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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX –MAY 2010

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) declined 0.2 percent in May on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the index increased 2.0 percent before seasonal adjustment.

For the second month in a row a decline in the energy index accounted for the seasonally adjusted decrease in the all items index. The index for energy decreased 2.9 percent in May and more than offset a slight increase in the index for all items less food and energy. The food index was unchanged. Within the energy component, the gasoline index accounted for most of the decrease, although all the major energy indexes declined.

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in May, posting a monthly increase for only the second time this year. Contributing to the May rise were increases in a number of indexes including shelter, used cars and trucks, tobacco, apparel, and medical care. The index has increased 0.9 percent over the last 12 months.

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, May 2009 - May 2010**  
Percent change

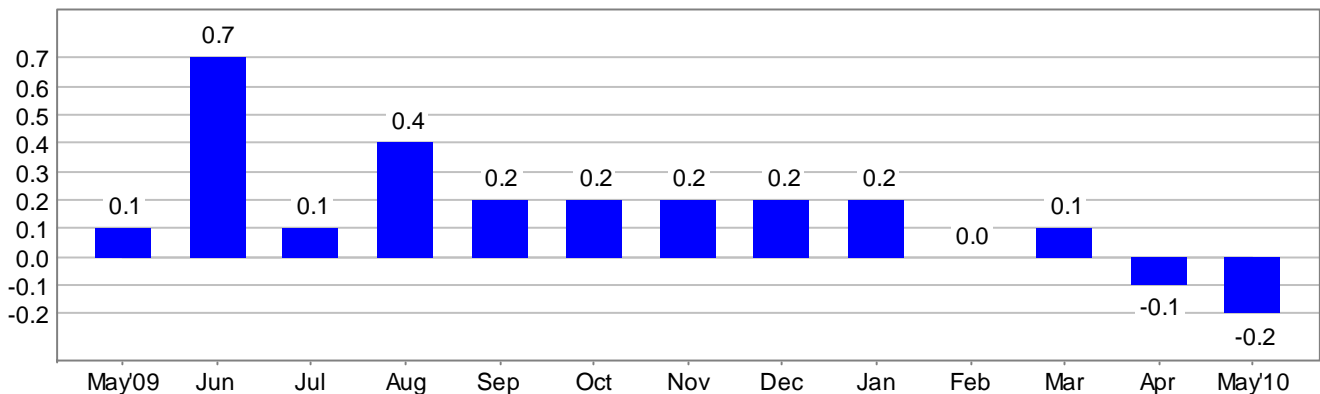


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, May 2009 - May 2010

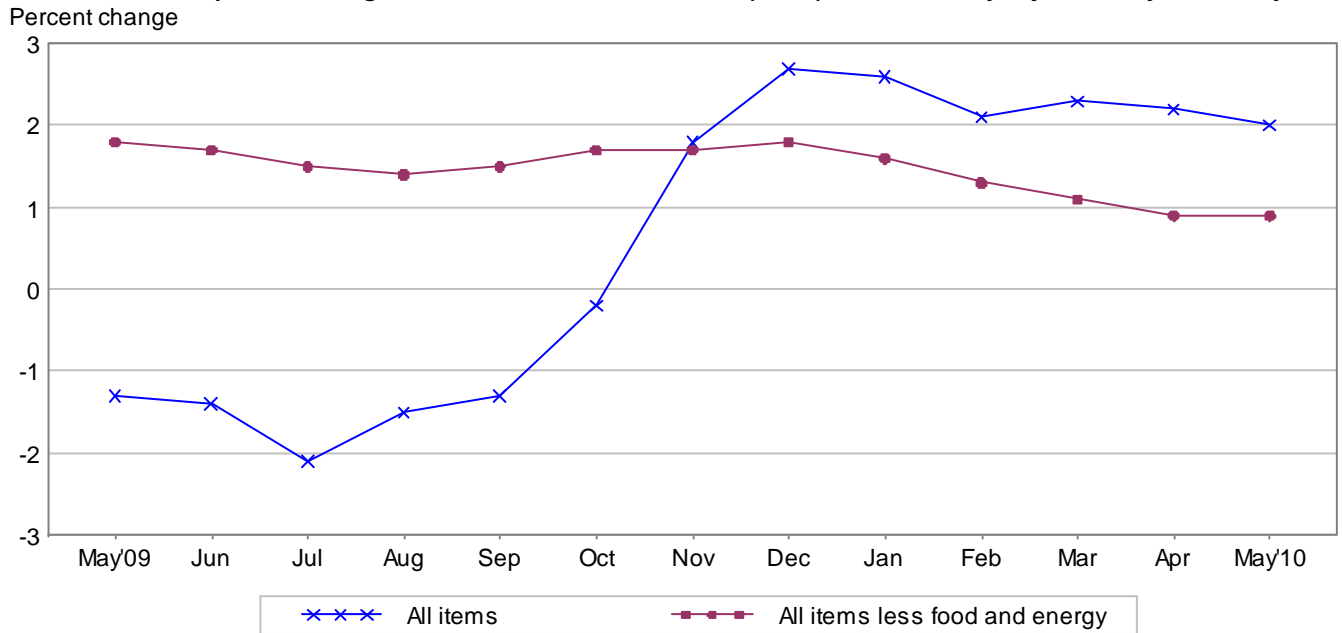


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May 2010
	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	
All items .....	.2	.2	.2	.0	.1	-.1	-.2	2.0
Food .....	.1	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.0	.7
Food at home .....	.0	.2	.4	.1	.5	.2	.0	.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.0	.1	.1	1.1
Energy .....	2.2	.8	2.8	-.5	.0	-1.4	-2.9	14.7
Energy commodities .....	3.0	1.6	4.9	-1.3	-1.0	-2.1	-4.8	27.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.7	2.3	4.4	-1.4	-.8	-2.4	-5.2	27.0
Fuel oil <sup>1</sup> .....	7.4	.0	6.1	-2.4	.7	2.3	-1.4	27.1
Energy services .....	1.1	-.3	.0	.5	1.4	-.5	-.5	1.1
Electricity .....	1.2	-.2	-1.1	-.5	2.1	.7	-.4	.7
Utility (piped) gas service .....	.9	-.7	3.5	3.9	-.7	-4.4	-1.0	2.3
All items less food and energy .....	.0	.1	-.1	.1	.0	.0	.1	.9
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities .....	.2	.1	.1	-.1	-.1	-.3	.1	1.1
New vehicles .....	.5	-.2	-.5	.1	.1	.0	.1	1.9
Used cars and trucks .....	1.9	2.2	1.5	.7	.5	.2	.6	16.2
Apparel .....	-.3	.4	-.1	-.7	-.4	-.7	.2	-.6
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	.1	-.1	.7	.8	.4	.2	.1	3.4
Services less energy services .....	.0	.1	-.2	.1	.1	.2	.1	.9
Shelter .....	-.2	.0	-.5	.0	-.1	.0	.1	-.7
Transportation services .....	.5	.3	-.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	4.3
Medical care services .....	.3	.2	.5	.4	.3	.3	.0	3.4

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

## **Consumer Price Index Data for May 2010**

### **Food**

The food index was unchanged in May after increasing 0.2 percent each of the last two months. The food away from home index rose 0.1 percent while the food at home index was unchanged. Within the food at home group, declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for nonalcoholic beverages offset increases in the other major grocery store food group indexes. The fruits and vegetables index fell 1.1 percent after declining 0.2 percent in April. The index for nonalcoholic beverages declined 0.8 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.4 percent due to increases in the beef and pork indexes. The index for other food at home rose 0.3 percent, and the indexes for cereals and bakery products and for dairy and related products both increased 0.2 percent. For the past 12 months the food index has risen 0.7 percent, with the index for food at home up 0.3 percent and the index for food away from home up 1.1 percent.

### **Energy**

The energy index declined 2.9 percent in May following a 1.4 percent decrease in April. The gasoline index declined 5.2 percent in May after falling 2.4 percent in April. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 0.7 percent in May.) The index for household energy also declined in May, falling 0.6 percent. The fuel oil index declined 1.4 percent, the index for natural gas fell 1.0 percent, and the electricity index decreased 0.4 percent. Despite the May decline, the energy index has risen 14.7 percent over the last 12 months, with all components increasing during that time period including a 27.0 percent increase in the gasoline index.

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

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in May after being unchanged each of the previous two months. The shelter index increased for the first time since August 2009, rising 0.1 percent. The rise was mostly due to the index for lodging away from home, which increased 2.5 percent. The indexes for both rent and owners' equivalent rent were unchanged in May. Several transportation indexes rose in May. The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.6 percent and has now risen 16.2 percent over the last 12 months. The index for new vehicles also increased, rising 0.1 percent. The index for airline fares rose 1.9 percent in May after increasing 2.2 percent in April. The tobacco index rose 1.3 percent in May, and the indexes for apparel and for medical care posted small increases of 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in May after declining in each of the previous four months. The index for recreation was also unchanged. Over the last 12 months, the index for all items less food and energy has risen 0.9 percent, well below the 2.0 percent average annual increase over the past 10 years.

### **Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 2.0 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 218.178 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 2.6 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 214.124 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 2.0 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.1 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2008 period are subject to revision.

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**The Consumer Price Index for June 2010 is scheduled to be released on Friday, July 16, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).**

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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 25,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

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

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

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

## Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.04 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 0.08 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 0.12 and 0.28 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 2009”. 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/cpivar2009.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 2005 through December 2009 were replaced in January 2010. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, in January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 46 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2010.

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 2010, BLS adjusted 30 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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Apr. 2010	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	218.009	218.178	2.0	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	653.059	653.564	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	14.795	219.536	219.693	.7	.1	.2	.2	.0
Food .....	13.738	219.218	219.374	.7	.1	.2	.2	.0
Food at home .....	7.801	215.737	215.793	.3	.0	.5	.2	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.108	250.425	251.269	-6	.3	-1	-3	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.745	205.178	205.679	.9	.2	.2	1.4	.4
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.820	197.308	197.749	.9	.2	.0	-8	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.153	279.272	277.887	1.4	-5	3.4	-2	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.952	162.128	160.982	-1.1	-7	.0	.4	-8
Other food at home .....	2.023	191.017	191.461	.2	.2	-2	.0	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.295	200.775	202.123	2.9	.7	-1.1	.1	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.232	197.749	199.510	-6	.9	-5	.7	.1
Other foods .....	1.496	204.947	205.036	-3	.0	.0	-2	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.439	122.298	120.607	-1.8	-1.4	.9	.0	-1.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.937	225.276	225.573	1.1	.1	.0	.1	.1
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.326	158.738	158.529	2.2	-1	.1	.1	-1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.056	222.299	222.463	1.1	.1	.0	.0	.2
Housing .....	41.960	215.798	215.981	-5	.1	.0	-1	.0
Shelter .....	32.289	248.031	248.100	-7	.0	-1	.0	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.966	249.012	248.925	-1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.769	134.331	136.121	.3	1.3	.3	1.4	2.5
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	25.206	256.170	256.163	-3	.0	-1	.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.593	256.165	256.159	-3	.0	-1	.0	.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.347	124.879	125.036	3.6	.1	.0	.4	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.081	211.726	212.773	3.1	.5	1.1	-2	-4
Household energy .....	4.028	187.054	188.017	2.3	.5	1.3	-4	-6
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	.276	278.080	272.606	21.1	-2.0	-5	.7	-2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.752	190.284	191.628	1.1	.7	1.4	-5	-5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.052	169.116	169.825	6.5	.4	.5	.6	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.590	125.997	126.029	-2.8	.0	-4	-5	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.781	150.068	150.575	.7	.3	.2	.0	.3
Apparel .....	3.695	122.143	121.006	-6	-9	-4	-7	.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.903	113.692	113.885	-2.8	.2	-7	-6	.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.580	110.816	108.686	-7	-1.9	-5	-1.5	.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.196	116.469	114.412	.2	-1.8	.4	.2	-4
Footwear .....	.721	129.432	128.738	1.0	-5	-1.0	.0	.0
Transportation .....	16.685	193.994	194.761	10.7	.4	-1	-5	-1.2
Private transportation .....	15.497	189.503	190.071	10.7	.3	-1	-7	-1.4
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	6.386	96.815	96.890	4.5	.1	.2	-2	.2
New vehicles .....	3.573	138.174	137.750	1.9	-3	.1	.0	.1
Used cars and trucks .....	2.012	141.315	142.537	16.2	.9	.5	.2	.6
Motor fuel .....	4.525	244.801	246.671	27.4	.8	-1.1	-2.3	-5.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.337	244.347	246.080	27.0	.7	-8	-2.4	-5.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.401	135.701	136.135	1.3	.3	-1	.1	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.167	247.355	247.311	2.0	.0	.3	.3	.0
Public transportation .....	1.187	249.135	253.275	10.7	1.7	.5	1.7	1.5
Medical care .....	6.513	387.703	387.762	3.4	.0	.3	.2	.1
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.611	314.535	314.923	3.4	.1	.4	.2	.1
Medical care services .....	4.902	410.256	410.173	3.4	.0	.3	.3	.0
Professional services .....	2.796	327.015	327.121	2.4	.0	.0	.2	.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Apr. 2010	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup>	1.619	604.756	605.313	7.3	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.4
Recreation <sup>2</sup>	6.437	113.781	113.684	-5	-1	-1	.3	.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup>	1.894	100.074	99.572	-2.3	-5	.1	-1	-3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup>	6.434	129.344	129.270	2.2	-1	.3	.2	.1
Education <sup>2</sup>	3.035	196.798	196.917	4.8	.1	.6	.5	.3
Educational books and supplies	.200	501.170	502.345	6.3	.2	.0	.2	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.835	565.709	565.983	4.7	.0	.6	.5	.3
Communication <sup>2</sup>	3.399	84.947	84.809	-3	-2	.0	.0	-2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup>	3.225	81.784	81.641	-5	-2	.0	.0	-2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup>	2.392	102.394	102.369	.1	.0	.0	.1	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup>	.833	9.530	9.473	-3.1	-6	.1	-2	-6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup>	.246	78.234	76.676	-9.1	-2.0	.0	-4	-1.3
Other goods and services	3.483	378.911	379.714	2.7	.2	.1	.0	.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup>	.871	788.066	798.192	7.8	1.3	.2	.1	1.3
Personal care	2.612	206.599	206.296	.8	-1	.0	-1	-2
Personal care products <sup>1</sup>	.688	161.601	160.351	-1.7	-8	.2	-5	-8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup>	.642	229.635	230.013	1.1	.2	.1	.5	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.048	352.779	353.522	3.1	.2	.3	.1	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities	39.816	175.333	175.333	3.7	.0	-1	-4	-6
Food and beverages	14.795	219.536	219.693	.7	.1	.2	.2	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	25.021	151.621	151.559	5.6	.0	-2	-7	-9
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.044	192.335	192.201	8.3	-1	-8	-1.3	-1.5
Apparel	3.695	122.143	121.006	-6	-9	-4	-7	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.349	240.381	240.876	11.5	.2	-6	-1.6	-2.0
Durables	9.978	111.450	111.454	1.6	.0	-1	-2	.1
Services	60.184	260.420	260.756	.9	.1	.2	.1	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>	31.942	258.457	258.525	-.7	.0	-3	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup>	.347	124.879	125.036	3.6	.1	.0	.4	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup>	3.752	190.284	191.628	1.1	.7	1.4	-5	-5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup>	1.052	169.116	169.825	6.5	.4	.5	.6	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup>	.781	150.068	150.575	.7	.3	.2	.0	.3
Transportation services	6.060	258.384	259.325	4.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.902	410.256	410.173	3.4	.0	.3	.3	.0
Other services	11.347	308.493	308.870	2.2	.1	.1	.4	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food	86.262	217.839	218.010	2.2	.1	.0	-1	-2
All items less shelter	67.711	208.722	208.932	3.3	.1	.1	-1	-3
All items less medical care	93.487	209.669	209.841	1.9	.1	.0	-1	-2
Commodities less food	26.078	154.163	154.106	5.4	.0	-2	-7	-9
Nondurables less food	16.100	194.159	194.041	7.8	-1	-6	-1.3	-1.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.405	237.626	238.090	10.5	.2	-5	-1.4	-1.8
Nondurables	29.838	206.393	206.391	4.4	.0	-1	-5	-9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>	28.243	282.851	283.541	2.8	.2	.4	.3	.1
Services less medical care services	55.282	248.733	249.087	.7	.1	.0	.2	.1
Energy	8.553	212.977	214.363	14.7	.7	.0	-1.4	-2.9
All items less energy	91.447	220.252	220.298	.9	.0	.1	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	77.708	221.166	221.193	.9	.0	.0	.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.276	144.169	143.888	1.1	-2	-1	-3	.1
Energy commodities	4.801	248.165	249.680	27.0	.6	-1.0	-2.1	-4.8
Services less energy services	56.432	267.587	267.829	.9	.1	.1	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$ .459	\$ .458	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$ .153	\$ .153	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

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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—	
	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	Aug. 2009	Nov. 2009	Feb. 2010	May 2010	Nov. 2009	May 2010
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	217.591	217.729	217.579	217.224	4.8	2.4	1.4	-0.7	3.6	0.3
Food and beverages .....	218.838	219.338	219.680	219.764	-7	.3	1.6	1.7	-2	1.7
Food .....	218.494	219.032	219.396	219.459	-9	.1	1.9	1.8	-4	1.8
Food at home .....	214.628	215.622	216.045	215.939	-2.6	-1.2	2.7	2.5	-1.9	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	251.354	250.990	250.147	250.615	-1.1	.7	-7	-1.2	-2	-9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	202.506	202.823	205.699	206.622	-4.0	-3.4	3.2	8.4	-3.7	5.7
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	198.800	198.814	197.308	197.749	-7.3	3.2	10.5	-2.1	-2.2	4.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	272.571	281.805	281.331	278.110	-3.5	-4.9	6.5	8.4	-4.2	7.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	161.872	161.908	162.487	161.177	-6	-1.5	-7	-1.7	-1.0	-1.2
Other food at home .....	191.211	190.831	190.748	191.270	-5	.3	.7	.1	-1	.4
Sugar and sweets .....	201.656	199.463	199.672	202.040	-1.3	6.8	5.5	.8	2.7	3.1
Fats and oils .....	199.352	198.373	199.755	199.880	-2.3	-4.0	3.0	1.1	-3.1	2.0
Other foods .....	204.793	204.843	204.458	204.717	.0	-3	-6	-1	-2	-4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.172	122.318	122.298	120.607	-3.0	-2.0	-3	-1.9	-2.5	-1.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	225.081	224.991	225.276	225.573	1.2	1.7	.8	.9	1.4	.8
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.569	158.657	158.738	158.529	4.2	.8	4.0	-1	2.5	1.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	221.954	221.946	222.001	222.354	2.4	2.8	-1.4	.7	2.6	-3
Housing .....	216.181	216.280	216.129	216.172	-5	.1	-1.3	.0	-2	-7
Shelter .....	247.976	247.812	247.855	248.080	.0	-8	-1.9	.2	-4	-9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	248.813	248.957	248.982	249.015	.1	-7	.0	.3	-3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	129.776	130.195	132.018	135.330	-5.6	-9	-7.5	18.2	-3.3	4.6
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	256.449	256.170	256.091	256.166	.5	-8	-4	-4	-1	-4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	256.445	256.163	256.086	256.161	.5	-8	-4	-4	-1	-4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	124.439	124.416	124.879	125.036	3.7	1.4	7.4	1.9	2.5	4.6
Fuels and utilities .....	213.770	216.172	215.725	214.885	-1.9	8.8	3.6	2.1	3.3	2.9
Household energy .....	189.753	192.188	191.400	190.232	-3.8	9.7	2.7	1.0	2.7	1.9
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	277.284	276.027	278.080	272.606	23.8	44.1	28.9	-6.6	33.6	9.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	193.283	196.019	195.046	194.056	-5.5	7.5	.9	1.6	.8	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	167.696	168.543	169.531	170.317	6.6	5.1	7.9	6.4	5.8	7.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.879	126.389	125.722	125.708	-2.5	-2.7	-2.3	-3.6	-2.6	-3.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.707	149.999	150.068	150.575	2.8	-1.0	-1.1	2.3	.9	.6
Apparel .....	119.814	119.316	118.459	118.740	3.9	-1.2	-1.4	-3.5	1.3	-2.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	111.748	111.014	110.398	110.897	-1.2	-4.6	-2.2	-3.0	-2.9	-2.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	108.261	107.682	106.015	106.381	7.5	-3.5	.5	-6.8	1.8	-3.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	113.551	114.027	114.244	113.803	9.4	-7.2	-1.4	.9	.7	-2
Footwear .....	128.641	127.341	127.337	127.334	4.5	3.8	-2	-4.0	4.1	-2.1
Transportation .....	193.332	193.195	192.243	189.994	30.3	12.8	8.0	-6.7	21.2	.4
Private transportation .....	189.062	188.843	187.597	185.021	31.9	12.2	8.9	-8.3	21.6	-1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	96.794	96.993	96.840	97.011	2.3	11.8	3.4	.9	7.0	2.1
New vehicles .....	137.648	137.793	137.747	137.840	.6	9.4	-2.5	.6	4.9	-1.0
Used cars and trucks .....	140.963	141.683	141.905	142.691	12.5	29.9	18.8	5.0	20.9	11.7
Motor fuel .....	244.826	242.182	236.628	224.806	156.6	18.2	22.2	-28.9	74.2	-6.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	244.409	242.413	236.631	224.391	154.5	17.2	22.9	-29.0	72.7	-6.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	135.649	135.523	135.701	136.135	-2.4	2.1	4.3	1.4	-2	2.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	245.969	246.624	247.355	247.311	1.7	3.4	.7	2.2	2.5	1.5
Public transportation .....	244.713	246.023	250.293	254.009	9.4	21.6	-2.9	16.1	15.3	6.2
Medical care .....	384.703	386.007	386.905	387.136	2.7	3.6	4.8	2.6	3.1	3.7
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	312.864	314.023	314.535	314.923	1.5	3.6	5.7	2.7	2.5	4.2
Medical care services .....	406.755	408.092	409.135	409.293	3.1	3.5	4.5	2.5	3.3	3.5
Professional services .....	325.373	325.393	326.134	326.207	2.4	2.8	3.6	1.0	2.6	2.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	Aug. 2009	Nov. 2009	Feb. 2010	May 2010	Nov. 2009	May 2010
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	593.869	599.951	602.052	604.503	6.6	6.6	8.7	7.4	6.6	8.0
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	113.415	113.299	113.612	113.557	1.7	-2.2	-1.9	.5	-3	-7
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	99.571	99.650	99.556	99.212	-8	-3.1	-3.9	-1.4	-2.0	-2.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	129.141	129.533	129.852	129.932	2.4	1.1	2.8	2.5	1.8	2.6
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	196.252	197.418	198.426	199.041	5.6	3.0	5.0	5.8	4.3	5.4
Educational books and supplies .....	502.169	501.997	502.840	505.738	9.8	6.5	6.1	2.9	8.2	4.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	563.950	567.553	570.587	572.249	5.2	2.7	5.0	6.0	4.0	5.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.905	84.942	84.950	84.811	-7	-6	.6	-4	-7	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.743	81.776	81.784	81.641	-1.0	-7	.3	-5	-9	-1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.288	102.298	102.394	102.369	1.6	-6	-9	.3	.5	-3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	9.540	9.552	9.530	9.473	-10.8	-1.3	3.1	-2.8	-6.2	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	77.518	77.541	77.198	76.179	-20.8	-1.5	-6.3	-6.7	-11.7	-6.5
Other goods and services .....	378.091	378.386	378.248	379.027	4.7	3.8	1.2	1.0	4.2	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	785.714	787.268	788.066	798.192	13.2	9.7	2.2	6.5	11.4	4.3
Personal care .....	206.209	206.287	206.116	205.796	1.7	1.6	.9	-.8	1.7	.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	162.029	162.367	161.601	160.351	-1.4	-1.8	.7	-4.1	-1.6	-1.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	228.107	228.429	229.635	230.013	.0	1.4	-.4	3.4	.7	1.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	351.082	352.109	352.300	352.658	3.6	4.8	2.1	1.8	4.2	1.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	174.878	174.762	174.112	173.127	10.5	4.2	3.7	-3.9	7.3	-.2
Food and beverages .....	218.838	219.338	219.680	219.764	-.7	.3	1.6	1.7	-.2	1.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	151.280	150.920	149.892	148.511	18.1	6.6	5.0	-7.1	12.2	-1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	192.192	190.632	188.173	185.316	36.8	7.3	8.3	-13.6	21.2	-3.2
Apparel .....	119.814	119.316	118.459	118.740	3.9	-1.2	-1.4	-3.5	1.3	-2.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	241.214	239.779	235.996	231.178	50.9	8.8	11.5	-15.6	28.1	-3.0
Durables .....	111.514	111.430	111.244	111.315	-.3	6.9	.9	-.7	3.2	.1
Services .....	260.045	260.469	260.792	261.066	1.0	1.2	-.1	1.6	1.1	.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	258.517	257.746	257.900	258.334	-.1	-.4	-2.0	-.3	-.3	-1.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	124.439	124.416	124.879	125.036	3.7	1.4	7.4	1.9	2.5	4.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	193.283	196.019	195.046	194.056	-5.5	7.5	.9	1.6	.8	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	167.696	168.543	169.531	170.317	6.6	5.1	7.9	6.4	5.8	7.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.707	149.999	150.068	150.575	2.8	-1.0	-1.1	2.3	.9	.6
Transportation services .....	256.676	257.816	258.879	259.890	3.4	7.3	1.5	5.1	5.3	3.3
Medical care services .....	406.755	408.092	409.135	409.293	3.1	3.5	4.5	2.5	3.3	3.5
Other services .....	307.265	307.678	308.870	309.426	3.7	.9	1.4	2.8	2.3	2.1
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	217.469	217.544	217.313	216.892	5.8	2.8	1.3	-1.1	4.3	.1
All items less shelter .....	208.155	208.414	208.187	207.597	7.2	4.0	2.9	-1.1	5.6	.9
All items less medical care .....	209.353	209.445	209.257	208.883	5.0	2.3	1.1	-.9	3.6	.1
Commodities less food .....	153.820	153.468	152.467	151.127	17.4	6.4	4.7	-6.8	11.8	-1.2
Nondurables less food .....	193.959	192.716	190.158	187.713	34.3	6.2	7.9	-12.3	19.4	-2.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	238.287	237.059	233.688	229.400	45.8	8.0	10.2	-14.1	25.5	-2.7
Nondurables .....	205.792	205.619	204.613	202.850	15.9	4.2	4.2	-5.6	9.9	-.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	282.121	283.215	284.130	284.374	2.0	3.7	2.3	3.2	2.9	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	248.541	248.658	249.037	249.394	.6	1.4	-.6	1.4	1.0	.4
Energy .....	214.379	214.376	211.324	205.093	56.8	14.2	12.8	-16.2	33.8	-2.8
All items less energy .....	219.646	219.799	219.942	220.179	1.0	1.3	.3	1.0	1.2	.7
All items less food and energy .....	220.579	220.664	220.768	221.037	1.4	1.6	.1	.8	1.5	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.761	143.666	143.279	143.357	1.2	3.6	.7	-1.1	2.4	-.2
Energy commodities .....	248.149	245.556	240.344	228.758	145.5	19.6	22.6	-27.8	71.3	-5.9
Services less energy services .....	266.894	267.103	267.547	267.941	1.5	.8	-.2	1.6	1.1	.7

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

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<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 May 2010 from—			Percent change to Apr. 2010 from—		
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010
U.S. city average .....	M	216.741	217.631	218.009	218.178	2.0	0.3	0.1	2.2	0.6	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	232.382	233.188	233.615	234.130	2.6	.4	.2	2.5	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	234.183	235.060	235.496	236.054	2.4	.4	.2	2.2	.6	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	138.491	138.871	139.115	139.362	3.3	.4	.2	3.4	.5	.2
Midwest urban .....	M	206.563	207.359	207.777	207.987	2.4	.3	.1	2.7	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	207.329	207.975	208.308	208.489	2.0	.2	.1	2.4	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	132.451	133.096	133.510	133.772	2.9	.5	.2	3.0	.8	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	203.274	204.204	204.326	204.026	2.6	-.1	-.1	3.4	.5	.1
South urban .....	M	210.020	211.216	211.528	211.423	2.0	.1	.0	2.4	.7	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	211.503	212.692	213.052	213.101	1.8	.2	.0	2.0	.7	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.575	134.363	134.606	134.500	2.1	.1	-.1	2.5	.8	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	214.007	215.026	214.714	214.336	2.3	-.3	-.2	3.3	.3	-.1
West urban .....	M	220.179	220.809	221.202	221.417	1.3	.3	.1	1.5	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	223.989	224.636	225.040	225.571	1.3	.4	.2	1.5	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.513	133.863	134.133	133.889	1.4	.0	-.2	1.7	.5	.2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	197.949	198.695	199.043	199.358	1.8	.3	.2	2.0	.6	.2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	134.028	134.639	134.920	134.909	2.3	.2	.0	2.6	.7	.2
D .....	M	210.098	211.011	210.968	210.739	1.9	-.1	-.1	2.7	.4	.0
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	212.456	212.952	212.929	212.984	1.5	.0	.0	2.4	.2	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	224.620	225.483	225.916	226.438	1.8	.4	.2	1.9	.6	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	238.862	240.101	240.529	241.075	2.2	.4	.2	2.1	.7	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	237.986	-	238.083	2.7	.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	203.577	-	204.024	1.9	.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	201.982	-	202.108	1.4	.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	141.741	-	142.025	1.9	.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	202.646	-	204.014	-	-	-	-	2.4	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	203.380	-	205.248	-	-	-	-	1.4	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	192.412	-	194.037	-	-	-	-	2.3	.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	222.505	-	222.625	-	-	-	-	.9	.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	226.529	-	227.432	-	-	-	-	2.6	.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	226.145	-	227.697	-	-	-	-	1.7	.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	226.085	-	226.513	-	-	-	-	.3	.2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Apr. 2010	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	213.958	214.124	2.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	637.316	637.809	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.425	218.730	218.844	.7	.1	.2	.2	.0
Food .....	15.333	218.319	218.427	.7	.0	.2	.2	.0
Food at home .....	8.900	214.498	214.501	.3	.0	.4	.2	-1.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.257	251.031	251.920	-6	.4	-1	-4	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.144	204.878	205.228	.9	.2	.1	1.4	.4
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	.898	195.958	196.490	.9	.3	-1	-7	.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.223	276.727	275.080	1.3	-6	3.4	-1	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.123	161.721	160.694	-1.1	-6	.1	.3	-7
Other food at home .....	2.254	190.299	190.643	.1	.2	-3	.0	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	199.665	200.979	3.1	.7	-1.1	.3	1.1
Fats and oils .....	.259	198.454	200.054	-7	.8	-1.0	1.1	.0
Other foods .....	1.674	205.048	205.031	-3	.0	.0	-2	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.472	122.712	120.869	-1.8	-1.5	.9	.1	-1.5
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.433	225.395	225.657	1.2	.1	.0	.1	.1
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	159.088	158.901	2.9	-1	.1	.0	-1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.092	223.305	223.515	1.3	.1	-2	.0	.3
Housing .....	39.753	212.368	212.518	-2	.1	.1	-1	.0
Shelter .....	30.171	241.987	241.964	-4	.0	.0	.0	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.476	247.474	247.352	-1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.432	135.793	137.067	.7	.9	.4	1.2	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.959	232.108	232.068	-3	.0	-1	.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.218	232.109	232.070	-3	.0	-1	.0	.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.303	125.872	126.051	4.0	.1	.0	.4	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	5.632	210.326	211.426	3.0	.5	1.1	-1	-4
Household energy .....	4.517	184.918	185.946	2.2	.6	1.3	-3	-6
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	.271	280.770	274.630	19.9	-2.2	-6	.5	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.246	188.837	190.233	1.2	.7	1.4	-3	-5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	1.114	169.766	170.427	6.6	.4	.5	.6	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.950	121.979	122.019	-2.8	.0	-5	-7	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.369	152.329	153.176	.8	.6	.3	.2	.6
Apparel .....	3.788	121.293	120.267	-9	-8	-7	-8	.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.945	113.538	113.838	-3.3	.3	-1.1	-3	.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.568	109.783	107.882	-7	-1.7	-8	-1.8	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.285	120.106	117.881	.8	-1.9	.5	.1	-2
Footwear .....	.781	129.112	128.647	.7	-4	-1.2	.0	.1
Transportation .....	18.647	193.320	194.079	12.1	.4	-1	-8	-1.6
Private transportation .....	17.881	190.106	190.768	12.2	.3	-1	-9	-1.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	6.952	95.780	95.988	6.6	.2	.2	-1	.3
New vehicles .....	3.385	139.192	138.794	2.0	-3	.1	-1	.1
Used cars and trucks .....	2.944	142.173	143.396	16.3	.9	.4	.2	.5
Motor fuel .....	5.774	245.949	247.688	27.5	.7	-1.0	-2.7	-5.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.530	245.626	247.224	27.1	.7	-8	-2.4	-5.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.472	135.914	136.182	1.3	.2	-1	.3	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	1.180	249.873	249.841	2.0	.0	.3	.3	.0
Public transportation .....	.766	246.535	250.119	9.9	1.5	.5	1.4	1.3
Medical care .....	5.261	389.050	389.029	3.6	.0	.4	.3	.1
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.301	306.117	306.458	3.4	.1	.4	.2	.1
Medical care services .....	3.961	413.325	413.145	3.7	.0	.4	.3	.1
Professional services .....	2.195	330.228	330.396	2.6	.1	.0	.3	.0

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 2009	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2010 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Apr. 2010	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May	
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup>	1.339	605.497	605.593	8.0	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.4	
Recreation <sup>2</sup>	6.031	110.342	110.195	-.9	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1	
Video and audio <sup>2</sup>	2.046	100.568	99.977	-2.2	-.6	.1	-.2	-.4	
Education and communication <sup>2</sup>	6.175	124.559	124.459	1.8	-.1	.3	.2	.0	
Education <sup>2</sup>	2.327	194.275	194.332	4.9	.0	.6	.5	.3	
Educational books and supplies	.196	504.436	504.925	6.3	.1	.2	.2	.4	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.131	546.192	546.319	4.7	.0	.6	.5	.3	
Communication <sup>2</sup>	3.848	87.581	87.453	-.3	-.1	.1	.0	-.1	
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup>	3.715	85.394	85.263	-.4	-.2	.1	.0	-.2	
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup>	2.906	102.132	102.101	-.1	.0	.0	.1	.0	
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup>	.809	10.087	10.028	-2.4	-.6	.2	-.1	-.6	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup>	.225	78.420	76.736	-8.7	-2.1	.2	-.3	-1.4	
Other goods and services	3.919	405.786	406.973	3.3	.3	.1	.0	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup>	1.397	793.243	803.019	7.6	1.2	.2	.1	1.2	
Personal care	2.522	204.294	203.828	.6	-.2	.0	-.1	-.3	
Personal care products <sup>1</sup>	.733	161.604	160.289	-1.7	-.8	.2	-.5	-.8	
Personal care services <sup>1</sup>	.577	229.857	230.263	1.1	.2	.1	.6	.2	
Miscellaneous personal services	1.019	354.593	354.725	2.7	.0	.3	.1	.0	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
Commodities	43.589	178.269	178.359	4.6	.1	-.1	-.5	-.7	
Food and beverages	16.425	218.730	218.844	.7	.1	.2	.2	.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.164	156.268	156.345	7.0	.0	-.3	-.8	-1.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages	16.703	201.091	201.141	9.4	.0	-.9	-1.7	-1.4	
Apparel	3.788	121.293	120.267	-.9	-.8	-.7	-.8	.4	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	12.915	255.140	255.839	12.9	.3	-.6	-1.9	-2.2	
Durables	10.461	112.432	112.533	3.3	1.0	.0	-.1	.1	
Services	56.411	255.796	256.048	1.0	.1	.2	.1	.1	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>	29.868	233.210	233.184	-.4	.0	-.1	.0	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup>	.303	125.872	126.051	4.0	.1	.0	.4	.1	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup>	4.246	188.837	190.233	1.2	.7	1.4	-.3	-.5	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup>	1.114	169.766	170.427	6.6	.4	.5	.6	.5	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup>	.369	152.329	153.176	.8	.6	.3	.2	.6	
Transportation services	5.918	258.501	259.113	4.1	.2	.5	.3	.3	
Medical care services	3.961	413.325	413.145	3.7	.0	.4	.3	.1	
Other services	10.631	295.327	295.551	1.9	.1	.1	.3	.1	
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less food	84.667	213.000	213.175	2.9	.1	.0	-.2	-.3	
All items less shelter	69.829	206.048	206.283	3.9	.1	.1	-.2	-.4	
All items less medical care	94.739	206.841	207.010	2.5	.1	.0	-.2	-.3	
Commodities less food	28.256	158.569	158.650	6.8	.1	-.3	-.8	-1.1	
Nondurables less food	17.795	202.529	202.587	8.9	.0	-.8	-1.6	-1.3	
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.007	251.298	251.953	11.9	.3	-.5	-1.7	-2.0	
Nondurables	33.128	210.526	210.607	5.0	.0	-.2	-.6	-1.1	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup>	26.543	249.847	250.398	2.7	.2	.4	.3	.0	
Services less medical care services	52.450	244.719	244.987	.8	.1	.1	.1	.1	
Energy	10.291	213.728	215.104	15.4	.6	.0	-1.7	-3.4	
All items less energy	89.709	214.945	214.964	1.2	.0	.1	.0	.1	
All items less food and energy	74.376	214.643	214.645	1.3	.0	.0	.0	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.211	146.094	145.941	1.9	-.1	-.1	-.3	.1	
Energy commodities	6.045	248.594	250.038	27.1	.6	-.9	-2.6	-5.5	
Services less energy services	52.165	263.097	263.218	1.0	.0	.1	.1	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.467	\$.467	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.157	\$.157	-	-	-	-	-	

<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—	
	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	Aug. 2009	Nov. 2009	Feb. 2010	May 2010	Nov. 2009	May 2010
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	213.644	213.775	213.475	212.882	6.2	2.8	2.3	-1.4	4.5	0.4
Food and beverages .....	218.037	218.460	218.864	218.938	-7	.2	1.7	1.7	-3	1.7
Food .....	217.593	218.080	218.518	218.546	-1.0	.0	1.9	1.8	-5	1.8
Food at home .....	213.428	214.314	214.833	214.701	-2.7	-1.4	2.9	2.4	-2.0	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	251.687	251.556	250.672	251.275	-1.2	.9	-1.4	-.7	-.2	-1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	202.401	202.550	205.451	206.203	-4.2	-3.6	4.1	7.7	-3.9	5.9
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	197.583	197.370	195.958	196.490	-7.3	3.5	10.5	-2.2	-2.0	4.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	270.020	279.327	278.948	275.416	-3.6	-5.0	6.5	8.2	-4.3	7.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	161.550	161.684	162.122	160.946	-1.0	-1.8	-.1	-1.5	-1.4	-.8
Other food at home .....	190.493	190.002	190.036	190.471	-2	.0	.8	.0	-.1	.4
Sugar and sweets .....	200.465	198.278	198.863	200.989	-5	6.7	5.3	1.0	3.1	3.2
Fats and oils .....	200.243	198.210	200.301	200.344	-2.3	-3.8	3.2	.2	-3.1	1.7
Other foods .....	204.886	204.931	204.531	204.735	.1	-.6	-.4	-.3	-.2	-.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.482	122.543	122.712	120.869	-2.9	-1.9	-.5	-2.0	-2.4	-1.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	225.168	225.072	225.395	225.657	1.3	1.8	.6	.9	1.6	.8
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.826	159.023	159.088	158.901	6.3	.2	5.1	.2	3.2	2.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	223.101	222.599	222.504	223.245	2.9	3.2	-1.3	.3	3.1	-.5
Housing .....	212.780	212.977	212.824	212.781	-.3	.4	-.7	.0	.0	-.3
Shelter .....	241.916	241.831	241.857	241.982	.2	-.7	-1.2	.1	-.2	-.5
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	247.213	247.433	247.447	247.434	.0	-.9	-.1	.4	-.4	.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	131.519	132.046	133.683	136.433	-4.1	.0	-6.7	15.8	-2.1	4.0
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <sup>3 4</sup> .....	232.286	232.065	232.020	232.086	.5	-.7	-.6	-.3	-.1	-.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	232.286	232.066	232.021	232.088	.5	-.7	-.6	-.3	-.1	-.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.367	125.374	125.872	126.051	3.7	1.9	8.5	2.2	2.8	5.3
Fuels and utilities .....	212.146	214.560	214.347	213.520	-1.4	7.9	3.0	2.6	3.1	2.8
Household energy .....	187.283	189.703	189.210	188.088	-3.1	8.5	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.8
Fuel oil and other fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	281.157	279.384	280.770	274.630	19.5	44.1	31.9	-9.0	31.2	9.6
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	191.397	194.113	193.513	192.568	-4.3	6.7	.2	2.5	1.1	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	168.416	169.271	170.225	171.010	6.6	5.1	8.4	6.3	5.9	7.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	123.126	122.564	121.744	121.712	-3.0	-1.7	-2.1	-4.5	-2.4	-3.3
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	151.535	152.065	152.329	153.176	4.5	-2.4	-3.1	4.4	1.0	.6
Apparel .....	119.483	118.685	117.754	118.204	4.0	-1.9	-1.3	-4.2	1.0	-2.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	111.820	110.643	110.263	111.040	-.6	-5.9	-3.8	-2.8	-3.3	-3.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	107.988	107.167	105.263	105.741	7.6	-3.4	1.7	-8.1	2.0	-3.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	117.058	117.615	117.760	117.581	7.7	-7.0	1.3	1.8	.1	1.6
Footwear .....	128.706	127.183	127.125	127.277	5.2	2.6	-.5	-4.4	3.9	-2.4
Transportation .....	192.920	192.779	191.311	188.273	36.2	13.5	11.0	-9.3	24.3	.3
Private transportation .....	189.821	189.636	188.020	184.801	37.5	13.2	11.6	-10.2	24.8	.1
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.710	95.930	95.843	96.087	4.3	15.5	5.5	1.6	9.8	3.5
New vehicles .....	138.749	138.848	138.762	138.877	.8	9.7	-2.6	.4	5.2	-1.1
Used cars and trucks .....	141.875	142.513	142.767	143.528	12.6	30.2	19.0	4.7	21.1	11.6
Motor fuel .....	246.705	244.355	237.728	224.388	163.6	16.2	25.9	-31.6	75.0	-7.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	245.597	243.680	237.823	225.380	153.8	17.7	23.0	-29.1	72.9	-6.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	135.694	135.573	135.914	136.182	-2.5	2.3	4.1	1.4	-.1	2.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair <sup>1</sup> .....	248.479	249.127	249.873	249.841	1.4	3.5	.8	2.2	2.4	1.5
Public transportation .....	242.675	243.933	247.394	250.693	9.8	20.5	-3.0	13.9	15.0	5.1
Medical care .....	385.728	387.193	388.188	388.456	2.7	3.7	5.2	2.9	3.2	4.0
Medical care commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	304.320	305.532	306.117	306.458	1.3	3.5	5.9	2.8	2.4	4.4
Medical care services .....	409.435	410.965	412.109	412.337	3.2	3.8	5.0	2.9	3.5	3.9
Professional services .....	328.390	328.391	329.450	329.497	2.4	2.9	3.8	1.4	2.6	2.5

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—		
	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	Aug. 2009	Nov. 2009	Feb. 2010	May 2010	Nov. 2009	May 2010
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	593.708	600.485	602.551	604.958	7.1	7.0	10.1	7.8	7.0	8.9
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	110.176	110.035	110.165	110.072	1.0	-2.7	-1.4	-4	-8	-9
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	100.171	100.265	100.080	99.656	-6	-2.8	-3.3	-2.0	-1.7	-2.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	124.338	124.650	124.905	124.929	2.1	.9	2.2	1.9	1.5	2.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	193.654	194.762	195.692	196.263	5.4	3.4	5.2	5.5	4.4	5.4
Educational books and supplies .....	504.554	505.419	506.406	508.525	10.2	6.1	5.6	3.2	8.1	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	544.275	547.590	550.348	551.888	5.0	3.1	5.2	5.7	4.0	5.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	87.501	87.550	87.583	87.454	-2	-9	.1	-2	-6	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	85.314	85.362	85.394	85.263	-4	-9	-1	-2	-7	-2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.038	102.048	102.132	102.101	1.5	-8	-1.5	.2	.4	-6
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	10.077	10.099	10.087	10.028	-9.7	-1.7	4.4	-1.9	-5.8	1.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>6</sup> .....	77.391	77.573	77.339	76.229	-19.8	-1.6	-6.4	-5.9	-11.1	-6.1
Other goods and services .....	404.813	405.258	405.156	406.288	5.6	4.6	1.4	1.5	5.1	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	790.710	792.452	793.243	803.019	12.6	9.7	2.1	6.4	11.2	4.2
Personal care .....	203.895	203.994	203.801	203.291	1.3	1.3	1.0	-1.2	1.3	-1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	162.073	162.417	161.604	160.289	-1.7	-1.5	.7	-4.3	-1.6	-1.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	228.169	228.500	229.857	230.263	-1	1.5	-8	3.7	.7	1.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	352.853	353.940	354.179	354.133	2.9	3.7	2.9	1.5	3.3	2.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	177.989	177.800	176.982	175.718	13.2	4.9	5.1	-5.0	9.0	-1
Food and beverages .....	218.037	218.460	218.864	218.938	-7	.2	1.7	1.7	-3	1.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	156.171	155.727	154.413	152.614	22.7	7.8	7.1	-8.8	15.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	201.470	199.698	196.223	193.425	41.7	8.6	9.7	-15.0	24.0	-3.5
Apparel .....	119.483	118.685	117.754	118.204	4.0	-1.9	-1.3	-4.2	1.0	-2.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	255.925	254.457	249.714	244.252	58.4	10.3	12.1	-17.0	32.2	-3.6
Durables .....	112.465	112.488	112.342	112.426	1.0	10.0	2.7	-1	5.4	1.3
Services .....	255.440	255.973	256.225	256.389	1.1	1.2	.3	1.5	1.1	.9
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	233.241	232.894	232.865	233.081	.1	-3	-1.3	-3	-1	-8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.367	125.374	125.872	126.051	3.7	1.9	8.5	2.2	2.8	5.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	191.397	194.113	193.513	192.568	-4.3	6.7	.2	2.5	1.1	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	168.416	169.271	170.225	171.010	6.6	5.1	8.4	6.3	5.9	7.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	151.535	152.065	152.329	153.176	4.5	-2.4	-3.1	4.4	1.0	.6
Transportation services .....	256.694	258.012	258.832	259.637	3.4	6.6	2.0	4.7	5.0	3.3
Medical care services .....	409.435	410.965	412.109	412.337	3.2	3.8	5.0	2.9	3.5	3.9
Other services .....	294.301	294.699	295.503	295.891	3.4	.5	1.4	2.2	1.9	1.8
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	212.759	212.827	212.397	211.695	7.6	3.3	2.4	-2.0	5.5	.2
All items less shelter .....	205.643	205.853	205.432	204.572	9.0	4.4	3.9	-2.1	6.7	.9
All items less medical care .....	206.620	206.710	206.373	205.759	6.4	2.8	2.2	-1.7	4.6	.2
Commodities less food .....	158.469	158.022	156.736	155.000	21.9	7.7	6.8	-8.5	14.6	-1.1
Nondurables less food .....	202.891	201.191	197.896	195.285	38.9	8.2	9.1	-14.2	22.6	-3.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	252.038	250.660	246.339	241.419	53.0	9.7	11.1	-15.8	29.6	-3.3
Nondurables .....	210.177	209.771	208.423	206.172	19.4	4.3	5.4	-7.4	11.6	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	249.271	250.360	251.049	251.154	1.9	3.6	2.3	3.1	2.7	2.7
Services less medical care services .....	244.557	244.863	245.161	245.348	.7	1.3	-1	1.3	1.0	.6
Energy .....	215.259	215.253	211.677	204.416	64.5	12.8	14.9	-18.7	36.2	-3.3
All items less energy .....	214.406	214.554	214.650	214.861	1.3	1.7	.9	.9	1.5	.9
All items less food and energy .....	214.141	214.221	214.247	214.496	1.7	2.1	.7	.7	1.9	.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	145.848	145.661	145.265	145.455	2.1	5.2	1.7	-1.1	3.6	.3
Energy commodities .....	249.339	246.999	240.647	227.514	154.3	17.3	26.1	-30.7	72.7	-6.5
Services less energy services .....	262.409	262.692	263.042	263.332	1.6	.7	.3	1.4	1.1	.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.

<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 May 2010 from—			Percent change to Apr. 2010 from—		
		Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Mar. 2010	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009	Feb. 2010	Mar. 2010
U.S. city average .....	M	212.544	213.525	213.958	214.124	2.6	0.3	0.1	2.9	0.7	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	229.874	230.622	231.109	231.661	3.1	.5	.2	3.1	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	230.099	230.819	231.338	231.851	2.7	.4	.2	2.7	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	139.379	139.869	140.126	140.510	3.8	.5	.3	3.8	.5	.2
Midwest urban .....	M	202.044	202.966	203.426	203.674	2.9	.3	.1	3.3	.7	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	201.758	202.639	203.056	203.330	2.6	.3	.1	3.0	.6	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	132.507	133.140	133.540	133.797	3.3	.5	.2	3.5	.8	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	201.118	202.072	202.263	201.974	3.0	.0	-.1	3.9	.6	.1
South urban .....	M	207.325	208.621	209.017	208.920	2.7	.1	.0	3.2	.8	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	209.288	210.613	211.068	211.065	2.3	.2	.0	2.6	.9	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	132.528	133.388	133.695	133.621	2.9	.2	-.1	3.4	.9	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	214.172	215.205	215.006	214.679	2.7	-.2	-.2	3.9	.4	-.1
West urban .....	M	214.710	215.457	215.873	216.044	1.8	.3	.1	2.1	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	216.850	217.700	218.103	218.605	1.8	.4	.2	2.1	.6	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.325	133.675	133.993	133.764	1.8	.1	-.2	2.2	.5	.2
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	196.516	197.377	197.786	198.087	2.3	.4	.2	2.6	.6	.2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	133.619	134.274	134.594	134.624	2.9	.3	.0	3.2	.7	.2
D .....	M	208.368	209.326	209.327	209.097	2.6	-.1	-.1	3.4	.5	.0
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	205.627	206.381	206.466	206.774	2.1	.2	.1	2.9	.4	.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	217.090	218.157	218.475	218.787	2.0	.3	.1	2.4	.6	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	234.153	235.240	235.750	236.144	2.5	.4	.2	2.7	.7	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	238.388	-	238.863	3.2	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	194.852	-	195.574	2.2	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	205.351	-	205.263	2.1	.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	-	141.782	-	142.064	2.6	.2	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	201.407	-	203.095	-	-	-	-	2.7	.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	198.913	-	201.003	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	190.351	-	192.447	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	221.074	-	220.633	-	-	-	-	1.3	-.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	226.539	-	227.325	-	-	-	-	3.0	.3	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	222.049	-	223.821	-	-	-	-	2.4	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	221.215	-	222.309	-	-	-	-	1.0	.5	-

<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, 2007-2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2010 from—	
		Apr. 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Apr. 2010
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	126.373	126.451	2.0	0.1
Food and beverages .....	14.519	128.146	128.246	.6	.1
Food .....	13.493	128.147	128.247	.6	.1
Food at home .....	7.780	123.283	123.330	.2	.0
Food away from home .....	5.712	134.761	134.940	1.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.027	128.590	128.685	1.1	.1
Housing .....	42.074	128.168	128.247	-.5	.1
Shelter .....	32.119	130.868	130.903	-.7	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	5.231	157.658	158.257	3.2	.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.724	93.540	93.490	-3.1	-.1
Apparel .....	3.772	91.002	90.178	-1.0	-.9
Transportation .....	17.199	132.674	133.208	11.8	.4
Private transportation .....	16.013	133.457	133.869	11.9	.3
Public transportation .....	1.186	122.338	124.376	10.8	1.7
Medical care .....	6.294	150.182	150.187	3.1	.0
Medical care commodities .....	1.570	132.561	132.709	3.2	.1
Medical care services .....	4.723	156.645	156.594	3.1	.0
Recreation .....	6.625	103.622	103.491	-2.1	-.1
Education and communication .....	6.288	111.983	111.872	1.4	-.1
Education .....	2.804	181.643	181.712	4.7	.0
Communication .....	3.484	73.315	73.162	-1.1	-.2
Other goods and services .....	3.229	137.422	137.580	2.0	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	59.383	135.059	135.226	.8	.1
Commodities .....	40.617	115.718	115.684	3.7	.0
Durables .....	10.376	81.266	81.197	.8	-.1
Nondurables .....	30.241	133.690	133.676	4.8	.0
All items less food and energy .....	76.901	119.823	119.814	.6	.0
Energy .....	9.606	189.415	190.530	15.7	.6

Indexes for 2010 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2009 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.