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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – NOVEMBER 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in November on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.4 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The energy index declined for the second month in a row and offset increases in the indexes for food and all items less food and energy. As in October, the gasoline index fell sharply and the index for household energy declined as well. The food index rose slightly in November, though the index for food at home declined as four of the six major grocery store food group indexes fell.

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.2 percent in November following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the prior two months. The indexes for shelter, medical care, apparel, and personal care all rose. These increases more than offset declines in the indexes for new vehicles and used cars and trucks.

The all items index has risen 3.4 percent over the last 12 months. This is a slightly smaller increase than last month's 3.5 percent figure, as the 12-month change in the energy index declined from 14.2 percent to 12.4 percent. The 12-month change in the food index also declined slightly, from 4.7 percent to 4.6 percent. In contrast, the 12-month change in the index for all items less food and energy continued to rise, reaching 2.2 percent in November.

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Nov. 2010 - Nov. 2011**  
Percent change

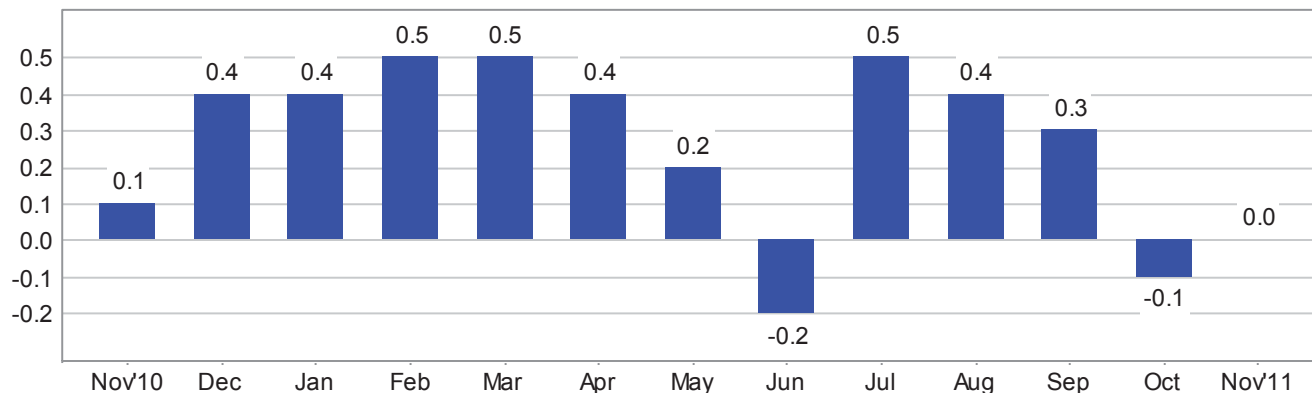


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Nov. 2010 - Nov. 2011

Percent change

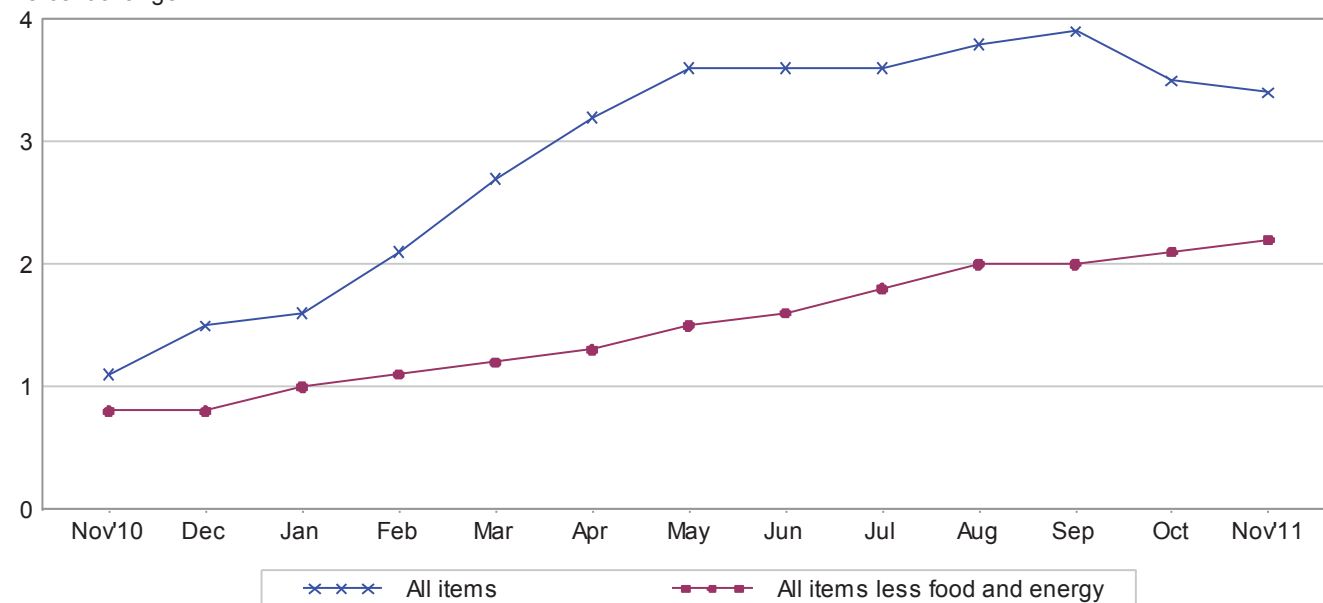


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. 2011
	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	
All items .....	.2	-.2	.5	.4	.3	-.1	.0	3.4
Food .....	.4	.2	.4	.5	.4	.1	.1	4.6
Food at home .....	.5	.2	.6	.6	.6	.1	-.1	5.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.2	.3	.2	.4	.2	.2	.3	2.9
Energy .....	-1.0	-4.4	2.8	1.2	2.0	-2.0	-1.6	12.4
Energy commodities .....	-1.9	-6.3	4.3	1.6	2.7	-2.9	-2.1	19.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	-2.0	-6.8	4.7	1.9	2.9	-3.1	-2.4	19.7
Fuel oil <sup>1</sup> .....	-.8	-2.2	-1.7	-.4	-.7	-.5	2.7	25.0
Energy services .....	.6	-1.1	.4	.4	.7	-.4	-.7	1.7
Electricity .....	.8	-1.6	.8	-.1	.7	.4	.4	2.7
Utility (piped) gas service .....	-.3	.4	-1.2	2.2	.8	-3.0	-4.4	-1.3
All items less food and energy .....	.3	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.2	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	.5	.5	.3	.4	-.2	-.1	.1	2.2
New vehicles .....	1.1	.6	.0	.0	.0	-.3	-.3	3.3
Used cars and trucks .....	1.1	1.6	.7	.9	-.6	-.6	-.1	4.9
Apparel .....	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1	-1.1	.4	.6	4.8
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	.0	-.1	.0	.1	.2	.3	.2	3.1
Services less energy services .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.1
Shelter .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.2	1.8
Transportation services .....	.1	-.3	-.1	.2	.5	.1	.1	2.6
Medical care services .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.5	.5	3.5

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

## **Consumer Price Index Data for November 2011**

### **Food**

The food index rose 0.1 percent in November, the same increase as in October. The index for food at home, however, declined for the first time since June 2010, falling 0.1 percent. The fruits and vegetables index, which fell 1.7 percent in October, declined 0.6 percent in November, as both the fresh fruits and fresh vegetables indexes continued to decline. The index for dairy and related products fell 0.3 percent in November while the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for other food at home both decreased 0.1 percent. The only major grocery store food groups to post increases were cereal and bakery products, which rose 0.3 percent, and nonalcoholic beverages, which increased 0.2 percent. Despite the November decrease, the index for food at home has risen 5.9 percent over the past year with all six major grocery store food groups up at least 4.4 percent. The index for food away from home increased 0.3 percent in November after rising 0.2 percent in October and has risen 2.9 percent over the past year.

### **Energy**

The energy index, which fell 2.0 percent in October, declined 1.6 percent in November as gasoline prices continued to fall. The gasoline index decreased 2.4 percent in November following a 3.1 percent decline in October. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 1.1 percent in November.) The household energy index declined in November as well, falling 0.4 percent. A 4.4 percent decline in the index for natural gas more than offset a 2.7 percent increase in the fuel oil index and a 0.4 percent rise in the index for electricity. Energy indexes are still mostly up over the past year despite the November declines. The gasoline index has increased 19.7 percent, while the household energy index has risen 3.1 percent with the fuel oil index up 25.0 percent, the electricity index up 2.7 percent, but the natural gas index down 1.3 percent.

### **All items less food and energy**

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.2 percent in November, the largest increase since August. As was the case last month, increases in the indexes for shelter, medical care, and apparel accounted for most of the increase. The shelter index rose 0.2 percent, the same increase as in October, as the rent index rose 0.2 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.1 percent. The index for medical care, which rose 0.5 percent in October, rose 0.4 percent in November with the medical care services index repeating its October increase of 0.5 percent. The apparel index increased 0.6 percent in November following a 0.4 percent increase in October and has now risen in seven of the last eight months. The index for personal care rose notably in November, increasing 0.6 percent, while the tobacco and recreation indexes both posted slight increases. In contrast, the new vehicles index fell 0.3 percent and the index for used cars and trucks declined 0.1 percent.

The index for all items less food and energy has increased 2.2 percent over the last 12 months, the largest such increase since 2008. The 12-month change in the shelter index has been steadily increasing and reached 1.8 percent in November. The 12-month change in the medical care index was 3.4 percent, its highest level in over a year, while the apparel index has risen 4.8 percent over the last 12 months, the largest figure since 1991.

## Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 3.4 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 226.230 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index declined 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 3.8 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 222.813 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index declined 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 3.2 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index declined 0.1 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2009 period are subject to revision.

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**The Consumer Price Index for December 2011 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 2012 are scheduled on the following dates:**

Feb. 17	Aug. 15
Mar. 16	Sep. 14
Apr. 13	Oct. 16
May 15	Nov. 15
June 14	Dec. 14
July 17	

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## **Brief Explanation of the CPI**

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

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 26,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

The index measures price change from a designed reference date. For the CPI-U and the CPI-W the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. The reference base for the C-CPI-U is December 1999 equals 100. An increase of 16.5 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 116.500. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period market basket of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

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

## Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.03 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.06 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For example, for a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.14 and 0.26 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Price Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January-December 2010”. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), or by using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2010.pdf>

## Calculating Index Changes

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

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

### Index Point Change

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

### Percent Change

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

## Regions Defined

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2006 through December 2010 were replaced in January 2011. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

Effective with the publication of data from January 2006 through December 2010 in January 2011, the Video and audio series and the Information technology, hardware and services series were changed from independently adjusted to dependently adjusted. This resulted in an increase in the number of seasonal components used in deriving seasonal movement of the All items and 54 other lower level aggregations, from 73 for the publication of January 1998 through December 2005 data to 82 for the publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2006 and later. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 82 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted



indexes before that period will not be changed. Note: 37 of the 82 components are not seasonally adjusted for 2011.

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

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

For the seasonal factors introduced in January 2011, BLS adjusted 29 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

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

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



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2010	Oct. 2011	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	
Expenditure category									
All items .....	100.000	226.421	226.230	3.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	
All items (1967=100) .....	-	678.258	677.684	-	-	-	-	-	
Food and beverages .....	14.792	230.885	230.656	4.4	-.1	.4	.1	.1	
Food .....	13.742	231.017	230.790	4.6	-.1	.4	.1	.1	
Food at home .....	7.816	230.196	229.380	5.9	-.4	.6	.1	-.1	
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.090	265.433	265.552	6.2	.0	.9	.4	.3	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.813	227.853	227.583	6.9	-.1	.4	.5	-.1	
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.839	219.493	218.767	8.7	-.3	1.2	.1	-.3	
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.152	284.269	282.605	4.7	-.6	.9	-1.7	-.6	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.926	169.137	168.606	4.4	-.3	.0	.5	.2	
Other food at home .....	1.996	201.315	199.924	5.1	-.7	.6	.4	-.1	
Sugar and sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	.297	213.602	210.039	4.7	-1.7	1.7	.1	-1.7	
Fats and oils .....	.232	226.216	224.907	11.1	-.6	.5	.3	.8	
Other foods .....	1.466	212.737	211.649	4.3	-.5	.4	.4	.1	
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.432	125.461	125.702	4.2	.2	-.1	.3	.2	
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.926	233.459	234.046	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3	
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.329	163.978	164.120	2.3	.1	-.1	.4	.1	
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.051	227.606	227.363	1.3	-.1	.0	.0	.0	
Housing .....	41.460	220.138	219.969	1.9	-.1	.2	.1	.1	
Shelter .....	31.955	253.101	253.312	1.8	.1	.1	.2	.2	
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.925	255.651	256.367	2.4	.3	.2	.4	.2	
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.776	136.551	130.687	3.1	-4.3	-.7	-1.7	-.1	
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	24.905	261.034	261.503	1.7	.2	.1	.2	.1	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.310	261.011	261.479	1.7	.2	.1	.2	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.349	128.416	128.777	1.0	.3	.3	.4	.3	
Fuels and utilities .....	5.096	220.450	218.199	3.4	-1.0	.7	-.2	-.3	
Household energy .....	4.000	193.058	190.444	3.1	-1.4	.7	-.3	-.4	
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	.309	335.148	342.823	19.7	2.3	-.4	.1	2.3	
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	3.691	193.843	190.572	1.7	-1.7	.7	-.4	-.7	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.095	181.916	182.254	4.7	.2	.7	.2	.2	
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.409	125.223	125.073	.8	-.1	.0	.1	.0	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.772	152.415	152.578	1.6	.1	-.1	.3	.1	
Apparel .....	3.601	127.590	127.285	4.8	-.2	-1.1	.4	.6	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.882	119.506	119.930	6.3	.4	-.2	.6	1.2	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.520	115.851	115.603	5.3	-.2	-2.2	.6	.9	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.192	118.048	118.775	3.2	.6	-.3	-.8	1.2	
Footwear .....	.700	130.886	130.293	.7	-.5	.1	-1.0	-.3	
Transportation .....	17.308	212.127	211.358	8.0	-.4	1.0	-1.1	-.8	
Private transportation .....	16.082	207.404	206.635	8.2	-.4	1.0	-1.2	-.9	
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	6.333	100.540	100.021	3.2	-.5	-.2	-.4	-.3	
New vehicles .....	3.513	142.535	142.736	3.3	.1	.0	-.3	-.3	
Used cars and trucks .....	2.055	151.494	149.230	4.9	-1.5	-.6	-.6	-.1	
Motor fuel .....	5.079	296.944	294.049	19.9	-1.0	2.9	-3.1	-2.4	
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.865	295.877	292.486	19.7	-1.1	2.9	-3.1	-2.4	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.408	145.308	146.338	5.5	.7	.1	-.2	.7	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.172	255.774	255.663	2.3	.0	.8	.2	.0	
Public transportation .....	1.227	269.158	268.478	5.3	-.3	.8	.0	.1	
Medical care .....	6.627	403.430	404.858	3.4	.4	.2	.5	.4	
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.633	325.962	326.624	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	
Medical care services .....	4.994	427.467	429.191	3.5	.4	.2	.5	.5	
Professional services .....	2.830	337.257	337.347	2.1	.0	.1	.3	.2	

See footnotes at end of table.

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		Expenditure category						
Hospital and related services .....	1.703	649.496	654.117	5.5	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.7
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	6.293	113.270	113.232	.3	.0	-.1	-.1	.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.816	98.572	98.315	.1	-.3	.4	.3	-.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.421	132.755	132.750	1.4	.0	.1	.2	.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	3.107	212.680	212.751	4.7	.0	.2	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	540.431	541.618	6.2	.2	1.3	.4	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.903	611.458	611.581	4.6	.0	.1	.4	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.313	83.049	83.016	-1.7	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Information and information processing <sup>2</sup> .....	3.138	79.659	79.625	-2.0	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.334	101.257	101.259	-1.0	.0	.1	.2	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>5</sup> .....	.804	8.882	8.866	-4.8	-.2	-.5	-.4	-.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	.228	65.511	65.849	-12.2	.5	-1.2	-.8	.7
Other goods and services .....	3.497	389.119	390.761	1.9	.4	.3	.1	.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.906	842.785	843.604	2.8	.1	.7	.0	.1
Personal care .....	2.591	209.232	210.354	1.5	.5	.2	.1	.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.671	160.705	161.585	.7	.5	.7	.3	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.638	231.238	232.216	1.1	.4	.1	.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.055	365.905	367.157	2.8	.3	.1	.2	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	40.012	185.236	184.791	5.3	-.2	.5	-.4	-.3
Food and beverages .....	14.792	230.885	230.656	4.4	-.1	.4	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.219	160.608	160.091	5.9	-.3	.5	-.8	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.474	209.518	208.902	8.6	-.3	.8	-1.4	-.1
Apparel .....	3.601	127.590	127.285	4.8	-.2	-1.1	.4	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.873	265.302	264.478	9.9	-.3	1.5	-1.8	-.6
Durables .....	9.745	112.822	112.405	1.7	-.4	-.4	-.4	-.4
Services .....	59.988	267.352	267.413	2.1	.0	.2	.2	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	31.607	263.717	263.931	1.8	.1	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.349	128.416	128.777	1.0	.3	.3	.4	.3
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	3.691	193.843	190.572	1.7	-1.7	.7	-.4	-.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.095	181.916	182.254	4.7	.2	.7	.2	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.772	152.415	152.578	1.6	.1	-.1	.3	.1
Transportation services .....	6.140	269.487	270.117	2.6	.2	.5	.1	.1
Medical care services .....	4.994	427.467	429.191	3.5	.4	.2	.5	.5
Other services .....	11.340	316.933	317.275	1.9	.1	.1	.2	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	86.258	225.717	225.532	3.2	-.1	.3	-.1	.0
All items less shelter .....	68.045	218.558	218.205	4.1	-.2	.4	-.2	-.1
All items less medical care .....	93.373	217.730	217.479	3.4	-.1	.3	-.1	.0
Commodities less food .....	26.270	163.084	162.572	5.7	-.3	.5	-.7	-.4
Nondurables less food .....	16.525	210.697	210.101	8.2	-.3	.8	-1.3	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.923	260.703	259.934	9.1	-.3	1.3	-1.7	-.5
Nondurables .....	30.266	221.035	220.592	6.5	-.2	.6	-.6	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	28.382	292.365	292.242	2.4	.0	.3	.2	.1
Services less medical care services .....	54.994	255.009	254.978	2.0	.0	.3	.2	.3
Energy .....	9.079	240.902	238.177	12.4	-1.1	2.0	-2.0	-1.6
All items less energy .....	90.921	226.754	226.818	2.5	.0	.1	.1	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.179	226.743	226.859	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	20.882	147.068	146.811	2.2	-.2	-.2	-.1	.1
Energy commodities .....	5.388	300.916	298.530	19.9	-.8	2.7	-2.9	-2.1
Services less energy services .....	56.297	274.851	275.224	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .442	\$ .442	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .147	\$ .148	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

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<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

- Data not available.

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**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—	
	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2011	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	May 2011	Nov. 2011
Expenditure category										
All items .....	226.268	226.955	226.763	226.720	5.6	4.6	2.6	0.8	5.1	1.7
Food and beverages .....	229.589	230.542	230.795	230.917	4.7	6.1	4.4	2.3	5.4	3.4
Food .....	229.643	230.673	230.948	231.073	4.9	6.4	4.7	2.5	5.6	3.6
Food at home .....	228.508	229.911	230.077	229.869	7.2	8.7	5.6	2.4	7.9	4.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	262.369	264.757	265.757	266.605	5.0	7.0	6.3	6.6	6.0	6.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	225.514	226.323	227.379	227.206	7.4	15.5	2.0	3.0	11.4	2.5
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	216.720	219.381	219.493	218.767	4.5	16.3	10.6	3.8	10.2	7.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	287.215	289.690	284.749	283.020	22.9	-2.2	6.1	-5.7	9.7	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	168.012	167.995	168.863	169.220	2.3	8.5	4.2	2.9	5.4	3.5
Other food at home .....	199.249	200.393	201.118	200.969	3.3	7.1	6.7	3.5	5.2	5.1
Sugar and sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	209.780	213.330	213.602	210.039	7.3	2.2	9.1	.5	4.7	4.7
Fats and oils .....	222.384	223.600	224.341	226.162	10.9	16.9	10.0	7.0	13.9	8.5
Other foods .....	211.126	211.873	212.752	212.965	1.4	6.6	5.7	3.5	3.9	4.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.193	125.044	125.461	125.702	2.7	6.4	6.1	1.6	4.6	3.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	232.513	233.032	233.459	234.046	1.9	3.4	3.5	2.7	2.6	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	163.468	163.334	163.978	164.120	3.7	1.6	2.4	1.6	2.6	2.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	227.345	227.285	227.240	227.322	1.7	3.1	.4	.0	2.4	.2
Housing .....	219.780	220.162	220.446	220.631	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.6	2.0	1.8
Shelter .....	252.420	252.726	253.214	253.601	1.4	1.4	2.8	1.9	1.4	2.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	254.265	254.857	255.853	256.398	2.0	1.3	3.0	3.4	1.6	3.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	140.659	139.636	137.306	137.157	-2	15.2	8.9	-9.6	7.2	-8
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	260.230	260.548	261.086	261.466	1.3	.9	2.5	1.9	1.1	2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	260.211	260.522	261.064	261.443	1.3	.9	2.5	1.9	1.1	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.581	127.922	128.416	128.777	-3.0	.8	2.6	3.8	-1.1	3.2
Fuels and utilities .....	221.155	222.606	222.093	221.414	8.0	6.7	-1.2	.5	7.3	-3
Household energy .....	194.359	195.624	194.943	194.073	8.4	7.2	-2.3	-6	7.8	-1.4
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	335.995	334.735	335.148	342.823	69.9	26.9	-12.1	8.4	46.8	-2.4
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	195.223	196.677	195.909	194.549	4.3	5.6	-1.3	-1.4	5.0	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	180.159	181.374	181.744	182.124	6.5	4.8	3.1	4.4	5.6	3.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.275	125.249	125.369	125.428	.1	1.2	1.3	.5	.6	.9
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.066	151.967	152.415	152.578	3.2	1.0	.9	1.4	2.1	1.1
Apparel .....	124.934	123.529	124.021	124.802	.8	3.2	16.2	-.4	2.0	7.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.898	116.635	117.293	118.669	-.8	3.0	17.6	6.2	1.1	11.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	112.690	110.218	110.866	111.907	1.3	2.8	21.4	-2.8	2.0	8.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.559	116.253	115.333	116.712	-11.7	4.5	22.2	.5	-3.9	10.8
Footwear .....	129.766	129.833	128.577	128.246	1.1	2.7	3.9	-4.6	1.9	-.5
Transportation .....	215.052	217.280	214.819	213.076	22.7	14.2	1.1	-3.6	18.4	-1.3
Private transportation .....	210.575	212.785	210.201	208.351	22.7	15.0	1.7	-4.2	18.8	-1.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	101.297	101.095	100.651	100.359	1.0	10.7	5.3	-3.7	5.7	.7
New vehicles .....	143.572	143.509	143.020	142.605	2.8	10.7	2.6	-2.7	6.7	.0
Used cars and trucks .....	153.211	152.354	151.440	151.235	-.9	12.9	14.0	-5.1	5.8	4.0
Motor fuel .....	309.112	318.141	308.228	300.919	81.2	30.3	-2.4	-10.2	53.6	-6.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	308.398	317.446	307.494	300.146	79.0	30.8	-2.3	-10.3	53.0	-6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	145.537	145.646	145.308	146.338	6.3	7.0	6.3	2.2	6.7	4.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	253.337	255.244	255.774	255.663	1.6	2.5	1.5	3.7	2.0	2.6
Public transportation .....	267.455	269.718	269.679	270.023	22.2	4.2	-7.1	3.9	12.8	-1.7
Medical care .....	401.431	402.269	404.134	405.817	3.1	3.2	2.7	4.4	3.2	3.6
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	324.395	325.130	325.962	326.624	5.7	4.1	.0	2.8	4.9	1.4
Medical care services .....	425.328	426.192	428.457	430.539	2.3	2.9	3.6	5.0	2.6	4.3
Professional services .....	336.426	336.855	337.940	338.505	2.2	1.0	2.5	2.5	1.6	2.5

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—	
	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2011	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	May 2011	Nov. 2011
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Hospital and related services .....	647.003	647.688	651.366	655.671	4.5	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.6
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	113.461	113.379	113.299	113.381	.9	1.0	-.2	-.3	.9	-.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	98.047	98.421	98.742	98.676	-.7	.1	-1.5	2.6	-.3	.5
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	131.685	131.772	132.015	132.333	.8	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.0	1.8
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	209.073	209.477	210.224	211.311	5.4	4.2	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.7
Educational books and supplies .....	528.860	535.859	537.994	541.856	7.1	5.7	1.7	10.2	6.4	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	601.281	601.966	604.094	607.131	5.3	4.1	5.2	3.9	4.7	4.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	83.112	83.064	83.078	83.052	-3.4	-1.4	-1.6	-.3	-2.4	-.9
Information and information processing <sup>2</sup> .....	79.722	79.673	79.688	79.662	-4.4	-1.6	-1.7	-.3	-3.0	-1.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.006	101.084	101.257	101.259	-3.9	-.6	-.6	1.0	-2.3	.2
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>5</sup> .....	8.975	8.933	8.895	8.882	-5.8	-4.5	-4.7	-4.1	-5.2	-4.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	67.192	66.391	65.874	66.318	-16.0	-9.1	-17.9	-5.1	-12.6	-11.7
Other goods and services .....	387.673	388.859	389.064	390.879	1.9	-.6	2.9	3.3	.6	3.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	837.427	843.141	842.785	843.604	4.3	-1.8	5.8	3.0	1.2	4.4
Personal care .....	208.649	209.012	209.193	210.441	1.0	-.2	1.8	3.5	.4	2.7
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	159.017	160.162	160.705	161.585	2.3	-4.5	-1.2	6.6	-1.1	2.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	230.779	230.974	231.238	232.216	1.0	.6	.5	2.5	.8	1.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	364.537	364.789	365.594	367.300	1.9	2.4	3.9	3.1	2.2	3.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	185.783	186.622	185.783	185.276	11.2	8.4	3.4	-1.1	9.8	1.1
Food and beverages .....	229.589	230.542	230.795	230.917	4.7	6.1	4.4	2.3	5.4	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	161.879	162.643	161.394	160.650	15.2	9.7	2.9	-3.0	12.4	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	211.198	212.876	209.810	209.529	25.4	12.9	1.4	-3.1	19.0	-.9
Apparel .....	124.934	123.529	124.021	124.802	.8	3.2	16.2	-.4	2.0	7.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	269.682	273.642	268.818	267.123	32.3	16.9	-2.2	-3.7	24.4	-3.0
Durables .....	114.000	113.488	113.001	112.495	1.3	6.7	4.2	-5.2	4.0	-.6
Services .....	266.471	267.015	267.482	267.869	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	262.558	263.256	263.905	264.781	.8	.9	2.2	3.4	.9	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.581	127.922	128.416	128.777	-3.0	.8	2.6	3.8	-1.1	3.2
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	195.223	196.677	195.909	194.549	4.3	5.6	-1.3	-1.4	5.0	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	180.159	181.374	181.744	182.124	6.5	4.8	3.1	4.4	5.6	3.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.066	151.967	152.415	152.578	3.2	1.0	.9	1.4	2.1	1.1
Transportation services .....	267.867	269.113	269.469	269.605	5.1	3.6	-.8	2.6	4.4	.9
Medical care services .....	425.328	426.192	428.457	430.539	2.3	2.9	3.6	5.0	2.6	4.3
Other services .....	315.150	315.430	315.958	316.890	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.7	2.0
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	225.757	226.389	226.124	226.054	5.8	4.4	2.3	.5	5.1	1.4
All items less shelter .....	218.612	219.458	218.994	218.781	7.7	6.2	2.6	.3	6.9	1.4
All items less medical care .....	217.649	218.324	218.055	217.947	5.8	4.7	2.6	.5	5.3	1.6
Commodities less food .....	164.317	165.062	163.841	163.117	14.7	9.4	2.8	-2.9	12.0	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	212.073	213.675	210.929	210.810	23.4	12.6	.8	-2.4	17.9	-.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	264.643	268.178	263.695	262.297	29.6	16.1	-2.2	-3.5	22.6	-2.9
Nondurables .....	221.179	222.435	221.009	221.167	14.3	10.7	1.9	.0	12.5	.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	291.055	291.867	292.461	292.863	3.1	3.0	.9	2.5	3.0	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	253.904	254.668	255.055	255.717	1.7	1.9	1.4	2.9	1.8	2.2
Energy .....	247.367	252.319	247.248	243.319	45.1	20.3	-2.3	-6.4	32.1	-4.4
All items less energy .....	225.930	226.190	226.491	226.841	2.2	3.0	3.2	1.6	2.6	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	226.014	226.137	226.444	226.836	1.8	2.5	2.9	1.5	2.1	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	146.897	146.533	146.428	146.573	1.2	3.9	4.8	-.9	2.5	1.9
Energy commodities .....	312.602	321.179	311.714	305.104	80.6	30.1	-2.9	-9.3	53.3	-6.2
Services less energy services .....	273.755	274.216	274.800	275.351	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.3

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Nov.2011 from—			Percent change to Oct.2011 from—		
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2010	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011
U.S. city average .....	M	226.545	226.889	226.421	226.230	3.4	-0.3	-0.1	3.5	-0.1	-0.2
Region and area size <sup>2</sup>											
Northeast urban .....	M	243.033	243.323	243.014	242.652	3.2	-3	-1	3.6	.0	-1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	244.601	244.983	244.534	244.076	3.1	-4	-2	3.4	.0	-2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	145.339	145.369	145.404	145.335	3.6	.0	.0	4.0	.0	.0
Midwest urban .....	M	216.586	216.968	215.653	215.614	3.3	-6	.0	3.3	-4	-6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	216.870	217.360	216.130	216.097	3.2	-6	.0	3.3	-3	-6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	139.451	139.542	138.573	138.453	3.3	-8	-1	3.4	-6	-7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	213.009	213.606	212.476	212.907	3.3	-3	.2	3.4	-3	-5
South urban .....	M	220.471	220.371	219.969	219.961	3.8	-2	.0	3.7	-2	-2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	221.685	221.242	220.515	220.654	3.4	-3	.1	3.2	-5	-3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	140.378	140.471	140.303	140.218	3.9	-2	-1	4.0	-1	-1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	224.613	224.462	224.574	224.714	4.2	.1	.1	4.3	.0	.0
West urban .....	M	228.222	229.147	229.195	228.771	3.2	-2	-2	3.4	.4	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	232.219	233.221	233.259	232.851	3.1	-2	-2	3.2	.4	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	138.171	138.564	138.696	138.411	3.3	-1	-2	3.7	.4	.1
Size classes											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	206.524	206.883	206.393	206.201	3.2	-3	-1	3.3	-1	-2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	140.440	140.584	140.355	140.225	3.6	-3	-1	3.8	-1	-2
D .....	M	219.856	220.391	219.959	220.020	3.7	-2	.0	3.8	.0	-2
Selected local areas <sup>5</sup>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	219.688	220.027	219.592	219.181	2.9	-4	-2	2.9	.0	-2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	231.833	233.022	233.049	232.731	3.0	-1	-1	2.8	.5	.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	250.058	250.559	250.051	249.317	3.0	-5	-3	3.3	.0	-2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	245.310	-	245.030	2.9	-1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	213.004	-	211.225	2.5	-8	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	209.255	-	209.283	4.0	.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	147.658	-	147.565	3.3	-1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	212.335	-	209.182	-	-	-	-	3.1	-1.5	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	213.924	-	212.927	-	-	-	-	3.5	-5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	202.445	-	201.398	-	-	-	-	3.2	-5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	232.749	-	232.141	-	-	-	-	3.8	-3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	236.196	-	235.440	-	-	-	-	3.0	-3	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	234.608	-	235.331	-	-	-	-	3.2	.3	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	233.810	-	235.916	-	-	-	-	3.8	.9	-

<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	Relative importance, December 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2010	Oct. 2011	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	223.043	222.813	3.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	664.376	663.692	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.401	230.420	230.186	4.5	-.1	.5	.1	.1
Food .....	15.315	230.406	230.143	4.7	-.1	.5	.1	.1
Food at home .....	8.906	229.269	228.405	6.0	-.4	.6	.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.236	266.335	266.639	6.4	.1	1.0	.4	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.227	228.019	227.643	7.0	-.2	.4	.5	-.1
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.917	218.451	217.557	8.7	-.4	1.2	.0	-.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.219	282.345	279.989	4.9	-.8	1.0	-1.5	-.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.091	168.262	167.739	4.2	-.3	.0	.5	.2
Other food at home .....	2.217	200.430	199.146	5.2	-.6	.5	.3	.0
Sugar and sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	.324	212.276	209.091	4.8	-1.5	1.5	.3	-1.5
Fats and oils .....	.258	227.230	226.119	11.6	-.5	.5	.4	.8
Other foods .....	1.635	212.673	211.618	4.3	-.5	.4	.3	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.463	125.681	125.761	4.2	.1	-.1	.4	.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.409	233.622	234.240	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.326	165.008	165.228	2.4	.1	-.1	.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.086	229.194	229.379	1.6	.1	.2	.0	.1
Housing .....	39.228	216.843	216.723	2.0	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Shelter .....	29.811	246.922	247.313	1.9	.2	.1	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.396	253.727	254.446	2.4	.3	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.436	137.128	131.860	2.8	-3.8	-1.0	-1.6	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.672	236.407	236.869	1.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	19.942	236.397	236.859	1.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.306	129.562	129.912	1.1	.3	.3	.4	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.633	218.952	216.546	3.4	-1.1	.7	-.3	-.3
Household energy .....	4.476	190.976	188.244	3.1	-1.4	.7	-.4	-.4
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	.301	334.886	342.717	19.0	2.3	-.2	.2	2.3
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	4.175	193.001	189.671	2.0	-1.7	.8	-.5	-.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.157	182.337	182.664	4.6	.2	.7	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.784	121.642	121.459	1.0	-.2	.1	.1	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.364	155.235	155.567	1.8	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Apparel .....	3.668	126.966	126.764	5.1	-.2	-.6	.2	.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.921	120.512	120.739	7.0	.2	.3	1.2	.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.502	115.638	115.324	5.4	-.3	-1.6	.1	.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.280	121.409	122.228	3.7	.7	-.3	-.6	1.2
Footwear .....	.750	130.799	130.676	1.9	-.1	-.1	-1.1	.2
Transportation .....	19.418	213.013	212.119	8.8	-.4	1.1	-1.2	-.9
Private transportation .....	18.631	209.647	208.743	9.0	-.4	1.1	-1.3	-1.0
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	6.914	100.187	99.539	3.7	-.6	-.3	-.4	-.3
New vehicles .....	3.320	143.539	143.778	3.3	.2	-.1	-.3	-.3
Used cars and trucks .....	3.003	152.569	150.310	5.0	-1.5	-.5	-.6	-.1
Motor fuel .....	6.470	297.935	295.069	20.0	-1.0	2.8	-3.1	-2.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	6.193	296.999	293.628	19.7	-1.1	2.8	-3.2	-2.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.479	145.326	146.151	5.4	.6	.2	-.2	.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.184	258.440	258.342	2.3	.0	.8	.2	.0
Public transportation .....	.787	266.204	265.815	5.4	-.1	.6	.0	.1
Medical care .....	5.355	405.472	407.128	3.5	.4	.2	.5	.5
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.318	317.901	318.671	3.4	.2	.2	.3	.2
Medical care services .....	4.038	431.274	433.269	3.6	.5	.2	.6	.5
Professional services .....	2.220	341.110	341.148	2.2	.0	.1	.4	.2

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Relative importance, December 2010	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2011 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2010	Oct. 2011	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
		Expenditure category						
Hospital and related services .....	1.414	652.231	657.707	5.7	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.8
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.862	109.869	109.723	.6	-.1	-.1	.0	.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.959	99.339	99.095	.3	-.2	.3	.4	-.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.118	126.415	126.392	.7	.0	.0	.2	.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.380	209.343	209.453	4.6	.1	.2	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	546.888	548.418	6.8	.3	1.3	.5	.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.181	588.222	588.409	4.4	.0	.1	.5	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.738	85.543	85.486	-1.8	-.1	.0	.0	-.1
Information and information processing <sup>2</sup> .....	3.605	83.196	83.139	-2.0	-.1	.0	.0	-.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.823	100.616	100.620	-1.3	.0	.1	.1	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>5</sup> .....	.782	9.440	9.408	-4.5	-.3	-.5	-.3	-.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	.208	65.342	65.613	-12.1	.4	-1.3	-.4	.5
Other goods and services .....	3.950	419.067	420.462	2.0	.3	.4	.0	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.450	847.868	848.791	2.8	.1	.7	-.1	.1
Personal care .....	2.500	206.887	207.847	1.5	.5	.2	.0	.5
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.717	160.970	161.716	.6	.5	.6	.2	.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.572	231.409	232.222	1.0	.4	.1	.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.027	366.867	368.036	2.7	.3	.1	.1	.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	43.898	189.605	189.073	5.9	-.3	.6	-.5	-.3
Food and beverages .....	16.401	230.420	230.186	4.5	-.1	.5	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.497	167.147	166.502	6.8	-.4	.6	-.9	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	17.244	220.916	220.183	9.5	-.3	1.0	-1.5	-.2
Apparel .....	3.668	126.966	126.764	5.1	-.2	-.6	.2	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	13.576	284.081	283.006	10.7	-.4	1.6	-1.8	-.9
Durables .....	10.253	114.872	114.319	2.2	-.5	-.5	-.4	-.5
Services .....	56.102	262.427	262.535	2.1	.0	.2	.2	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.504	237.944	238.318	1.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.306	129.562	129.912	1.1	.3	.3	.4	.3
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	4.175	193.001	189.671	2.0	-1.7	.8	-.5	-.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.157	182.337	182.664	4.6	.2	.7	.2	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.364	155.235	155.567	1.8	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Transportation services .....	5.994	270.160	271.172	2.8	.4	.4	.2	.1
Medical care services .....	4.038	431.274	433.269	3.6	.5	.2	.6	.5
Other services .....	10.563	301.477	301.609	1.4	.0	.1	.2	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.685	221.548	221.324	3.6	-.1	.4	-.2	-.1
All items less shelter .....	70.189	216.732	216.274	4.6	-.2	.5	-.3	-.2
All items less medical care .....	94.645	215.626	215.342	3.8	-.1	.4	-.2	-.1
Commodities less food .....	28.583	169.349	168.725	6.6	-.4	.6	-.9	-.6
Nondurables less food .....	18.329	221.629	220.944	9.0	-.3	.9	-1.5	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	14.662	278.162	277.198	10.0	-.3	1.5	-1.7	-.7
Nondurables .....	33.644	226.642	226.140	7.0	-.2	.7	-.7	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	26.598	257.887	257.664	2.3	-.1	.3	.2	.1
Services less medical care services .....	52.065	250.733	250.753	1.9	.0	.3	.2	.2
Energy .....	10.946	242.844	240.073	12.9	-1.1	2.0	-2.1	-1.7
All items less energy .....	89.054	221.643	221.720	2.7	.0	.2	.1	.1
All items less food and energy .....	73.739	220.258	220.404	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.812	149.890	149.572	2.6	-.2	-.1	-.1	.1
Energy commodities .....	6.771	300.937	298.469	19.9	-.8	2.7	-3.0	-2.2
Services less energy services .....	51.927	270.000	270.500	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .448	\$ .449	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .151	\$ .151	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

- Data not available.

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



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2011	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	May 2011	Nov. 2011
Expenditure category										
All items .....	223.010	223.845	223.535	223.363	6.6	5.3	2.7	0.6	5.9	1.7
Food and beverages .....	229.016	230.060	230.351	230.472	4.6	6.4	4.4	2.6	5.5	3.5
Food .....	228.952	230.030	230.337	230.457	4.9	6.6	4.7	2.7	5.8	3.7
Food at home .....	227.458	228.884	229.153	228.934	7.3	9.0	5.4	2.6	8.1	4.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	263.058	265.587	266.730	267.677	5.1	6.9	6.4	7.2	6.0	6.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	225.516	226.446	227.546	227.302	7.6	16.1	1.8	3.2	11.8	2.5
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	215.910	218.406	218.451	217.557	4.6	17.1	10.7	3.1	10.7	6.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	284.468	287.175	282.740	280.755	24.2	-2.8	6.0	-5.1	9.9	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	167.199	167.262	168.076	168.479	1.6	8.2	4.0	3.1	4.8	3.5
Other food at home .....	198.478	199.568	200.240	200.154	3.6	7.1	6.8	3.4	5.3	5.1
Sugar and sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	208.537	211.591	212.276	209.091	7.9	1.6	8.9	1.1	4.7	4.9
Fats and oils .....	223.640	224.718	225.509	227.310	11.2	15.7	12.8	6.7	13.4	9.7
Other foods .....	211.152	211.956	212.671	212.891	1.6	6.9	5.5	3.3	4.2	4.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.327	125.167	125.681	125.761	3.0	7.0	5.5	1.4	4.9	3.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	232.682	233.257	233.622	234.240	1.7	3.4	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	164.551	164.421	165.008	165.228	3.3	1.9	2.6	1.7	2.6	2.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	228.514	229.060	229.130	229.262	.9	3.8	.3	1.3	2.4	.8
Housing .....	216.430	216.896	217.175	217.376	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.1	1.9
Shelter .....	246.170	246.496	247.041	247.477	1.5	1.2	2.6	2.1	1.4	2.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	252.486	253.029	253.907	254.476	2.1	1.3	2.9	3.2	1.7	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	141.783	140.409	138.160	138.422	-7	16.6	6.0	-9.2	7.6	-1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	235.681	235.969	236.463	236.831	1.4	.9	2.3	2.0	1.1	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	235.674	235.959	236.454	236.821	1.4	.9	2.3	2.0	1.1	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.727	129.090	129.562	129.912	-1.6	-5	2.7	3.7	-1.1	3.2
Fuels and utilities .....	219.783	221.302	220.648	219.974	7.3	6.8	-6	.3	7.0	-1
Household energy .....	192.373	193.702	192.887	192.056	7.6	7.2	-1.5	-7	7.4	-1.1
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	334.935	334.361	334.886	342.717	66.1	25.2	-12.0	9.6	44.2	-1.8
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	194.520	195.994	195.083	193.825	4.3	5.9	-6	-1.4	5.1	-1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	180.557	181.809	182.163	182.494	6.1	5.0	3.0	4.4	5.5	3.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.447	121.613	121.679	121.730	-2	1.8	1.5	.9	.8	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	154.879	154.718	155.235	155.567	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.5
Apparel .....	123.897	123.110	123.381	124.145	.9	3.9	15.4	.8	2.4	7.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.537	116.944	118.380	119.388	.8	2.6	15.1	10.2	1.7	12.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	112.099	110.315	110.444	111.363	1.5	3.5	20.7	-2.6	2.5	8.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	120.035	119.637	118.953	120.347	-11.6	4.7	23.5	1.0	-3.8	11.7
Footwear .....	130.189	130.053	128.627	128.839	2.5	4.9	4.6	-4.1	3.7	.2
Transportation .....	216.457	218.765	216.031	214.037	25.2	15.6	1.8	-4.4	20.3	-1.4
Private transportation .....	213.215	215.526	212.729	210.680	25.3	16.1	2.1	-4.7	20.6	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	100.947	100.694	100.304	100.029	.9	11.2	6.8	-3.6	5.9	1.5
New vehicles .....	144.511	144.429	144.033	143.590	3.0	10.6	2.5	-2.5	6.7	-1
Used cars and trucks .....	154.229	153.401	152.535	152.333	-9	12.7	14.2	-4.8	5.7	4.2
Motor fuel .....	310.629	319.294	309.254	301.734	82.5	30.3	-2.2	-11.0	54.2	-6.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	310.120	318.744	308.583	300.344	82.1	30.9	-2.0	-12.0	54.4	-7.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	145.390	145.652	145.326	146.151	6.2	7.3	6.1	2.1	6.7	4.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	256.077	258.001	258.440	258.342	1.5	2.4	1.6	3.6	1.9	2.6
Public transportation .....	264.968	266.655	266.551	266.708	22.2	4.5	-6.0	2.7	13.0	-1.7
Medical care .....	403.355	404.101	406.170	408.043	3.4	3.3	2.7	4.7	3.3	3.7
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	316.299	316.869	317.901	318.671	5.9	4.3	.3	3.0	5.1	1.6
Medical care services .....	428.997	429.797	432.259	434.560	2.6	3.0	3.5	5.3	2.8	4.4
Professional services .....	340.063	340.515	341.718	342.285	2.5	1.1	2.5	2.6	1.8	2.6

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—	
	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2011	May 2011	Aug. 2011	Nov. 2011	May 2011	Nov. 2011
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Hospital and related services .....	650.044	650.292	653.945	658.879	5.0	6.6	5.8	5.5	5.8	5.7
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	110.007	109.921	109.929	109.877	1.9	1.2	-.3	-.5	1.5	-.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	98.741	99.049	99.493	99.413	-.3	.2	-1.4	2.8	.0	.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	125.576	125.624	125.928	126.108	-.6	.8	.8	1.7	.1	1.2
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	205.796	206.130	207.239	208.172	5.4	4.3	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.4
Educational books and supplies .....	534.305	541.400	544.346	548.369	9.1	5.1	2.2	11.0	7.1	6.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	578.589	578.907	582.018	584.481	5.0	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.2
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.568	85.530	85.570	85.517	-4.2	-1.4	-1.3	-.2	-2.8	-.8
Information and information processing <sup>2</sup> .....	83.221	83.182	83.223	83.170	-4.9	-1.5	-1.4	-.2	-3.2	-.8
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.405	100.475	100.616	100.620	-4.7	-.6	-.8	.9	-2.7	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>5</sup> .....	9.527	9.482	9.455	9.425	-5.8	-4.4	-3.5	-4.2	-5.1	-3.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	66.880	66.005	65.750	66.076	-16.6	-10.9	-15.5	-4.7	-13.8	-10.3
Other goods and services .....	417.579	419.144	419.022	420.534	2.7	-1.2	3.5	2.9	.8	3.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	842.479	848.513	847.868	848.791	4.3	-2.0	6.1	3.0	1.1	4.5
Personal care .....	206.492	206.855	206.852	207.903	1.8	-.7	2.0	2.8	.6	2.4
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	159.655	160.623	160.970	161.716	2.9	-4.6	-1.1	5.3	-.9	2.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	230.907	231.139	231.409	232.222	1.0	.5	.3	2.3	.7	1.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	365.672	366.100	366.640	368.253	2.6	2.3	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	190.282	191.372	190.348	189.684	12.7	9.3	3.7	-1.3	11.0	1.2
Food and beverages .....	229.016	230.060	230.351	230.472	4.6	6.4	4.4	2.6	5.5	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	168.690	169.769	168.215	167.235	17.8	10.9	3.2	-3.4	14.3	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	222.967	225.168	221.806	221.403	28.1	14.3	.9	-2.8	21.0	-.9
Apparel .....	123.897	123.110	123.381	124.145	.9	3.9	15.4	.8	2.4	7.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	289.480	294.063	288.888	286.359	34.7	18.8	-1.9	-4.2	26.5	-3.1
Durables .....	116.073	115.500	115.002	114.444	1.5	8.0	5.4	-5.5	4.7	-.2
Services .....	261.562	262.136	262.648	262.993	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.0
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	237.045	237.511	238.113	238.707	1.3	.9	2.4	2.8	1.1	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.727	129.090	129.562	129.912	-1.6	-.5	2.7	3.7	-1.1	3.2
Energy services <sup>3</sup> .....	194.520	195.994	195.083	193.825	4.3	5.9	-.6	-1.4	5.1	-1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	180.557	181.809	182.163	182.494	6.1	5.0	3.0	4.4	5.5	3.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	154.879	154.718	155.235	155.567	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.5
Transportation services .....	268.407	269.601	270.174	270.407	4.1	4.0	.2	3.0	4.0	1.6
Medical care services .....	428.997	429.797	432.259	434.560	2.6	3.0	3.5	5.3	2.8	4.4
Other services .....	299.911	300.175	300.871	301.416	.9	1.8	1.1	2.0	1.3	1.6
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	221.765	222.557	222.138	221.915	6.9	5.0	2.3	.3	6.0	1.3
All items less shelter .....	216.959	217.988	217.364	216.969	8.8	7.0	2.8	.0	7.9	1.4
All items less medical care .....	215.656	216.487	216.108	215.876	6.8	5.4	2.7	.4	6.1	1.5
Commodities less food .....	170.837	171.906	170.390	169.437	17.1	10.6	3.1	-3.2	13.8	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	223.538	225.645	222.347	222.079	26.3	13.9	.8	-2.6	20.0	-.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	283.019	287.198	282.244	280.213	31.9	18.0	-1.9	-3.9	24.7	-2.9
Nondurables .....	226.992	228.532	226.833	226.847	16.0	11.8	1.5	-.3	13.9	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	256.800	257.577	258.101	258.375	2.9	3.1	.7	2.5	3.0	1.6
Services less medical care services .....	249.772	250.450	250.871	251.321	1.9	2.0	1.5	2.5	1.9	2.0
Energy .....	249.914	254.922	249.471	245.282	47.6	21.0	-1.9	-7.2	33.7	-4.6
All items less energy .....	220.749	221.083	221.394	221.708	2.3	3.3	3.4	1.7	2.8	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	219.477	219.660	219.972	220.326	1.7	2.6	3.1	1.6	2.2	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	149.589	149.394	149.226	149.345	1.3	4.4	5.5	-.7	2.9	2.4
Energy commodities .....	313.210	321.564	311.879	304.912	81.7	30.1	-2.6	-10.2	53.8	-6.5
Services less energy services .....	268.865	269.335	270.009	270.537	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.5	1.9	2.3

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Nov.2011 from—			Percent change to Oct.2011 from—		
		Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2010	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011
U.S. city average .....	M	223.326	223.688	223.043	222.813	3.8	-0.4	-0.1	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Region and area size <sup>2</sup>											
Northeast urban .....	M	241.431	241.838	241.549	241.167	3.5	-.3	-.2	3.9	.0	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	241.191	241.752	241.355	240.912	3.4	-.3	-.2	3.7	.1	-.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	146.985	147.039	146.999	146.843	3.8	-.1	-.1	4.4	.0	.0
Midwest urban .....	M	213.212	213.626	212.038	211.969	3.7	-.8	.0	3.8	-.6	-.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	212.589	213.070	211.604	211.505	3.6	-.7	.0	3.8	-.5	-.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	140.207	140.363	139.157	139.048	3.7	-.9	-.1	3.8	-.7	-.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	211.873	212.520	211.193	211.533	3.7	-.5	.2	3.8	-.3	-.6
South urban .....	M	218.947	218.787	218.109	218.030	4.1	-.3	.0	4.2	-.4	-.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	220.583	220.130	219.075	219.215	3.8	-.4	.1	3.6	-.7	-.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	140.190	140.229	139.879	139.721	4.3	-.4	-.1	4.4	-.2	-.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	225.793	225.478	225.364	225.404	4.4	.0	.0	4.6	-.2	-.1
West urban .....	M	223.204	224.237	224.268	223.785	3.5	-.2	-.2	3.7	.5	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	225.662	226.764	226.759	226.250	3.4	-.2	-.2	3.5	.5	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	138.255	138.770	138.884	138.587	3.6	-.1	-.2	3.9	.5	.1
Size classes											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	206.077	206.484	205.846	205.627	3.5	-.4	-.1	3.7	-.1	-.3
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	140.723	140.883	140.505	140.330	4.0	-.4	-.1	4.2	-.2	-.3
D .....	M	219.093	219.494	218.914	218.973	4.0	-.2	.0	4.2	-.1	-.3
Selected local areas <sup>5</sup>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	214.740	215.005	214.145	213.704	3.4	-.6	-.2	3.5	-.3	-.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	224.665	226.096	226.116	225.786	3.2	-.1	-.1	3.1	.6	.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	246.025	246.877	246.297	245.546	3.3	-.5	-.3	3.7	.1	-.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	246.424	-	246.349	3.1	.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	204.981	-	202.824	2.7	-1.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	214.567	-	214.581	4.7	.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	148.352	-	148.038	3.6	-.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	212.325	-	208.362	-	-	-	-	3.2	-1.9	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	210.377	-	209.427	-	-	-	-	3.7	-.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	201.772	-	200.464	-	-	-	-	3.8	-.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	231.448	-	230.728	-	-	-	-	4.2	-.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	236.583	-	236.478	-	-	-	-	3.4	.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	231.445	-	232.371	-	-	-	-	3.6	.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	230.558	-	232.697	-	-	-	-	4.3	.9	-

<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)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2007-2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2011 from—	
		Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2010	Oct. 2011
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	130.204	130.066	3.2	-0.1
Food and beverages .....	14.519	134.314	134.171	4.3	-.1
Food .....	13.493	134.634	134.494	4.5	-.1
Food at home .....	7.780	130.946	130.468	5.8	-.4
Food away from home .....	5.712	139.620	139.972	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.027	130.875	130.692	1.0	-.1
Housing .....	42.074	130.320	130.194	1.8	-.1
Shelter .....	32.119	133.626	133.712	1.8	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.231	161.388	159.730	3.1	-1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.724	92.578	92.441	.4	-.1
Apparel .....	3.772	95.481	95.243	4.3	-.2
Transportation .....	17.199	142.880	142.352	8.1	-.4
Private transportation .....	16.013	143.766	143.221	8.3	-.4
Public transportation .....	1.186	131.592	131.272	5.1	-.2
Medical care .....	6.294	155.987	156.542	3.2	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.570	137.242	137.526	3.0	.2
Medical care services .....	4.723	162.877	163.537	3.3	.4
Recreation .....	6.625	101.882	101.658	-.6	-.2
Education and communication .....	6.288	113.920	113.913	.7	.0
Education .....	2.804	195.853	195.884	4.5	.0
Communication .....	3.484	70.913	70.896	-2.2	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.229	143.137	143.798	2.8	.5
Commodity and service group					
Services .....	59.383	138.535	138.534	2.0	.0
Commodities .....	40.617	120.236	119.922	4.9	-.3
Durables .....	10.376	81.145	80.807	.7	-.4
Nondurables .....	30.241	140.744	140.452	6.4	-.2
All items less food and energy .....	76.901	122.605	122.630	1.9	.0
Energy .....	9.606	204.473	202.191	12.0	-1.1

Indexes for 2011 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2010 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.