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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - JUNE 1954

Consumer prices in U. S. cities rose 0.1 percent between May and June 1954, according to the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The rise mainly resulted from the increase of 0.4 percent in food prices. Prices of other commodities and services averaged slightly lower than in May, with decreases of 0.2 percent for transportation and 0.3 percent for personal care.

The Consumer Price Index for June was 115.1 percent of the 1947-49 average, 0.5 percent higher than a year ago and 13.1 percent above the level of June 1950. On a 1935-39 base, the June index was 192.4.

FOOD Food prices, advancing for the third consecutive month, brought the food index to 113.8 percent of the 1947-49 average. It was 1.5 percent higher than 3 months ago, 0.1 percent above a year ago, and 13.2 percent above the level of June 1950.

Fresh fruit prices rose 7 percent during the month, as higher quotations were reported for all fruits priced except lemons. Apples and oranges advanced seasonally; bananas rose 12 percent, reflecting lower supplies due to strikes and unsettled conditions in the producing areas; and strawberries were up 6-1/2 percent. Prices of fresh vegetables averaged 2 percent lower than in May, as increasing local supplies resulted in reductions of 28-1/2 percent for tomatoes, 25-1/2 percent for green beans, 24 percent for lettuce, and 13 percent for cabbage. Advances of 27 percent were reported for new crop potatoes, and celery prices rose 14 percent.

Coffee prices rose 2-1/2 percent during the month to an average price of \$1.21 a pound.

Egg prices declined 1-1/2 percent between May and June.

Prices of meats declined slightly during the month, as reductions for bacon and ham offset higher prices for pork chops and for all cuts of beef. Pork chop prices have advanced from an average of 85 cents a pound in February to 93 cents in June. Poultry prices were 1-1/2 percent higher than a month ago.

Prices of dairy products declined seasonally with reductions of almost 1 percent for fresh milk and cheese, and smaller decreases for other items.

OTHER COMMODITIES
AND SERVICES

Average prices of other commodities and services were relatively stable between May and June. Higher charges for home maintenance services offset minor decreases in gas bills and slightly lower prices for some electrical appliances and textile housefurnishings in the housing group. Rents were unchanged on the average, although small advances continued to be reported in the largest metropolitan areas. Prices of laundry soap and detergents continued upward, but toilet soap prices were generally lower.

Lower prices were reported for men's and boys' slacks, and men's summer suits in some areas. Cotton apparel prices were generally lower, reflecting lower mill prices for fabrics. Higher prices were reported for women's shoes in some cities, and prices of summer apparel items were higher than at the end of the last season.

Gasoline "price wars" were reported in several cities; sale prices for automobile tires were widespread; and charges for some auto repair services were reduced. Used car prices advanced slightly in most cities.

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX -- U.S. CITY AVERAGE ALL ITEMS AND COMMODITY GROUPS
Indexes and Percent Changes for Selected Dates

Group	June 1954	May 1954	April 1954	June 1953	June 1950	Year 1939
	This Month	Last Month	2 Months Ago	Last Year	Pre-Korea	Pre-World War II
INDEXES (1947-49 = 100)						
ALL ITEMS -----	115.1	115.0	114.6	114.5	101.8	59.4
FOOD ^{1/} -----	113.8	113.3	112.4	113.7	100.5	47.1
Food at home -----	113.3	112.8	111.8	113.7	100.5	47.1
Cereals and bakery products --	121.3	121.3	121.1	118.9	102.7	57.2
Meats, poultry and fish -----	111.1	111.0	110.5	111.3	106.1	41.6
Dairy products -----	102.9	103.5	104.6	107.5	92.3	49.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	117.1	114.6	110.0	121.7	102.5	46.3
Other foods at home -----	115.2	114.5	113.6	110.9	94.1	48.4
HOUSING ^{2/} -----	118.9	118.9	118.5	117.4	104.9	76.1
Rent -----	128.3	128.3	128.2	123.3	108.7	86.6
Gas and electricity -----	107.6	107.7	107.6	106.4	102.7	104.9
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	120.9	120.9	123.9	121.8	107.6	56.4
Housefurnishings -----	105.8	105.9	106.1	108.0	97.4	53.4
Household operation -----	117.2	117.2	116.9	115.4	99.6	68.4
APPAREL -----	104.2	104.2	104.1	104.6	96.5	52.5
Men's and boys' -----	107.0	107.3	107.1	107.2	98.1	4/
Women's and girls' -----	98.5	98.5	98.4	99.2	93.3	4/
Footwear -----	116.3	115.9	116.1	115.3	102.1	4/
Other apparel -----	91.0	90.9	90.4	92.3	88.4	4/
TRANSPORTATION -----	128.9	129.1	129.1	129.4	109.9	68.9
MEDICAL CARE -----	125.1	125.1	124.9	121.1	105.4	72.6
PERSONAL CARE -----	112.7	113.0	112.9	112.6	99.2	59.6
READING AND RECREATION -----	106.4	106.4	106.5	107.8	102.5	63.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES ^{3/} -----	120.1	120.1	120.2	118.2	103.7	70.6

PERCENT CHANGE TO JUNE 1954 FROM:

	May 1954	April 1954	June 1953	June 1950	Year 1939
ALL ITEMS -----	0.1	0.4	0.5	13.1	93.8
FOOD ^{1/} -----	0.4	1.2	0.1	13.2	141.6
Food at home -----	0.4	1.3	- 0.4	12.7	140.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	0	0.2	2.0	18.1	112.1
Meats, poultry and fish -----	0.1	0.5	- 0.2	4.7	167.1
Dairy products -----	- 0.6	- 1.6	- 4.3	11.5	106.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.2	6.5	- 3.8	14.2	152.9
Other foods at home -----	0.6	1.4	3.9	22.4	138.0
HOUSING ^{2/} -----	0	0.3	1.3	13.3	56.2
Rent -----	0	0.1	4.1	18.0	48.2
Gas and electricity -----	- 0.1	0	1.1	4.8	2.6
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	0	- 2.4	- 0.7	12.4	114.4
Housefurnishings -----	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 2.0	8.6	98.1
Household operation -----	0	0.3	1.6	17.7	71.3
APPAREL -----	0	0.1	- 0.4	8.0	98.5
Men's and boys' -----	- 0.3	- 0.1	- 0.2	9.1	4/
Women's and girls' -----	0	0.1	- 0.7	5.6	4/
Footwear -----	0.3	0.2	0.9	13.9	4/
Other apparel -----	0.1	0.7	- 1.4	2.9	4/
TRANSPORTATION -----	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 0.4	17.3	87.1
MEDICAL CARE -----	0	0.2	3.3	18.7	72.3
PERSONAL CARE -----	- 0.3	- 0.2	0.1	13.6	89.1
READING AND RECREATION -----	0	- 0.1	- 1.3	3.8	68.9
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES ^{3/} -----	0	- 0.1	1.6	15.8	70.1

^{1/} Includes restaurant meals not shown separately.

^{2/} Includes home purchase and other home-owner costs not shown separately.

^{3/} Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and "miscellaneous services" (such as legal services, banking fees, burial services, etc.).

^{4/} Not available.

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX -- ALL ITEMS INDEXES FOR SELECTED DATES
U.S. CITY AVERAGE AND 20 LARGE CITIES

City	(1947 - 49 = 100)				(1935-39 = 100)
	June 1954	June 1953	June 1950	Year 1939	June 1954 <u>1/</u>
U.S. CITY AVERAGE -----	115.1	114.5	101.8	59.4	192.4
CITIES PRICED MONTHLY:					
Chicago -----	117.3	115.3	102.8	58.6	199.8
Detroit -----	117.1	116.6	102.8	59.0	197.7
Los Angeles -----	115.7	115.4	101.3	60.4	193.3
New York -----	112.9	112.0	100.9	60.1	186.8
Philadelphia -----	115.9	114.6	101.6	59.2	192.9
CITIES PRICED IN MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER <u>2/</u>	June 1954	June 1953	June 1950		June 1954
Atlanta -----	117.6	117.1	101.3 <u>3/</u>	58.3	199.4
Baltimore -----	115.5	115.1	101.6	57.9	198.5
Cincinnati -----	114.2	114.5	101.2	58.4	192.3
St. Louis -----	117.4	115.8	101.1	59.3	195.9
San Francisco -----	116.8	116.1	100.9	58.6	199.6
CITIES PRICED IN FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER <u>2/</u>	May 1954	May 1953	May 1950		May 1954
Cleveland -----	115.3	113.7	100.4	59.2	196.5
Houston -----	116.7	116.8	103.5	59.5	197.6
Scranton -----	112.3	112.0	100.2	58.5	186.6
Seattle -----	116.3	116.2	102.0	59.2	198.8
Washington, D. C. -----	113.7	113.5	101.6	60.4	186.7
CITIES PRICED IN JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER <u>2/</u>	April 1954	April 1953	April 1950		April 1954
Boston -----	112.9	111.7	101.2	61.0	181.8
Kansas City -----	115.5	114.3	101.4	61.7	186.0
Minneapolis -----	116.3	115.1	102.1 <u>4/</u>	60.7	192.6
Pittsburgh -----	114.5	112.8	99.9	58.1	194.6
Portland, Ore. -----	114.8	115.4	101.5	58.3	198.8

1/ These are the same indexes shown in column 1, converted to a base of 1935-39 = 100.

2/ Foods, fuels, rents, and a few other items priced monthly; other commodities and services priced quarterly.

3/ May 1950; formerly priced February, May, August, November.

4/ June 1950; formerly priced March, June, September, December.

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX -- PERCENT CHANGES FROM MAY 1954 TO JUNE 1954
U.S. City Average and Five Cities Priced Monthly
All Items and Commodity Groups

City	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical Care	Personal Care	Reading and Recreation	Other Goods & Services
U.S. CITY AVERAGE -----	0.1	0.4	0	0	- 0.2	0	- 0.3	0	0
Chicago -----	0	- 0.1	0.1	0	0.4	0	0.2	0	- 0.3
Detroit -----	0.2	1.1	0	0.4	- 1.1	0	- 0.4	0	- 0.1
Los Angeles -----	- 0.2	- 0.3	0.2	0.5	- 1.3	0	- 0.3	0.6	0
New York -----	0	- 0.2	0.2	0	0.1	0	- 0.4	0.5	0
Philadelphia -----	0.5	0.8	0.3	0	- 0.1	1.1	- 0.8	1.8	0.1

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX -- ALL ITEMS AND COMMODITY GROUPS
 June 1954 Indexes and Percent Changes, March 1954 TO June 1954
 U.S. City Average and 10 Cities Priced in June 1954

Group	U.S. CITY AVERAGE	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Cincin- nati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
June 1954 Indexes (1947-49 = 100)											
ALL ITEMS -----	115.1	117.6	115.5	117.3	114.2	117.1	115.7	112.9	115.9	117.4	116.8
FOOD -----	113.8	114.7	116.0	111.6	114.9	117.5	113.1	111.6	116.5	116.6	115.3
Food at home -----	113.3	113.9	115.6	110.9	114.7	116.7	111.9	111.1	115.9	115.3	114.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	121.3	115.4	121.7	117.0	118.5	117.9	122.4	125.0	121.6	116.5	127.7
Meats, poultry and fish -----	111.1	117.9	115.0	106.2	113.6	109.8	111.1	110.0	113.5	111.8	111.7
Dairy products -----	102.9	108.1	107.2	100.6	103.6	103.3	102.9	100.3	105.3	96.6	105.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	117.1	117.9	118.2	113.7	116.7	132.3	111.6	108.0	122.4	125.6	120.4
Other foods at home -----	115.2	108.1	114.8	121.3	120.5	118.4	112.1	116.3	116.0	125.0	113.7
HOUSING -----	118.9	124.1	113.9	126.2	116.7	122.1	124.1	115.4	113.7	119.6	117.5
Rent -----	128.3	--	--	--	128.6	--	--	--	--	133.8	129.0
Gas and electricity -----	107.6	111.4	97.5	106.3	115.6	108.7	109.5	108.7	102.3	103.8	130.1
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	120.9	112.3	121.1	122.9	118.0	118.8	--	122.1	113.4	133.0	--
Housefurnishings -----	105.8	110.0	99.8	107.3	102.0	109.5	106.8	106.2	108.7	106.7	105.1
Household operation -----	117.2	129.4	109.3	120.6	119.5	110.1	107.3	118.8	113.7	118.8	108.9
APPAREL -----	104.2	111.5	102.2	108.1	102.6	103.0	104.2	103.9	105.1	104.7	103.2
Men's and boys' -----	107.0	114.0	101.7	113.8	105.2	109.2	109.3	106.3	104.8	109.6	105.6
Women's and girls' -----	98.5	106.4	98.0	101.1	96.2	95.4	97.2	98.1	103.3	96.7	99.0
Footwear -----	116.3	122.6	117.0	117.5	122.4	112.6	116.9	116.6	111.1	118.9	114.2
Other apparel -----	91.0	92.7	94.7	94.8	86.2	87.0	82.9	94.1	92.6	96.0	87.8
TRANSPORTATION -----	128.9	127.4	137.8	134.2	126.6	119.5	125.8	134.6	137.2	136.2	142.9
MEDICAL CARE -----	125.1	120.6	133.3	122.8	124.8	124.1	122.6	123.9	125.0	134.8	123.3
PERSONAL CARE -----	112.7	115.0	107.0	113.4	108.5	118.8	116.9	107.0	116.2	113.2	111.6
READING AND RECREATION -----	106.4	110.0	115.5	107.5	99.4	111.0	99.8	105.3	112.0	95.7	105.6
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES -----	120.1	118.4	123.1	118.7	117.8	124.9	115.2	121.5	123.5	115.7	116.3

Percent Change -- March 1954 to June 1954

ALL ITEMS -----	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0	0.5	- 0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.3
FOOD -----	1.5	2.2	2.1	0.8	0.7	2.4	- 0.3	1.5	2.5	1.5	1.9
Food at home -----	1.7	2.4	2.6	1.1	0.9	2.6	- 0.2	1.6	2.9	1.8	2.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	0.1	- 0.5	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	- 0.2	- 0.1	0.8	0	0.2
Meats, poultry and fish -----	1.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	- 1.0	1.0	0.6	2.2	2.7	1.3	2.1
Dairy products -----	- 4.7	- 1.3	- 4.2	- 6.1	- 7.0	- 4.4	- 2.3	- 5.7	- 5.0	- 4.9	- 1.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	8.6	11.8	10.0	7.5	11.5	13.8	- 1.1	7.1	12.6	8.9	3.8
Other foods at home -----	2.6	2.3	3.4	1.9	2.0	3.1	0.9	3.7	3.3	2.5	4.9
HOUSING -----	- 0.1	0	0.1	0.9	0	- 0.1	- 0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	- 0.4
Rent -----	0.2	--	--	--	<u>1/1.3</u>	--	--	--	--	<u>1/2.9</u>	<u>1/0.9</u>
Gas and electricity -----	0	- 0.5	0	0.1	0.2	- 1.5	0	0	0	0	0
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	- 3.9	- 6.0	- 4.6	- 1.3	- 7.2	- 0.5	--	- 6.4	- 8.5	- 1.6	--
Housefurnishings -----	- 1.3	- 1.8	- 1.1	- 1.5	- 0.9	- 0.9	- 1.9	- 1.1	- 0.5	0	- 1.7
Household operation -----	- 0.3	0.9	- 0.4	- 0.7	- 1.6	- 0.3	- 0.9	- 0.5	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 0.6
APPAREL -----	- 0.1	0.3	- 0.2	- 0.1	- 0.5	0.2	- 0.1	- 0.6	- 0.7	0.2	- 0.3
Men's and boys' -----	- 0.2	- 0.5	0.4	0	- 0.8	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 0.4	- 0.1	0
Women's and girls' -----	- 0.5	0.6	- 0.9	- 0.6	- 0.6	0.4	- 1.2	- 1.5	- 1.1	- 0.1	- 1.0
Footwear -----	0.2	0	- 0.4	0	- 0.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.6
Other apparel -----	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0
TRANSPORTATION -----	- 0.1	0.1	- 0.3	1.1	- 1.2	- 1.4	- 1.5	0	- 0.1	0	- 0.3
MEDICAL CARE -----	0.6	- 0.2	0	0	0.2	1.5	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.1
PERSONAL CARE -----	- 1.2	- 1.4	- 1.5	- 1.1	- 1.5	- 1.0	- 0.8	- 1.5	- 1.5	- 1.2	- 1.2
READING AND RECREATION -----	- 1.7	- 1.8	1.6	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.7	- 2.2	- 0.5	1.1	- 3.7	- 0.1
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES -----	0	0.2	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 0.3	0	0	0.3	0.7	0	0

1/ Change from December 1953 to June 1954

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX -- FOOD AND ITS SUBGROUPS
 June 1954 INDEXES AND PERCENT CHANGES, May 1954 TO June 1954
 U. S. City Average and 20 Large Cities
 (1947-49 = 100)

City	Total Food		Total Food at Home		Cereals & Bakery Products		Meats, Poultry & Fish		Dairy Products		Fruits & Vegetables		Other Foods at Home	
	Index	Percent Change	Index	Percent Change	Index	Percent Change	Index	Percent Change	Index	Percent Change	Index	Percent Change	Index	Percent Change
U.S. CITY AVERAGE ----	113.8	0.4	113.3	0.4	121.3	0	111.1	0.1	102.9	- 0.6	117.1	2.2	115.2	0.6
Atlanta -----	114.7	0.5	113.9	0.4	115.4	- 0.5	117.9	-0.4	108.1	0	117.9	4.4	108.1	-0.3
Baltimore -----	116.0	1.0	115.6	1.2	121.7	0	115.0	1.1	107.2	0	118.2	5.0	114.8	0
Boston -----	110.8	0.6	109.9	0.6	119.5	0.2	107.3	0.6	102.9	0	110.2	2.2	109.3	0.6
Chicago -----	111.6	-0.1	110.9	-0.1	117.0	0.2	106.2	-0.2	100.6	- 1.5	113.7	0.9	121.3	-0.1
Cincinnati -----	114.9	0.1	114.7	0.3	118.5	- 0.1	113.6	-1.8	103.6	0.1	116.7	4.5	120.5	0.1
Cleveland -----	112.4	0.9	111.9	1.0	116.5	0.2	108.9	0.3	97.4	0	114.9	4.2	119.5	0.6
Detroit -----	117.5	1.1	116.7	1.1	117.9	0.1	109.8	0	103.3	- 0.8	132.3	5.8	118.4	1.0
Houston -----	112.1	-0.1	111.3	-0.1	118.5	0.1	107.1	-0.6	103.9	- 2.6	113.2	2.0	114.6	0.7
Kansas City -----	109.4	0.7	108.9	0.9	120.4	0.1	107.1	-0.1	91.6	- 5.2	114.6	9.0	110.0	0.3
Los Angeles -----	113.1	-0.3	111.9	-0.4	122.4	- 0.1	111.1	0.4	102.9	- 0.3	111.6	-3.3	112.1	1.0
Minneapolis -----	113.0	0.3	113.1	0.4	125.4	0.6	103.6	-0.6	98.7	- 3.0	125.4	1.9	122.6	2.6
New York -----	111.6	-0.2	111.1	-0.3	125.0	- 0.2	110.0	-0.5	100.3	- 0.3	108.0	-0.7	116.3	0.3
Philadelphia -----	116.5	0.8	115.9	1.0	121.6	0.7	113.5	0.1	105.3	0	122.4	5.0	116.0	0.1
Pittsburgh -----	115.5	0.6	115.1	0.7	122.5	0	108.0	-0.1	107.0	- 0.2	118.6	3.8	124.6	0.4
Portland, Ore. -----	114.3	1.2	114.6	1.5	119.3	3.4	115.5	0.6	104.9	- 1.9	120.2	5.3	113.8	1.1
St. Louis -----	116.6	0.7	115.3	0.8	116.5	0	111.8	-0.3	96.6	- 0.2	125.6	2.9	125.0	1.6
San Francisco -----	115.3	0.5	114.9	0.7	127.7	0.2	111.7	0.9	105.3	- 0.4	120.4	-0.6	113.7	2.2
Scranton -----	113.3	0.4	113.3	0.4	118.9	- 0.5	111.4	0.2	105.3	- 0.3	116.0	2.9	114.2	0.4
Seattle -----	113.3	0.2	113.3	0.2	121.5	- 0.3	111.7	1.0	103.1	- 0.4	120.1	-0.4	111.8	0.4
Washington, D.C. -----	113.4	0.4	112.7	0.5	120.7	0	107.6	0.4	109.9	- 0.8	113.4	3.0	113.6	0.3

TABLE 6. RETAIL FOOD PRICES FOR JUNE 1954 AND MAY 1954.
 U.S. City Average

Food and Unit	June 1954	May 1954	Food and Unit	June 1954	May 1954
CEREALS AND BAKERY PRODUCTS	(Cents)	(Cents)	Fresh (continued)	(Cents)	(Cents)
Flour, wheat 5 lb.	53.6	53.7	Grapefruit * each		
Biscuit mix 20 oz.	27.4	27.5	Peaches # lb.		
Corn meal 1 lb.	12.5	12.5	Strawberries # pt.	32.8	31.0
Rice 1 lb.	19.6	19.7	Grapes, seedless # lb.		
Rolled oats 20 oz.	18.5	18.5	Watermelons # lb.	4.8	
Corn flakes 12 oz.	21.9	21.9	Potatoes 15 lb.	94.4	74.3
Bread, white 1 lb.	17.0	17.0	Sweetpotatoes 1 lb.	16.1	14.6
Soda crackers 1 lb.	27.2	27.1	Onions 1 lb.	8.4	7.8
Vanilla cookies 7 oz.	23.6	23.6	Carrots 1 lb.	14.4	13.4
MEATS, POULTRY AND FISH:			Lettuce head	13.8	18.1
Round steak 1 lb.	91.0	89.9	Celery 1 lb.	14.5	12.7
Chuck roast 1 lb.	51.8	51.7	Cabbage 1 lb.	6.6	7.6
Rib roast 1 lb.	70.1	70.0	Tomatoes 1 lb.	24.3	34.1
Hamburger 1 lb.	41.1	40.9	Beans, green 1 lb.	17.7	23.8
Veal cutlets 1 lb.	110.5	110.9	Canned		
Pork chops, center cut 1 lb.	92.7	90.3	Orange juice 46 oz. can	34.7	33.0
Bacon, sliced 1 lb.	86.7	89.5	Peaches #2 1/2 can	32.8	32.8
Ham, whole 1 lb.	72.9	73.9	Pineapple #2 1/2 can	38.8	38.7
Lamb, leg 1 lb.	73.6	74.4	Fruit cocktail #2 1/2 can	41.1	41.1
Frankfurters 1 lb.	56.1	55.9	Corn, cream style #308 can	18.2	18.2
Luncheon meat, canned 12 oz.	52.2	52.2	Peas, green #308 can	21.4	21.3
Frying chickens, dressed 1 lb.	44.0	43.5	Tomatoes #2 can	17.3	17.3
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook 1 lb.	54.1	53.1	Baby foods 4 1/2-5 oz.	9.8	9.8
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen 1 lb.	44.5	44.3	Dried		
Haddock, fillet, frozen 1 lb.	49.6	49.6	Prunes 1 lb.	30.6	30.3
Salmon, pink, canned 16 oz.	51.7	1/ 51.5	Navy beans 1 lb.	17.7	17.4
Tuna fish, canned 7 oz.	39.7	39.6	OTHER FOODS AT HOME:		
DAIRY PRODUCTS:			Vegetable soup 11 oz. can	14.3	14.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery) qt.	21.1	21.2	Beans with pork 16 oz. can	14.5	14.5
Milk, fresh, (delivered) qt.	22.1	22.2	Gherkins, sweet 7 1/2 oz.	30.0	29.8
Ice cream pt.	29.5	29.6	Catsup, tomato 14 oz.	22.3	22.3
Butter 1 lb.	69.3	69.6	Coffee 1 lb.	120.9	118.0
Cheese, American process 1 lb.	56.9	57.3	Tea 1 lb.	34.2	33.9
Milk, evaporated 14 1/2 oz. can	13.9	13.9	Cola drink carton of 6, 6 oz.	32.2	31.9
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES:			Shortening, hydrogenated 1 lb.	35.2	34.7
Frozen			Margarine, colored 1 lb.	30.1	29.8
Strawberries 12 oz.	36.5	36.8	Lard 1 lb.	27.1	28.0
Orange juice concentrate 6 oz.	19.3	18.5	Salad dressing pt.	35.9	35.8
Peas, green 10 oz.	19.4	19.4	Peanut butter 1 lb.	49.1	49.0
Beans, green 10 oz.	24.5	24.5	Sugar 5 lb.	52.7	52.7
Fresh			Corn syrup 24 oz.	23.7	23.6
Apples 1 lb.	18.5	16.8	Grape jelly 12 oz.	25.3	25.3
Bananas 1 lb.	18.0	16.0	Chocolate bar 1 oz.	4.7	4.6
Oranges, size 200 doz.	54.8	52.6	Eggs, Grade A, large doz.	53.0	53.8
Lemons 1 lb.	17.6	18.4	Gelatin, flavored 3-4 oz.	8.5	8.5

* Priced only in season

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The Consumer Price Index measures the average change in prices of goods and services customarily purchased by city wage-earner and clerical-worker families. Index numbers are presented on the base 1947-49 = 100, and show the average increase or decrease in prices from the 1947-49 average. For the convenience of users, indexes are also calculated on the base 1935-39 = 100.

About 300 items are priced for the index to estimate the average change in prices of a fixed quantity of goods and services from one period to the next. Among these are all the important items that wage and clerical workers buy, and they are selected so that their average price change will be representative of the price changes on all items. Prices are collected in 46 cities which are representative of all cities in the United States.

Foods, fuels, rents, and a few other items are priced every month in each city. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained every month in the 5 largest cities, every 3 months in 16 other large cities and in 9 medium-sized cities, and every 4 months in 16 small cities. In each city, prices are reported by representative retail stores and service establishments patronized by wage and clerical worker families.

Indexes are calculated for all cities combined (the U.S. city average) and for each of the 20 largest cities. No separate index numbers are calculated for the following 26 medium-sized and small cities which are included in the U.S. average:

Anna, Illinois	Huntington, W. Virginia	Pulaski, Virginia
Camden, Arkansas	Laconia, New Hampshire	Ravenna, Ohio
Canton, Ohio	Lodi, California	Rawlins, Wyoming
Charleston, W. Virginia	Lynchburg, Virginia	San Jose, California
Evansville, Indiana	Madill, Oklahoma	Sandpoint, Idaho
Garrett, Indiana	Madison, Wisconsin	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Glendale, Arizona	Middlesboro, Kentucky	Shenandoah, Iowa
Grand Forks, N. Dakota	Middletown, Connecticut	Youngstown, Ohio
Grand Island, Nebraska	Newark, Ohio	

In the calculation, price changes on individual items are weighted by their importance in wage-earner and clerical-worker family spending. City data are combined by weighting with 1950 population data to arrive at the U.S. city average.

Comparison of city indexes shows only that prices in one city changed more or less than in another. City indexes do not measure differences in price level between cities.

A detailed description of the index containing lists of items priced, their weights, cities included, and an explanation of the index calculation, its uses and limitations, is available in Bureau of Labor Statistics Bulletin No. 1140 - "The Consumer Price Index - A Layman's Guide," for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price 20 cents.

A more technical description of the Consumer Price Index is available upon request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

Historical series of index numbers for the U.S. city average and 20 individual large cities are available upon request. These series include index numbers for All Items, Food, Apparel, and Rent for periods from 1913 to date; and for other groups of goods and services from 1947 to date.

