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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR NOVEMBER 1956

The Consumer Price Index for United States cities increased 0.1 percent between October and November 1956 to reach a new high at 117.8 percent of the 1947-49 average, according to the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Seasonal reductions in food prices were offset by further advances in all other major groups of goods and services. The November index was 2.4 percent above a year ago.

FOOD The decline of 0.2 percent in the food index reflected seasonal changes in prices of major food groups. The food index for November was 112.9 (1947-49=100), 2.8 percent higher than a year ago, but 3.2 percent below the August 1952 peak.

Prices of all cuts of pork, beef, and veal decreased seasonally during the month, with reductions of 6.7 percent for pork chops, 3.3 percent for round steak, and 1.6 percent for bacon; poultry prices declined 2.1 percent. Prices of lamb, frankfurters, and canned luncheon meat rose slightly.

Fruit and vegetable prices increased 1.7 percent on the average. Prices of lettuce rose 33.8 percent, tomatoes 26.3 percent, and green beans and celery 8.6 percent. Orange prices dropped 13.8 percent as the new Florida crop became available, but prices of other fresh fruits advanced. Prices of canned, dried, and frozen fruits and vegetables declined moderately.

The dairy products index increase of 0.4 percent reflected seasonal advances in prices of fresh milk and small price increases for butter and ice cream. Egg prices decreased seasonally.

Cereals and bakery products rose 0.2 percent, with small increases reported for most items in the group.

HOUSINGThe rise of 0.2 percent in the housing index resulted from
increases in all its components except gas and electricity.Residential rents advanced 0.3 percent. Solid fuels and fuel oil prices increased 1.1
percent on the average, advancing well above the record high levels of recent months.Higher rates for dry cleaning and laundry services were mainly responsible for the
increase in the cost of household operation, although prices of laundry scaps and deter-
gents also advanced. Housefurnishings prices increased 0.2 percent, as price advances
were reported for living room suites, dinette sets, wool rugs, mattresses, washing
machines, and household paper; prices of some appliances were lower.

OTHER COMMODITIES <u>AND SERVICES</u> were offset in part by larger dealers' discounts on 1957 cars offered in the second month of the model year. Gasoline prices averaged lower during the month. The reading and recreation index rose 0.5 percent, due chiefly to higher rates for movie admissions and to price increases for television sets. Prices of newspapers also advanced in a few cities.

Higher prices were recorded for toiletries and beauty shop services. The medical care index reflected continued advances in fees for professional services and for prescriptions and drugs.

		Indexes (1947-49=100)							
Group	November 1956	October 1956	September 1956	November 1955	June 1950	Year 1939			
	This month	Last month	2 months ago	Last year	Pre-Korea	Pre-World War II			
All items	117.8	117.7	117.1	115.0	101.8	59.4			
Food 1/	112.9	113.1	113.1	109.8	100.5	47.1			
Food at home	111.3	111.7	111.7	108.2	100.5	47.1			
Cereals and bakery products	127.0	126.8	126.6	123.9	102.7	57.2			
Meats, poultry, and fish	98.8	100.8	101.3	97.1	106.1	41.6			
Dairy products Fruits and vegetables	111.1 115.8	110 .7 113 . 9	109•8 114•8	107.8 109.0	92.3	49.8			
Other foods at home	115.2	115.8	115.4	113.1	102.5 94.1	46.3 48.4			
Housing 2/	123.0	122.8	122.5	120.9	104.9	76.1			
Rent	133.8	133.4	133.4	130.9	108.7	86.6			
Gas and electricity	111.8	112.0	112,2	111.5	102.7	104.9			
Solid fuels and fuel oil	134.3	132.9	130.5	126.7	107.6	56.4			
Housefurnishings	103.8	103.6	103.3	104.5	97.4	53.4			
Household operation	124.5	124.2	123.7	120.5	99.6	68.4			
Apparel	107.0	106.8	106.5	104.7	96.5	52.5 50.8			
Men's and boys' Women's and girls'	108.4 100.4	108.2 100.1	108.3 99.6	106.0	98.1	50.8 54.5			
Footwear	126.2	126.2	126.0	119.2	93.3 102.1	50.3			
Other apparel	92.1	92.1	92.0	91.0	88.4	40.6			
Transportation	133.2	132.6	128.6	128.5	109.9	70.2			
Public	173.4	173.0	173.0	167.8	117.9	81.3			
Private	123.5	122.9	118.7	119.1	106.6	65.5			
Medical care	134.5	134.1	134.0	129.8	105.4	72.6			
Personal care Reading and recreation	121.4	<u>120.8</u> 108.5	120.5	117.5	<u>99.2</u> 102.5	59.6 63.0			
Other goods and services 3/	123.2	123.0	108.4	<u>106.8</u> 120.6	102.5	70.6			
		Percent change to November 1956 from:							
		October 1956	September 1956	November 1955	June 1950	Year 1939			
All items	[0.1	0.6	2.4	15.7	98.3			
Food <u>1</u> /		2	2	2,8	12.3	139.7			
Food at home		- •4	- •4	2.9	10.7	136.3			
Cereals and bakery products		•2	.3	2.5	23.7	122.0			
Meats, poultry, and fish Dairy products		- 2.0	- 2.5	1.8	- 6.9	137.5			
Fruits and vegetables		•4 1•7	1.2	3.1	20.4	123.1			
Other foods at home		- •5	2	6.2 1.9	13.0 22.4	150 . 1 138 . 0			
Housing 2/		•2	.4	1.7	17.3	61.6			
Rent		•3	•3	2.2	23.1	54.5			
Gas and electricity		- ,2	4	.3	8.9	6.6			
Solid fuels and fuel oil Housefurnishings		1.1	2.9	6.0	24.8	138.1			
Household operation		•2 •2	•5	7	6.6 25.0	94.4 82.0			
Apparel									
Men's and boys'		.2	.5	2.2	10,9	103.8			
Women's and girls'		.2 .3	.1	2.3	10.5	113.4			
Footwear		•) 0	.2	1.1	7.6 23.6	84.2			
Other apparel		ŏ	.1	1.2	4.2	150.9 126.8			
Transportation		•5	3.6	3.7	21,2	89.7			
PublicPrivate		.2 •5	.2 4.0	3.3 3.7	47.1 15.9	113.3 88.5			
Medical care		•3	.4	3.6	27.6	85.3 103.7			
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Personal care		.5							
Personal care Reading and recreation Other goods and services <u>3</u> /		•2	•6	2.1 2.2	6.3 18.8	73.0 74.5			
Personal care		•5	.6	2.1	6.3	73.0			

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index -- United States city average, all items and commodity groups Indexes and percent changes for selected dates

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.).

TABLE 2: Consumer Price Index -- All items indexes for selected dates U.S. city average and 20 large cities (1947-49=100)

Sity	November 1956	October 1956	November 1955	June 1950	Year 1939
nited States city average	1/ 117.8	117.7	115.0	101.8	59.4
ities priced monthly: 2/					
Chicago	- 121.0	121.1	119.1	102.8	58.6
Detroit	- 120.6	120.0	116.8	102.8	59.0
Los Angeles	- 119.1	118.5	116.3	101.3	60.4
New York		115.7	112.5	100.9	60.1
Fniladelphia	118.2	118.6	115.0	101.6	59.2
	November	August	November	May	Year
ities priced in February, May, lgust, November 3/	1956	1956	1955	1950	1939
Cleveland		119.1	116.2	100.4	59.2
Houston		118.2	116.7	103.5	59.5
Scranton		113.5	110.9	100.2	58.5
Seattle		118.8	117.4	102.0	59.2
Washington, D. C.	115.9	115.7	113.7	101.6	60.4
ities priced in January, April.	October	July	October	April	Year
ily, October 3/	1956	1956	1955	1950	1939
Boston	- 119.3	117.8	114.5	101_2	61.0
Kansas City		117.6	116.2	101.4	61.7
Minneapolis		117.7	116.4	4/ 102.1	60.7
Pittsburgh		117.3	113.8	99.9	58.1
Portland. Oregon		118.6	116.2	101.5	58.3
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ities priced in March, June, pptember, December <u>3</u> /	1956	1956	1955	1950	1939
Atlanta	- 118.9	118.0	117,2	5/ 101.3	58.3
Baltimore		116.6	115.5	101.6	57.9
Cincinnati		116.3	113.7	101.2	58.4
St. Louis		117.0	116.5	101.1	59.3

1/ This index on the base of 1935-39=100 is 197.0.
2/ Rents priced bimonthly.
3/ Foods, fuels, and a few other items priced monthly; rents and other commodities and services priced quarterly.
4/ June 1950.
5/ May 1950.

TABLE 3: Consumer Frice Index -- Percent changes from October 1956 to November 1956 U.S. city average and five cities priced monthly All items and commodity groups

City	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Trans- portation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods & services
United States city average	0 .1	- 0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
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TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index -- All items and commodity groups November 1956 indexes and percent changes, August 1956 to November 1956 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in November 1956

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Cleve- land	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	Scranton	Seattle	Washing- ton, D.C
	Indexes (1947-49=100)									<u></u>	
All items	117.8	121.0	120.0	120.6	119.7	119.1	115.6	118.2	114.9	120.2	115.9
Food	112.9	110.4	110.9	115.9	110.6	115.6	113.3	114.8	110.3	115.1	112.8
Food at home	111.3	108.5	108.9	114.2	108.7	111.9	111.7	113.0	109.6	113.8	110.7
Cereals and bakery products	127.0	120.5	121.8	119.1	119.7	131.2	131.1	130.6	124.7	136.3	123.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	98.8	91.8	96.4	98.2	93.2	100.0	103.2	99.9	97.5	98.8	96.9
Dairy products	111.1	112.0	108.2	112.7	112.2	105.5	109.5	114.6	108.5	116.2	115.9
Fruits and vegetables	115.8	114.2	107.6	129.3	116.5	118.6	111.2	115.9	111.9	119.7	110.6
Other foods at home	115.2	121.5	119.4	118.2	113.6	114.2	115.4	115.2	113.8	114.0	115.8
Housing	123.0	132.2	126.2	126.9	127.7	128.5	119.4	117.2	119.3	124.7	117.4
Rent	133.8	158.2	153.2		138.5	142.6		119.3	125.8	139.9	124.7
Gas and electricity	111.8	113.8	114.9	111.6	106.5	116.2	110.8	103.4	120.1	86.6	123.1
Solid fuels and fuel oil	134.3	137.5	133.9	127.2			142.9	134.4	136.4	134.0	142.9
Housefurnishings	103.8	101.7	101.1	108.3	103.7	104.0	103.9	107.3	102.0	103.0	99.4
Household operation	124.5	129.9	116.3	117.3	132.2	128.1	124.7	120.0	112.3	127.5	125.6
Apparel	107.0	109.9	107.7	104.4	110.1	107.0	106.2	107.6	109.6	108.2	103.7
Men's and boys'	108.4	114.6	111.8	110.6	107.3	111.5	107.5	105.5	109.5	110.9	107.3
Women's and girls'	100.4	100.1	99.4	94.3	104.5	98.2	99.4	104.5	103.7	101.1	96.5
Footwear	126.2	130.5	124.8	122.1	135.8	128.0	125.1	122.0	131.6	129.0	121.5
Other apparel	92.1	96.0	94.2	87.7	91.6	84.3	95.5	94.2	92.3	87.1	91.0
Transportation	133.2	139.8	130.8	130.2	129.9	130.5	136.8	140.6	135.7	133.4	135.2
Public	173.4	166.5	169.6	144.3	164.2	152.9	187.9	186.7	190.0	178.0	154.9
Private	123.5	125.4	122.2	127.1	124.7	126.6	117.5	120.3	121.9	121.9	129.1
Weddeel een	134.5	138.5	146.2	143.8	128.6	128.0	128.0	138.1	125.3	136.6	128.1
Medical care	121.4	124.2	123.9	128.9	129.8	120.0	114.3	127.8	125.5	128.1	118.2
Reading and recreation	109.0	115.5	119.5	109.7	117.1	97.2	107.3	115.1	121.1	113.7	108.3
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Other goods and services	123.2	119.7	124.3	124.8	123.9	120.1	123.6	125.5	117.2	128.7	132.2
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All items Food at home Cereals and bakery products Meats, poultry, and fish Dairy products Fruits and vegetables Other foods at home Nousing Rent	$\begin{array}{c} 0.9 \\2 \\4 \\ .6 \\ - 1.1 \\ 1.7 \\ - 4.1 \\ 1.1 \\ 1.1 \\ .7 \\ .5 \\3 \\ 3.7 \\ 1.2 \\ .9 \\ 1.4 \\ .6 \\ 2.3 \\ 1.1 \\ .7 \\ 3.7 \\ 3.7 \\ .3 \\ 4.1 \\ .9 \end{array}$	0.8 5 5 2 - 1.5 1.6 - 3.6 1.2 .8 1.2 .9 1.4 .6 .4 .8 .9 1.4 .6 .4 .8 .9 1.4 .6 .1 .6 .5 .9 1.4 .6 .1 .6 .5 .9 1.4 .8 .9 .1 .1 .6 .1 .6 .5 .9 1.4 .8 .9 .1 .1 .6 .5 .9 1.4 .8 .9 .1 .1 .1 .6 .5 .9 1.4 .8 .9 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1	124.3 Per 0.8 6 9 8 3.7 - 8.0 .8 .9 .8 .9 .8 .5 1.5 0 .2 4.1 0 4.9 0	ent cher 0.8 .3 1 8 .1 1.8 - 2.6 .8 .8 - 2.7 1.2 .6 .7 .1 1.1 1.0 .3 2.7 0 3.2 .3	ge from 1.3 .4 2 1.8 - 1.4 2.8 - 4.1 1.2 1.1 4 3 1 6 2.0 1.9 3 4.1 .1 .8 2.9 0 3.4 .5	August 1 1.4 1.9 1.8 .1 .1 1.9 4.7 2.1 .6 2/ .6 0 1.4 .9 1.5 2.2 1.4 .5 1.0 3.4 0 3.9 .5 .8	$ \begin{array}{c} 956 \\ 1.0 \\ .6 \\ .7 \\ .6 \\ 1.4 \\ 2.5 \\ -2.2 \\ 1.1 \\ .9 \\5 \\ 4.9 \\ 1.3 \\ 1.2 \\ 2.0 \\ .1 \\ 3.6 \\ 1.4 \\ 1.2 \\ 2.4 \\ 0 \\ 3.2 \\ .1 \\ 2.4 \\ 0 \end{array} $	0.3 0.3 9 - 1.2 .5 - 3.2 2.9 - 6.2 1.1 0 7.6 .3 .1 3.1 1.1 5.6 1.1 2.5 0 3.3 .1 0 0 3.3 .1 0	$\begin{array}{c} \text{ cer } 1956 \\ \hline 1.2 \\2 \\4 \\2 \\4 \\2 \\4 \\2 \\$	1.2 -2.5 -1.6 2.8 -2.6 1 1.2 -5.5 -2.5 -3.0 2.7 $.9$ -5 1.6 $.4$ -5 3.5 0 3.9 4	$\begin{array}{c} 0.2 \\8 \\ - 1.2 \\ .4 \\2 \\ .5 \\ - 8.2 \\ 1.3 \\4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3.3 \\ .3 \\ 0 \\1 \\3 \\3 \\4 \\ 3.8 \\ 0 \\ 4.6 \\ .2 \\ .7 \end{array}$

1/ Change from September 1956 to November 1956.
 2/ Change from May 1956 to November 1956.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index -- Food and its subgroups November 1956 Indexes and percent changes, October 1956 to November 1956 U.S. city average and 20 large cities [1947-49=100]

City	Total food		Total food food at home		Cereals and bakery products		Meats, poultry, and fish		Dairy products		Fruits and vegetables		Other foods at home	
City	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	112.9	- 0.2	111.3	- 0.4	127.0	0.2	98.8	- 2.0	111.1	0.4	115.8	1.7	115.2	- 0.5
Atlanta	110.4	- 1.2	108.9	- 1.4	117.9	.1	99.5	- 2.5	112.1	4	115.9	- 2.8	107.6	5
Baltimore	113.9	2	111.2	2	126.9	4.0	99.4	- 2.1	109.9	.2	113.4	.1	115.2	ŝ
Boston	111.9	- 1.1	109.3	- 1.4	124.1	.3	97.3	- 3.7	116.3	1.7	111.6	.1	107.0	- 2.8
bicago	110.4		108.5	3	120.5	1	91.8	- 3.1	112.0	•5	114.2	4.2	121.5	9
incinnati	114.4		112.7	2	124.7	1	100.8	- 1.2	114.2	.1	112.9	1.7	121.7	5
leveland	110.9		108.9	- 1.1	121.8	1	96.4	- 2.3	108.2	.6	107.5	- 2.2	119.4	5
etroit	115.9		114.2	.5	119.1	7	98.2	8	112.7	.5	129.3	4.6	118.2	2
louston	110.6	• 3	108.7	0	119.7	3	93.2	- 2.5	112.2	2.6	116.5	1.8	113.6	0
ansas City	109.5	4	107.4	4	123.8	.2	94.4	- 3.1	108.3	.3	113.6	2.3	108.4	1
os Angeles	115.6	•9	111.9	•9	131.2	•3	100.0	- 1.0	105.5	0	118.6	6.1	114.2	2
(inneapolis	112.9	3	111.8	3	128.9	.3	94.0	- 1.8	108.6	- 1.8	121.6	3.4	123.2	6
lew York	113.3	3	111.7	4	131.1	.4	103.2	8	109.5	1.4	111.2	- 1.9	115.4	7
Philadelphia	114.8		113.0	- 1.1	130.6	.5	99.9	- 2.3	114.6	3	115.9	- 1.1	115.2	- 1.1
Pittsburgh	115.0		113.3		125.4	.4	98.7	- 1.4	111.7	.4	118.2	3.3	124.7	6
Portland, Oreg	115.0		113.0		130.3	.2	99.1	- 1.9	113.8	2	115.5	3.5	117.0	- 1.3
St. Louis	114.2		110.9		121.0	.1	95.8	- 2.3	106.3	0	120.5	3.5	123.1	- 1.0
an Francisco	115.7		114.6		137.9	.1	102.5	- 2.0	113.2	•7	120.0	1.9	114.0	3
Scranton	110.3		109.5		124.7	.2	97.5	- 2.2	108.5	•4	111.9	1.4	113.8	.2
Beattle	115.1		113.8	2		2	98.8	- 2.1	116.2	.2	119.7	4.9	114.0	- 1.7
Ashington, D.C	112.8	8	110.7	- 1.2	123.0	0	96.9	- 2.4	115.9	.1	110.6	- 2.1	115.8	4

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TABLE 6:	Consumer	Price	Index		Average	retai]	price	s of	selected	foods
			U.S.	C	ity aver	age				

Cereals and bakery products: Cents Cents Fresh_Continued Biscuit siz 53.3 53.1 Graperiul *	Nov. 1956	Oct. 1956
Biscuit six 20 or. 26.6 26.7 Peaches * bit for the second	Cents	Cents
Corn meal	12.2	
Rice 17.2		
Rollad cats 20 oz. 19.1 19.3 Watermélons *		
Corn flakes	22.7	20.9
Bread, white		
Soda crackers 1b. 27.9 27.7 Onions Onions 1b. Vanilla cookies 702. 24.2 24.2 24.2 Carrets 1b. Round steak 1b. 93.5 96.6 Carrets 1b. 1b. Round steak 1b. 93.5 96.6 Calbage 1b. 1b. Round steak 1b. 39.5 40.0 Beans, green 1b. 1b. Round steak 1b. 39.5 40.0 Beans, green 1b. 1b. Pachops, center cut 1b. 122.3 112.8 Canned: Canned	52.7	51.7
Vanilla cookies	11.8	11.9
teats, poultry, and fish: b. 93.5 96.6 Celery	7.1	7.5
Round steak Single	13.8	13.5
Chuck roast 1b. 53.4 54.5 Cabbage 1b. Rib roast 1b. 75.8 77.0 Tomatoces 1b. Yeal cutlets 1b. 12.3 112.8 Canned: 0range juice 1b. Pork chops, center cut 1b. 112.3 112.8 Canned: 0range juice 46-02. can Bacon, sliced 1b. 59.4 59.8 Pineapple #2 can Fankfarters 1b. 70.4 69.7 Finit cocktail #2 can Frying chickens, ready-to-cook 1b. 12.2 12.5 22.2 Corn, crean style #303 can Canned: Tomatoes #303 can Tomatoes #303 can Tomatoes #303 can Luncheon meat, canned 10 oz. 51.7 61.1 Foraits Tomatoes #303 can Salmon, fillet, frozen 1b. 15.7 61.1 Prues Baby foods #2 to 5 oz. Salmon, fillet, frozen 1b. 15.7 57.2 57.2 Coffee #2 to 5 oz. Milk, fresh, (delivered) mti.5 19.5 19.6 </td <td>24.0</td> <td>17.9</td>	24.0	17.9
Rib rosst 1b. 75.8 77.0 Tomatoes 1b. 1b. Banburger 1b. 39.5 40.0 Beans, green 1b. Pork chops, center cut 112.3 112.8 Canned: Orange juice 46-oz. can Pork chops, center cut 1b. 60.6 61.7 Peaches 77.0 Fraikfurters Han, whole 1b. 59.8 Pineapple 77.0 70.4 69.7 Fraikfurters 1b. 52.2 52.2 52.2 Corn, cream style 4303 can Frying chickens, ready-to-cook 1b. 12.3 12.4 12.0 Baby foods 4303 can Gamon, pink, canned 10 oz. 61.7 61.4 Prunes 9303 can Milk, fresh, (grocery) 1b. 12.3 12.2 12.2 12.2 12.2 Batron, pink, canned 16 oz. 61.7 61.4 Prunes 9303 can Tomato soup 110.5 14.5 14.5 14.5 14.5 Milk, fresh, (delivered)	13.4	12.4
Hamburger 10. 39.5 10.0 Beans, green 10. Veal cutlets 112.3 112.8 112.8 0range juice 0ranges, size 200 0ranges, size 200 0ranges, size 200 0range juice 0ranges, size 200 0range juice	6.7	6.9
Veal cutlets	26.5	21.0
Pork chops, center cut 1b. 79.3 64.9 Orange juice46-oz. can Peaches	23.4	21.6
Bacon, sliced		
Han, whole 59.4 59.4 59.8 Pineapple #2 can Iamb, leg 1b. 70.4 69.7 Fruit cocktail #303 can Frankfurters 1b. 52.2 52.2 52.2 Corn, cream style #303 can Frying chickens, ready-to-cook 1b. 12.5 11.1 Peas, green #303 can Gocan perch, fillet, frozen 1b. 12.3 12.2 Baby foods #303 can Salmon, pink, canned 1b. 12.3 12.2 Baby foods #303 can Salmon, pink, canned 61.7 61.4 Prunes Prunes 1b. Salmon, pink, canned	39.5	39.5
Iamb, leg 10. 70.4 60.7 Fruit cocktail #303 can Frankfurters 10. 52.2 52.2 52.2 Corn, cream style #303 can Luncheon meat, canned 12 oz. 41.5 41.1 Peas, green #303 can Corn, cream style	34.5	34.5
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Frying chickens, ready-to-cook 1b. 14.9 16.0 Tomates	17.7	17.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen ib. h2.3 h2.2 Baby foods 4½ to 5 oz. Haddock, fillet, frozen ib. h5.1 h5.0 Dried: Dried: Salmon, pink, canned 6 to 6½ oz. 31.6 31.8 Beans 1b. Beans 1b. Tuna fish, canned 6 to 6½ oz. 31.6 31.8 Beans 1b. Beans 1b. Milk, fresh, (grocery) qt. 23.3 23.2 Tomato soup10½ to 11-oz. can Milk, fresh, (delivered) qt. 24.8 24.7 Beans with pork 10½ to 11-oz. can Butter	21.4	21.4
Haddock, fillet, frozen	15.2	15.1
Salmon, pink, canned 16 oz. 61.7 61.4 Prunes	10.0	10.0
Tuna fish, canned 6 to 6 oz. 31.6 31.8 Beans		
airy products: Milk, fresh, (grocery)	35.0	35.6
Milk, fresh, (grocery)qt. 23.3 23.2 Tomato souplog to 11-oz. can Beans with pork log to 11-oz. can Beans green log to 11-oz. can Beans size 200 log to 12-oz. Bananas	16.2	16.3
Milk, fresh, (delivered) qt. 21.8 21.7 Beans with pork 18-oz. can Ice crean pt. 29.1 29.0 Pickles, swet 78 oz. Catsup, tomato 78 oz. Butter pt. 29.1 29.0 Catsup, tomato 78 oz. Catsup, tomato		
Milk, fresh, (delivered) qt. 2h.8 2h.7 Beans with pork 16-oz. can Ice crean pt. 29.1 29.0 Pickles, sweet 16-oz. can Butter pt. 29.1 29.0 Catsup, tomato 14 oz. Cheese, American process 1b. 71.5 77.2 Coffee 1b. can Milk, evaporated	12.2	12.2
Ice crean	14.5	14.6
Butter 1b. 71.5 73.4 Catsup, tomato 14 oz. Cheese, American process 1b. 57.2 57.2 57.2 Coffee 1b. can Milk, evaporated 14.3 14.3 14.3 14.3 1a.3 Tea bags pks. of 16 Frozen: Stravberries 10 oz. 28.7 29.0 Margarine, colored 36 oz. Stravberries 10 oz. 20.3 20.4 Salad dressing pt. 1b. Peas, green 10 oz. 22.7 23.3 Peanut butter 1b. 1b. Sugar 13.4 13.2 13.4 13.2 Grape jelly 24 oz. Oranges, size 200 doz. 59.9 69.5 Chocolate bar 1 oz.	26.9	26.9
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ruits and vegetables: Image: Cola drink, carton 36 oz. Frozen: Stravberries 10 oz. 28.7 29.0 Shortening, hydrogenated 3 lb. Orange juice concentrate 6 oz. 19.5 19.8 Lard 1b. Peas, green 10 oz. 20.3 20.4 Salad dressing 1b. Beans, green	23.2	23.2
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Fresh: Sugar Sugar 5 lb. Apples 13.4 13.2 Corn syrup 24 oz. Bananas 1b. 17.4 17.1 Grape jelly 12 oz. Oranges, size 200 59.9 69.5 Chocolate bar 1 oz.	53.6	53.6
Apples	53.3	53.1
Bananas Int. Int. Int. Grape jelly Int.	24.2	24.1
Oranges, size 200 doz. 59.9 69.5 Chocolate bar 1 oz.	27.1	27.0
	4.5	4.5
Lemons 1b. 20.1 Eggs, Grade A, large doz.	61.2	63.3
Gelatin, flavored 3 to 4 oz.	8.5	8.5

* Priced only in season.

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the average changes in prices of goods and services typically bought by city families of wage earners and clerical workers. It is based on prices of about 300 items which were selected so that their price changes would represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage and clerical families; they include all of the important items in family spending. Prices for these items are obtained in 46 cities which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States; they are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage-earner and clerical-worker families patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 46 cities. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest cities and every 3 months in other cities. Almost all prices are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each city are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in family spending. City data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1950 populations of cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1947-49 = 100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 20 large cities for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following 26 medium-sized and small cities:

Anna, Illinois	Huntington, W. Virginia	Fulaski, Virginia
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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	- •

Comparisons of city indexes show only that prices in one city changed more or less than in another. The city indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between cities.

A description of the index is contained in BLS Bulletin 1140, "The Consumer Price Index: A Layman's Guide," which may be purchased for 20 cents at any Bureau of Labor Statistics regional office (addresses below) or from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. A more technical description of the index appears in BLS Bulletin 1168, "Techniques of Freparing Major BLS Statistical Series." Reprints of chapter 9, pertaining to the CPI, are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington or at any of its regional offices.

Historical series of index numbers for the United States city average and for 20 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.

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