

Table 123. Consumer Price Index and average annual percent change for all items, selected items, and medical care components: United States, selected years 1960–2009

[Data are based on reporting by samples of providers and other retail outlets]

Items and medical care components	1960	1970	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009
	Consumer Price Index (CPI)								
All items	29.6	38.8	82.4	130.7	152.4	172.2	195.3	215.3	214.5
All items less medical care	30.2	39.2	82.8	128.8	148.6	167.3	188.7	207.8	206.6
Services	24.1	35.0	77.9	139.2	168.7	195.3	230.1	255.5	259.2
Food	30.0	39.2	86.8	132.4	148.4	167.8	190.7	214.1	218.0
Apparel	45.7	59.2	90.9	124.1	132.0	129.6	119.5	118.9	120.1
Housing	---	36.4	81.1	128.5	148.5	169.6	195.7	216.3	217.1
Energy	22.4	25.5	86.0	102.1	105.2	124.6	177.1	236.7	193.1
Medical care	22.3	34.0	74.9	162.8	220.5	260.8	323.2	364.1	375.6
Components of medical care									
Medical care services	19.5	32.3	74.8	162.7	224.2	266.0	336.7	384.9	397.3
Professional services	---	37.0	77.9	156.1	201.0	237.7	281.7	311.0	319.4
Physicians' services	21.9	34.5	76.5	160.8	208.8	244.7	287.5	311.3	320.8
Dental services	27.0	39.2	78.9	155.8	206.8	258.5	324.0	376.9	388.1
Eyeglasses and eye care ¹	---	---	---	117.3	137.0	149.7	163.2	174.1	175.5
Services by other medical professionals ¹	---	---	---	120.2	143.9	161.9	186.8	205.5	209.8
Hospital and related services	---	---	69.2	178.0	257.8	317.3	439.9	534.0	567.9
Hospital services ²	---	---	---	---	---	115.9	161.6	197.2	210.7
Inpatient hospital services ^{2,3}	---	---	---	---	---	113.8	156.6	190.8	203.6
Outpatient hospital services ^{1,3}	---	---	---	138.7	204.6	263.8	373.0	456.8	490.6
Hospital rooms	9.3	23.6	68.0	175.4	251.2	---	---	---	---
Other inpatient services ¹	---	---	---	142.7	206.8	---	---	---	---
Nursing homes and adult day care ²	---	---	---	---	---	117.0	145.0	165.3	171.6
Health insurance ⁴	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	114.2	110.5
Medical care commodities	46.9	46.5	75.4	163.4	204.5	238.1	276.0	296.0	305.1
Prescription drugs ⁵	54.0	47.4	72.5	181.7	235.0	285.4	349.0	378.3	391.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ¹	---	---	---	120.6	140.5	149.5	151.7	158.3	161.4
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs	---	42.3	74.9	145.9	167.0	176.9	179.7	188.7	193.0
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	---	---	79.2	138.0	166.3	178.1	180.6	185.6	188.2
Average annual percent change from previous year shown									
All items . . . . .	...	2.7	7.8	9.7	3.1	2.5	6.5	3.8	-0.4
All items excluding medical care . . . . .	...	2.6	7.8	9.2	2.9	2.4	6.2	3.8	-0.6
All services . . . . .	...	3.8	8.3	12.3	3.9	3.0	8.5	3.5	1.4
Food . . . . .	...	2.7	8.3	8.8	2.3	2.5	6.6	5.5	1.8
Apparel . . . . .	...	2.6	4.4	6.4	1.2	-0.4	-4	-0.1	1.0
Housing . . . . .	...	---	8.3	9.6	2.9	2.7	7.4	3.2	0.4
Energy . . . . .	...	1.3	12.9	3.5	0.6	3.4	19.2	13.9	-18.4
Medical care . . . . .	...	4.3	8.2	16.8	6.3	3.4	11.3	3.7	3.2
Components of medical care									
Medical care services . . . . .	...	5.2	8.8	16.8	6.6	3.5	12.5	4.2	3.2
Professional services . . . . .	...	---	7.7	14.9	5.2	3.4	8.9	3.4	2.7
Physicians' services . . . . .	...	4.6	8.3	16.0	5.4	3.2	8.4	2.7	3.0
Dental services . . . . .	...	3.8	7.2	14.6	5.8	4.6	12	5.1	3.0
Eyeglasses and eye care ¹ . . . . .	...	---	---	---	3.2	1.8	4.4	1.4	0.8
Services by other medical professionals ¹ . . . . .	...	---	---	---	3.7	2.4	7.4	4.1	2.1
Hospital and related services . . . . .	...	---	---	20.8	7.7	4.2	17.7	7.0	6.4
Hospital services ² . . . . .	...	---	---	---	---	---	18.1	7.4	6.9
Inpatient hospital services ^{2,3} . . . . .	...	---	---	---	---	---	17.3	7.1	6.7
Outpatient hospital services ^{1,3} . . . . .	...	---	---	---	8.1	5.2	18.9	7.7	7.4
Hospital rooms . . . . .	...	9.8	11.2	20.9	7.4	---	---	---	---
Other inpatient services ¹ . . . . .	...	---	---	---	7.7	---	---	---	---
Nursing homes and adult day care ² . . . . .	...	---	---	---	---	---	11.3	3.6	3.8
Health insurance ⁴ . . . . .	...	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.6	-3.2
Medical care commodities . . . . .	...	-0.1	5.0	16.7	4.6	3.1	7.7	2.1	3.1
Prescription drugs ⁵ . . . . .	...	-1.3	4.3	20.2	5.3	4.0	10.6	2.5	3.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ¹ . . . . .	...	---	---	---	3.1	1.2	0.7	0.9	2.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs . . . . .	...	---	5.9	14.3	2.7	1.2	0.8	1.2	2.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies . . . . .	...	---	---	11.7	3.8	1.4	0.7	0.3	1.3

--- Data not available. ... Category not applicable.

¹December 1986 = 100.

²December 1996 = 100.

³Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁴December 2005 = 100.

⁵Prior to 2006, this category included medical supplies.

NOTES: CPI for all urban consumers (CPI-U) U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories. 1982–1984 = 100, except where noted. Data are not seasonally adjusted. See Appendix I, Consumer Price Index. See Appendix II, Consumer Price Index.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index. Various releases. 2009 data available from: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpid09av.pdf>.