3.0	1.9
All items less food and energy	226.856	227.188	227.684	227.907	2.4	2.8	1.7	1.9	2.6	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	146.533	146.378	146.685	146.760	4.1	4.0	-.4	.6	4.0	.1
Energy commodities	310.498	304.251	306.902	324.465	36.9	3.2	-5.3	19.2	18.9	6.2
Services less energy services	275.412	276.075	276.695	277.008	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 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 Feb.2012 from—			Percent change to Jan.2012 from—		
		Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011
U.S. city average	M	226.230	225.672	226.665	227.663	2.9	0.9	0.4	2.9	0.2	0.4
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	242.652	241.987	242.879	243.850	2.8	.8	.4	2.9	.1	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	244.076	243.328	244.296	245.179	2.7	.8	.4	2.8	.1	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	145.335	145.062	145.456	146.217	3.3	.8	.5	3.2	.1	.3
Midwest urban	M	215.614	215.173	216.368	216.855	2.7	.8	.2	2.8	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	216.097	215.633	216.883	217.320	2.8	.8	.2	2.8	.4	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.453	138.186	138.903	139.191	2.6	.7	.2	2.8	.3	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	212.907	212.505	213.649	214.524	3.1	1.0	.4	2.9	.3	.5
South urban	M	219.961	219.469	220.497	221.802	3.3	1.1	.6	3.2	.2	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	220.654	220.152	221.185	222.711	3.0	1.2	.7	2.8	.2	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	140.218	139.838	140.388	141.133	3.3	.9	.5	3.3	.1	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	224.714	224.892	226.902	228.117	4.3	1.4	.5	4.7	1.0	.9
West urban	M	228.771	228.117	228.980	229.995	2.5	.8	.4	2.6	.1	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	232.851	232.106	233.044	234.173	2.5	.9	.5	2.5	.1	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.411	138.017	138.465	138.997	2.3	.7	.4	2.6	.0	.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	206.201	205.636	206.562	207.469	2.7	.9	.4	2.7	.2	.5
B/C ³	M	140.225	139.881	140.418	141.040	3.0	.8	.4	3.1	.1	.4
D	M	220.020	219.950	221.362	222.324	3.5	1.1	.4	3.7	.6	.6
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	219.181	218.180	219.585	219.626	1.6	.7	.0	2.1	.2	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	232.731	231.567	233.441	234.537	2.1	1.3	.5	2.1	.3	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	249.317	248.307	249.322	250.285	2.6	.8	.4	2.8	.0	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	245.030	-	245.891	-	-	-	-	2.5	.4	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	211.225	-	211.985	-	-	-	-	2.1	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	209.283	-	209.203	-	-	-	-	3.0	.0	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	147.565	-	148.163	-	-	-	-	2.7	.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	208.590	-	210.600	2.4	1.0	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	213.505	-	214.836	3.9	.6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	200.477	-	204.291	3.6	1.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	231.794	-	234.043	2.9	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	234.312	-	235.857	2.2	.7	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	234.327	-	236.880	3.0	1.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	234.812	-	235.744	2.7	.4	-	-	-	-

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 2011	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2012 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	223.216	224.317	3.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.5
All items (1967=100)	-	664.891	668.171	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.940	232.052	231.971	3.9	.0	.2	.2	.1
Food	15.071	231.980	231.806	4.0	-1.	.2	.2	.0
Food at home	9.460	230.631	230.148	4.6	-2.	.2	.0	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.338	267.512	268.245	5.2	.3	.2	-1.	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.278	229.739	228.787	5.9	-4.	.6	.1	.0
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.991	219.185	218.218	7.8	-4.	.0	.8	-4.
Fruits and vegetables	1.318	282.588	278.626	-1.9	-1.4	-5.	-1.2	-6.
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.093	169.594	168.825	3.4	-5.	.2	-4.	-1.
Other food at home	2.442	201.995	203.131	5.7	.6	.4	.5	.3
Sugar and sweets ¹ .....	.334	212.860	213.086	4.8	.1	.3	1.5	.1
Fats and oils .....	.291	235.791	234.241	11.2	-7.	1.4	1.5	-9.
Other foods	1.817	213.520	215.327	5.0	.8	.2	.2	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.633	125.367	127.047	4.5	1.3	.4	-7.	1.3
Food away from home ¹	5.611	235.423	235.782	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.352	166.216	165.955	2.0	-2.	.0	.6	-2.
Alcoholic beverages .....	.869	231.821	233.328	2.9	.7	.1	.9	.6
Housing	39.848	217.528	217.717	1.8	.1	.2	.1	.1
Shelter	30.486	248.435	248.868	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	8.926	255.800	256.292	2.5	.2	.2	.1	.2
Lodging away from home ² .....	.433	132.580	137.590	3.3	3.8	-1.	-1.	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{1 3 4}	20.821	237.848	238.085	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 3 4}	20.165	237.840	238.078	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	131.182	130.565	2.0	-5.	.6	.4	-5.
Fuels and utilities	5.903	216.589	215.460	.8	-5.	-1.	-5.	-4.
Household energy	4.676	187.786	186.170	-2.	-9.	-2.	-7.	-6.
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹ .....	.282	344.055	350.169	7.1	1.8	-7.	1.1	1.8
Energy services ³	4.394	189.143	187.193	-7.	-1.0	-2.	-8.	-8.
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.227	184.533	185.943	4.7	.8	.5	.4	.6
Household furnishings and operations	3.458	121.770	122.201	1.4	.4	.1	.1	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.357	156.727	156.914	2.1	.1	.1	.6	.1
Apparel	3.618	121.896	123.044	4.7	.9	.1	.9	-9.
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.882	116.817	117.088	5.0	.2	-3.	.7	-1.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.407	107.583	109.862	5.0	2.1	.1	1.2	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.280	122.603	121.768	7.9	-7.	1.5	1.6	-1.1
Footwear .....	.813	127.300	128.188	1.4	.7	.2	-2.	.0
Transportation	19.031	211.599	215.665	6.3	1.9	-8.	.4	2.3
Private transportation	18.154	208.363	212.481	6.6	2.0	-9.	.4	2.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.239	99.037	99.279	2.6	.2	-3.	-5.	.2
New vehicles	3.035	144.431	145.475	3.1	.7	-1.	-1.	.7
Used cars and trucks	2.736	148.197	148.055	2.9	-1.	-7.	-1.0	-2.
Motor fuel	7.015	293.496	307.606	12.7	4.8	-2.1	.9	5.9
Gasoline (all types)	6.773	292.151	306.466	12.6	4.9	-2.1	.9	6.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.511	147.804	147.905	5.1	.1	.7	.4	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.153	259.076	259.689	2.4	.2	.0	.3	.2
Public transportation .....	.877	262.018	264.030	.6	.8	.0	-7.	-1.
Medical care	5.670	410.459	413.022	3.5	.6	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities ¹	1.344	321.314	323.842	3.5	.8	.2	.6	.8
Medical care services	4.327	436.798	439.305	3.5	.6	.4	.3	.1
Professional services	2.390	342.491	342.887	1.5	.1	.2	-1.	-3.

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	Relative importance, December 2011	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2012 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Hospital and related services	1.399	662.841	669.040	5.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2
Recreation ²	5.579	110.556	110.881	1.1	.3	.3	.6	.0
Video and audio ²	2.060	99.563	100.192	1.3	.6	.1	.7	.0
Education and communication ²	6.800	126.735	126.853	1.4	.1	.1	.2	.2
Education ²	2.686	209.865	209.868	4.2	.0	.3	.2	.2
Educational books and supplies .....	.214	554.390	554.958	5.5	.1	.1	.6	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.472	589.117	589.075	4.0	.0	.3	.2	.3
Communication ²	4.114	85.761	85.892	-3	.2	.0	.2	.1
Information and information processing ²	3.999	83.391	83.455	-5	.1	.0	.2	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.984	101.014	101.050	.3	.0	.1	.2	.0
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵	1.015	9.404	9.423	-3.2	.2	-4	.2	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶ .....	.247	64.382	64.729	-10.3	.5	-1.7	-.7	.2
Other goods and services	3.515	421.572	421.412	1.5	.0	.1	.2	-.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.227	856.419	853.214	2.3	-.4	.4	.5	-.4
Personal care	2.288	207.814	207.958	1.1	.1	.0	.1	.0
Personal care products ¹ .....	.611	161.473	161.121	-5	-.2	-5	.3	-.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.577	232.093	232.964	1.1	.4	.0	-.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.921	368.843	369.051	2.4	.1	.4	-.1	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.665	188.931	190.816	4.6	1.0	-.3	.4	1.1
Food and beverages	15.940	232.052	231.971	3.9	.0	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	26.725	165.511	168.180	5.0	1.6	-.6	.5	1.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	17.285	218.318	223.359	6.8	2.3	-.8	.9	2.2
Apparel	3.618	121.896	123.044	4.7	.9	.1	.9	-.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	13.667	282.875	290.400	7.4	2.7	-1.1	.7	3.1
Durables	9.440	114.105	114.470	1.8	.3	-.1	-.2	.3
Services	57.335	263.615	263.904	2.0	.1	.2	.1	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.181	239.387	239.820	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	131.182	130.565	2.0	-.5	.6	.4	-.5
Energy services ³	4.394	189.143	187.193	-.7	-1.0	-.2	-.8	-.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.227	184.533	185.943	4.7	.8	.5	.4	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.357	156.727	156.914	2.1	.1	.1	.6	.1
Transportation services	5.641	270.972	271.019	2.1	.0	.2	.1	-.1
Medical care services	4.327	436.798	439.305	3.5	.6	.4	.3	.1
Other services	10.903	303.344	303.908	2.1	.2	.4	.3	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.929	221.476	222.792	3.0	.6	-.1	.2	.6
All items less shelter	69.514	216.427	217.801	3.6	.6	-.1	.2	.6
All items less medical care	94.330	215.653	216.699	3.1	.5	.0	.2	.5
Commodities less food	27.594	167.821	170.476	4.9	1.6	-.6	.5	1.6
Nondurables less food	18.154	219.315	224.205	6.6	2.2	-.8	.9	2.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.536	277.315	284.362	7.1	2.5	-1.0	.8	2.9
Nondurables	33.225	226.025	228.711	5.4	1.2	-.3	.5	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.154	258.616	258.697	2.0	.0	.3	.1	-.1
Services less medical care services	53.008	251.705	251.882	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.0
Energy	11.691	238.978	245.158	7.5	2.6	-1.4	.2	3.4
All items less energy	88.309	222.298	222.758	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	73.238	220.736	221.318	2.2	.3	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	20.297	148.645	149.277	2.3	.4	-.1	.2	.0
Energy commodities	7.297	297.049	310.990	12.5	4.7	-2.0	.9	5.8
Services less energy services	52.941	271.762	272.318	2.2	.2	.3	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.448	\$.446	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.150	\$.150	-	-	-	-	-

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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2012	Aug. 2011	Feb. 2012
All items	223.717	223.684	224.148	225.250	5.6	3.1	1.2	2.8	4.3	2.0
Food and beverages	230.666	231.158	231.622	231.754	6.0	4.7	3.0	1.9	5.4	2.5
Food	230.660	231.162	231.529	231.594	6.3	5.0	3.1	1.6	5.6	2.4
Food at home	229.277	229.833	229.919	229.814	8.3	5.8	3.4	.9	7.0	2.2
Cereals and bakery products	267.440	268.006	267.803	268.004	6.8	7.0	6.3	.8	6.9	3.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	227.665	229.098	229.355	229.260	14.6	2.3	4.3	2.8	8.2	3.5
Dairy and related products ¹	217.557	217.503	219.185	218.218	17.1	10.7	3.1	1.2	13.9	2.1
Fruits and vegetables	282.533	281.176	277.918	276.351	-3.1	7.3	-2.6	-8.5	2.0	-5.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	168.584	168.908	168.287	168.103	7.3	4.3	3.4	-1.1	5.8	1.1
Other food at home	200.399	201.182	202.272	202.972	6.5	6.6	4.4	5.2	6.6	4.8
Sugar and sweets ¹	209.091	209.639	212.860	213.086	1.6	8.9	1.1	7.9	5.1	4.4
Fats and oils	228.447	231.558	235.062	232.860	14.4	13.1	9.3	8.0	13.7	8.6
Other foods	213.066	213.598	214.023	215.306	6.3	5.1	4.3	4.3	5.7	4.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	125.761	126.235	125.367	127.047	7.0	5.5	1.4	4.2	6.2	2.8
Food away from home ¹	234.240	234.666	235.423	235.782	3.4	3.8	2.7	2.7	3.6	2.7
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	165.228	165.205	166.216	165.955	1.9	2.6	1.7	1.8	2.3	1.7
Alcoholic beverages	229.320	229.662	231.733	233.018	3.1	.6	1.5	6.6	1.8	4.0
Housing	217.422	217.764	217.930	218.097	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.2	1.9	1.6
Shelter	247.512	248.039	248.481	248.869	1.0	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.3
Rent of primary residence ³	254.439	255.050	255.369	255.957	1.6	2.8	3.1	2.4	2.2	2.7
Lodging away from home ²	139.050	138.932	138.797	141.111	6.8	3.6	-2.9	6.1	5.2	1.5
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{1 3 4}	236.869	237.350	237.848	238.085	.7	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 3 4}	236.859	237.342	237.840	238.078	.7	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	129.912	130.695	131.182	130.565	-5	2.7	3.7	2.0	1.1	2.9
Fuels and utilities	220.091	219.922	218.917	218.074	6.3	-4	1.1	-3.6	2.9	-1.3
Household energy	192.117	191.695	190.399	189.184	6.7	-1.4	.2	-6.0	2.6	-3.0
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	342.717	340.375	344.055	350.169	25.2	-12.0	9.6	9.0	4.9	9.3
Energy services ³	193.891	193.537	191.946	190.425	5.3	-5	-6	-7.0	2.4	-3.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	182.744	183.611	184.306	185.386	4.8	3.2	4.9	5.9	4.0	5.4
Household furnishings and operations	121.768	121.857	121.930	122.141	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	155.567	155.744	156.727	156.914	1.8	1.3	1.8	3.5	1.5	2.6
Apparel	123.937	124.119	125.293	124.138	4.6	12.1	1.8	.7	8.3	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel	118.799	118.421	119.207	117.459	4.3	11.4	9.5	-4.4	7.8	2.3
Women's and girls' apparel	111.174	111.270	112.645	111.458	4.7	15.7	-8	1.0	10.1	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	119.892	121.697	123.626	122.247	4.5	18.7	1.2	8.1	11.4	4.6
Footwear	129.147	129.348	129.142	129.127	4.2	4.1	-2.3	-1	4.2	-1.2
Transportation	215.570	213.811	214.570	219.572	17.7	4.1	-2.5	7.6	10.7	2.5
Private transportation	212.198	210.392	211.254	216.417	18.4	4.3	-2.7	8.2	11.1	2.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	99.974	99.627	99.128	99.284	11.3	5.7	-3.0	-2.7	8.4	-2.9
New vehicles	143.707	143.506	143.417	144.448	10.2	2.4	-1.9	2.1	6.2	.1
Used cars and trucks	151.951	150.961	149.463	149.093	13.7	11.5	-4.5	-7.3	12.6	-5.9
Motor fuel	307.658	301.259	303.958	322.030	37.5	4.4	-6.4	20.0	19.8	6.0
Gasoline (all types)	306.470	300.075	302.847	321.034	37.8	4.4	-7.1	20.4	19.9	5.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	146.151	147.223	147.804	147.905	7.3	6.1	2.1	4.9	6.7	3.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	258.342	258.355	259.076	259.689	2.4	1.6	3.6	2.1	2.0	2.8
Public transportation	268.353	268.487	266.645	266.487	3.1	-1.4	3.7	-2.8	.8	.4
Medical care	407.721	409.115	410.534	411.483	3.4	2.7	4.3	3.7	3.1	4.0
Medical care commodities ¹	318.671	319.396	321.314	323.842	4.3	.3	3.0	6.7	2.3	4.8
Medical care services	434.106	435.752	436.902	437.159	3.1	3.5	4.7	2.8	3.3	3.8
Professional services	342.229	343.032	342.799	341.810	1.6	2.3	2.5	-5	2.0	1.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2012	Aug. 2011	Feb. 2012
Expenditure category										
Hospital and related services	657.880	660.972	662.755	663.750	6.2	5.6	5.2	3.6	5.9	4.4
Recreation ²	109.905	110.249	110.877	110.893	1.4	.0	-.6	3.6	.7	1.5
Video and audio ²	99.444	99.583	100.249	100.265	.4	-1.0	2.5	3.3	-.3	2.9
Education and communication ²	126.135	126.323	126.612	126.838	.8	.9	1.8	2.2	.8	2.0
Education ²	208.259	208.927	209.422	209.945	4.2	4.1	5.0	3.3	4.2	4.1
Educational books and supplies	548.282	548.831	552.247	552.720	5.2	3.3	10.2	3.3	4.3	6.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	584.757	586.751	587.964	589.517	4.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.9
Communication ²	85.524	85.553	85.741	85.854	-1.4	-1.2	-.2	1.6	-1.3	.7
Information and information processing ²	83.151	83.179	83.377	83.424	-1.4	-1.3	-.4	1.3	-1.4	.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.620	100.764	101.014	101.050	-.6	-.8	.9	1.7	-.7	1.3
Information technology, hardware and services ⁵	9.415	9.379	9.398	9.409	-4.4	-3.2	-4.8	-.3	-3.8	-2.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	65.790	64.651	64.202	64.338	-10.6	-14.8	-6.9	-8.5	-12.7	-7.7
Other goods and services	420.462	420.998	421.681	421.310	-.5	3.0	2.8	.8	1.2	1.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	848.791	852.435	856.419	853.214	-2.0	6.1	3.0	2.1	2.0	2.6
Personal care	207.847	207.746	207.885	207.881	.3	1.3	2.7	.1	.8	1.4
Personal care products ¹	161.716	160.954	161.473	161.121	-4.6	-1.1	5.3	-1.5	-2.8	1.8
Personal care services ¹	232.222	232.313	232.093	232.964	.5	.3	2.3	1.3	.4	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services	368.267	369.704	369.334	369.317	2.5	3.0	2.8	1.1	2.7	2.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	190.308	189.707	190.404	192.449	10.1	4.5	-.1	4.6	7.2	2.2
Food and beverages	230.666	231.158	231.622	231.754	6.0	4.7	3.0	1.9	5.4	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages	168.025	166.976	167.752	170.554	12.5	4.3	-1.9	6.2	8.4	2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	222.755	220.944	222.849	227.803	16.8	3.7	-1.7	9.4	10.1	3.7
Apparel	123.937	124.119	125.293	124.138	4.6	12.1	1.8	.7	8.3	1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	289.013	285.869	288.013	296.863	20.0	1.9	-2.3	11.3	10.6	4.3
Durables	114.733	114.642	114.372	114.741	5.9	5.2	-3.7	.0	5.5	-1.9
Services	263.053	263.648	264.025	264.147	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.7	2.0	2.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	238.554	239.075	239.434	239.753	1.3	2.2	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	129.912	130.695	131.182	130.565	-.5	2.7	3.7	2.0	1.1	2.9
Energy services ³	193.891	193.537	191.946	190.425	5.3	-.5	-.6	-7.0	2.4	-3.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	182.744	183.611	184.306	185.386	4.8	3.2	4.9	5.9	4.0	5.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	155.567	155.744	156.727	156.914	1.8	1.3	1.8	3.5	1.5	2.6
Transportation services	270.697	271.151	271.447	271.090	3.6	1.0	3.3	.6	2.3	1.9
Medical care services	434.106	435.752	436.902	437.159	3.1	3.5	4.7	2.8	3.3	3.8
Other services	301.510	302.648	303.629	303.953	1.9	1.2	2.1	3.3	1.5	2.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	222.296	222.168	222.638	223.918	5.4	2.8	.9	3.0	4.1	1.9
All items less shelter	217.444	217.207	217.699	219.101	7.5	3.4	.8	3.1	5.4	1.9
All items less medical care	216.248	216.172	216.604	217.704	5.7	3.1	1.1	2.7	4.4	1.9
Commodities less food	170.210	169.195	170.019	172.800	12.2	4.2	-1.8	6.2	8.1	2.1
Nondurables less food	223.365	221.670	223.594	228.396	16.1	3.4	-1.5	9.3	9.6	3.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	282.638	279.803	282.002	290.210	18.9	1.6	-2.1	11.2	9.9	4.3
Nondurables	227.760	227.001	228.186	230.923	12.0	3.7	.6	5.7	7.8	3.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	258.482	259.241	259.493	259.315	3.0	1.1	2.5	1.3	2.1	1.9
Services less medical care services	251.317	251.921	252.171	252.218	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.8	1.9
Energy	248.293	244.867	245.461	253.802	24.7	2.2	-4.0	9.2	12.9	2.4
All items less energy	221.742	222.119	222.551	222.728	3.2	3.2	2.0	1.8	3.2	1.9
All items less food and energy	220.326	220.679	221.124	221.324	2.6	2.9	1.7	1.8	2.7	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	149.269	149.158	149.414	149.453	4.6	4.6	-.3	.5	4.6	.1
Energy commodities	310.638	304.362	307.238	325.037	36.9	3.6	-5.8	19.9	19.1	6.3
Services less energy services	270.595	271.297	271.896	272.205	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.5

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 Feb.2012 from—			Percent change to Jan.2012 from—		
		Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011
U.S. city average	M	222.813	222.166	223.216	224.317	3.1	1.0	0.5	3.1	0.2	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	241.167	240.431	241.321	242.371	3.1	.8	.4	3.2	.1	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	240.912	240.148	241.066	242.040	2.9	.8	.4	3.1	.1	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	146.843	146.432	146.923	147.685	3.5	.9	.5	3.3	.1	.3
Midwest urban	M	211.969	211.459	212.756	213.248	3.0	.8	.2	3.2	.4	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.505	210.962	212.309	212.714	3.0	.8	.2	3.1	.4	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.048	138.741	139.595	139.934	3.0	.9	.2	3.2	.4	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	211.533	211.040	212.052	212.902	3.2	.9	.4	3.1	.2	.5
South urban	M	218.030	217.463	218.571	220.080	3.6	1.2	.7	3.5	.2	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.215	218.603	219.705	221.592	3.5	1.4	.9	3.1	.2	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	139.721	139.299	139.863	140.726	3.5	1.0	.6	3.4	.1	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	225.404	225.422	227.762	228.966	4.4	1.6	.5	4.9	1.0	1.0
West urban	M	223.785	222.968	223.849	224.956	2.5	.9	.5	2.7	.0	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	226.250	225.267	226.277	227.609	2.6	1.0	.6	2.6	.0	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	138.587	138.157	138.578	139.050	2.4	.6	.3	2.7	.0	.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	205.627	204.954	205.939	206.988	3.0	1.0	.5	3.0	.2	.5
B/C ³	M	140.330	139.931	140.506	141.179	3.2	.9	.5	3.2	.1	.4
D	M	218.973	218.780	220.339	221.349	3.7	1.2	.5	3.9	.6	.7
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	213.704	212.597	214.298	214.022	1.9	.7	-.1	2.5	.3	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	225.786	224.444	226.245	227.585	2.1	1.4	.6	2.1	.2	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	245.546	244.586	245.541	246.539	2.8	.8	.4	3.0	.0	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	246.349	-	247.006	-	-	-	-	2.7	.3	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	202.824	-	203.575	-	-	-	-	2.0	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	214.581	-	214.557	-	-	-	-	3.7	.0	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	148.038	-	148.489	-	-	-	-	2.7	.3	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	207.654	-	210.269	2.8	1.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	210.199	-	212.037	4.5	.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	199.480	-	203.603	4.1	2.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	230.394	-	232.605	3.2	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	235.194	-	236.815	2.4	.7	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	231.109	-	234.648	3.5	1.5	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	231.297	-	232.081	2.8	.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, 2009-2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2012 from—	
		Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	130.104	130.569	2.6	0.4
Food and beverages	15.084	134.898	134.845	3.7	.0
Food	14.112	135.182	135.085	3.8	-.1
Food at home	8.447	130.832	130.552	4.4	-.2
Food away from home	5.665	140.953	141.152	3.0	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.971	131.515	132.083	1.5	.4
Housing	41.994	130.806	130.960	1.7	.1
Shelter	32.159	134.278	134.556	2.0	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.481	160.021	159.024	.2	-.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.355	92.940	93.305	.8	.4
Apparel	3.613	91.559	92.435	3.5	1.0
Transportation	15.647	141.008	143.078	5.1	1.5
Private transportation	14.521	142.034	144.205	5.5	1.5
Public transportation	1.126	129.003	129.890	-.1	.7
Medical care	6.942	157.640	158.549	3.4	.6
Medical care commodities	1.697	138.286	139.368	3.3	.8
Medical care services	5.245	164.751	165.592	3.4	.5
Recreation	6.393	102.670	102.766	.2	.1
Education and communication	6.936	113.826	113.938	1.3	.1
Education	3.074	196.362	196.339	4.3	.0
Communication	3.862	70.705	70.836	-1.0	.2
Other goods and services	3.391	144.296	144.210	2.4	-.1
Commodity and service group					
Services	60.782	139.177	139.330	2.0	.1
Commodities	39.218	119.250	120.135	3.5	.7
Durables	9.295	80.586	80.826	.5	.3
Nondurables	29.924	139.240	140.466	4.5	.9
All items less food and energy	77.054	122.897	123.217	2.0	.3
Energy	8.833	198.691	202.464	5.7	1.9

Indexes for 2012 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2011 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.