

Table III, page 12 of the text, makes certain comparisons in terms of per capita disposable incomes in 1944 dollars. These figures, shown in table V, were computed by dividing actual per capita incomes by the Consumers' Price Index, with 1944=100. If any other base is preferred, for example, 1939 dollars or 1946 dollars, it is a simple matter to compute the figures on that basis.

The comparisons made in the text are not affected in any way by the choice of 1944 dollars as a yardstick. Use of any other year as a base would show the same percentage changes in purchasing power.

Table III on page 12 of the text compares the purchasing power of recent per capita incomes both with war years and with prewar years. The report shows that the purchasing power of per capita incomes is now substantially higher than before the war, but that it has fallen considerably from the wartime levels.

TABLE VI.—Consumers' prices, 1939-46

[1935-39=100]

Year or Month	All Items	Food	Clothing	Rent	Fuel, Electricity, etc.	House Furnishings	Miscellaneous
1939.....	99.4	95.2	100.5	104.3	99.0	101.3	100.7
1940.....	100.2	96.5	101.7	104.6	99.8	100.5	101.1
1941.....	105.2	105.5	106.3	106.3	102.3	107.4	104.0
1942.....	116.5	123.9	124.2	108.5	105.4	122.1	110.9
1943.....	123.6	138.0	129.7	108.0	107.7	125.6	115.8
1944.....	125.5	136.1	138.8	108.2	109.8	136.4	121.3
1945.....	128.4	139.1	145.9	108.3	110.3	145.8	124.1
January.....	127.1	137.3	143.0	(¹)	109.7	143.6	123.3
February.....	126.9	136.5	143.3	(¹)	110.0	144.0	123.4
March.....	126.8	135.9	143.7	108.3	110.0	144.5	123.6
April.....	127.1	136.6	144.1	(¹)	109.8	144.9	123.8
May.....	128.1	138.8	144.6	(¹)	110.0	145.4	123.9
June.....	129.0	141.1	145.4	108.3	110.0	145.8	124.0
July.....	129.4	141.7	145.7	(¹)	111.2	145.3	124.2
August.....	129.3	140.9	146.4	(¹)	111.4	146.0	124.5
September.....	128.9	139.4	148.2	108.3	110.7	146.8	124.6
October.....	128.9	139.3	148.5	(¹)	110.5	146.9	124.7
November.....	129.3	140.1	148.7	(¹)	110.1	147.6	124.6
December.....	129.9	141.1	149.4	108.3	110.3	148.3	124.8
1946.....	139.2	160.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
January.....	129.9	141.0	149.7	(¹)	110.8	148.8	125.4
February.....	129.6	139.6	150.5	(¹)	111.0	149.7	125.6
March.....	130.2	140.1	153.1	108.4	110.5	150.2	125.9
April.....	131.1	141.7	154.5	(¹)	110.4	152.0	126.7
May.....	131.7	142.6	155.7	(¹)	110.3	153.7	127.2
June.....	133.3	145.6	157.2	108.5	110.5	156.1	127.9
July.....	141.0	165.7	157.9	(¹)	113.3	156.9	127.8
August.....	144.1	171.2	161.2	108.7	113.7	160.0	129.8
September.....	145.9	174.1	165.9	108.8	114.4	165.6	129.9
October.....	148.4	180.0	167.0	(¹)	114.4	167.6	130.8
November.....	151.7	187.7	168.7	(¹)	114.7	169.1	132.0
December.....	³ 153.3	³ 189.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

¹ Usually surveyed quarterly.² Not available.³ Preliminary estimate.

Source: Department of Labor.