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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FEBRUARY 2006

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The February level of 198.7 (1982-84=100) was 3.6 percent higher than in February 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.1 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 194.2 (1982-84=100) was 3.7 percent higher than in February 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent in February on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The February level of 115.4 (December 1999=100) was 3.0 percent higher than in February 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.7 percent rise in January. Energy costs, which increased 5.0 percent in January, declined 1.2 percent in February. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy decreased 1.0 percent and the index for energy services fell 1.3 percent. The food index rose 0.1 percent in February after increasing 0.5 percent in January. The index for food at home declined 0.1 percent, reflecting decreases in five of the six major subgroups. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.2 percent increase in January; shelter costs rose 0.4 percent and accounted for about four-fifths of the February increase.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'06
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb.'06	
	2005					2006			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.6	1.2	.3	-.7	-.1	.7	.1	2.7	3.6
Food and beverages	.1	.3	.2	.3	.1	.5	.2	2.9	2.7
Housing	.2	.5	.9	.4	.2	.5	.1	2.8	4.0
Apparel	.7	-.1	-.3	.1	-.3	.3	-1.0	-3.6	-1.8
Transportation	2.3	5.0	-1.2	-4.9	-.7	1.8	-.2	3.5	5.8
Medical care	.1	.3	.6	.5	.2	.1	.5	3.3	4.0
Recreation	.3	.4	.2	-.1	.1	.0	.1	.7	1.1
Education and communication	.0	.6	.0	.4	.2	.4	.2	3.2	2.6
Other goods and services	.2	.2	.1	.3	.4	.3	.1	2.9	2.7
Special indexes:									
Energy	5.1	11.8	.0	-8.1	-2.1	5.0	-1.2	6.3	20.1
Food	.1	.2	.3	.3	.1	.5	.1	2.7	2.8
All items less food and energy	.1	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	2.0	2.1

During the first 2 months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 4.3 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.4 percent for all of 2005. The index for energy, which increased 17.1 percent in 2005, advanced at a 24.7 percent SAAR in the first 2 months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 31.4 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at an 18.4 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 3.5 percent rate thus far in 2006, following a 2.3 percent rise for all of 2005. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.1 percent SAAR in the first 2 months of 2006 after advancing 2.2 percent in 2005.

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in February. The index for food at home declined 0.1 percent, following a 0.5 percent increase in January. Each of the six major grocery store food groups contributed to the deceleration in February. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose 1.7 percent in January, increased 0.7 percent in February. The indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables increased 2.5 and 0.7 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 1.1 percent drop in the index for fresh vegetables. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables declined 1.6 and 3.6 percent, respectively.) Each of the other five major grocery store food groups turned down in February. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs each declined 0.3 percent in February. Within the latter group, a 0.2 percent increase in meat prices was more than offset by a sharp drop in egg prices and small declines in prices for poultry and for fish and seafood. The indexes for dairy products and for nonalcoholic beverages each decreased 0.2 percent. Within the former group, declines in prices for cheese and for ice cream more than offset an increase in milk prices. The index for other food at home declined 0.1 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for sugar and sweets and for butter and margarine. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

The index for housing, which advanced 0.5 percent in January, rose 0.1 percent in February. The index for fuels and utilities declined 1.1 percent after increasing 3.4 percent in January. Each of the three major household fuels contributed to the deceleration. The index for natural gas turned down in February, declining 4.5 percent after increasing 1.7 percent in January. Charges for electricity, which registered a record 5.5 percent increase in January, rose 0.4 percent in February. The index for fuel oil declined for the fifth consecutive month--down 2.8 percent in February, following a 1.9 percent drop in January. The index for shelter increased 0.4 percent in February, following a 0.1 percent rise in January. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.3 percent and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.6 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 4.6 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations, which declined 0.3 percent in January, was unchanged in February.

The transportation index declined 0.2 percent, following a 1.8 percent increase in January, largely as a result of the deceleration in gasoline prices. The index for gasoline, which rose 6.4 percent in January, declined 1.0 percent in February. The index for new vehicles also decelerated in February--up 0.1 percent after increasing 0.6 percent in January. (As of February, about 90 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2006 models. The 2006 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, as they replace old models at dealerships.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.1 percent in February. The index for public transportation declined 0.2 percent in February as an increase in airline fares was more than offset by declines in the indexes for other intercity transportation and for intracity transportation. Airline fares increased 1.2 percent in February, the same as in January.

The index for apparel fell 1.0 percent in February, following a 0.3 percent increase in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.5 percent, reflecting the introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's apparel registered the largest advance--up 3.3 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.5 percent in January and are 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.5 percent in February. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 1.1 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which was unchanged in January, rose 0.1 percent in February. An increase in the index for recreational services, reflecting in part a 0.9 percent rise in the index for club membership

dues and fees for participant sports, more than offset declines in the indexes for video and audio, for newspapers and magazines, for toys, and for photography.

The index for education and communication rose 0.2 percent in February. Educational costs increased 0.3 percent, reflecting a 0.8 percent increase in the index for college textbooks. Communication costs were unchanged as a 0.1 percent increase in local land-line telephone charges was offset by a 0.9 percent decrease in the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.1 percent in February, reflecting in part an increase of 0.8 percent in the index for haircuts and other personal care 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 was unchanged in February.

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 Feb. '06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005					2006			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.7	1.4	.2	-.8	-.1	.7	.0	2.3	3.7
Food and beverages	.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	.1	2.7	2.6
Housing	.3	.6	.9	.4	.1	.5	.1	2.7	4.3
Apparel	.6	-.4	-.2	.0	-.3	.0	-.7	-3.7	-2.1
Transportation	2.5	5.3	-1.3	-5.2	-.7	1.8	-.3	3.2	6.1
Medical care	.1	.3	.6	.6	.2	.1	.3	2.3	4.0
Recreation	.3	.4	.3	-.2	.0	.0	.1	.4	.9
Education and communication	-.1	.7	-.1	.4	.1	.4	.1	2.5	2.2
Other goods and services	.2	.3	.0	.3	.4	.3	.1	3.1	2.8
Special indexes									
Energy	5.3	12.1	-.3	-8.7	-2.1	5.0	-1.3	5.9	19.9
Food	.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	.1	2.7	2.7
All items less food and energy	.2	.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.1	1.9

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

### **CPI (Old Weights)**

For the first six months of 2006, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 2001-02 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 2004 through 2005. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From January to February, the Old Weight CPI-U rose 0.2 percent and the Old Weight CPI-W also rose 0.2 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

## **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.

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

### Percent Change

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

### Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the [CPI Detailed Report](#).

The seasonal movement of All items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2006.

Seasonally adjusted data, including the All items index levels, are subject to revision for up to five years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

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

expected weather, increased rates to conserve supplies, and declining natural gas inventories. For New vehicle series, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U  Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
		All items .....	100.000	198.3	198.7	3.6	0.2	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	593.9	595.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.051	194.5	194.4	2.7	-1	.1	.5	.2
Food .....	13.942	194.1	194.0	2.8	-1	.1	.5	.1
Food at home .....	7.988	193.4	192.6	2.4	-4	.1	.5	-1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.098	210.6	210.3	.9	-1	-1	.5	-3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.133	185.8	185.4	.8	-2	.0	.1	-3
Dairy and related products .....	.852	183.7	183.4	.9	-2	-3	.5	-2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.219	258.5	253.4	7.9	-2.0	.7	1.7	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	147.2	147.3	3.4	.1	-1	.3	-2
Other food at home .....	1.777	169.1	169.1	2.3	.0	.2	.5	-1
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	169.3	167.3	1.9	-1.2	1.0	.2	-1.7
Fats and oils .....	.231	169.9	170.4	.6	.3	-3	1.4	.2
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	184.3	184.7	2.8	.2	.2	.5	.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.328	112.6	113.4	2.8	.7	-3	.2	.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.953	196.6	197.2	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.277	134.1	134.7	4.7	.4	.2	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.109	198.0	199.5	2.2	.8	-4	.8	.8
Housing .....	42.380	200.0	200.5	4.0	.3	.2	.5	.1
Shelter .....	32.260	226.8	228.3	2.6	.7	.3	.1	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.832	220.9	221.6	3.1	.3	.2	.1	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.611	127.5	133.4	3.5	4.6	.8	.5	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.442	233.4	234.1	2.5	.3	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	115.9	116.2	-2.1	.3	.2	-2	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.371	198.7	194.6	16.9	-2.1	-1.3	3.4	-1.1
Fuels .....	4.494	182.1	177.5	19.9	-2.5	-1.6	3.8	-1.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	229.5	230.5	22.3	.4	-1.0	-1.2	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	188.1	182.8	19.6	-2.8	-1.6	4.2	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	134.0	135.0	5.1	.7	.4	.7	.8
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.749	126.5	126.8	.6	.2	.5	-3	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	134.1	135.0	5.0	.7	.6	.6	.7
Apparel .....	3.786	114.9	116.6	-1.8	1.5	-3	.3	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	112.4	112.7	-3.1	.3	-3	.2	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.612	103.0	106.3	-2.7	3.2	-4	-6	-1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	113.3	116.6	-1.3	2.9	.8	.2	1.7
Footwear .....	.759	122.3	122.8	1.4	.4	-4	2.1	-7
Transportation .....	17.415	175.9	175.8	5.8	-1	-7	1.8	-2
Private transportation .....	16.329	172.1	171.9	5.7	-1	-8	1.8	-2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.858	96.2	96.2	.3	.0	-2	.3	.1
New vehicles .....	5.155	139.3	139.3	-4	.0	-1	.6	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.799	139.3	139.5	1.4	.1	-1	.1	.1
Motor fuel .....	4.191	199.2	198.1	20.6	-6	-2.7	6.2	-9
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.148	198.2	197.0	20.6	-6	-2.7	6.4	-1.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.362	114.4	114.9	3.6	.4	.4	.4	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.131	211.2	212.9	4.4	.8	.1	.2	.9
Public transportation .....	1.087	219.9	221.3	7.5	.6	-5	1.3	-2
Medical care .....	6.220	329.5	332.1	4.0	.8	.2	.1	.5
Medical care commodities .....	1.457	282.0	283.1	3.8	.4	.2	.4	.3
Medical care services .....	4.764	342.9	346.1	4.1	.9	.2	.0	.5
Professional services .....	2.815	284.7	286.5	2.8	.6	.2	-3	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.576	453.6	460.4	5.9	1.5	.2	.7	1.1

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.637	109.9	110.2	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.783	104.1	104.3	.0	.2	.0	-.2	-.2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.047	115.7	115.7	2.6	.0	.2	.4	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.967	158.3	158.4	6.2	.1	.4	.7	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	379.2	382.0	6.1	.7	.5	.5	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.771	457.2	457.2	6.2	.0	.5	.7	.3
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.080	84.5	84.5	-1.1	.0	-1.1	.2	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.895	82.1	82.0	-1.6	-1.1	.0	-1.1	-1.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.245	95.2	95.2	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.650	13.0	13.0	-7.1	.0	.0	-.8	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.236	11.6	11.5	-14.8	-.9	-2.5	-.9	-.9
Other goods and services .....	3.463	318.2	319.1	2.7	.3	.4	.3	.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	515.1	515.9	4.0	.2	.4	.4	.2
Personal care .....	2.752	188.1	188.6	2.3	.3	.4	.2	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.710	155.8	155.6	1.1	-1.1	.3	.3	-1.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.675	206.4	207.9	2.5	.7	.7	-.1	.7
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.172	308.2	309.3	3.2	.4	.4	.3	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.790	161.3	161.4	3.1	.1	-.3	.9	-.1
Food and beverages .....	15.051	194.5	194.4	2.7	-1.1	.1	.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.739	142.6	142.8	3.4	.1	-6.1	1.1	-3.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.163	168.7	169.1	6.6	.2	-7.7	2.3	-1.8
Apparel .....	3.786	114.9	116.6	-1.8	1.5	-3.3	.3	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.377	206.0	205.7	9.8	-1.1	-1.1	2.5	-3.3
Durables .....	11.576	115.3	115.3	-6.0	.0	-1.1	.1	-1.1
Services .....	59.210	234.9	235.7	3.9	.3	.1	.5	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	31.884	236.2	237.8	2.6	.7	.3	.1	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.375	115.9	116.2	-2.1	.3	.2	-.2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.155	188.1	182.8	19.6	-2.8	-1.6	4.2	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.877	134.0	135.0	5.1	.7	.4	.7	.8
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.779	134.1	135.0	5.0	.7	.6	.6	.7
Transportation services .....	5.707	228.2	228.7	2.8	.2	.0	.4	.0
Medical care services .....	4.764	342.9	346.1	4.1	.9	.2	.0	.5
Other services .....	10.669	273.2	273.9	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	86.058	199.0	199.5	3.7	.3	-1.1	.7	.1
All items less shelter .....	67.740	189.3	189.4	4.1	.1	-2.2	.9	-1.1
All items less medical care .....	93.780	191.6	191.9	3.6	.2	-1.1	.7	.0
Commodities less food .....	26.848	144.7	144.9	3.4	.1	-5.1	1.1	-3.3
Nondurables less food .....	15.272	170.5	171.0	6.3	.3	-7.7	2.2	-1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.486	204.3	204.2	9.1	.0	-1.0	2.3	-1.1
Nondurables .....	29.214	182.0	182.2	4.6	.1	-3.3	1.5	-9.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.325	251.2	251.0	5.5	-1.1	.0	.9	-1.1
Services less medical care services .....	54.446	225.9	226.5	3.9	.3	.2	.5	.0
Energy .....	8.685	189.5	186.4	20.1	-1.6	-2.1	5.0	-1.2
All items less energy .....	91.315	200.8	201.6	2.2	.4	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.373	202.6	203.6	2.1	.5	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	22.319	139.9	140.3	.0	.3	.0	.2	-.1
Energy commodities .....	4.530	202.1	201.1	20.7	-5.5	-2.6	5.7	-1.0
Services less energy services .....	55.055	239.7	241.1	2.9	.6	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.504	\$.503	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.168	\$.168	-	-	-	-	-

<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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2005	Feb. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	197.8	197.7	199.0	199.1	4.0	4.6	3.3	2.7	4.3	3.0
Food and beverages .....	192.9	193.1	194.0	194.3	3.9	1.1	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.9
Food .....	192.5	192.7	193.6	193.8	4.3	1.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8
Food at home .....	191.2	191.4	192.4	192.3	5.4	-6	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	210.1	209.9	211.0	210.3	1.4	.6	1.5	.4	1.0	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	185.7	185.7	185.8	185.3	3.5	-3.0	3.5	-9	.2	1.3
Dairy and related products .....	183.0	182.5	183.4	183.1	4.5	-1.5	.7	.2	1.4	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	245.5	247.2	251.5	253.2	15.3	-3.2	7.3	13.1	5.6	10.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	146.2	146.1	146.5	146.2	9.4	.6	3.9	.0	4.9	1.9
Other food at home .....	167.7	168.1	169.0	168.8	3.2	3.4	.0	2.6	3.3	1.3
Sugar and sweets .....	167.4	169.0	169.3	166.5	-7	3.2	7.5	-2.1	1.2	2.6
Fats and oils .....	167.6	167.1	169.4	169.8	-2.1	-.5	.2	5.4	-1.3	2.8
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	183.0	183.3	184.3	184.7	5.2	4.2	-1.9	3.8	4.7	.9
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	112.7	112.4	112.6	113.4	1.8	3.7	3.3	2.5	2.7	2.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	195.6	196.0	196.6	197.2	2.5	3.4	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	133.6	133.9	134.2	134.6	6.0	6.6	3.1	3.0	6.3	3.0
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	197.1	196.4	198.0	199.5	.6	.8	2.5	5.0	.7	3.7
Housing .....	199.4	199.7	200.6	200.8	3.1	2.7	7.6	2.8	2.9	5.2
Shelter .....	226.5	227.2	227.4	228.2	2.2	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.2	3.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	219.9	220.4	220.7	221.4	3.2	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	131.8	132.8	133.4	134.2	-.9	.6	7.0	7.5	-.2	7.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	232.1	232.7	233.2	233.9	2.3	2.3	2.3	3.1	2.3	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.9	116.1	115.9	116.2	-2.3	-.7	-6.3	1.0	-1.5	-2.7
Fuels and utilities .....	196.0	193.5	200.0	197.9	10.8	9.8	48.7	3.9	10.3	24.3
Fuels .....	179.6	176.8	183.6	181.0	12.8	11.0	60.0	3.2	11.9	28.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	233.0	230.7	227.9	221.6	27.4	59.7	34.2	-18.2	42.6	4.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.1	182.1	189.8	187.3	11.4	7.7	62.7	4.8	9.5	30.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	132.6	133.1	134.0	135.1	3.1	4.7	5.0	7.8	3.9	6.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.2	126.8	126.4	126.4	2.6	-1.6	.3	.6	.5	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	132.5	133.3	134.1	135.0	3.5	3.1	5.6	7.8	3.3	6.7
Apparel .....	119.0	118.7	119.1	117.9	.0	-2.0	-1.3	-3.6	-1.0	-2.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.9	114.6	114.8	113.6	-.3	-4.7	-3.1	-4.4	-2.5	-3.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.6	110.2	109.5	108.1	.4	-3.2	1.1	-8.7	-1.4	-3.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	113.9	114.8	115.0	117.0	.0	-8.5	-6.7	11.3	-4.3	1.9
Footwear .....	122.7	122.2	124.8	123.9	.0	4.0	-2.2	4.0	2.0	.8
Transportation .....	175.4	174.1	177.2	176.9	8.4	18.3	-5.1	3.5	13.2	-.9
Private transportation .....	171.5	170.2	173.3	172.9	8.3	18.7	-5.6	3.3	13.4	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.6	95.4	95.7	95.8	.8	-.8	.4	.8	.0	.6
New vehicles .....	137.6	137.4	138.2	138.3	-.9	-6.5	3.9	2.1	-3.7	3.0
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	139.4	139.2	139.3	139.5	3.5	9.5	-7.1	.3	6.5	-3.5
Motor fuel .....	199.4	194.1	206.2	204.4	31.2	83.1	-20.2	10.4	55.0	-6.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	198.4	193.0	205.4	203.3	30.8	84.4	-20.5	10.3	55.3	-6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.6	114.0	114.4	114.9	.4	5.1	4.3	4.7	2.7	4.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	210.1	210.4	210.8	212.7	4.6	3.5	4.7	5.0	4.1	4.9
Public transportation .....	223.4	222.3	225.1	224.6	13.5	8.6	5.9	2.2	11.0	4.0
Medical care .....	328.7	329.4	329.8	331.4	4.5	2.9	5.7	3.3	3.7	4.5
Medical care commodities .....	280.5	281.1	282.3	283.1	2.7	3.2	5.6	3.8	3.0	4.7
Medical care services .....	342.5	343.2	343.3	345.1	4.9	2.8	5.8	3.1	3.8	4.4
Professional services .....	285.6	286.3	285.3	285.9	4.1	2.3	4.6	.4	3.2	2.5
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	448.7	449.7	452.7	457.7	5.5	3.0	6.8	8.3	4.3	7.5

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. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2005	Feb. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	109.9	110.0	110.0	110.1	1.5	0.4	1.8	0.7	0.9	1.3
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.4	104.4	104.2	104.0	1.2	.4	.0	-1.5	.8	-8
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	114.8	115.0	115.5	115.7	2.1	.7	4.3	3.2	1.4	3.7
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	156.1	156.8	157.9	158.3	6.6	5.7	6.4	5.8	6.1	6.1
Educational books and supplies .....	374.9	376.9	378.9	379.4	5.8	3.6	10.2	4.9	4.7	7.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	450.5	452.7	455.8	457.2	6.9	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.0
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.4	84.3	84.5	84.5	-2.3	-4.2	1.9	.5	-3.3	1.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	82.2	82.2	82.1	82.0	-2.9	-4.3	2.0	-1.0	-3.6	.5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.2	-1.3	-2.9	4.8	.0	-2.1	2.4
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0	-5.6	-11.1	-8.7	-3.0	-8.4	-5.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	12.0	11.7	11.6	11.5	-8.6	-22.1	-12.3	-15.7	-15.6	-14.0
Other goods and services .....	316.5	317.7	318.5	318.8	2.1	3.2	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.7
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	511.2	513.1	515.1	515.9	1.5	7.0	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.7
Personal care .....	187.2	187.9	188.3	188.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.2	2.5
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.0	155.4	155.8	155.6	1.3	2.1	-5	1.6	1.7	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	205.2	206.6	206.4	207.9	-2	2.6	2.2	5.4	1.2	3.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	306.5	307.6	308.5	308.9	3.8	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	161.2	160.7	162.1	161.9	4.9	7.5	-1.2	1.7	6.2	.2
Food and beverages .....	192.9	193.1	194.0	194.3	3.9	1.1	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	143.1	142.3	143.9	143.5	5.3	11.6	-3.8	1.1	8.4	-1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	171.2	170.0	173.9	170.8	12.3	19.2	-2.5	-9	15.7	-1.7
Apparel .....	119.0	118.7	119.1	117.9	.0	-2.0	-1.3	-3.6	-1.0	-2.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	205.6	203.4	208.5	207.9	13.1	35.2	-9.2	4.6	23.6	-2.5
Durables .....	114.9	114.8	114.9	114.8	-3	-1.7	-3	-3	-1.0	-3
Services .....	234.1	234.4	235.5	236.0	3.2	2.8	6.6	3.3	3.0	4.9
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	235.9	236.6	236.9	237.8	2.3	2.3	2.8	3.3	2.3	3.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.9	116.1	115.9	116.2	-2.3	-7	-6.3	1.0	-1.5	-2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	185.1	182.1	189.8	187.3	11.4	7.7	62.7	4.8	9.5	30.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	132.6	133.1	134.0	135.1	3.1	4.7	5.0	7.8	3.9	6.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	132.5	133.3	134.1	135.0	3.5	3.1	5.6	7.8	3.3	6.7
Transportation services .....	228.3	228.3	229.1	229.0	4.0	4.3	2.1	1.2	4.2	1.7
Medical care services .....	342.5	343.2	343.3	345.1	4.9	2.8	5.8	3.1	3.8	4.4
Other services .....	271.6	272.4	273.1	273.7	2.9	1.8	4.4	3.1	2.3	3.8
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	198.7	198.6	199.9	200.0	3.8	5.5	3.3	2.6	4.6	3.0
All items less shelter .....	188.8	188.4	190.1	189.9	4.9	6.0	3.5	2.4	5.4	2.9
All items less medical care .....	191.1	191.0	192.3	192.3	3.9	4.8	3.2	2.5	4.4	2.9
Commodities less food .....	145.1	144.4	146.0	145.6	5.5	11.1	-3.8	1.4	8.3	-1.2
Nondurables less food .....	172.8	171.6	175.4	172.5	11.3	18.2	-2.3	-7	14.7	-1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	204.0	202.0	206.6	206.3	11.9	32.1	-8.4	4.6	21.6	-2.1
Nondurables .....	182.4	181.8	184.6	182.9	7.3	10.0	.0	1.1	8.6	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	249.5	249.5	251.7	251.5	5.0	3.9	10.0	3.2	4.4	6.6
Services less medical care services .....	224.9	225.4	226.6	226.7	3.5	2.9	5.9	3.2	3.2	4.6
Energy .....	188.3	184.3	193.5	191.2	21.7	44.4	11.4	6.3	32.6	8.8
All items less energy .....	200.3	200.7	201.1	201.5	2.5	1.4	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	202.5	202.8	203.2	203.5	2.2	1.4	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.2	140.2	140.5	140.3	.6	-9	.0	.3	-1	.1
Energy commodities .....	202.5	197.3	208.6	206.5	30.9	81.5	-17.4	8.1	54.1	-5.5
Services less energy services .....	239.2	239.8	240.2	241.0	2.8	2.4	3.4	3.0	2.6	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 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 Feb.2006 from—			Percent change to Jan.2006 from—			
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	197.6	196.8	198.3	198.7	3.6	1.0	0.2	4.0	0.4	0.8	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	210.0	209.0	211.0	211.6	3.9	1.2	.3	4.1	.5	1.0	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	212.2	211.3	213.2	213.8	3.8	1.2	.3	4.0	.5	.9	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.3	123.6	124.8	125.2	4.2	1.3	.3	4.5	.4	1.0	
Midwest urban .....	M	190.3	189.7	190.8	190.7	3.0	.5	-.1	3.6	.3	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.1	191.6	192.7	192.5	2.9	.5	-.1	3.7	.3	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.3	120.9	121.6	121.6	3.0	.6	.0	3.7	.2	.6	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	185.0	184.4	185.3	185.2	3.3	.4	-.1	4.0	.2	.5	
South urban .....	M	190.7	190.1	191.5	191.8	3.8	.9	.2	4.3	.4	.7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.9	191.9	193.6	193.9	3.9	1.0	.2	4.5	.4	.9	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.4	121.2	122.0	122.1	3.7	.7	.1	4.2	.5	.7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	190.7	189.7	191.0	191.1	4.4	.7	.1	4.8	.2	.7	
West urban .....	M	201.4	200.0	201.7	202.7	3.6	1.4	.5	3.7	.1	.9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.2	203.0	204.7	205.7	3.7	1.3	.5	4.1	.2	.8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.8	121.8	122.9	123.7	3.4	1.6	.7	2.8	.1	.9	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	180.8	180.0	181.4	181.9	3.6	1.1	.3	4.1	.3	.8	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.0	121.6	122.5	122.7	3.5	.9	.2	3.9	.4	.7	
D .....	M	190.2	189.3	190.1	190.2	3.5	.5	.1	3.9	-.1	.4	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	197.3	196.4	197.5	197.2	3.5	.4	-.2	4.0	.1	.6	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	205.6	203.9	206.0	207.5	5.1	1.8	.7	5.4	.2	1.0	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	215.3	214.2	215.9	216.4	3.6	1.0	.2	3.7	.3	.8	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	218.6	-	220.5	-	-	-	-	4.4	.9	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	189.9	-	190.3	-	-	-	-	3.8	.2	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	187.8	-	188.6	-	-	-	-	4.8	.4	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	125.4	-	126.3	-	-	-	-	4.1	.7	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	188.7	-	189.8	2.4	.6	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	192.4	-	194.8	3.7	1.2	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	177.2	-	178.6	2.3	.8	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	197.4	-	202.2	6.1	2.4	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	204.9	-	209.0	4.4	2.0	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	203.4	-	207.1	2.9	1.8	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	200.9	-	203.6	3.0	1.3	-	-	-	-	

<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)

Expenditure category	CPI-W	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
			Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
			All items .....	100.000	194.0	194.2	3.7	0.1	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	577.7	578.6	-	-	-	-	-	
Food and beverages .....	16.537	193.8	193.7	2.6	-1	.2	.4	.1	
Food .....	15.519	193.4	193.3	2.7	-1	.2	.4	.1	
Food at home .....	9.347	192.4	191.7	2.4	-4	.2	.5	-1	
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.275	210.8	210.5	1.0	-1	.0	.7	-5	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.653	185.4	185.1	.7	-2	-1	-1	-2	
Dairy and related products .....	.965	183.5	183.3	.9	-1	-3	.3	.1	
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.338	256.2	251.3	8.2	-1.9	.9	1.5	.9	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.087	146.7	146.7	3.5	.0	.0	.3	-3	
Other food at home .....	2.030	168.5	168.7	2.2	.1	.2	.5	.0	
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	168.3	166.5	1.8	-1.1	.9	.1	-1.5	
Fats and oils .....	.287	170.4	171.2	1.2	.5	-2	1.5	.4	
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.406	184.4	185.0	2.7	.3	.2	.4	.3	
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.370	113.0	113.8	2.6	.7	-3	.1	.7	
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.172	196.4	197.0	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3	
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.275	133.7	134.4	4.7	.5	.3	.1	.4	
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.018	198.0	199.4	2.2	.7	-4	.9	.7	
Housing .....	40.161	195.8	196.1	4.3	.2	.1	.5	.1	
Shelter .....	30.069	220.0	221.2	2.5	.5	.3	.0	.4	
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	7.880	220.1	220.8	3.1	.3	.3	.1	.3	
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.412	126.1	133.1	3.1	5.6	1.1	-5	1.3	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.429	211.7	212.4	2.5	.3	.2	.2	.3	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.2	116.5	-2.0	.3	.2	-2	.3	
Fuels and utilities .....	5.900	197.3	193.2	16.8	-2.1	-1.2	3.3	-1.1	
Fuels .....	4.984	179.7	175.0	19.4	-2.6	-1.5	3.8	-1.4	
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	228.9	229.7	22.4	.3	-9	-1.6	-2.8	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	186.4	181.1	19.1	-2.8	-1.5	4.2	-1.4	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	134.3	135.3	5.0	.7	.4	.7	.7	
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.193	122.0	122.4	.4	.3	.2	-2	.2	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	136.7	137.5	5.1	.6	.5	.5	.6	
Apparel .....	4.090	114.3	116.1	-2.1	1.6	-3	.0	-7	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	112.0	112.7	-2.9	.6	-3	.1	-7	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.689	102.1	105.4	-3.6	3.2	-3	-1.1	-1.0	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	115.8	118.1	-2.4	2.0	.8	.3	.8	
Footwear .....	.964	121.6	122.1	1.2	.4	-2	1.8	-6	
Transportation .....	19.669	174.9	174.8	6.1	-1	-7	1.8	-3	
Private transportation .....	18.931	172.2	172.0	6.0	-1	-8	1.9	-3	
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	8.944	95.2	95.2	.5	.0	-2	.3	.0	
New vehicles .....	5.380	140.3	140.3	-3	.0	-1	.6	.0	
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.801	140.1	140.3	1.4	.1	-1	.1	.1	
Motor fuel .....	5.244	199.9	198.7	20.5	-6	-2.6	6.2	-1.1	
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.193	198.9	197.7	20.5	-6	-2.6	6.2	-1.1	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.434	113.9	114.3	3.5	.4	.4	.3	.4	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.130	213.6	215.4	4.5	.8	.1	.2	.8	
Public transportation .....	.738	219.0	220.4	7.6	.6	-4	1.3	-1	
Medical care .....	5.171	329.1	331.5	4.0	.7	.2	.1	.3	
Medical care commodities .....	1.140	275.0	276.3	3.8	.5	.2	.4	.4	
Medical care services .....	4.030	343.6	346.4	4.0	.8	.2	.0	.3	
Professional services .....	2.336	287.2	288.9	2.7	.6	.2	-3	.2	
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.332	450.1	455.4	5.7	1.2	.2	.6	.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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.097	107.2	107.5	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.928	103.3	103.6	.1	.3	-1	-2	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.635	113.1	113.1	2.2	.0	.1	.4	.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.243	156.7	156.7	6.1	.0	.5	.8	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	380.6	383.5	6.1	.8	.5	.6	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.044	443.3	443.2	6.1	.0	.5	.8	.3
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.392	86.3	86.3	-8	.0	.0	.1	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.244	84.6	84.6	-1.1	.0	-1	.0	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.653	95.3	95.4	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.590	13.6	13.5	-7.5	-7	-7	.0	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.208	11.4	11.3	-15.0	-9	-1.7	-1.7	-9
Other goods and services .....	3.640	327.6	328.4	2.8	.2	.4	.3	.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.137	517.1	517.9	4.2	.2	.4	.4	.2
Personal care .....	2.504	186.3	186.8	2.1	.3	.4	.3	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.774	155.8	155.6	.9	-1	.3	.3	-1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.616	206.6	208.0	2.3	.7	.7	-1	.7
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	308.6	309.7	3.3	.4	.4	.3	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.601	162.6	162.7	3.4	.1	-4	1.0	-2
Food and beverages .....	16.537	193.8	193.7	2.6	-1	.2	.4	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.064	144.8	145.1	3.8	.2	-6	1.2	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.599	173.5	174.0	7.1	.3	-8	2.5	-1.8
Apparel .....	4.090	114.3	116.1	-2.1	1.6	-3	.0	-7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.509	214.2	213.9	10.7	-1	-1.2	2.7	-3
Durables .....	12.465	115.2	115.3	-2	.1	-1	.2	.0
Services .....	55.399	230.7	231.2	4.0	.2	.1	.5	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.721	211.9	213.1	2.6	.6	.3	.0	.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.348	116.2	116.5	-2.0	.3	.2	-2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.637	186.4	181.1	19.1	-2.8	-1.5	4.2	-1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.916	134.3	135.3	5.0	.7	.4	.7	.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.363	136.7	137.5	5.1	.6	.5	.5	.6
Transportation services .....	5.659	228.6	229.0	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.0
Medical care services .....	4.030	343.6	346.4	4.0	.8	.2	.0	.3
Other services .....	9.726	264.4	265.0	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.481	193.9	194.2	3.9	.2	-2	.8	-1
All items less shelter .....	69.931	186.6	186.5	4.2	-1	-3	1.0	-2
All items less medical care .....	94.829	188.2	188.4	3.7	.1	-1	.7	.0
Commodities less food .....	29.082	146.8	147.0	3.7	.1	-6	1.2	-3
Nondurables less food .....	16.617	175.1	175.6	6.8	.3	-7	2.4	-1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.527	211.9	211.7	9.9	-1	-1.2	2.6	-3
Nondurables .....	32.136	184.2	184.5	4.8	.2	-3	1.5	-8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.679	223.4	222.9	5.5	-2	.0	1.0	-2
Services less medical care services .....	51.369	222.2	222.5	4.0	.1	.2	.5	.0
Energy .....	10.228	188.8	185.9	19.9	-1.5	-2.1	5.0	-1.3
All items less energy .....	89.772	195.4	196.1	2.0	.4	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.253	196.2	197.1	1.9	.5	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.491	140.2	140.7	.1	.4	-1	.1	.0
Energy commodities .....	5.591	202.0	200.9	20.6	-5	-2.5	5.7	-1.2
Services less energy services .....	50.762	235.4	236.5	2.8	.5	.3	.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.516	\$.515	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.173	\$.173	-	-	-	-	-

<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—		
	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2005	Feb. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	193.5	193.3	194.6	194.6	3.9	5.6	2.9	2.3	4.7	2.6
Food and beverages .....	192.2	192.5	193.3	193.5	3.9	.8	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.9
Food .....	191.8	192.1	192.9	193.1	4.1	.8	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.9
Food at home .....	190.3	190.6	191.5	191.4	5.5	-8	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	210.0	209.9	211.3	210.3	1.2	.2	1.7	.6	.7	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	185.7	185.6	185.4	185.0	3.8	-3.0	3.5	-1.5	.3	1.0
Dairy and related products .....	182.8	182.3	182.9	183.0	4.5	-1.1	.2	.4	1.7	.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	243.2	245.3	249.0	251.2	16.2	-3.3	7.2	13.8	6.0	10.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	145.5	145.5	146.0	145.5	9.7	.0	4.2	.0	4.7	2.1
Other food at home .....	167.2	167.6	168.4	168.4	2.7	3.2	.2	2.9	2.9	1.6
Sugar and sweets .....	166.6	168.1	168.3	165.7	-2.0	4.0	7.5	-2.1	1.0	2.6
Fats and oils .....	167.7	167.4	169.9	170.6	-1.4	-.7	.5	7.1	-1.1	3.7
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	183.4	183.7	184.4	185.0	4.7	3.8	-1.3	3.5	4.3	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	113.2	112.9	113.0	113.8	1.5	2.9	4.0	2.1	2.2	3.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	195.5	195.8	196.4	197.0	2.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	133.3	133.7	133.9	134.4	4.4	8.3	2.7	3.3	6.3	3.0
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	197.0	196.3	198.0	199.4	.2	.0	3.5	5.0	.1	4.2
Housing .....	195.1	195.2	196.2	196.4	3.2	3.2	8.0	2.7	3.2	5.3
Shelter .....	219.5	220.1	220.2	221.0	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.7
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	219.0	219.6	219.9	220.5	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.0	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	131.0	132.5	131.9	133.6	-1.2	1.9	3.7	8.2	.3	5.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	210.6	211.0	211.5	212.2	1.9	2.5	2.3	3.1	2.2	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.2	116.4	116.2	116.5	-2.0	-.7	-6.3	1.0	-1.3	-2.7
Fuels and utilities .....	194.6	192.2	198.6	196.4	10.6	9.4	48.1	3.8	10.0	24.0
Fuels .....	177.1	174.5	181.1	178.5	12.3	10.5	58.3	3.2	11.4	27.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	232.4	230.4	226.8	220.4	30.0	58.3	34.5	-19.1	43.4	4.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	183.3	180.5	188.1	185.5	11.2	7.7	60.3	4.9	9.5	29.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	132.9	133.4	134.3	135.3	2.8	5.0	5.0	7.4	3.9	6.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.9	122.2	121.9	122.2	2.3	-1.6	.3	1.0	.3	.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.3	136.0	136.7	137.5	4.4	4.3	5.2	6.7	4.3	5.9
Apparel .....	118.5	118.2	118.2	117.4	-1.0	-1.3	-2.3	-3.7	-1.2	-3.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.5	114.2	114.3	113.5	-1.0	-4.1	-3.1	-3.4	-2.5	-3.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	109.9	109.6	108.4	107.3	-1.1	-2.9	-.7	-9.1	-2.0	-5.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.4	117.3	117.6	118.5	-.7	-9.2	-6.3	7.4	-5.0	.3
Footwear .....	121.7	121.5	123.7	123.0	-.3	4.7	-3.5	4.3	2.2	.3
Transportation .....	174.5	173.2	176.4	175.9	8.7	20.0	-5.7	3.2	14.2	-1.4
Private transportation .....	171.6	170.3	173.5	173.0	8.6	20.9	-6.5	3.3	14.6	-1.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.7	94.5	94.8	94.8	1.7	.8	-.8	.4	1.3	-.2
New vehicles .....	138.6	138.4	139.2	139.2	-.3	-6.2	3.8	1.7	-3.3	2.8
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	140.2	140.0	140.1	140.3	3.5	9.8	-7.3	.3	6.6	-3.6
Motor fuel .....	200.4	195.1	207.1	204.8	30.5	83.9	-19.5	9.1	54.9	-6.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	199.3	194.1	206.1	203.8	30.7	83.7	-19.8	9.3	54.9	-6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.2	113.6	113.9	114.3	.4	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.7	4.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	212.6	212.9	213.4	215.2	4.7	3.7	4.8	5.0	4.2	4.9
Public transportation .....	221.6	220.8	223.6	223.3	11.9	8.7	6.8	3.1	10.3	4.9
Medical care .....	328.6	329.2	329.5	330.5	4.5	2.9	6.1	2.3	3.7	4.2
Medical care commodities .....	273.7	274.2	275.3	276.3	2.3	3.2	5.8	3.9	2.7	4.8
Medical care services .....	343.4	344.0	344.0	345.0	5.2	2.8	6.2	1.9	4.0	4.0
Professional services .....	288.2	288.7	287.7	288.3	4.3	2.3	4.4	.1	3.3	2.3
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	445.5	446.2	448.7	452.7	5.6	2.6	7.8	6.6	4.1	7.2

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. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	May 2005	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2005	Feb. 2006	Aug. 2005	Feb. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.4	1.1	0.0	1.9	0.4	0.6	1.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.7	103.6	103.4	103.4	.8	.8	.0	-1.2	.8	-6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	112.3	112.4	112.9	113.0	1.5	.0	4.4	2.5	.7	3.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	154.2	155.0	156.2	156.6	6.7	5.2	6.2	6.4	5.9	6.3
Educational books and supplies .....	376.0	377.9	380.2	381.2	6.0	3.0	9.9	5.6	4.5	7.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	436.3	438.3	442.0	443.2	6.7	5.4	5.9	6.5	6.0	6.2
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	86.2	86.2	86.3	86.3	-2.3	-3.6	2.4	.5	-3.0	1.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.7	84.6	84.6	84.6	-2.3	-4.2	2.9	-.5	-3.2	1.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.3	95.3	95.3	95.4	-1.7	-2.5	4.3	.4	-2.1	2.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	-8.0	-8.1	-8.3	-5.7	-8.1	-7.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	11.8	11.6	11.4	11.3	-8.7	-22.4	-12.5	-15.9	-15.9	-14.2
Other goods and services .....	325.6	326.8	327.8	328.1	1.5	4.1	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.7
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	513.2	515.0	517.1	517.9	1.5	8.1	3.7	3.7	4.7	3.7
Personal care .....	185.3	186.0	186.5	186.6	1.5	2.2	1.7	2.8	1.9	2.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	154.9	155.4	155.8	155.6	.8	2.4	-1.3	1.8	1.6	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	205.5	206.9	206.6	208.0	-.4	2.6	2.2	5.0	1.1	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	306.7	308.0	308.9	309.4	4.6	2.3	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	162.5	161.9	163.5	163.2	5.2	8.5	-1.7	1.7	6.8	.0
Food and beverages .....	192.2	192.5	193.3	193.5	3.9	.8	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	145.4	144.5	146.3	145.9	5.8	13.6	-4.5	1.4	9.6	-1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	176.3	174.9	179.3	176.0	12.5	21.7	-3.1	-.7	17.0	-1.9
Apparel .....	118.5	118.2	118.2	117.4	-1.0	-1.3	-2.3	-3.7	-1.2	-3.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	214.1	211.5	217.2	216.5	14.6	38.1	-9.5	4.6	25.8	-2.7
Durables .....	114.9	114.8	115.0	115.0	.3	-.3	-1.0	.3	.0	-.3
Services .....	229.8	230.0	231.1	231.4	3.3	2.9	6.9	2.8	3.1	4.8
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	211.5	212.1	212.1	212.9	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.2	116.4	116.2	116.5	-2.0	-.7	-6.3	1.0	-1.3	-2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	183.3	180.5	188.1	185.5	11.2	7.7	60.3	4.9	9.5	29.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	132.9	133.4	134.3	135.3	2.8	5.0	5.0	7.4	3.9	6.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.3	136.0	136.7	137.5	4.4	4.3	5.2	6.7	4.3	5.9
Transportation services .....	228.2	228.5	229.0	228.9	3.1	4.0	1.8	1.2	3.5	1.5
Medical care services .....	343.4	344.0	344.0	345.0	5.2	2.8	6.2	1.9	4.0	4.0
Other services .....	263.0	263.6	264.3	264.8	2.8	1.2	4.4	2.8	2.0	3.6
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	193.6	193.3	194.8	194.7	4.1	6.3	2.9	2.3	5.2	2.6
All items less shelter .....	186.1	185.6	187.4	187.1	5.0	6.8	3.1	2.2	5.9	2.6
All items less medical care .....	187.7	187.5	188.9	188.9	4.0	5.8	2.6	2.6	4.9	2.6
Commodities less food .....	147.3	146.4	148.2	147.8	5.7	13.1	-4.2	1.4	9.3	-1.5
Nondurables less food .....	177.5	176.3	180.5	177.4	11.8	20.4	-3.1	-.2	16.0	-1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	211.7	209.2	214.6	214.0	12.4	35.7	-8.7	4.4	23.5	-2.4
Nondurables .....	184.7	184.1	186.9	185.4	7.9	10.6	-.4	1.5	9.2	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	221.7	221.7	223.9	223.4	5.0	3.8	10.6	3.1	4.4	6.8
Services less medical care services .....	221.0	221.4	222.6	222.7	3.2	3.4	6.2	3.1	3.3	4.6
Energy .....	187.9	183.9	193.1	190.6	22.0	47.0	8.8	5.9	33.9	7.3
All items less energy .....	195.0	195.3	195.7	196.0	2.3	1.5	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	196.0	196.3	196.6	197.0	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.6	140.5	140.7	140.7	.6	.0	-.3	.3	.3	.0
Energy commodities .....	202.7	197.6	208.8	206.3	30.3	82.6	-17.4	7.3	54.2	-5.8
Services less energy services .....	234.7	235.3	235.6	236.3	2.5	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.9

<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 Feb.2006 from—			Percent change to Jan.2006 from—			
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	193.4	192.5	194.0	194.2	3.7	0.9	0.1	4.1	0.3	0.8	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	206.5	205.5	207.5	207.9	4.0	1.2	.2	4.3	.5	1.0	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	207.3	206.4	208.2	208.6	3.7	1.1	.2	4.0	.4	.9	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.4	123.7	125.2	125.5	4.5	1.5	.2	4.7	.6	1.2	
Midwest urban .....	M	185.6	185.1	186.2	185.9	3.2	.4	-2	4.0	.3	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	186.7	186.2	187.3	186.9	3.1	.4	-2	3.8	.3	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.6	120.3	121.1	121.0	3.2	.6	-1	4.0	.4	.7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	183.0	182.4	183.5	183.2	3.8	.4	-2	4.4	.3	.6	
South urban .....	M	188.0	187.2	188.8	188.9	4.1	.9	.1	4.6	.4	.9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.1	189.7	191.6	191.8	4.2	1.1	.1	4.9	.3	1.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.0	119.8	120.7	120.7	3.8	.8	.0	4.3	.6	.8	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.0	189.8	191.0	191.1	4.6	.7	.1	5.0	.0	.6	
West urban .....	M	196.4	194.9	196.3	197.2	3.5	1.2	.5	3.6	-1	.7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	197.7	196.2	197.6	198.6	3.7	1.2	.5	3.9	-1	.7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.4	121.3	122.3	123.1	3.4	1.5	.7	2.9	-1	.8	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	179.3	178.4	179.8	180.0	3.6	.9	.1	4.2	.3	.8	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.2	120.7	121.7	121.9	3.7	1.0	.2	4.0	.4	.8	
D .....	M	189.0	187.9	188.7	188.7	3.9	.4	.0	4.3	-2	.4	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	191.1	190.2	191.2	190.6	3.5	.2	-3	4.2	.1	.5	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	198.4	196.5	198.3	199.9	5.0	1.7	.8	5.2	-1	.9	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	209.9	208.7	210.2	210.6	3.6	.9	.2	3.8	.1	.7	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	217.7	-	219.5	-	-	-	-	4.4	.8	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	180.8	-	181.4	-	-	-	-	4.0	.3	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	188.9	-	189.9	-	-	-	-	5.3	.5	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	125.2	-	126.1	-	-	-	-	4.5	.7	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	187.2	-	188.5	2.8	.7	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	187.9	-	189.6	3.8	.9	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	175.1	-	176.7	2.9	.9	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	195.5	-	199.9	6.2	2.3	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	205.2	-	209.1	4.6	1.9	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	199.3	-	202.5	2.6	1.6	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	196.1	-	198.0	2.9	1.0	-	-	-	-	

<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 Feb. 2006 from—	
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	115.2	115.4	3.0	0.2
Food and beverages .....	15.072	114.9	114.9	2.6	.0
Food .....	13.943	115.0	114.9	2.6	-.1
Food at home .....	8.029	112.9	112.5	2.4	-.4
Food away from home .....	5.914	117.8	118.2	3.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.130	114.0	114.9	2.2	.8
Housing .....	42.173	120.0	120.4	3.6	.3
Shelter .....	32.495	119.9	120.7	2.5	.7
Fuels and utilities .....	4.702	152.0	149.4	15.6	-1.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.977	96.7	96.9	.0	.2
Apparel .....	4.076	86.3	87.6	-1.8	1.5
Transportation .....	17.095	116.6	116.6	5.0	.0
Private transportation .....	15.988	117.3	117.2	4.7	-.1
Public transportation .....	1.107	108.1	108.8	7.2	.6
Medical care .....	6.055	128.8	129.8	3.9	.8
Medical care commodities .....	1.458	119.4	119.8	3.5	.3
Medical care services .....	4.597	132.0	133.2	4.0	.9
Recreation .....	5.863	105.1	105.3	.8	.2
Education and communication .....	6.190	102.8	102.8	1.6	.0
Education .....	2.751	147.0	147.1	6.2	.1
Communication .....	3.439	76.4	76.4	-2.1	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.475	118.5	118.8	2.5	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.763	122.5	122.9	3.6	.3
Commodities .....	41.237	106.0	106.1	2.3	.1
Durables .....	12.340	88.1	88.1	-1.0	.0
Nondurables .....	28.897	114.7	114.9	3.9	.2
All items less food and energy .....	78.707	111.3	111.8	1.8	.4
Energy .....	7.351	164.3	162.0	19.3	-1.4

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—	
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	198.3	198.7	3.6	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	594.0	595.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.127	194.5	194.4	2.7	-.1
Food .....	14.151	194.2	194.0	2.8	-.1
Food at home .....	8.049	193.4	192.7	2.5	-.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.157	210.5	210.4	1.0	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.229	186.0	185.5	.9	-.3
Dairy and related products .....	.836	183.6	183.4	.9	-.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.242	258.5	253.6	8.0	-1.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.885	147.4	147.5	3.5	.1
Other food at home .....	1.700	169.2	169.1	2.3	-.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.297	169.3	167.5	2.0	-1.1
Fats and oils .....	.246	169.9	170.5	.7	.4
Other foods .....	1.157	184.3	184.6	2.7	.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	.295	112.7	113.2	2.6	.4
Food away from home .....	6.102	196.6	197.1	3.0	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.338	134.0	134.5	4.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.976	198.0	199.6	2.3	.8
Housing .....	42.224	200.0	200.5	4.0	.3
Shelter .....	32.442	226.7	228.4	2.7	.7
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	6.116	220.9	221.6	3.1	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	3.009	126.9	132.6	2.9	4.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> .....	22.951	233.4	234.2	2.5	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.366	115.9	116.2	-2.1	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.538	198.4	193.9	16.5	-2.3
Fuels .....	4.592	181.9	176.6	19.2	-2.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.360	229.8	230.4	22.2	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.233	187.8	181.9	19.0	-3.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.946	134.0	135.0	5.1	.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.243	126.6	126.8	.6	.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.717	134.0	134.7	4.7	.5
Apparel .....	3.677	114.6	116.4	-1.9	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.927	112.2	112.5	-3.3	.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.568	102.5	106.0	-3.0	3.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	113.1	116.9	-1.0	3.4
Footwear .....	.747	122.6	123.1	1.7	.4
Transportation .....	17.650	175.9	175.8	5.8	-.1
Private transportation .....	16.595	172.2	172.0	5.8	-.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	7.519	96.2	96.1	.2	-.1
New vehicles .....	4.521	139.3	139.3	-.4	.0
Used cars and trucks .....	1.998	139.3	139.5	1.4	.1
Motor fuel .....	4.460	199.2	198.1	20.6	-.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.418	198.2	197.0	20.6	-.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.366	114.4	114.9	3.6	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.344	211.2	213.0	4.5	.9
Public transportation .....	1.055	219.8	221.2	7.4	.6
Medical care .....	6.186	329.5	332.2	4.0	.8
Medical care commodities .....	1.488	282.1	283.4	3.9	.5
Medical care services .....	4.698	342.9	346.1	4.1	.9
Professional services .....	2.776	284.7	286.5	2.8	.6
Hospital and related services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.540	453.4	460.2	5.9	1.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—	
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.605	110.1	110.4	1.3	0.3
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	1.637	104.0	104.3	.0	.3
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.791	115.7	115.8	2.7	.1
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	3.008	158.4	158.5	6.2	.1
Educational books and supplies .....	.223	379.4	381.9	6.1	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.784	457.4	457.4	6.2	.0
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	2.784	84.5	84.5	-1.1	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	2.612	82.1	82.1	-1.4	.0
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.123	95.2	95.2	.1	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>4</sup> .....	.489	13.0	12.9	-7.9	-8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.156	11.6	11.5	-14.8	-9
Other goods and services .....	3.739	318.2	319.1	2.7	.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.824	515.3	515.9	4.0	.1
Personal care .....	2.916	188.0	188.6	2.3	.3
Personal care products .....	.645	155.5	155.3	.9	-1
Personal care services .....	.647	206.4	208.0	2.5	.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.449	308.1	309.2	3.1	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Commodities .....	39.974	161.4	161.5	3.2	.1
Food and beverages .....	15.127	194.5	194.4	2.7	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.847	142.7	143.0	3.5	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.289	168.8	169.3	6.7	.3
Apparel .....	3.677	114.6	116.4	-1.9	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.612	206.2	205.9	9.9	-1
Durables .....	10.558	115.3	115.4	-5	.1
Services .....	60.026	234.9	235.6	3.9	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	32.076	236.2	237.9	2.7	.7
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.366	115.9	116.2	-2.1	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.233	187.8	181.9	19.0	-3.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.946	134.0	135.0	5.1	.7
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.717	134.0	134.7	4.7	.5
Transportation services .....	6.194	228.1	228.6	2.8	.2
Medical care services .....	4.698	342.9	346.1	4.1	.9
Other services .....	10.795	273.3	274.1	3.1	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	85.849	199.0	199.6	3.8	.3
All items less shelter .....	67.558	189.4	189.4	4.1	.0
All items less medical care .....	93.814	191.6	191.9	3.6	.2
Commodities less food .....	25.823	144.8	145.1	3.5	.2
Nondurables less food .....	15.265	170.6	171.1	6.4	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.588	204.6	204.5	9.2	.0
Nondurables .....	29.416	182.0	182.3	4.6	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.950	251.1	250.8	5.4	-1
Services less medical care services .....	55.328	225.9	226.4	3.9	.2
Energy .....	9.052	189.4	186.1	19.9	-1.7
All items less energy .....	90.948	200.7	201.6	2.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	76.797	202.6	203.7	2.1	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.004	139.9	140.4	.1	.4
Energy commodities .....	4.819	202.1	201.1	20.7	-5
Services less energy services .....	55.793	239.7	241.1	2.9	.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.504	\$.503	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.168	\$.168	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</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 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—	
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	194.0	194.3	3.7	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	578.0	578.8	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.817	193.9	193.7	2.6	-.1
Food .....	15.758	193.5	193.3	2.7	-.1
Food at home .....	9.374	192.5	191.7	2.4	-.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.310	210.5	210.5	1.0	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.787	185.9	185.2	.7	-.4
Dairy and related products .....	.946	183.3	183.4	1.0	.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.365	256.1	251.2	8.2	-1.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	146.8	146.8	3.5	.0
Other food at home .....	1.914	168.6	168.7	2.2	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.312	168.5	167.0	2.1	-.9
Fats and oils .....	.298	170.0	170.5	.8	.3
Other foods .....	1.304	184.6	185.0	2.7	.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	.335	113.2	113.8	2.6	.5
Food away from home .....	6.385	196.4	196.9	3.0	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.255	133.8	134.4	4.7	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.059	197.7	199.0	1.9	.7
Housing .....	39.247	195.9	196.2	4.3	.2
Shelter .....	29.666	220.1	221.4	2.6	.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	8.000	220.1	220.7	3.0	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	1.739	127.3	133.3	3.3	4.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2 3</sup> .....	19.607	211.7	212.4	2.5	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.321	116.1	116.3	-2.2	-.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.903	197.1	192.7	16.5	-2.2
Fuels .....	4.935	179.5	174.5	19.0	-2.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.337	229.2	229.9	22.5	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.598	186.1	180.6	18.8	-3.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.968	134.3	135.3	5.0	.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.677	122.0	122.4	.4	.3
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.326	136.6	137.5	5.1	.7
Apparel .....	4.020	114.5	116.6	-1.7	1.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.009	111.9	112.3	-3.3	.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.582	102.2	106.1	-2.9	3.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.226	115.7	120.0	-.8	3.7
Footwear .....	.970	122.0	122.4	1.5	.3
Transportation .....	20.141	174.9	174.8	6.1	-.1
Private transportation .....	19.348	172.2	172.0	6.0	-.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	8.889	95.2	95.2	.5	.0
New vehicles .....	4.550	140.4	140.3	-.3	-.1
Used cars and trucks .....	3.465	140.1	140.3	1.4	.1
Motor fuel .....	5.443	199.9	198.7	20.5	-.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.396	199.0	197.8	20.5	-.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.451	114.0	114.5	3.7	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.362	213.7	215.6	4.6	.9
Public transportation .....	.793	218.5	219.9	7.3	.6
Medical care .....	5.059	329.2	331.7	4.0	.8
Medical care commodities .....	1.127	275.0	276.3	3.8	.5
Medical care services .....	3.931	343.7	346.7	4.1	.9
Professional services .....	2.275	287.3	288.9	2.7	.6
Hospital and related services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.297	450.0	456.0	5.8	1.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group -Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2006 from—	
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.408	107.3	107.6	1.0	0.3
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	1.816	103.2	103.5	.0	.3
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.419	113.1	113.1	2.2	.0
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.416	156.6	156.7	6.1	.1
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	380.4	383.3	6.0	.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.196	443.1	443.1	6.1	.0
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	3.003	86.3	86.3	-.8	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	2.861	84.6	84.6	-1.1	.0
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.399	95.3	95.4	.1	.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>4</sup> .....	.462	13.6	13.5	-7.5	-7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.140	11.4	11.3	-15.0	-9
Other goods and services .....	3.889	327.6	328.3	2.8	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.275	517.4	517.9	4.2	.1
Personal care .....	2.614	186.2	186.8	2.1	.3
Personal care products .....	.696	155.5	155.4	.8	-.1
Personal care services .....	.605	206.6	208.1	2.4	.7
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.154	308.4	309.7	3.3	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Commodities .....	44.564	162.7	162.8	3.4	.1
Food and beverages .....	16.817	193.9	193.7	2.6	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.747	145.0	145.3	3.9	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.719	173.8	174.3	7.3	.3
Apparel .....	4.020	114.5	116.6	-1.7	1.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.700	214.3	214.0	10.7	-.1
Durables .....	12.027	115.3	115.3	-.2	.0
Services .....	55.436	230.8	231.2	4.0	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	29.345	212.1	213.3	2.7	.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.321	116.1	116.3	-2.2	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>2</sup> .....	4.598	186.1	180.6	18.8	-3.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.968	134.3	135.3	5.0	.7
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	.326	136.6	137.5	5.1	.7
Transportation services .....	6.109	228.5	229.0	2.5	.2
Medical care services .....	3.931	343.7	346.7	4.1	.9
Other services .....	9.837	264.4	265.1	2.8	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	84.242	194.0	194.3	3.9	.2
All items less shelter .....	70.334	186.6	186.6	4.2	.0
All items less medical care .....	94.941	188.3	188.5	3.7	.1
Commodities less food .....	28.806	146.9	147.2	3.9	.2
Nondurables less food .....	16.778	175.3	175.9	7.0	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.759	212.0	211.8	9.9	-.1
Nondurables .....	32.537	184.4	184.6	4.8	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.091	223.3	222.8	5.5	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.504	222.2	222.5	4.0	.1
Energy .....	10.378	188.8	185.7	19.8	-1.6
All items less energy .....	89.622	195.5	196.2	2.1	.4
All items less food and energy .....	73.864	196.3	197.2	2.0	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.026	140.2	140.8	.2	.4
Energy commodities .....	5.780	202.1	201.0	20.6	-.5
Services less energy services .....	50.838	235.5	236.7	2.9	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.515	\$.515	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.173	\$.173	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>4</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 3 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 2006 from—			Percent change to Jan. 2006 from—		
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	197.6	196.8	198.3	198.7	3.6	1.0	0.2	4.0	0.4	0.8
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	210.0	209.0	211.1	211.8	4.0	1.3	.3	4.2	.5	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	212.2	211.3	213.3	214.1	3.9	1.3	.4	4.0	.5	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.3	123.6	124.9	125.3	4.3	1.4	.3	4.6	.5	1.1
Midwest urban .....	M	190.3	189.7	190.8	190.7	3.0	.5	-.1	3.6	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.1	191.6	192.7	192.5	2.9	.5	-.1	3.7	.3	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.3	120.9	121.6	121.6	3.0	.6	.0	3.7	.2	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	185.0	184.4	185.4	185.3	3.4	.5	-.1	4.0	.2	.5
South urban .....	M	190.7	190.1	191.6	191.8	3.8	.9	.1	4.4	.5	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.9	191.9	193.7	193.8	3.9	1.0	.1	4.6	.4	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.4	121.2	122.0	122.1	3.7	.7	.1	4.2	.5	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	190.7	189.7	191.1	191.3	4.5	.8	.1	4.8	.2	.7
West urban .....	M	201.4	200.0	201.6	202.7	3.6	1.4	.5	3.7	.1	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.2	203.0	204.6	205.7	3.7	1.3	.5	4.0	.2	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.8	121.8	122.9	123.7	3.4	1.6	.7	2.8	.1	.9
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	180.8	180.0	181.5	181.9	3.6	1.1	.2	4.1	.4	.8
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.0	121.6	122.5	122.8	3.6	1.0	.2	3.9	.4	.7
D .....	M	190.2	189.3	190.2	190.2	3.5	.5	.0	3.9	.0	.5
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	197.3	196.4	197.6	197.2	3.5	.4	-.2	4.1	.2	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	205.6	203.9	205.9	207.6	5.2	1.8	.8	5.4	.1	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	215.3	214.2	215.9	216.6	3.7	1.1	.3	3.7	.3	.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	218.6	-	221.0	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	189.9	-	190.3	-	-	-	-	3.8	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	187.8	-	188.7	-	-	-	-	4.8	.5	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	125.4	-	126.3	-	-	-	-	4.1	.7	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	188.7	-	189.8	2.4	.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	192.4	-	194.8	3.7	1.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	177.2	-	178.9	2.5	1.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	197.4	-	201.2	5.6	1.9	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	204.9	-	209.5	4.7	2.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	203.4	-	206.8	2.8	1.7	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	200.9	-	203.6	3.0	1.3	-	-	-	-

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 2006 from—			Percent change to Jan. 2006 from—		
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Feb. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Jan. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	193.4	192.5	194.0	194.3	3.7	0.9	0.2	4.1	0.3	0.8
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	206.5	205.5	207.6	208.1	4.1	1.3	.2	4.3	.5	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	207.3	206.4	208.4	208.9	3.9	1.2	.2	4.1	.5	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.4	123.7	125.1	125.4	4.4	1.4	.2	4.6	.6	1.1
Midwest urban .....	M	185.6	185.1	186.2	185.9	3.2	.4	-.2	4.0	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	186.7	186.2	187.4	187.0	3.1	.4	-.2	3.9	.4	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.6	120.3	121.0	121.0	3.2	.6	.0	4.0	.3	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	183.0	182.4	183.5	183.2	3.8	.4	-.2	4.4	.3	.6
South urban .....	M	188.0	187.2	188.9	188.9	4.1	.9	.0	4.7	.5	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	191.1	189.7	191.8	191.9	4.3	1.2	.1	5.0	.4	1.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	120.0	119.8	120.7	120.7	3.8	.8	.0	4.3	.6	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.0	189.8	191.3	191.3	4.7	.8	.0	5.2	.2	.8
West urban .....	M	196.4	194.9	196.4	197.4	3.6	1.3	.5	3.6	.0	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	197.7	196.2	197.8	198.7	3.7	1.3	.5	4.1	.1	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.4	121.3	122.4	123.1	3.4	1.5	.6	2.9	.0	.9
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	179.3	178.4	179.9	180.2	3.7	1.0	.2	4.2	.3	.8
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.2	120.7	121.7	121.9	3.7	1.0	.2	4.0	.4	.8
D .....	M	189.0	187.9	188.9	188.8	3.9	.5	-.1	4.4	-.1	.5
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	191.1	190.2	191.4	190.7	3.5	.3	-.4	4.3	.2	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	198.4	196.5	198.4	200.1	5.1	1.8	.9	5.3	.0	1.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	209.9	208.7	210.2	210.8	3.7	1.0	.3	3.8	.1	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	217.7	-	219.9	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.0	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	180.8	-	181.5	-	-	-	-	4.0	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	188.9	-	190.1	-	-	-	-	5.4	.6	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	125.2	-	126.2	-	-	-	-	4.6	.8	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	187.2	-	188.6	2.8	.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	187.9	-	190.0	4.1	1.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	175.1	-	176.8	2.9	1.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	195.5	-	199.3	5.8	1.9	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	205.2	-	209.2	4.6	1.9	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	199.3	-	202.6	2.7	1.7	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	196.1	-	198.5	3.2	1.2	-	-	-	-

<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 map in 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.