

CPI Internet Address

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Definition for Cellular Services Index

The entry level item includes personal residential phone service where the telephone instrument is portable and sends/receives signals for calls through the air waves. All service charges, applicable per-minute call charges, and other charges normally included in a cellular plan are eligible for pricing.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - FII CHECKLIST

collection outlet quote arranging
period: _____ number: _____ code: _____ code: _____

ELI No./ cluster
title **FD031 CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES** code **01**
item availability: 1-AVAILABLE 2-ELI NOT SOLD 3-INIT INCOMPLETE
purpose of checklist: 1-INIT 2-INIT COMPL 3-SPEC CORR 4-SUB 5-REINIT 6-CHECK REV

CURRENT PERIOD

SALES TAX

price _____

included: YES NO

YEAR-ROUND | in-season: JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

respondent: _____ location: _____

field message: _____

TYPE OF SERVICE PRICED

- A1 Cellular plan
- A2 Company supplied computer data

CELLULAR PLAN

B99 Plan name

INCLUDED IN PLAN

- C1 Regular service
- D99 Specialized service, type

- E1 Peak minutes included at no extra charge
- F1 Off-peak minutes included at no extra charge
- G1 Peak minutes with a charge
- H1 Off-peak minutes with a charge
- I1 Cellular phone(s) at no extra charge
- J1 Cellular phone(s) at discount price
- K99 Roaming at no extra charge

- L1 Roaming charges at discount price
- M1 Hook-up at no extra charge
- N1 Hook-up at discount price

P99 Other _____

Q99 Other _____

General CPI Characteristics

- CPI measuring the prices paid by individuals and families for goods and services used for day-to-day living

- Expenditure base - 1999-2000 Consumer Expenditure Survey

 telephone service weight = 2.324, local = 1.135,
 long distance = .953, cellular = .236

- Point-of-Purchase survey to identify outlets

- 87 pricing areas

- Monthly pricing of telephone services

- Point-of-Purchase survey to identify outlets

- Field collection of prices for local and some long distance, Washington Office collection for some long distance and all cellular.

- Three pricing periods each month

- Publication

- Indexes include taxes

- Rotation of sample: local some each year, long distance and cellular approx. all every four years