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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: SEPTEMBER 2007

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in September before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The September level of 208.490 (1982-84=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in September 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.3 percent in September prior to seasonal adjustment. The September level of 203.889 (1982-84=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in September 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in September on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The September level of 120.423 (December 1999=100) was 2.3 percent higher than in September 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.3 percent in September, following a 0.1 percent decline in August. The index for energy, which declined in each of the preceding three months, rose 0.3 percent in September. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 0.4 percent and the index for energy services rose 0.1 percent. The food index rose 0.5 percent in September. The index for food at home also rose 0.5 percent, reflecting large increases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for dairy products. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in September, the same as in each of the preceding three months.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep. '07	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2007								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.6	.4	.7	.2	.1	-.1	.3	1.0	2.8
Food and beverages	.3	.4	.3	.5	.3	.4	.5	4.6	4.4
Housing	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.0	.3	1.6	2.9
Apparel	-1.0	-.3	-.3	-.6	.4	-.5	.3	.6	-1.8
Transportation	2.8	1.2	2.8	-.2	-.3	-1.2	.1	-5.6	2.2
Medical care	.1	.4	.3	.2	.6	.5	.3	6.0	4.6
Recreation	.0	.1	.2	.0	-.1	-.1	.3	.3	.3
Education and communication	.5	.3	.6	.0	.2	.3	.1	2.7	2.4
Other goods and services	.2	.3	.3	.3	.0	.1	.4	2.1	3.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	5.9	2.4	5.4	-.5	-1.0	-3.2	.3	-14.8	5.3
Food	.3	.4	.3	.5	.3	.4	.5	4.9	4.5
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.5	2.1

Consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 1.0 percent in the third quarter of 2007, following increases in the first and second quarters at annual rates of 4.7 and 5.2 percent, respectively. This brings the year-to-date annual rate to 3.6 percent and compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The index for energy, which advanced at annual rates of 22.9 and 32.9 percent in the first two quarters, declined at a 14.8 percent rate in the third quarter of 2007. Thus far this year, energy costs have risen at an 11.7 percent SAAR after increasing 2.9 percent in all of 2006. In the first nine months of 2007, petroleum-based energy costs (energy commodities) advanced at a 20.6 percent rate and charges for energy services (gas and electricity) increased at a 1.3 percent rate. The food index rose at a 5.7 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 2007 after advancing 2.1 percent in all of 2006. Grocery store food prices increased at a 6.7 percent annual rate in the first nine months of 2007, reflecting acceleration over the last year in each of the six major groups. These increases ranged from annual rates of 4.0 percent in the index for other food at home to 17.7 percent in the index for dairy products.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 2.5 percent SAAR in the third quarter, following increases at rates of 2.3 percent in each of the first two quarters of 2007. The advance at a 2.3 percent SAAR for the first nine months of 2007 compares with a 2.6 percent rise in all of 2006. The deceleration largely reflects a smaller increase in the index for shelter and a downturn in the index for apparel. Shelter costs, which rose 4.2 percent in all of 2006, have risen at a 3.2 percent annual rate in the first nine months of 2007. The index for apparel, which last year registered its first annual increase since 1997, has declined at an annual rate of 1.7 percent thus far in 2007. The annual rates for selected groups for the last seven and three-quarter years are shown below.

	Percentage change 12 months ended in December							SAAR 9 mos. ended in Sep.
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All items	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4	2.5	3.6
Food and beverages	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	5.7
Housing	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0	3.3	2.7
Apparel	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-1.1	.9	-1.7
Transportation	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8	1.6	6.0
Medical care	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.1
Recreation	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1	1.0	.5
Education and communication	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.3	3.0
Other goods and services	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1	3.0	3.4
Special indexes								
Energy	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1	2.9	11.7
Energy commodities	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7	6.1	20.6
Energy services	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6	-.6	1.3
All items less energy	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.8
Food	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	5.7
All items less food and energy	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.3

The food and beverages index rose 0.5 percent in September. The index for food at home, which rose 0.4 percent in August, advanced 0.5 percent in September. The index for fruits and vegetables, which had declined in each of the preceding four months, increased 1.8 percent in September and accounted for about one-half of the grocery store food advance. The indexes for fresh vegetables and for fresh fruits rose 2.5 and 1.4 percent, respectively. The index for processed fruits and vegetables increased 1.2 percent. The index for dairy products increased 1.0 percent in September and has advanced 13.0 percent in the first nine months of 2007. Milk prices also rose 1.0 percent in September and have risen 19.3 percent since the beginning of the year. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.5 percent in September. Beef and poultry prices rose 1.0 and 0.9 percent, respectively, while the index for pork declined 1.1 percent. The index for eggs rose 8.7 percent in September and was 43.9 percent higher than a year ago. The index for cereal and bakery products increased 0.4 percent, the same as in August. The indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home were virtually unchanged and declined 0.2 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.5 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which was virtually unchanged in August, increased 0.3 percent in September. The index for shelter rose 0.3 percent after increasing 0.2 percent in August. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each rose 0.3 percent and the index for lodging away from home increased 1.0 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home declined 3.8 percent.) The index for household energy, which decreased 1.2 percent in August, rose 0.1 percent in September, as a 1.0 percent decline in the index for natural gas was more than offset by increases in the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity--up 0.9 and 0.5 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations decreased 0.2 percent, the same as in each of the preceding two months.

The transportation index turned up in September, increasing 0.1 percent. The index for gasoline, which had declined in each of the preceding three months, rose 0.4 percent. As of September, gasoline prices were 10.1 percent lower than their peak level recorded in May. The index for new vehicles declined 0.3 percent in September. (About 14 percent of the new car sample in September was represented by 2008 models.) The index for used cars and trucks was virtually unchanged. During the last 12 months, new vehicle prices have declined 1.0 percent and prices for used cars and trucks, 2.7 percent. The index for public transportation increased 0.5 percent in September, reflecting a 1.1 percent increase in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares declined 0.9 percent.)

The index for apparel, which declined 0.5 percent in August, increased 0.3 percent in September. (Reflecting price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear, apparel prices advanced 4.5 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment; prices for women's and girls' clothing increased 7.5 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in September. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation rose 0.3 percent in September. Increases in the indexes for cable and satellite television and radio, for pets, pet products and services, and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts and sporting events--up 0.7, 1.0, and 0.9 percent, respectively--were partially offset by a 1.2 percent decline in the index for toys.

The index for education and communication increased 0.1 percent in September. The index for education rose 0.2 percent, reflecting increases of 0.8 percent in the index for child care and nursery school and 0.7 percent in the index for college textbooks. The index for college tuition and fees declined 0.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for college tuition and fees rose 1.5 percent in September and were 5.5 percent higher than a year ago.) The index for communication was virtually unchanged in September. Within this group, the index for telephone services rose 0.1 percent as a 0.3 percent increase in the index for land-line local charges more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in the index for land-line long distance charges. The indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 0.7 percent, while the indexes for computer software and accessories and for internet services and electronic information providers increased 1.2 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.4 percent in September. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.8 percent, reflecting in part the pass through of a wholesale price increase for cigarettes. During the last 12 months, prices for cigarettes have increased 7.8 percent. The index for miscellaneous personal services rose 0.7 percent, reflecting a 1.9 percent increase in financial services.

### **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 0.3 percent in September.

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 Sep. '07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '07
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Apparel	-.8	-.4	-.3	-.9	.8	-.3	.1	2.4	-2.0
Transportation	3.0	1.4	3.1	-.2	-.3	-1.4	.1	-6.0	2.4
Medical care	.1	.4	.3	.2	.7	.5	.4	6.3	4.7
Recreation	-.1	.0	.2	-.1	-.1	-.1	.4	.4	.2
Education and communication	.4	.3	.6	.0	.3	.3	.0	2.4	2.1
Other goods and services	.2	.1	.3	.3	.1	.1	.4	2.5	4.1
Special Indexes									
Energy	6.2	2.6	5.8	-.7	-1.0	-3.4	.3	-14.9	5.7
Food	.3	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	.5	4.9	4.5
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	2.6	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for September are scheduled for release on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

## **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. For a recorded message of Summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index**

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.06 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005-December 2005 in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.pdf>

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

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

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## **A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data**

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

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

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index 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 2002 through December 2006 were replaced in January 2007. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2007.

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.

In January 2007, BLS adjusted 37 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, fuel oil, motor fuels, vehicles, jewelry, admission to sporting events and educational books and supplies. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the effects of implementing new fuel requirements in the United States.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	Aug. 2007	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items .....	100.000	207.917	208.490	2.8	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	622.827	624.543	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	14.992	204.289	205.279	4.4	.5	.3	.4	.5
Food .....	13.885	203.885	204.941	4.5	.5	.3	.4	.5
Food at home .....	7.896	202.126	203.193	4.7	.5	.1	.4	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.103	223.981	223.372	4.6	-.3	.1	.4	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.112	197.204	198.323	5.5	.6	-.4	.1	.5
Dairy and related products .....	.821	201.739	203.541	13.1	.9	2.7	1.7	1.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.211	252.845	259.100	.3	2.5	-1.1	-.2	1.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	154.791	155.007	5.1	.1	-.1	1.2	.0
Other food at home .....	1.743	174.686	174.201	2.6	-.3	.3	.1	-.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	178.256	178.172	3.5	.0	.6	.1	.6
Fats and oils .....	.227	174.251	174.105	3.7	-.1	1.3	.1	-.3
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.214	189.781	189.076	2.2	-.4	.1	.1	-.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.327	116.072	114.628	.4	-1.2	-.9	.9	-1.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.989	207.756	208.805	4.1	.5	.5	.4	.5
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.281	145.376	146.752	6.7	.9	1.1	.4	.9
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.107	208.264	208.408	3.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Housing .....	42.691	211.098	210.865	2.9	-.1	.2	.0	.3
Shelter .....	32.776	242.238	241.990	3.5	-.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.930	235.311	236.058	3.9	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.648	150.236	144.480	7.0	-3.8	.8	-.6	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.830	246.815	247.487	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.369	116.926	116.783	.3	-.1	-.5	.3	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.264	204.334	204.264	2.3	.0	.0	-.9	.1
Household energy .....	4.368	185.453	185.306	1.8	-.1	-.2	-1.2	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	246.542	252.580	6.5	2.4	3.4	.2	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.029	190.710	190.158	1.5	-.3	-.5	-1.3	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.897	144.972	145.246	5.1	.2	1.0	.5	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.651	126.520	126.193	-.7	-.3	-.2	-.2	-.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.792	140.971	140.698	2.4	-.2	.1	.2	-.2
Apparel .....	3.726	114.439	119.535	-1.8	4.5	.4	-.5	.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	109.032	112.380	-1.8	3.1	1.4	-.7	.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.590	103.237	110.973	-3.2	7.5	-.2	-.1	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	110.221	113.611	-2.5	3.1	-.9	.3	.8
Footwear .....	.749	120.329	123.183	-.8	2.4	1.5	-.6	-.4
Transportation .....	17.249	184.480	184.532	2.2	.0	-.3	-1.2	.1
Private transportation .....	16.188	180.408	180.586	2.3	.1	-.3	-1.3	.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.581	94.121	93.985	-1.4	-.1	.3	.3	-.2
New vehicles .....	4.982	135.204	134.927	-1.0	-.2	.0	.1	-.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.716	137.138	137.142	-2.7	.0	.7	.8	.0
Motor fuel .....	4.347	238.194	239.104	8.6	.4	-1.7	-4.9	.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.303	237.108	237.993	8.7	.4	-1.7	-4.9	.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.370	121.730	122.292	3.0	.5	.5	.2	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.145	224.019	224.302	3.4	.1	.4	.4	.0
Public transportation .....	1.060	233.112	230.694	.5	-1.0	-.1	.5	.5
Medical care .....	6.281	352.961	353.723	4.6	.2	.6	.5	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.446	291.164	291.340	1.1	.1	.6	.4	.0
Medical care services .....	4.834	371.461	372.432	5.6	.3	.6	.5	.4
Professional services .....	2.817	302.259	302.410	4.1	.0	.4	.5	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.630	501.026	504.206	6.8	.6	.9	.5	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	Aug. 2007	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.552	111.139	111.400	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.719	102.311	102.759	-1.7	.4	-5	-4	.5
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.034	120.311	121.273	2.4	.8	.2	.3	.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	3.076	172.873	175.486	5.3	1.5	.5	.5	.2
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	427.425	430.114	9.2	.6	1.1	1.8	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.872	498.071	505.924	5.0	1.6	.5	.4	.1
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.958	83.655	83.690	-.6	.0	.0	.1	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.769	80.944	80.976	-.9	.0	.0	.1	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.225	98.813	98.882	2.9	.1	.1	.2	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.543	10.487	10.477	-14.8	-.1	-.7	-.4	-.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.203	9.524	9.455	-10.0	-.7	-1.0	-.8	-.7
Other goods and services .....	3.476	333.325	334.801	3.6	.4	.0	.1	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	555.217	559.636	7.5	.8	.3	.2	.8
Personal care .....	2.764	195.521	196.202	2.6	.3	.0	.0	.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.708	157.788	157.643	.8	-.1	-.2	-.4	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.677	217.028	217.589	3.3	.3	.4	.1	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.188	325.566	327.783	3.6	.7	-.2	.4	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.305	166.955	167.952	2.2	.6	.0	-.5	.2
Food and beverages .....	14.992	204.289	205.279	4.4	.5	.3	.4	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.313	146.317	147.289	.9	.7	-.2	-1.1	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.191	180.480	182.902	2.9	1.3	-.6	-2.1	.1
Apparel .....	3.726	114.439	119.535	-1.8	4.5	.4	-.5	.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.465	225.694	226.509	4.6	.4	-.8	-2.4	.2
Durables .....	11.122	112.036	111.746	-1.8	-.3	.0	.1	-.2
Services .....	59.695	248.555	248.700	3.2	.1	.2	.1	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.407	252.530	252.272	3.5	-.1	.3	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.369	116.926	116.783	.3	-.1	-.5	.3	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.029	190.710	190.158	1.5	-.3	-.5	-1.3	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.897	144.972	145.246	5.1	.2	1.0	.5	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.792	140.971	140.698	2.4	-.2	.1	.2	-.2
Transportation services .....	5.638	234.563	234.322	1.1	-.1	.4	.4	.2
Medical care services .....	4.834	371.461	372.432	5.6	.3	.6	.5	.4
Other services .....	10.730	286.492	288.469	2.7	.7	.1	.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	86.115	208.607	209.100	2.4	.2	.1	-.2	.2
All items less shelter .....	67.224	196.803	197.708	2.4	.5	.1	-.3	.2
All items less medical care .....	93.719	200.598	201.159	2.6	.3	.1	-.2	.3
Commodities less food .....	26.420	148.591	149.541	1.0	.6	-.2	-1.0	.1
Nondurables less food .....	15.299	182.170	184.450	3.0	1.3	-.5	-1.9	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.572	223.057	223.802	4.5	.3	-.7	-2.2	.2
Nondurables .....	29.183	192.869	194.616	3.6	.9	-.2	-.8	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.288	262.588	263.243	2.7	.2	.2	.0	.2
Services less medical care services .....	54.861	238.507	238.604	2.9	.0	.2	.1	.2
Energy .....	8.715	209.294	209.637	5.3	.2	-1.0	-3.2	.3
All items less energy .....	91.285	209.399	210.000	2.5	.3	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.401	211.111	211.628	2.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.735	138.895	139.828	-.8	.7	.1	.0	.0
Energy commodities .....	4.685	239.885	241.120	8.5	.5	-1.4	-4.6	.4
Services less energy services .....	55.666	254.491	254.706	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.481	\$.480	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.161	\$.160	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2007
All items .....	207.784	208.028	207.738	208.292	0.2	4.7	5.2	1.0	2.4	3.1
Food and beverages .....	203.192	203.709	204.528	205.513	.6	7.4	4.9	4.6	4.0	4.8
Food .....	202.773	203.311	204.143	205.193	.6	7.3	5.1	4.9	3.9	5.0
Food at home .....	201.525	201.731	202.573	203.629	-1.2	10.0	6.1	4.2	4.2	5.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	221.959	222.231	223.047	223.974	3.4	4.7	6.5	3.7	4.1	5.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	197.568	196.783	197.030	198.081	.9	9.7	11.0	1.0	5.2	5.9
Dairy and related products .....	193.257	198.511	201.964	203.900	.4	11.9	17.7	23.9	6.0	20.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	260.558	257.781	257.280	261.869	-12.8	19.3	-4.6	2.0	2.0	-1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	153.685	153.554	155.469	155.413	3.0	11.4	1.6	4.6	7.1	3.1
Other food at home .....	173.792	174.356	174.576	174.222	-1.4	5.9	5.1	1.0	2.2	3.0
Sugar and sweets .....	176.267	177.285	177.514	178.518	3.8	.9	4.4	5.2	2.3	4.8
Fats and oils .....	172.105	174.272	174.376	173.822	3.4	2.2	5.2	4.1	2.8	4.6
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	189.353	189.518	189.781	189.076	-3.2	7.8	5.2	-.6	2.1	2.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.101	115.017	116.072	114.628	3.2	-2.6	6.3	-5.0	.2	.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	205.934	206.931	207.756	208.805	3.4	3.8	3.7	5.7	3.6	4.7
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	143.183	144.700	145.278	146.610	5.3	6.1	5.2	9.9	5.7	7.5
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	207.383	207.624	208.264	208.408	-6	9.4	3.4	2.0	4.3	2.7
Housing .....	209.617	209.959	209.933	210.470	3.4	3.5	3.0	1.6	3.4	2.3
Shelter .....	240.547	241.112	241.475	242.293	4.2	2.7	4.0	2.9	3.4	3.5
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	234.254	234.903	235.349	236.058	4.8	4.7	3.2	3.1	4.8	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	145.059	146.182	145.314	146.722	3.5	-4.5	26.8	4.7	-.6	15.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	245.778	246.191	246.761	247.445	4.1	3.1	1.9	2.7	3.6	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.106	116.577	116.926	116.783	2.4	.8	-.8	-1.1	1.6	-.9
Fuels and utilities .....	200.780	200.791	199.053	199.338	1.0	11.5	.2	-2.8	6.1	-1.3
Household energy .....	182.136	181.795	179.698	179.939	.7	12.3	-.3	-4.7	6.3	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	244.933	253.273	253.876	256.322	-10.7	-4.7	26.2	19.9	-7.8	23.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.119	186.201	183.827	183.937	1.8	13.8	-2.2	-6.6	7.6	-4.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	142.805	144.181	144.972	145.246	3.2	7.4	2.8	7.0	5.3	4.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.183	126.971	126.735	126.464	.0	.3	-.9	-2.2	.1	-1.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.527	140.691	140.971	140.698	5.0	2.2	1.9	.5	3.6	1.2
Apparel .....	118.065	118.585	117.936	118.232	-1.7	-.9	-4.8	.6	-1.3	-2.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	111.634	113.150	112.309	113.158	-5.1	-7.2	.1	5.6	-6.2	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	108.817	108.619	108.533	108.461	-2.1	2.5	-11.1	-1.3	.1	-6.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	112.895	111.839	112.203	113.091	-3.7	3.1	-9.6	.7	-.4	-4.6
Footwear .....	121.283	123.124	122.326	121.792	2.3	-4.2	-2.9	1.7	-1.0	-.6
Transportation .....	187.592	187.002	184.702	184.899	-8.6	8.3	16.5	-5.6	-.5	4.8
Private transportation .....	183.924	183.322	180.862	181.008	-8.5	8.3	17.7	-6.2	-.5	5.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.126	94.380	94.626	94.422	-4.9	-1.0	-.6	1.3	-3.0	.3
New vehicles .....	136.317	136.361	136.457	136.113	-3.2	.6	-.8	-.6	-1.3	-.7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	135.067	136.024	137.138	137.142	-12.9	-5.2	2.1	6.3	-9.2	4.1
Motor fuel .....	254.122	249.813	237.534	238.498	-21.7	33.9	71.3	-22.4	2.4	15.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	253.031	248.717	236.522	237.409	-22.1	34.5	71.6	-22.5	2.4	15.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	120.885	121.514	121.730	122.292	2.7	3.3	1.3	4.7	3.0	3.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	222.723	223.624	224.432	224.473	3.0	4.2	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.1
Public transportation .....	227.879	227.627	228.803	229.945	-8.5	8.0	-.5	3.7	-.6	1.6
Medical care .....	349.272	351.450	353.209	354.396	2.9	5.6	3.8	6.0	4.2	4.9
Medical care commodities .....	288.154	289.810	290.911	290.962	-1.1	.0	1.7	4.0	-.5	2.8
Medical care services .....	367.567	369.912	371.893	373.489	4.0	7.3	4.5	6.6	5.7	5.5
Professional services .....	299.630	300.785	302.356	302.950	3.3	6.5	2.0	4.5	4.9	3.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	495.327	499.895	502.604	506.744	3.7	7.0	7.1	9.5	5.3	8.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2007
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	111.424	111.335	111.186	111.495	-0.4	0.1	1.1	0.3	-0.1	0.7
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.318	102.766	102.381	102.924	-4.9	-3.3	3.1	-1.5	-4.1	.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	119.517	119.812	120.182	120.304	.7	2.7	3.5	2.7	1.7	3.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	170.781	171.682	172.510	172.780	6.5	5.3	4.6	4.8	5.9	4.7
Educational books and supplies .....	416.568	421.161	428.565	429.676	7.3	12.2	4.3	13.2	9.7	8.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	492.532	494.925	496.848	497.589	6.5	4.8	4.6	4.2	5.6	4.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	83.594	83.553	83.658	83.693	-5.1	.1	2.3	.5	-2.6	1.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	80.880	80.840	80.944	80.976	-5.3	.0	1.4	.5	-2.7	.9
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.485	98.570	98.813	98.882	2.9	3.0	4.0	1.6	3.0	2.8
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.597	10.528	10.487	10.477	-31.3	-11.6	-9.3	-4.5	-22.0	-6.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	9.700	9.601	9.524	9.455	-7.4	-4.2	-17.9	-9.7	-5.8	-13.9
Other goods and services .....	333.375	333.462	333.712	335.133	4.0	4.7	3.4	2.1	4.4	2.8
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	552.314	553.987	555.217	559.636	5.1	18.4	1.7	5.4	11.5	3.5
Personal care .....	195.833	195.739	195.809	196.450	3.8	1.4	3.9	1.3	2.6	2.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.771	158.457	157.788	157.643	6.8	-1.0	.5	-2.8	2.8	-1.2
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	215.860	216.720	217.028	217.589	3.5	5.0	1.4	3.2	4.2	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	325.136	324.498	325.752	327.885	3.8	1.3	5.8	3.4	2.6	4.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	168.620	168.542	167.657	168.022	-3.8	6.3	8.3	-1.4	1.1	3.3
Food and beverages .....	203.192	203.709	204.528	205.513	.6	7.4	4.9	4.6	4.0	4.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	149.116	148.786	147.198	147.288	-6.7	5.7	10.3	-4.8	-7	2.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	184.980	183.925	180.059	180.329	3.2	4.4	15.3	-9.7	3.8	2.0
Apparel .....	118.065	118.585	117.936	118.232	-1.7	-9	-4.8	.6	-1.3	-2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	232.988	231.202	225.615	226.029	-10.7	16.4	30.0	-11.4	2.0	7.3
Durables .....	112.361	112.376	112.528	112.252	-3.5	-1.4	-1.9	-.4	-2.4	-1.1
Services .....	246.637	247.174	247.469	248.199	3.0	3.7	3.2	2.6	3.4	2.9
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	250.724	251.435	251.709	252.550	4.3	2.5	4.1	2.9	3.4	3.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.106	116.577	116.926	116.783	2.4	.8	-.8	-1.1	1.6	-.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	187.119	186.201	183.827	183.937	1.8	13.8	-2.2	-6.6	7.6	-4.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	142.805	144.181	144.972	145.246	3.2	7.4	2.8	7.0	5.3	4.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.527	140.691	140.971	140.698	5.0	2.2	1.9	.5	3.6	1.2
Transportation services .....	232.372	233.221	234.183	234.578	-3	1.5	-.5	3.9	.6	1.7
Medical care services .....	367.567	369.912	371.893	373.489	4.0	7.3	4.5	6.6	5.7	5.5
Other services .....	285.569	285.897	286.386	287.243	1.9	2.4	4.3	2.4	2.1	3.3
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	208.636	208.831	208.356	208.827	.2	4.1	5.3	.4	2.1	2.8
All items less shelter .....	197.285	197.405	196.853	197.308	-1.7	5.6	5.8	.0	1.9	2.9
All items less medical care .....	200.603	200.770	200.405	200.929	.0	4.6	5.3	.7	2.3	3.0
Commodities less food .....	151.287	150.973	149.448	149.540	-6.1	5.7	10.0	-4.5	-.4	2.5
Nondurables less food .....	186.289	185.359	181.786	182.096	3.0	4.6	14.4	-8.7	3.8	2.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	229.586	227.933	222.999	223.358	-9.7	15.5	27.5	-10.4	2.1	6.9
Nondurables .....	194.630	194.200	192.718	193.390	1.9	6.0	9.6	-2.5	3.9	3.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	261.082	261.518	261.644	262.272	.3	4.8	4.0	1.8	2.5	2.9
Services less medical care services .....	237.044	237.457	237.685	238.208	2.4	3.2	4.2	2.0	2.8	3.1
Energy .....	214.911	212.732	205.920	206.496	-11.5	22.9	32.9	-14.8	4.3	6.4
All items less energy .....	208.656	209.158	209.556	210.112	1.6	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.2	2.8
All items less food and energy .....	210.436	210.933	211.250	211.714	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.5	1.9	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.809	140.013	139.963	139.929	-2.5	.4	-1.2	.3	-1.1	-.4
Energy commodities .....	254.792	251.255	239.722	240.784	-21.0	30.9	68.0	-20.2	1.7	15.8
Services less energy services .....	252.739	253.423	253.985	254.778	3.3	2.9	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4

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

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

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

estimator.

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2007 from—			Percent change to Aug.2007 from—		
		June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	June 2007	July 2007
U.S. city average .....	M	208.352	208.299	207.917	208.490	2.8	0.1	0.3	2.0	-0.2	-0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	221.579	221.945	221.559	221.436	2.4	-2	-1	1.6	.0	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	224.036	224.229	224.246	224.274	2.4	.0	.0	1.6	.1	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	130.893	131.391	130.519	130.206	2.4	-9	-2	1.6	-3	-7
Midwest urban .....	M	199.263	198.989	198.551	199.714	3.1	.4	.6	1.8	-4	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	200.666	200.369	199.823	201.171	2.8	.4	.7	1.5	-4	-3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.372	127.111	126.886	127.504	3.5	.3	.5	2.2	-4	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	194.442	194.815	194.716	195.483	3.4	.3	.4	2.0	.1	-1
South urban .....	M	201.675	201.571	201.041	201.697	3.0	.1	.3	2.0	-3	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.152	203.953	203.579	204.302	3.0	.2	.4	2.2	-3	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.265	128.226	127.833	128.263	3.1	.0	.3	1.9	-3	-3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	201.445	201.576	200.771	200.898	1.9	-3	.1	1.2	-3	-4
West urban .....	M	212.680	212.542	212.406	212.920	2.5	.2	.2	2.4	-1	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	215.901	215.855	215.825	216.429	2.4	.3	.3	2.4	.0	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.262	129.067	128.939	129.064	2.5	.0	.1	2.2	-2	-1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	190.637	190.571	190.382	190.962	2.6	.2	.3	2.0	-1	-1
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	128.628	128.601	128.216	128.506	3.0	-1	.2	2.0	-3	-3
D .....	M	200.800	200.893	200.311	200.903	2.7	.0	.3	1.9	-2	-3
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	206.092	205.561	205.813	206.454	3.4	.4	.3	2.7	-1	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	217.273	217.454	217.330	217.697	2.3	.1	.2	2.6	.0	-1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	228.258	228.628	228.326	228.308	2.4	-1	.0	1.9	.0	-1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	226.929	-	227.850	1.5	.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	197.010	-	197.000	3.3	.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	194.286	-	194.847	1.5	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	134.442	-	134.678	3.4	.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	202.200	-	201.258	-	-	-	-	2.0	-5	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	201.585	-	199.679	-	-	-	-	.5	-9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	184.529	-	183.740	-	-	-	-	.7	-4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	212.820	-	213.127	-	-	-	-	3.7	.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	217.255	-	218.692	-	-	-	-	1.1	.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	216.123	-	216.240	-	-	-	-	2.6	.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	215.510	-	215.978	-	-	-	-	3.0	.2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	Aug. 2007	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
All items .....	100.000	203.199	203.889	2.8	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	605.267	607.324	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.475	203.610	204.584	4.4	.5	.2	.4	.5
Food .....	15.457	203.207	204.241	4.5	.5	.3	.4	.5
Food at home .....	9.244	201.321	202.351	4.7	.5	.1	.4	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.285	224.220	223.895	4.6	-1	.1	.4	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.623	196.844	197.980	5.6	.6	-3	.2	.5
Dairy and related products .....	.928	201.598	203.464	13.4	.9	2.9	1.6	1.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.332	251.575	257.223	.0	2.2	-1.2	-2	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.082	154.152	154.501	5.2	.2	.1	1.2	.0
Other food at home .....	1.993	173.997	173.463	2.5	-3	.3	.2	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	176.664	176.458	3.0	-1	.6	.1	.4
Fats and oils .....	.283	174.872	175.039	3.8	.1	1.0	.3	-1
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.373	189.941	189.110	2.1	-4	.1	.1	-4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.368	116.348	114.584	.1	-1.5	-9	.9	-1.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.213	207.533	208.578	4.2	.5	.5	.4	.5
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.279	144.938	145.783	6.3	.6	1.0	.3	.5
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.018	208.253	208.286	3.7	.0	-1	.3	.0
Housing .....	40.463	206.054	206.050	2.8	.0	.2	.0	.2
Shelter .....	30.570	234.169	234.275	3.4	.0	.2	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.021	234.457	235.175	4.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.430	149.919	143.727	7.3	-4.1	.2	-7	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.776	223.693	224.321	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	117.287	117.142	.3	-1	-5	.3	-1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.779	202.397	202.304	2.3	.0	.0	-9	.1
Household energy .....	4.842	182.518	182.357	1.9	-1	-2	-1.2	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	246.382	252.684	7.2	2.6	3.7	.1	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.496	188.511	187.963	1.4	-3	-5	-1.3	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.937	145.259	145.513	5.1	.2	.9	.6	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.114	122.190	121.820	-7	-3	.1	-2	-2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.368	143.526	143.250	2.5	-2	.2	.2	-2
Apparel .....	4.041	114.146	118.986	-2.0	4.2	.8	-3	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	108.556	111.981	-2.2	3.2	1.6	-1.1	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.680	103.960	110.847	-3.0	6.6	.5	.5	-7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	112.879	115.896	-2.2	2.7	-6	.6	.6
Footwear .....	.954	119.831	122.846	-9	2.5	1.3	-7	-1
Transportation .....	19.515	184.147	184.361	2.4	.1	-3	-1.4	.1
Private transportation .....	18.793	181.218	181.495	2.5	.2	-3	-1.5	.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	8.626	93.229	93.118	-1.5	-1	.3	.3	-2
New vehicles .....	5.210	136.414	136.129	-9	-2	.1	.1	-3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.675	137.999	137.996	-2.8	.0	.7	.8	.0
Motor fuel .....	5.441	239.097	240.271	8.8	.5	-1.5	-5.0	.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.388	238.100	239.252	8.9	.5	-1.6	-5.0	.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.444	121.584	122.144	3.2	.5	.6	.2	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.145	226.636	226.881	3.4	.1	.4	.4	.0
Public transportation .....	.723	231.082	229.148	.6	-8	-2	.4	.5
Medical care .....	5.228	352.704	353.571	4.7	.2	.7	.5	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.135	283.379	283.712	.9	.1	.6	.3	.0
Medical care services .....	4.094	372.261	373.306	5.7	.3	.7	.6	.5
Professional services .....	2.338	304.677	304.841	4.1	.1	.4	.6	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.378	495.191	498.533	6.6	.7	.9	.5	.9

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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	Aug. 2007	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.022	108.179	108.495	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.867	101.923	102.427	-1.4	.5	-5	-4	.6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.605	116.981	117.707	2.1	.6	.3	.3	.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.329	170.635	173.060	5.1	1.4	.6	.5	.0
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	431.089	433.670	9.7	.6	1.1	1.8	.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.121	480.960	488.199	4.6	1.5	.6	.3	.0
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.276	86.148	86.184	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.124	84.248	84.283	-.1	.0	.0	.2	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.633	98.964	99.024	2.9	.1	.1	.2	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.492	10.965	10.958	-15.1	-.1	-6	-3	-1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.178	9.421	9.348	-9.2	-.8	-9	-8	-8
Other goods and services .....	3.652	344.214	345.800	4.1	.5	.1	.1	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.139	556.517	561.092	7.4	.8	.3	.2	.8
Personal care .....	2.513	193.598	194.160	2.6	.3	.0	.0	.2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.771	157.813	157.654	.9	-.1	-2	-4	-1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.618	217.354	217.822	3.3	.2	.4	.1	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	327.235	329.329	4.0	.6	-2	.4	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.175	169.122	170.141	2.4	.6	.0	-.6	.2
Food and beverages .....	16.475	203.610	204.584	4.4	.5	.2	.4	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.700	149.781	150.795	1.3	.7	-.1	-1.2	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.699	187.515	189.981	3.5	1.3	-5	-2.4	.1
Apparel .....	4.041	114.146	118.986	-2.0	4.2	.8	-.3	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.658	237.329	238.345	5.4	.4	-5	-2.6	.2
Durables .....	12.001	112.362	112.114	-1.7	-.2	.1	.1	-.3
Services .....	55.825	243.118	243.436	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	30.227	225.760	225.867	3.4	.0	.2	.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	117.287	117.142	.3	-.1	-5	.3	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.496	188.511	187.963	1.4	-.3	-5	-1.3	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.937	145.259	145.513	5.1	.2	.9	.6	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.368	143.526	143.250	2.5	-.2	.2	.2	-.2
Transportation services .....	5.600	233.831	233.868	1.1	.0	.4	.4	.1
Medical care services .....	4.094	372.261	373.306	5.7	.3	.7	.6	.5
Other services .....	9.761	276.015	277.702	2.5	.6	.1	.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.543	203.011	203.638	2.4	.3	.1	-.3	.2
All items less shelter .....	69.430	194.109	195.018	2.5	.5	.1	-.4	.2
All items less medical care .....	94.772	196.949	197.629	2.7	.3	.1	-.2	.2
Commodities less food .....	28.718	151.846	152.837	1.4	.7	-.1	-1.1	.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.717	188.873	191.210	3.5	1.2	-5	-2.2	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.676	233.817	234.745	5.2	.4	-.8	-2.5	.2
Nondurables .....	32.174	196.266	198.017	3.9	.9	-.2	-.9	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.598	232.450	232.982	2.5	.2	.1	.0	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.732	233.562	233.839	2.8	.1	.1	.1	.2
Energy .....	10.282	209.441	209.933	5.7	.2	-1.0	-3.4	.3
All items less energy .....	89.718	203.319	204.037	2.4	.4	.3	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.261	203.710	204.363	2.0	.3	.3	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.932	139.557	140.491	-.6	.7	.3	.0	.0
Energy commodities .....	5.786	240.247	241.692	8.7	.6	-1.3	-4.7	.5
Services less energy services .....	51.329	248.977	249.398	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.492	\$.490	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.165	\$.165	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2007
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	203.289	203.547	203.153	203.665	-0.4	5.2	5.6	0.7	2.4	3.2
Food and beverages .....	202.484	202.990	203.829	204.778	.6	7.3	5.2	4.6	3.9	4.9
Food .....	202.040	202.586	203.440	204.447	.8	7.2	5.3	4.9	4.0	5.1
Food at home .....	200.582	200.860	201.705	202.691	-1.2	9.6	6.4	4.3	4.1	5.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	222.309	222.475	223.401	224.454	3.6	4.3	6.6	3.9	4.0	5.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	196.937	196.383	196.683	197.743	1.1	9.6	10.8	1.6	5.3	6.1
Dairy and related products .....	193.100	198.664	201.842	203.765	.2	12.0	18.8	24.0	5.9	21.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	258.830	255.779	255.386	259.432	-13.4	18.7	-3.9	.9	1.4	-1.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	152.979	153.081	154.886	154.914	3.0	11.5	1.6	5.2	7.2	3.3
Other food at home .....	173.083	173.641	173.908	173.473	-1.4	5.5	5.0	.9	2.0	2.9
Sugar and sweets .....	174.680	175.813	175.909	176.589	3.8	.2	3.7	4.4	2.0	4.1
Fats and oils .....	172.917	174.579	175.126	174.955	2.9	2.6	5.1	4.8	2.7	5.0
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	189.456	189.667	189.941	189.110	-3.4	7.4	5.3	-.7	1.9	2.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.366	115.355	116.348	114.584	2.8	-3.1	7.0	-6.0	-.2	.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	205.691	206.657	207.533	208.578	3.6	3.7	3.7	5.7	3.7	4.7
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	143.004	144.409	144.899	145.613	5.7	7.4	5.0	7.5	6.5	6.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	207.767	207.647	208.253	208.286	.4	9.5	4.0	1.0	4.9	2.5
Housing .....	204.709	205.060	205.005	205.466	3.2	4.1	2.4	1.5	3.6	1.9
Shelter .....	232.821	233.328	233.721	234.435	4.3	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.6	3.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	233.368	234.070	234.536	235.196	4.9	4.8	3.1	3.2	4.8	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	145.318	145.591	144.594	145.861	5.7	-6.0	31.6	1.5	-.3	15.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	222.727	223.171	223.664	224.285	3.9	3.1	1.7	2.8	3.5	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.503	116.912	117.287	117.142	2.1	.9	-.5	-1.2	1.5	-.9
Fuels and utilities .....	198.891	198.917	197.133	197.372	1.5	12.1	-.6	-3.0	6.6	-1.8
Household energy .....	179.274	178.981	176.872	177.067	1.2	13.1	-1.3	-4.8	7.0	-3.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	244.615	253.612	253.970	256.475	-10.6	-4.5	27.8	20.9	-7.6	24.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.008	184.154	181.788	181.858	2.0	14.5	-3.2	-6.6	8.1	-4.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	143.086	144.432	145.259	145.513	3.2	7.3	2.9	7.0	5.2	4.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	122.643	122.706	122.415	122.125	-.3	.0	-.8	-1.7	-.2	-1.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.941	143.175	143.526	143.250	4.1	2.5	2.5	.9	3.3	1.7
Apparel .....	117.216	118.157	117.843	117.914	-2.3	-1.6	-6.3	2.4	-1.9	-2.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	111.352	113.122	111.897	113.057	-6.4	-6.7	-1.4	6.3	-6.6	2.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	108.380	108.877	109.399	108.672	-2.5	1.5	-11.7	1.1	-.5	-5.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	114.892	114.249	114.924	115.628	-3.0	1.3	-9.2	2.6	-.9	-3.5
Footwear .....	120.984	122.575	121.695	121.591	1.6	-3.9	-2.9	2.0	-1.2	-.5
Transportation .....	187.605	187.060	184.468	184.715	-9.2	8.6	18.6	-6.0	-.7	5.6
Private transportation .....	184.886	184.340	181.660	181.876	-9.3	8.7	19.4	-6.4	-.7	5.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	93.140	93.427	93.724	93.522	-6.2	-1.0	-.1	1.7	-3.6	.8
New vehicles .....	137.508	137.606	137.732	137.339	-3.1	.5	-.5	-.5	-1.3	-.5
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	135.917	136.880	137.999	137.996	-13.1	-5.1	2.1	6.3	-9.2	4.2
Motor fuel .....	254.852	250.930	238.460	239.667	-21.8	33.5	71.8	-21.8	2.2	15.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	253.987	249.916	237.435	238.626	-21.6	33.3	72.7	-22.1	2.3	16.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	120.666	121.350	121.584	122.144	2.7	3.3	1.7	5.0	3.0	3.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	225.350	226.248	227.106	227.084	3.3	4.0	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.1
Public transportation .....	226.686	226.344	227.314	228.531	-7.7	7.5	-.1	3.3	-.4	1.6
Medical care .....	348.922	351.204	353.036	354.323	2.9	5.8	3.7	6.3	4.3	5.0
Medical care commodities .....	280.455	282.230	283.195	283.310	-1.0	-.3	1.0	4.1	-.7	2.6
Medical care services .....	368.229	370.659	372.772	374.455	4.0	7.5	4.4	6.9	5.8	5.7
Professional services .....	301.939	303.150	304.885	305.437	3.3	6.4	2.0	4.7	4.9	3.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	489.841	494.151	496.677	501.200	3.4	7.0	6.6	9.6	5.2	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
					Dec. 2006	Mar. 2007	June 2007	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2007	Sep. 2007
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	108.505	108.354	108.201	108.602	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.1	0.5
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	102.875	102.335	101.959	102.576	-4.2	-3.7	3.3	-1.2	-3.9	1.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	116.283	116.590	116.935	116.988	.0	2.6	3.4	2.4	1.3	2.9
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	168.623	169.643	170.468	170.551	6.3	5.3	4.1	4.7	5.8	4.4
Educational books and supplies .....	419.674	424.475	432.277	433.081	8.7	12.6	4.2	13.4	10.6	8.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	476.013	478.632	480.306	480.473	6.1	4.6	4.1	3.8	5.3	3.9
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.998	86.016	86.151	86.188	-4.1	.5	2.8	.9	-1.8	1.8
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.095	84.111	84.248	84.283	-4.2	.7	2.2	.9	-1.8	1.5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.603	98.721	98.964	99.024	2.9	3.0	4.1	1.7	3.0	2.9
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	11.062	11.001	10.965	10.958	-34.6	-10.2	-7.9	-3.7	-23.4	-5.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	9.583	9.495	9.421	9.348	-3.8	-6.1	-17.0	-9.5	-5.0	-13.3
Other goods and services .....	343.960	344.296	344.608	346.082	4.0	6.9	3.1	2.5	5.4	2.8
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	553.538	555.366	556.517	561.092	4.8	18.2	1.7	5.6	11.3	3.6
Personal care .....	193.875	193.854	193.923	194.393	3.6	2.1	3.8	1.1	2.9	2.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	158.739	158.445	157.813	157.654	6.0	-2	.5	-2.7	2.9	-1.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	216.174	217.040	217.354	217.822	3.7	5.0	1.6	3.1	4.3	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	326.471	325.826	327.281	329.372	3.6	2.3	6.4	3.6	2.9	5.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	170.779	170.814	169.834	170.221	-4.3	6.6	9.5	-1.3	1.0	3.9
Food and beverages .....	202.484	202.990	203.829	204.778	.6	7.3	5.2	4.6	3.9	4.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	152.618	152.445	150.691	150.823	-7.3	6.3	12.0	-4.6	-7	3.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	192.248	191.368	186.841	187.085	3.8	5.1	17.2	-10.3	4.4	2.5
Apparel .....	117.216	118.157	117.843	117.914	-2.3	-1.6	-6.3	2.4	-1.9	-2.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	244.925	243.756	237.400	237.881	-11.5	18.2	32.3	-11.0	2.3	8.5
Durables .....	112.454	112.574	112.718	112.432	-3.5	-1.3	-1.7	-.1	-2.4	-9
Services .....	241.430	241.916	242.178	242.833	3.1	4.1	2.6	2.3	3.6	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	224.459	224.974	225.280	226.032	4.3	2.9	3.6	2.8	3.6	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	117.503	116.912	117.287	117.142	2.1	.9	-.5	-1.2	1.5	-9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.008	184.154	181.788	181.858	2.0	14.5	-3.2	-6.6	8.1	-4.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	143.086	144.432	145.259	145.513	3.2	7.3	2.9	7.0	5.2	4.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.941	143.175	143.526	143.250	4.1	2.5	2.5	.9	3.3	1.7
Transportation services .....	232.207	233.079	233.978	234.298	.3	1.1	-.6	3.7	.7	1.5
Medical care services .....	368.229	370.659	372.772	374.455	4.0	7.5	4.4	6.9	5.8	5.7
Other services .....	275.263	275.533	275.999	276.810	1.2	2.3	4.1	2.3	1.7	3.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	203.332	203.538	202.914	203.334	-6	4.8	5.7	.0	2.1	2.8
All items less shelter .....	194.721	194.892	194.208	194.652	-2.3	6.1	6.6	-.1	1.8	3.2
All items less medical care .....	197.159	197.352	196.892	197.376	-6	5.2	5.7	.4	2.2	3.1
Commodities less food .....	154.607	154.434	152.735	152.865	-7.0	6.3	11.7	-4.4	-.6	3.3
Nondurables less food .....	193.378	192.421	188.244	188.582	3.6	5.2	16.5	-9.6	4.4	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	241.567	239.642	233.632	234.206	-10.4	17.3	31.9	-11.6	2.6	7.9
Nondurables .....	198.136	197.686	196.000	196.651	1.9	6.5	10.8	-3.0	4.2	3.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	231.283	231.603	231.619	232.142	-2	5.1	3.8	1.5	2.4	2.7
Services less medical care services .....	232.397	232.694	232.933	233.393	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.7	2.9	2.7
Energy .....	215.500	213.434	206.267	206.957	-11.9	23.6	34.7	-14.9	4.4	7.0
All items less energy .....	202.670	203.217	203.660	204.152	1.0	3.2	2.4	3.0	2.1	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	203.171	203.719	204.075	204.459	1.2	2.3	1.8	2.6	1.8	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.228	140.638	140.697	140.630	-2.8	.5	-1.2	1.2	-1.2	.0
Energy commodities .....	255.141	251.878	240.036	241.314	-21.2	31.0	69.2	-20.0	1.6	16.4
Services less energy services .....	247.513	248.158	248.736	249.459	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2

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

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

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

estimator.

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

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.2007 from—			Percent change to Aug.2007 from—		
		June 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	June 2007	July 2007
U.S. city average .....	M	203.906	203.700	203.199	203.889	2.8	0.1	0.3	1.8	-0.3	-0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	217.794	217.879	217.379	217.486	2.3	-2	.0	1.5	-2	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	218.624	218.523	218.445	218.791	2.2	.1	.2	1.6	-1	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	131.234	131.521	130.684	130.447	2.3	-8	-2	1.4	-4	-6
Midwest urban .....	M	194.538	194.219	193.663	194.828	3.2	.3	.6	1.7	-4	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	195.105	194.725	194.084	195.306	2.9	.3	.6	1.5	-5	-3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	126.995	126.738	126.435	127.139	3.8	.3	.6	2.1	-4	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	192.455	192.804	192.437	193.586	3.4	.4	.6	1.7	.0	-2
South urban .....	M	198.838	198.673	198.063	198.873	3.1	.1	.4	1.8	-4	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	202.215	201.867	201.384	202.354	3.0	.2	.5	2.0	-4	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	126.930	126.878	126.445	126.953	3.3	.1	.4	1.8	-4	-3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	201.709	201.809	201.006	201.250	2.2	-3	.1	1.3	-3	-4
West urban .....	M	207.311	206.927	206.624	207.164	2.4	.1	.3	2.0	-3	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	208.726	208.388	208.225	208.921	2.3	.3	.3	2.1	-2	-1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	129.097	128.840	128.546	128.642	2.4	-2	.1	2.0	-4	-2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	188.909	188.642	188.338	189.072	2.6	.2	.4	1.7	-3	-2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	127.942	127.866	127.419	127.759	3.0	-1	.3	1.9	-4	-3
D .....	M	199.237	199.207	198.559	199.289	2.7	.0	.4	1.6	-3	-3
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	199.279	198.700	198.630	199.419	3.4	.4	.4	2.5	-3	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	209.614	209.444	209.240	209.849	2.2	.2	.3	2.1	-2	-1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	222.322	222.237	221.905	222.174	2.4	.0	.1	1.9	-2	-1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	226.465	-	227.429	1.4	.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	187.344	-	187.784	3.3	.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	196.198	-	197.027	1.7	.4	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	133.766	-	134.277	3.4	.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	200.943	-	200.162	-	-	-	-	2.2	-4	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	196.701	-	194.798	-	-	-	-	.4	-1.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	183.380	-	182.425	-	-	-	-	.2	-5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	210.938	-	211.041	-	-	-	-	3.1	.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	216.511	-	217.331	-	-	-	-	.7	.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	211.422	-	211.620	-	-	-	-	2.4	.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	210.550	-	210.220	-	-	-	-	2.5	-2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 2007 from—	
		Aug. 2007	Sep. 2007	Sep. 2006	Aug. 2007
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	120.077	120.423	2.3	0.3
Food and beverages .....	15.072	120.272	120.856	4.3	.5
Food .....	13.943	120.301	120.930	4.3	.5
Food at home .....	8.029	117.198	117.827	4.5	.5
Food away from home .....	5.914	124.498	125.125	4.1	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.130	120.177	120.212	3.4	.0
Housing .....	42.173	126.078	125.956	2.7	-.1
Shelter .....	32.495	127.938	127.869	3.4	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.702	153.774	153.610	2.3	-.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.977	95.600	95.253	-1.2	-.4
Apparel .....	4.076	85.888	89.723	-1.7	4.5
Transportation .....	17.095	120.462	120.429	1.5	.0
Private transportation .....	15.988	121.037	121.090	1.5	.0
Public transportation .....	1.107	114.645	113.448	.4	-1.0
Medical care .....	6.055	137.430	137.696	4.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.458	123.065	123.099	.9	.0
Medical care services .....	4.597	142.452	142.802	5.3	.2
Recreation .....	5.863	104.699	104.846	-.7	.1
Education and communication .....	6.190	105.858	106.565	1.4	.7
Education .....	2.751	160.605	163.011	5.2	1.5
Communication .....	3.439	74.658	74.665	-1.6	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.475	123.675	124.438	3.4	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.763	129.206	129.317	3.0	.1
Commodities .....	41.237	108.812	109.441	1.4	.6
Durables .....	12.340	84.562	84.291	-2.3	-.3
Nondurables .....	28.897	121.452	122.623	3.1	1.0
All items less food and energy .....	78.707	115.274	115.583	1.7	.3
Energy .....	7.351	179.531	179.647	4.9	.1

Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.