

**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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items .....	100.000	212.425	210.228	0.1	-1.0	-1.0	-1.7	-0.7
All items (1967=100) .....	-	636.332	629.751	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	14.914	218.752	218.839	5.8	.0	.3	.2	.0
Food .....	13.833	218.749	218.805	5.9	.0	.3	.2	-.1
Food at home .....	7.660	219.086	218.683	6.6	-.2	.1	.0	-.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.030	252.723	253.063	11.7	.1	.6	.2	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.807	209.602	208.890	5.1	-.3	.6	-.7	-.5
Dairy and related products .....	.887	213.102	210.838	2.7	-1.1	-1.0	.4	-.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.156	283.677	281.706	3.4	-.7	-2.2	-.4	-2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.928	163.015	162.750	5.9	-.2	1.2	.1	.0
Other food at home .....	1.852	189.301	190.203	9.3	.5	.6	.6	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.277	191.756	193.312	8.2	.8	.7	.6	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.205	205.806	206.710	17.4	.4	.5	.0	1.0
Other foods .....	1.369	203.058	203.902	8.3	.4	.6	.8	.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.404	123.543	123.791	7.4	.2	1.3	.7	.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.173	220.043	220.684	5.0	.3	.5	.3	.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.297	153.978	154.062	5.7	.1	1.0	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.080	217.492	217.975	4.4	.2	.4	.5	.6
Housing .....	42.427	216.467	216.073	2.4	-.2	.0	-.1	.0
Shelter .....	32.596	247.463	247.085	1.9	-.2	.0	.2	.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	5.765	246.681	247.278	3.4	.2	.4	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.564	133.555	129.157	-3.3	-3.3	-1.6	-1.1	-.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.942	254.669	254.875	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.325	120.232	120.019	2.6	-.2	.0	.3	-.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.128	216.285	215.184	6.0	-.5	-.6	-1.6	-.5
Household energy .....	4.215	195.599	194.335	5.9	-.6	-.9	-2.0	-.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.351	281.869	256.209	-14.4	-9.1	-8.8	-13.6	-9.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.864	199.435	199.487	7.7	.0	-.1	-1.0	.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.913	156.193	156.390	6.5	.1	1.0	.4	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.702	128.554	128.535	2.0	.0	.0	-.2	.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.737	149.998	150.689	6.0	.5	-.1	.0	.5
Apparel .....	3.731	121.262	117.078	-1.0	-3.5	-1.0	.3	-.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.935	114.239	110.767	-1.1	-3.0	-.5	-.7	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.600	110.588	105.456	-3.6	-4.6	-2.2	.7	-1.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.185	116.010	112.568	-1.1	-3.0	.6	.5	-.9
Footwear .....	.679	126.788	124.093	1.5	-2.1	.3	1.1	-.8
Transportation .....	17.688	173.644	164.628	-13.3	-5.2	-5.4	-9.8	-4.4
Private transportation .....	16.583	168.527	159.411	-14.4	-5.4	-5.5	-10.3	-4.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.191	91.618	91.408	-3.5	-.2	-.7	-.9	-.4
New vehicles .....	4.632	132.359	132.308	-3.2	.0	-.5	-.6	-.4
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.773	126.869	125.883	-8.1	-.8	-2.4	-2.2	-.8
Motor fuel .....	5.482	187.189	149.132	-42.2	-20.3	-13.9	-29.0	-16.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	5.215	184.235	146.102	-43.1	-20.7	-14.2	-29.5	-17.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.356	132.947	133.077	7.4	.1	.7	.8	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.123	239.048	239.356	5.9	.1	.3	.3	.2
Public transportation .....	1.106	243.385	237.638	1.8	-2.4	-3.3	-2.7	-1.3
Medical care .....	6.231	366.613	367.133	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.601	297.317	298.361	1.6	.4	.2	.6	.5
Medical care services .....	4.630	387.992	388.267	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.2
Professional services .....	2.626	313.328	313.886	3.0	.2	.1	.3	.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.467	543.183	543.585	5.4	.1	.4	.0	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.647	114.078	113.674	1.8	-0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.2	
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.843	101.831	101.629	-1.0	-2	-6	-1	.1	
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	6.086	125.758	125.921	3.6	.1	.2	.2	.3	
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.944	186.733	186.916	5.6	.1	.4	.4	.5	
Educational books and supplies .....	.207	462.694	464.544	7.0	.4	.2	.3	.6	
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.736	537.906	538.309	5.5	.1	.5	.4	.5	
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.142	84.601	84.737	1.7	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.975	81.723	81.886	1.7	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.342	101.538	101.688	2.9	.1	.1	.1	.1	
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.634	9.867	9.906	-3.0	.4	-3	-1	.4	
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	.242	88.984	88.529	-11.5	-5	-9	-1.1	-5	
Other goods and services .....	3.277	349.040	349.220	3.4	.1	.3	.0	.0	
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.731	599.820	602.644	6.3	.5	.4	.0	.5	
Personal care .....	2.546	202.921	202.774	2.6	-1	.2	.0	-2	
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.639	161.000	161.397	2.0	.2	.1	.7	.2	
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.629	226.197	226.281	3.0	.0	.4	.3	.0	
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.044	340.174	339.698	3.0	-1	.0	-8	-1	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
Commodities .....	41.269	167.673	163.582	-4.1	-2.4	-2.3	-4.1	-2.0	
Food and beverages .....	14.914	218.752	218.839	5.8	.0	.3	.2	.0	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.356	141.397	135.720	-9.6	-4.0	-3.8	-6.7	-3.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.519	173.346	161.681	-14.3	-6.7	-5.5	-9.5	-5.9	
Apparel .....	3.731	121.262	117.078	-1.0	-3.5	-1.0	.3	-9	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.787	209.569	192.948	-18.5	-7.9	-7.9	-14.0	-6.3	
Durables .....	10.837	109.191	108.811	-2.9	-3	-6	-6	-4	
Services .....	58.731	256.967	256.731	3.0	-1	.0	.0	.1	
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.271	257.961	257.567	1.9	-2	.0	.2	.1	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.325	120.232	120.019	2.6	-2	.0	.3	-2	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.864	199.435	199.487	7.7	.0	-1	-1.0	.0	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.913	156.193	156.390	6.5	.1	1.0	.4	.2	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.737	149.998	150.689	6.0	.5	-1	.0	.5	
Transportation services .....	5.350	247.030	246.287	4.1	-3	-4	-3	.0	
Medical care services .....	4.630	387.992	388.267	3.0	.1	.2	.1	.2	
Other services .....	10.641	299.996	300.067	3.5	.0	.2	.1	.2	
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less food .....	86.167	211.421	208.855	-.8	-1.2	-1.2	-2.0	-.8	
All items less shelter .....	67.404	201.075	198.127	-.8	-1.5	-1.4	-2.6	-1.1	
All items less medical care .....	93.769	204.721	202.442	-.1	-1.1	-1.0	-1.8	-.8	
Commodities less food .....	27.436	144.055	138.536	-9.1	-3.8	-3.6	-6.4	-3.0	
Nondurables less food .....	16.599	175.979	165.032	-13.1	-6.2	-5.3	-8.8	-5.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.868	209.344	194.403	-16.6	-7.1	-7.0	-12.6	-5.4	
Nondurables .....	30.432	195.773	189.557	-4.5	-3.2	-2.6	-4.9	-2.5	
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	26.460	275.425	275.370	4.3	.0	-1	-.2	.2	
Services less medical care services .....	54.101	246.351	246.090	3.0	-1	.0	.0	.1	
Energy .....	9.698	189.938	171.158	-21.3	-9.9	-8.6	-17.0	-8.3	
All items less energy .....	90.302	216.417	215.930	2.4	-2	.0	.0	.0	
All items less food and energy .....	76.469	216.690	216.100	1.8	-3	-1	.0	.0	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.602	140.236	139.228	-.6	-7	-4	-.2	-.3	
Energy commodities .....	5.834	193.395	155.745	-40.5	-19.5	-13.6	-28.1	-16.2	
Services less energy services .....	54.867	262.901	262.636	2.7	-1	.0	.1	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$. 471	\$. 476	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$. 157	\$. 159	-	-	-	-	-	

<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.

- Data not available.

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