

**NORTH BEACH WATER DISTRICT  
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION 28-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH BEACH WATER DISTRICT OF PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON, APPROVING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR NORTH BEACH WATER DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the North Beach Water District (District) desires to provide competitive wages and benefits to its employees; and

**WHEARAS**, the District maintains a structured wage/salary step rate for each position, except the general manager; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to keep the step scale current with the changing cost of living as measured by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistic's Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area (CPI-U); and

**WHEREAS**, the last cost of living adjustment approved by the District was a 0.6% increase on December 16, 2013 by Resolution 28-2013; and

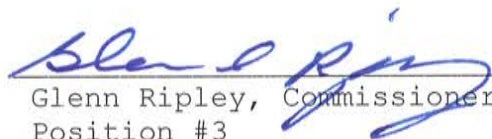
**WHEREAS**, the 2014 CPI-U, as reported in October for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", reported a 2.1 percent annual increase in the cost of living in the previous 12 months and the 2015 CPI-U, as reported in October for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B", reported a 1.2 percent increase in the cost of living in the previous 12 months; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the North Beach Water District Board of Commissioners to approve a cost of living increase be applied to all step rate of 2.0 % effective January 1, 2016

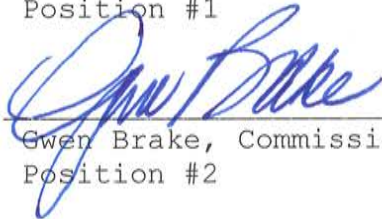
**ADOPTED BY** the North Beach Water District Board of Commissioners, Pacific County, Washington at its regular meeting held on the 21 day of December, 2015



Brian Sheldon, Commissioner  
Position #1



Glenn Ripley, Commissioner  
Position #3



Gwen Brake, Commissioner  
Position #2



## EXHIBIT "A"

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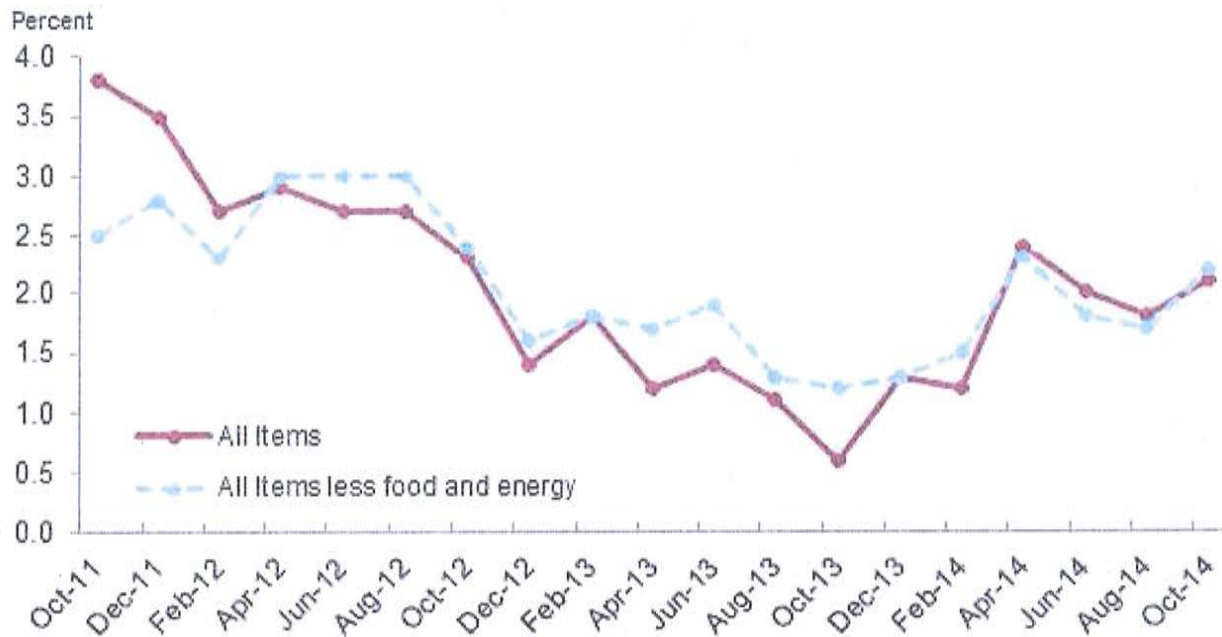
### **Consumer Price Index, Seattle area – October 2014**

**Area prices were up 0.3 percent over the past two months, up 2.1 percent from a year ago**

Prices in the greater Seattle Area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.3 percent for the two months ending October 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) Regional Commissioner Richard J. Holden noted that the October increase was influenced by higher prices for shelter and food. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 2.1 percent. (See [chart 1](#).) Energy prices declined 1.0 percent, largely the result of a decrease in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy increased 2.2 percent since October 2013.

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Seattle, October 2011–October 2014**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### **Food**

Food prices increased 1.5 percent from August to October. (See [table 1](#).) Prices for food at home increased 1.9 percent, and prices for food away from home moved up 0.9 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices rose 3.1 percent. Prices for food at home advanced 3.7 percent since a year ago, and prices for food away from home increased 2.3 percent.

### **Energy**

The energy index decreased 7.6 percent for the two months ending in October 2014. The decrease was mainly due to lower prices for gasoline (-11.2 percent). Prices for electricity declined 1.7 percent, and prices for natural gas service inched down 0.1 percent in the past two months.

Energy prices declined 1.0 percent over the year, largely due to lower prices for gasoline (-1.4 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service declined 0.3 percent, but prices for electricity edged up 0.1 percent during the past year.

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

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent in the latest two-month period. Higher prices for household furnishings and operations (3.6 percent), other goods and services (1.0 percent), and shelter (0.8 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for apparel (-1.1 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy increased 2.2 percent. Components contributing to the increase included shelter (5.2 percent) and household furnishings and operations (1.7 percent). Partly offsetting the increases were price declines in apparel (-2.0 percent) and medical care (-0.9 percent).



**Table A. Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton CPI-U bi-monthly and annual percent changes (not seasonally adjusted)**

Month	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Bi-monthly	Annual	Bi-monthly	Annual	Bi-monthly	Annual	Bi-monthly	Annual	Bi-monthly	Annual	Bi-monthly	Annual
February .....	1.0	1.4	0.2	0.6	1.2	1.5	0.4	2.7	0.8	1.8	0.7	1.2
April .....	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.3	0.8	2.1	0.9	2.9	0.4	1.2	1.6	2.4
June .....	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	3.2	0.7	2.7	0.8	1.4	0.4	2.0
August .....	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	2.7	0.3	2.7	0.0	1.1	-0.2	1.8
October .....	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.9	3.8	0.5	2.3	0.0	0.6	0.3	2.1
December .....	-0.3	1.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.5	3.5	-1.4	1.4	-0.7	1.3		

### **CPI-W**

In October, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was 244.289, down 0.1 percent from August. The CPI-W increased 2.1 percent over the year.

**The December 2014 Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton is scheduled to be released on January 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (PST).**

### **Technical Note**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 89 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 28 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, 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 CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected 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.

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In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the

local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods**Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Aug. 2014	Sep. 2014	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2013	Aug. 2014	Sep. 2014
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	247.185	-	247.854	2.1	0.3	-
All items (1967=100).....	753.515	-	755.556	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	251.651	-	255.312	3.1	1.5	-
Food .....	254.356	-	258.088	3.1	1.5	-
Food at home.....	243.270	246.129	247.891	3.7	1.9	0.7
Food away from home .....	271.967	-	274.364	2.3	0.9	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	219.352	-	222.233	2.9	1.3	-
Housing.....	262.961	-	265.316	4.4	0.9	-
Shelter .....	293.361	293.370	295.754	5.2	0.8	0.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>(1)</sup> .....	294.088	295.688	299.349	5.8	1.8	1.2
Owners' equiv. rent of residences <sup>(1) (2)</sup> .....	305.695	307.565	309.846	4.8	1.4	0.7
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence <sup>(1) (2)</sup> .....	305.695	307.565	309.846	4.8	1.4	0.7
Fuels and utilities.....	245.025	-	242.516	1.0	-1.0	-
Household energy.....	224.812	224.948	222.046	-0.6	-1.2	-1.3
Energy services <sup>(1)</sup> .....	264.627	264.627	260.811	0.0	-1.4	-1.4
Electricity <sup>(1)</sup> .....	278.135	278.135	273.320	0.1	-1.7	-1.7
Utility (piped) gas service <sup>(1)</sup> .....	181.528	181.528	181.431	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	170.341	-	176.461	1.7	3.6	-
Apparel.....	132.457	-	131.034	-2.0	-1.1	-
Transportation .....	232.224	-	225.988	-0.8	-2.7	-
Private transportation .....	244.922	-	234.493	-0.7	-4.3	-
Motor fuel.....	415.481	406.510	369.406	-1.4	-11.1	-9.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	423.981	414.469	376.308	-1.4	-11.2	-9.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>(3)</sup> .....	466.790	456.001	413.707	-1.2	-11.4	-9.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>(3) (4)</sup> .....	325.075	318.582	289.853	-1.8	-10.8	-9.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>(3)</sup> .....	370.684	362.723	329.894	-1.7	-11.0	-9.1
Medical care.....	-	-	379.975	-0.9	-	-
Recreation <sup>(5)</sup> .....	95.960	-	96.519	-0.1	0.6	-
Education and communication <sup>(5)</sup> .....	138.462	-	139.337	1.1	0.6	-
Other goods and services .....	396.334	-	400.244	0.1	1.0	-
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	247.185	-	247.854	2.1	0.3	-
Commodities .....	196.227	-	194.579	-0.2	-0.8	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	167.938	-	163.971	-2.4	-2.4	-
Nondurables less food & beverages.....	206.163	-	198.004	-2.8	-4.0	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Aug. 2014	Sep. 2014	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2013	Aug. 2014	Sep. 2014
Durables .....	129.046	-	129.225	-1.7	0.1	-
Services .....	295.122	-	297.855	3.5	0.9	-
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	241.196	-	241.886	2.3	0.3	-
All items less shelter .....	230.237	-	230.188	0.6	0.0	-
Commodities less food .....	170.191	-	166.491	-2.1	-2.2	-
Nondurables .....	228.273	-	225.673	0.2	-1.1	-
Nondurables less food .....	207.589	-	200.261	-2.3	-3.5	-
Services less rent of shelter <sup>(2)</sup> .....	304.823	-	308.030	1.6	1.1	-
Services less medical care services .....	286.160	-	289.029	3.9	1.0	-
Energy .....	327.589	323.100	302.738	-1.0	-7.6	-6.3
All items less energy .....	244.849	-	247.131	2.3	0.9	-
All items less food and energy .....	243.471	-	245.515	2.2	0.8	-

<sup>(1)</sup> This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

<sup>(2)</sup> Index is on a November 1982=100 base.

<sup>(3)</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>(4)</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>(5)</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.



## EXHIBIT "B"

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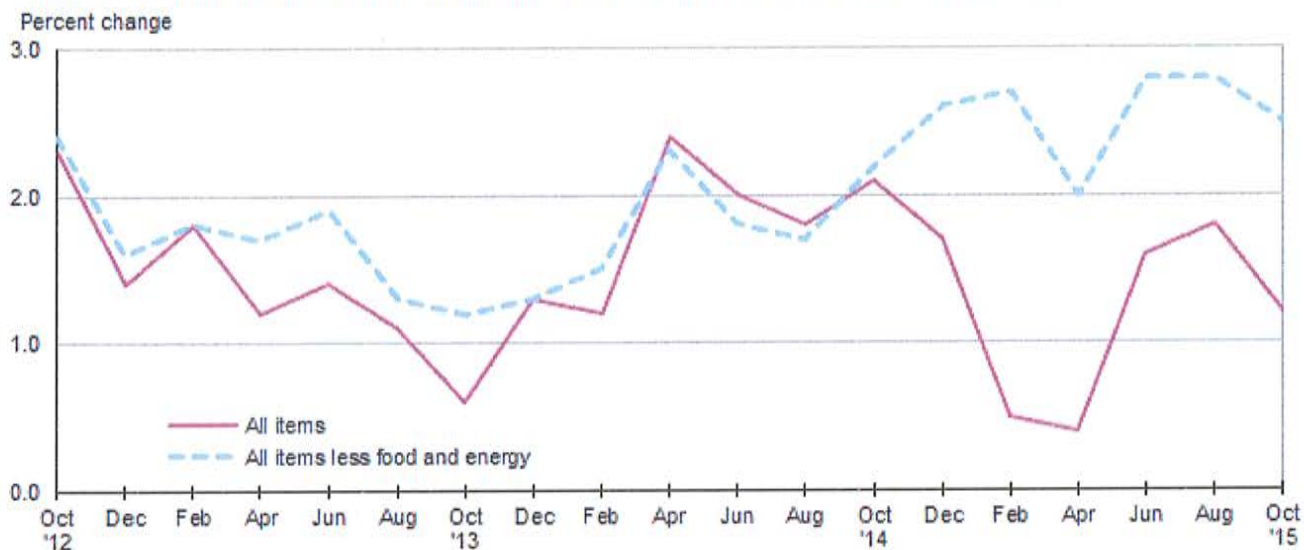
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Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U advanced 1.2 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A.](#)) Energy prices dropped 15.1 percent, largely the result of a decrease in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 2.5 percent over the year. (See [table 1.](#))

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Seattle, October 2012–October 2015**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



## Food

Food prices increased 0.2 percent for the two months ending in October. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food away from home rose 0.3 percent, and prices for food at home advanced 0.2 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices increased 2.0 percent. Prices for food away from home rose 2.6 percent since a year ago, and prices for food at home moved up 1.6 percent.

## Energy

The energy index fell 11.4 percent for the two months ending in October. The decrease was mainly due to lower prices for gasoline (-19.6 percent). Prices for electricity decreased 0.3 percent, but prices for natural gas service edged up 0.1 percent over the past two months.

Energy prices dropped 15.1 percent over the year, largely due to lower prices for gasoline (-27.9 percent). Prices paid for electricity increased 7.6 percent, and prices for natural gas service advanced 5.5 percent during the past year.

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.5 percent in the latest two-month period. Higher prices for apparel (2.3 percent), medical care (0.9 percent), education and communication (0.8 percent), and shelter (0.5 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for other goods and services (-0.6 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy advanced 2.5 percent. Components contributing to the increase included shelter (5.1 percent), apparel (2.1 percent), and education and communication (0.9 percent). Partly offsetting the increases were price declines in other goods and services (-1.8 percent) and household furnishings and operations (-1.3 percent).

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April.....	0.2	0.3	0.8	2.1	0.9	2.9	0.4	1.2	1.6	2.4	0.9	0.4
June.....	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	3.2	0.7	2.7	0.8	1.4	0.4	2.0	1.6	1.6
August.....	0.7	0.2	0.2	2.7	0.3	2.7	0.0	1.1	-0.2	1.8	0.0	1.8
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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items.....	251.617	-	250.831	1.2	-0.3	-
All items (1967=100).....	767.027	-	764.629	-	-	-
Food and beverages.....	259.640	-	260.193	1.9	0.2	-
Food.....	262.673	-	263.256	2.0	0.2	-
Food at home.....	251.412	252.829	251.851	1.6	0.2	-0.4
Food away from home.....	280.575	-	281.380	2.6	0.3	-
Alcoholic beverages.....	223.956	-	224.201	0.9	0.1	-
Housing.....	275.841	-	277.149	4.5	0.5	-
Shelter.....	309.149	308.765	310.820	5.1	0.5	0.7
Rent of primary residence <sup>(1)</sup> .....	310.511	312.657	315.144	5.3	1.5	0.8
Owners' equiv. rent of residences <sup>(1) (2)</sup> .....	322.043	323.726	325.767	5.1	1.2	0.6
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence <sup>(1) (2)</sup> .....	322.043	323.726	325.767	5.1	1.2	0.6
Fuels and utilities.....	255.290	-	254.262	4.8	-0.4	-
Household energy.....	235.401	235.580	234.674	5.7	-0.3	-0.4
Energy services <sup>(1)</sup> .....	280.430	280.487	279.677	7.2	-0.3	-0.3
Electricity <sup>(1)</sup> .....	295.114	295.187	294.082	7.6	-0.3	-0.4
Utility (piped) gas service <sup>(1)</sup> .....	191.211	191.211	191.449	5.5	0.1	0.1
Household furnishings and operations.....	172.807	-	174.224	-1.3	0.8	-
Apparel.....	130.658	-	133.721	2.1	2.3	-
Transportation.....	219.940	-	208.302	-7.8	-5.3	-
Private transportation.....	228.312	-	214.128	-8.7	-6.2	-
Motor fuel.....	330.712	297.968	266.313	-27.9	-19.5	-10.6
Gasoline (all types).....	337.788	304.207	271.460	-27.9	-19.6	-10.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>(3)</sup> .....	369.174	331.147	294.622	-28.8	-20.2	-11.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>(3) (4)</sup> .....	262.863	238.953	213.230	-26.4	-18.9	-10.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>(3)</sup> .....	302.294	275.333	249.700	-24.3	-17.4	-9.3
Medical care.....	378.415	-	381.808	0.5	0.9	-
Recreation <sup>(5)</sup> .....	96.654	-	97.074	0.6	0.4	-
Education and communication <sup>(5)</sup> .....	139.418	-	140.529	0.9	0.8	-
Other goods and services.....	395.465	-	393.005	-1.8	-0.6	-
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items.....	251.617	-	250.831	1.2	-0.3	-
Commodities.....	191.711	-	188.157	-3.3	-1.9	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	157.973	-	152.669	-6.9	-3.4	-
Nondurables less food & beverages.....	189.266	-	178.141	-10.0	-5.9	-
Durables.....	125.965	-	126.419	-2.2	0.4	-
Services.....	307.540	-	309.200	3.8	0.5	-
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care.....	245.907	-	244.921	1.3	-0.4	-
All items less shelter.....	229.935	-	228.106	-0.9	-0.8	-
Commodities less food.....	160.791	-	155.700	-6.5	-3.2	-
Nondurables.....	223.079	-	217.436	-3.6	-2.5	-
Nondurables less food.....	192.307	-	182.031	-9.1	-5.3	-
Services less rent of shelter <sup>(2)</sup> .....	313.258	-	314.926	2.2	0.5	-
Services less medical care services.....	299.751	-	300.996	4.1	0.4	-
Energy.....	289.985	273.434	256.875	-15.1	-11.4	-6.1



**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015
All items less energy.....	251.975	-	253.214	2.5	0.5	-
All items less food and energy.....	250.405	-	251.754	2.5	0.5	-

(1) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(2) Index is on a November 1982=100 base.

(3) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(4) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(5) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available

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