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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JUNE 1958

Consumer prices in United States cities rose 0.1 percent between May and June 1958, according to the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. There were slight advances in prices of transportation, reading and recreation, medical care, and personal care, while all other major groups remained at their May levels.

The Consumer Price Index for June 1958 was 123.7 (1947-49=100), 2.9 percent higher than a year earlier.

FOOD

Food prices remained unchanged on the average for the second successive month as sharp declines in fresh vegetable prices offset advances in prices of fresh fruits, meats, and restaurant meals. The June food price index, at 121.6, was 4.6 percent above a year ago.

Prices of fresh vegetables dropped 17.7 percent during the month as plentiful supplies relieved earlier shortages. Tomato prices fell 35.6 percent, lettuce 27.0 percent, potatoes 10.7 percent, green beans 24.9 percent, celery 13.5 percent, cabbage 17.1 percent, and onions 7.4 percent. Prices of carrots were up 5.1 percent. Fresh fruit prices advanced 9.4 percent on the average, due largely to a seasonal increase in prices of apples (22.6 percent) and a 2.8 percent rise in orange prices. Fresh strawberries were down 19.4 percent, however. Prices of processed fruits and vegetables rose as a result of further increases in prices of canned and frozen orange juice and canned tomatoes.

The increase of 1.5 percent in prices of meats, poultry, and fish reflected price advances for most items. Most important were higher pork prices, with pork chops up 5.1 percent and bacon 1.8 percent. Prices of canned luncheon meat and frankfurters were up about 2.0 percent, while beef and veal prices averaged 0.7 percent higher.

Cereals and bakery products were up 0.1 percent on the average as higher bread prices more than offset a reduction in prices of flour. Dairy products declined 0.1 percent due mainly to continued seasonal declines in prices of fresh milk and butter. The "other foods at home" subgroup declined 0.5 percent with eggs down 2.6 percent and coffee down 0.6 percent, although sugar prices increased 1.2 percent. Restaurant meal prices increased 0.4 percent on the average.

HOUSING

Housing costs failed to rise between May and June for the first month since July 1957 as lower home-owner costs offset small increases in other component subgroups. Rents continued their upward trend with a rise of 0.1 percent.

Housefurnishings prices were up 0.1 percent. Higher prices were reported for sheets, following May white sales. Some dealers reduced the discounts for small appliances offered earlier after abandonment of fair trade policies by some manufacturers. Prices were lower for bedroom furniture, rugs, and washing machines.

Home maintenance and repair costs rose 0.3 percent, primarily because of higher installation charges for water heaters, sinks, and faucets, and increased rates for repair services.

The advance of 0.2 percent in household operation resulted from further increases in rates for domestic service, laundry, and dry cleaning. Gas and electric bills averaged 0.3 percent higher and prices of other fuels were up 0.1 percent.

**OTHER COMMODITIES
AND SERVICES**

The price rise of 0.1 percent for transportation was largely the result of higher transit fares in two cities. Private transportation prices were unchanged on the average as lower prices for gasoline and tires offset seasonally higher used car prices. New car prices averaged about the same as in May.

Medical and personal care each increased 0.1 percent, with scattered advances in doctors' fees, hospital services, and some toilet articles.

Higher prices for newspapers and television sets more than offset slight reductions in prices of radios and movie admissions, resulting in a rise of 0.1 percent for reading and recreation.

Apparel prices were unchanged on the average as lower prices of men's, boys', and infants' wear were offset by slight advances in prices of women's and girls' clothing and footwear.

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

Group	Indexes (1947-49=100)					
	June 1958	May 1958	April 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939
All items-----	123.7	123.6	123.5	120.2	101.8	59.4
All items less food-----	125.2	125.1	125.0	122.5	103.0	69.1
All items less shelter-----	121.4	121.3	121.2	117.8	100.7	55.4
All commodities-----	116.6	116.6	116.6	113.7	100.3	51.6
All commodities less food-----	112.9	112.9	112.8	111.9	99.4	59.4
Durables-----	109.6	109.7	109.6	108.4	102.4	57.3
Non-durables-----	116.7	116.5	116.6	115.8	99.0	58.7
All services-----	142.3	142.3	142.1	137.5	107.9	80.4
All services less rent-----	143.8	143.8	143.5	138.4	107.0	73.5
	Percent change to June 1958 from --					
	May 1958	April 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939	
All items-----	0.1	0.2	2.9	21.5	108.2	
All items less food-----	.1	.2	2.2	21.6	81.2	
All items less shelter-----	.1	.2	3.1	20.6	119.1	
All commodities-----	0	0	2.6	16.3	126.0	
All commodities less food-----	0	.1	.9	13.6	90.1	
Durables-----	- .1	0	1.1	7.0	91.3	
Non-durables-----	.2	.1	.8	17.9	98.8	
All services-----	0	.1	3.5	31.9	77.0	
All services less rent-----	0	.2	3.9	34.4	95.6	
	(1947-49=\$1.00)*					
	June 1958	May 1958	April 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar-----	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$0.83	\$0.98	\$1.68

* To calculate purchasing power of the consumer dollar on any other base, divide the index for the desired base date by the index for the comparison date.

TABLE 2: Consumer Price Index -- United States city average, all items and commodity groups
Indexes and percent changes for selected dates

Group	Indexes (1947-49=100)					
	June 1958	May 1958	April 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939
	This month	Last month	2 months ago	Last year	Pre-Korea	Pre-World War II
All items -----	123.7	123.6	123.5	120.2	101.8	59.4
Food ^{1/} -----	121.6	121.6	121.6	116.2	100.5	47.1
Food at home -----	120.4	120.5	120.5	114.7	100.5	47.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	132.9	132.8	132.7	130.6	102.7	57.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.3	116.6	115.9	106.9	106.1	41.6
Dairy products -----	111.7	111.8	112.5	110.0	92.3	49.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	134.3	137.4	136.6	126.8	102.5	46.3
Other foods at home -----	110.9	111.5	112.4	109.5	94.1	48.4
Housing ^{2/} -----	127.8	127.8	127.7	125.5	104.9	76.1
Rent -----	137.7	137.5	137.3	135.0	108.7	86.6
Gas and electricity -----	116.9	116.5	116.0	112.3	102.7	104.9
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	131.7	131.6	134.2	135.3	107.6	56.4
Housefurnishings -----	104.1	104.0	104.0	104.6	97.4	53.4
Household operation -----	131.1	130.9	130.9	127.6	99.6	68.4
Apparel -----	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.6	96.5	52.5
Men's and boys' -----	108.8	108.9	109.1	109.1	98.1	50.8
Women's and girls' -----	98.5	98.4	98.2	98.5	93.3	54.5
Footwear -----	129.8	129.7	129.8	127.8	102.1	50.3
Other apparel -----	91.9	92.1	91.9	91.9	88.4	40.6
Transportation -----	138.9	138.7	138.3	135.3	109.9	70.2
Public -----	187.7	186.1	186.1	176.8	117.9	81.3
Private -----	128.0	128.0	127.6	125.4	106.6	65.5
Medical care -----	143.9	143.7	142.7	137.9	105.4	72.6
Personal care -----	128.6	128.5	128.5	124.2	99.2	59.6
Reading and recreation -----	116.7	116.6	117.0	111.8	102.5	63.0
Other goods and services ^{3/} -----	127.2	127.2	127.2	124.6	103.7	70.6

	Percent change to June 1958 from:				
	May 1958	April 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939
All items -----	0.1	0.2	2.9	21.5	108.2
Food -----	0	0	4.6	21.0	158.2
Food at home -----	-.1	-.1	5.0	19.8	155.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	.1	.2	1.8	29.4	132.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	1.5	2.1	10.7	11.5	184.4
Dairy products -----	-.1	-.7	1.5	21.0	124.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	-2.3	-1.7	5.9	31.0	190.1
Other foods at home -----	-.5	-1.3	1.3	17.9	129.1
Food away from home -----	.4	.6	3.1	(4/)	(4/)
Housing ^{2/} -----	0	.1	1.8	21.8	67.9
Rent -----	.1	.3	2.0	26.7	59.0
Gas and electricity -----	.3	.8	4.1	13.8	11.4
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	.1	-1.9	-2.7	22.4	133.5
Housefurnishings -----	.1	.1	-.5	6.9	94.9
Household operation -----	.2	.2	2.7	31.6	91.7
Apparel -----	0	0	.1	10.6	103.2
Men's and boys' -----	-.1	-.3	-.3	10.9	114.2
Women's and girls' -----	.1	.3	0	5.6	80.7
Footwear -----	.1	0	1.6	27.1	158.1
Other apparel -----	-.2	0	0	4.0	126.4
Transportation -----	.1	.4	2.7	26.4	97.9
Public -----	.9	.9	6.2	59.2	130.9
Private -----	0	.3	2.1	20.1	95.4
Medical care -----	.1	.8	4.4	36.5	98.2
Personal care -----	.1	.1	3.5	29.6	115.8
Reading and recreation -----	.1	-.3	4.4	13.9	85.2
Other goods and services ^{3/} -----	0	0	2.1	22.7	80.2

^{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 3: Consumer Price Index -- All items indexes for selected dates
U.S. city average and 20 large cities
(1947-49=100)

City	June 1958	May 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939
United States city average	123.7	123.6	120.2	101.8	59.4
Cities priced monthly ^{1/}					
Chicago	127.5	127.0	122.9	102.8	58.6
Detroit	124.2	124.3	122.5	102.8	59.0
Los Angeles	125.1	125.2	121.0	101.3	60.4
New York	121.0	121.1	117.9	100.9	60.1
Philadelphia	123.0	122.9	120.1	101.6	59.2
Cities priced in March, June, September, December ^{2/}					
	June 1958	March 1958	June 1957	June 1950	Year 1939
Atlanta	124.9	124.9	121.2	^{3/} 101.3	58.3
Baltimore	124.8	124.1	121.2	101.6	57.9
Cincinnati	122.7	122.3	119.7	101.2	58.4
St. Louis	124.5	124.5	121.3	101.1	59.3
San Francisco	128.0	126.7	122.8	100.9	58.6
Cities priced in February, May, August, November ^{2/}					
	May 1958	February 1958	May 1957	May 1950	Year 1939
Cleveland	125.0	124.5	121.7	100.4	59.2
Houston	123.7	122.3	121.1	103.5	59.5
Scranton	120.7	119.1	116.4	100.2	58.5
Seattle	126.1	125.0	122.8	102.0	59.2
Washington, D.C.	121.3	120.3	117.2	101.6	60.4
Cities priced in January, April, July, October ^{2/}					
	April 1958	January 1958	April 1957	April 1950	Year 1939
Boston	124.5	123.4	120.2	101.2	61.0
Kansas City	123.7	122.4	120.4	101.4	61.7
Minneapolis	124.1	123.2	119.8	^{4/} 102.1	60.7
Pittsburgh	123.8	122.6	118.8	99.9	58.1
Portland, Oregon	125.0	123.3	121.6	101.5	58.3

^{1/} Rents priced bimonthly.

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

^{3/} May 1950.

^{4/} June 1950.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index -- Percent changes from May 1958 to June 1958
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	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0
Chicago	.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	.5	0	.2	0	- 0.3
Detroit	- .1	- .7	- .2	- .1	1.2	.1	.1	.4	.1
Los Angeles	- .1	- .2	.1	- .7	- .3	- .1	.1	.9	0
New York	- .1	- .2	0	0	- .1	0	0	.3	0
Philadelphia	.1	- .1	.3	0	.1	.3	0	.3	0

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index -- All items and commodity groups
 June 1958 indexes and percent changes, March 1958 to June 1958
 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in June 1958

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Cincin- nati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
	Indexes (1947-49=100)										
All items -----	123.7	124.9	124.8	127.5	122.7	124.2	125.1	121.0	123.0	124.5	128.0
Food -----	121.6	119.2	122.4	118.8	124.1	123.1	123.8	121.6	123.9	122.2	124.5
Food at home -----	120.4	118.8	120.1	116.7	123.3	121.8	120.4	119.8	122.0	118.4	123.4
Cereals and bakery products --	132.9	126.9	128.6	124.1	132.0	125.6	141.1	137.8	134.3	125.7	145.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.3	120.3	117.0	111.6	120.9	115.6	117.5	118.4	118.9	115.1	120.7
Dairy products -----	111.7	113.9	117.5	111.1	116.0	109.4	110.1	112.0	115.5	101.3	114.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	134.3	135.0	131.7	129.7	139.5	147.8	131.1	129.0	136.9	135.6	139.8
Other foods at home -----	110.9	104.7	111.3	115.3	114.8	112.9	110.8	110.0	109.9	118.4	109.7
Housing -----	127.8	131.0	124.4	137.9	124.3	127.8	135.0	124.3	120.9	126.2	129.2
Rent -----	137.7	137.2	134.6	—	141.6	147.1	—	126.9	—	146.0	144.3
Gas and electricity -----	116.9	126.0	105.6	123.0	121.6	117.5	131.9	116.2	103.4	103.8	141.3
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	131.7	124.9	125.6	134.1	135.8	124.8	—	135.6	125.4	146.9	—
Housefurnishings -----	104.1	109.8	99.0	102.5	96.2	109.1	99.5	104.2	109.6	104.9	106.8
Household operation -----	131.1	136.8	130.1	135.1	133.8	121.4	118.5	130.6	134.3	135.4	120.9
Apparel -----	106.7	113.7	107.7	109.6	104.9	103.0	107.4	105.5	104.5	106.0	108.1
Men's and boys' -----	108.8	116.0	105.9	116.0	106.8	108.9	112.6	107.8	109.5	108.0	109.3
Women's and girls' -----	98.5	105.4	103.2	97.4	95.8	92.0	97.8	95.9	94.1	98.5	100.7
Footwear -----	129.8	138.1	127.9	134.1	134.6	124.4	130.7	131.7	128.7	126.4	133.9
Other apparel -----	91.9	93.4	97.4	96.0	88.9	85.1	83.8	95.7	92.3	94.7	90.6
Transportation -----	138.9	139.4	148.1	149.3	132.4	131.7	134.0	139.0	144.3	148.3	157.8
Public -----	187.7	188.3	188.0	195.6	183.3	155.6	162.1	190.2	188.1	206.5	182.6
Private -----	128.0	130.9	130.1	130.9	120.8	127.0	129.4	119.5	124.1	128.6	144.8
Medical care -----	143.9	136.8	148.4	150.6	148.9	151.3	136.8	130.8	143.9	158.5	150.8
Personal care -----	128.6	131.7	124.3	129.6	130.9	133.9	133.3	121.5	134.5	129.7	124.0
Reading and recreation -----	116.7	119.4	128.0	125.8	109.9	113.8	103.3	117.6	119.2	96.4	116.7
Other goods and services -----	127.2	132.7	136.2	121.5	123.9	136.1	124.0	126.5	128.7	127.6	124.6
	Percent change from March 1958 to June 1958										
All items -----	0.3	0	0.6	0.6	0.3	0	0.1	- 0.2	- 0.1	0	1.0
Food -----	.7	- 0.1	.7	.8	1.2	0.7	.4	- .3	.4	0.3	1.3
Food at home -----	.7	- .3	1.1	.7	1.7	1.0	.2	- .6	.6	- .1	1.5
Cereals and bakery products --	.2	.1	.2	- .2	0	- .1	.5	.1	.1	.2	3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	3.4	2.5	3.8	3.6	4.6	4.2	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.3	1.4
Dairy products -----	- 2.1	- .3	.1	- .3	- 1.4	- 2.1	0	- 2.8	- 3.6	- 1.7	- 2.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.8	- .8	3.5	2.1	6.2	3.5	- .7	- .7	5.9	- .8	7.4
Other foods at home -----	- 2.5	- 3.3	- 2.8	- 3.8	- 3.0	- 2.5	- .9	- 3.7	- 3.3	- 2.8	- 1.5
Housing -----	.2	.6	1.3	.7	- .1	- .9	.2	.2	- .7	- .3	.6
Rent -----	.4	.1	.4	—	.1	- .5*	—	.6*	—	.6	.5
Gas and electricity -----	.9	5.4	4.0	7.2	- .7	.4	- .3	2.4	0	0	0
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	- 3.7	- 4.4	- 2.4	- 4.1	- 6.9	- 4.1	—	- 4.6	- 11.1	- 5.7	—
Housefurnishings -----	.2	.3	- 1.7	- .3	- .2	.5	- 1.4	0	- .4	- .2	- .3
Household operation -----	.3	.5	.1	.1	0	1.7	- 3.3	.1	1.7	.5	0
Apparel -----	- .1	- .7	0	.3	- 1.0	0	- .8	- 1.2	.2	- .5	- .2
Men's and boys' -----	- .1	- .5	- .3	0	- .5	- .2	- .9	- .4	2.2	- .6	.2
Women's and girls' -----	- .3	- .9	0	- .1	- 2.0	0	- 1.0	- 2.3	- 1.6	- .3	- .5
Footwear -----	.2	- .8	.2	1.6	.1	.2	.8	0	1.3	0	.1
Other apparel -----	0	- .4	.5	.2	- 1.0	- .2	- 1.5	0	.1	- 2.3	0
Transportation -----	.1	- .3	- 1.1	.6	0	.1	.8	.1	- .2	.5	1.3
Public -----	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private -----	0	- .3	- 1.4	.8	0	.2	.9	.2	- .3	.7	1.5
Medical care -----	1.1	.7	1.4	.2	0	.3	2.1	.5	.5	.3	5.5
Personal care -----	.2	1.4	.5	.5	.8	.1	.5	.2	.3	.6	.2
Reading and recreation -----	- .3	- 2.6	- 1.6	.6	.3	0	- 5.8	- .8	- .8	- 1.5	- .5
Other goods and services -----	0	.2	- .1	- .4	- .2	.1	.2	0	0	.5	.2

* Change from April 1958 to June 1958.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index -- Food and its subgroups
 June 1958 indexes and percent changes, May 1958 to June 1958
 U.S. city average and 20 large cities
 [1947-49=100]

City	Total food		Total food at home		Cereals and bakery products		Meats, poultry, and fish		Dairy products		Fruits and 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 ---	121.6	0	120.4	- 0.1	132.9	0.1	118.3	1.5	111.7	- 0.1	134.3	- 2.3	110.9	- 0.5
Atlanta -----	119.2	- 0.3	118.8	- .3	126.9	- .2	120.3	.7	113.9	.2	135.0	- 2.6	104.7	- .4
Baltimore -----	122.4	- .2	120.1	- .1	128.6	0	117.0	1.1	117.5	.2	131.7	- 2.1	111.3	- .1
Boston -----	120.3	.1	118.6	.3	131.5	0	116.6	2.2	108.1	0	135.2	- 1.2	105.7	- .8
Chicago -----	118.8	.3	116.7	.2	124.1	- .3	111.6	1.9	111.1	0	129.7	- 1.0	115.3	- .9
Cincinnati -----	124.1	.6	123.3	1.1	132.0	0	120.9	2.2	116.0	.1	139.5	1.3	114.8	.4
Cleveland -----	118.4	- .2	116.6	- .3	129.5	- .4	113.3	1.4	107.9	.1	123.9	- 2.6	119.4	- .4
Detroit -----	123.1	- .7	121.8	- .6	125.6	- .1	115.6	1.1	109.4	.2	147.8	- 3.7	112.9	- .8
Houston -----	117.1	- .1	115.5	- .3	126.3	- .2	111.9	1.1	112.4	.2	124.3	- 2.5	108.7	- .7
Kansas City -----	115.7	.4	114.2	.4	127.6	0	114.7	1.8	101.6	- .2	124.6	0	105.3	- .4
Los Angeles -----	123.8	- .2	120.4	- .2	141.1	- .4	117.5	1.7	110.1	1.0	131.1	- 2.5	110.8	- 1.2
Minneapolis -----	119.5	- .1	118.5	- .1	134.4	- .1	111.4	.7	104.0	- .5	137.2	- 1.1	117.9	- .2
New York -----	121.6	- .2	119.8	- .6	137.8	- .1	118.4	1.2	112.0	- .1	129.0	- 4.2	110.0	- .3
Philadelphia -----	123.9	- .1	122.0	- .2	134.3	- .1	118.9	1.5	115.5	- 0	136.9	- 3.3	109.9	0
Pittsburgh -----	123.8	.5	122.9	.6	131.1	- .2	117.0	2.1	114.0	- .1	138.5	- .3	121.3	.2
Portland, Oreg. ----	122.1	.3	121.0	0	135.4	- .2	120.9	2.3	117.0	0	125.6	- 1.8	113.6	- .9
St. Louis -----	122.2	- .1	118.4	- .6	125.7	- .1	115.1	1.3	101.3	- .1	135.6	- 4.0	118.4	- .6
San Francisco -----	124.5	.8	123.4	.8	145.4	3.1	120.7	.9	114.0	.2	139.8	1.2	109.7	- .4
Scranton -----	120.9	.3	121.0	.3	134.6	- .4	120.2	2.0	110.6	.1	135.9	- 1.3	108.7	- .1
Seattle -----	121.9	- .7	121.5	- .9	142.1	.1	119.3	1.8	115.4	0	133.2	(1/)	108.6	- 1.6
Washington, D.C. ----	122.8	- .5	121.5	- .6	131.3	- .7	117.8	1.2	117.8	0	132.4	- 4.4	112.7	.3

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index -- Average retail prices of selected foods
 U.S. city average

Food and unit	June 1958	May 1958	Food and unit	June 1958	May 1958
Cereals and bakery products:	Cents	Cents	Fresh--Continued	Cents	Cents
Flour, wheat ----- 5 lb.	55.4	55.7	Peaches * ----- lb.		
Biscuit mix ----- 20 oz.	26.8	26.8	Strawberries * ----- pt.	26.2	32.5
Corn meal ----- 1b.	12.8	12.8	Grapes, seedless * ----- lb.		
Rice ----- 1b.	18.4	18.3	Watermelons * ----- lb.	6.3	
Rolled oats ----- 18 oz.	20.3	20.3	Potatoes ----- 10 lb.	68.1	76.3
Corn flakes ----- 12 oz.	25.5	25.4	Sweetpotatoes ----- lb.	17.9	17.7
Bread, white ----- 1b.	19.2	19.2	Onions ----- 1b.	10.5	11.3
Soda crackers ----- 1b.	29.2	29.3	Carrots ----- 1b.	14.5	13.8
Vanilla cookies ----- 7 oz.	24.5	24.5	Lettuce ----- head	15.3	20.9
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery ----- 1b.	18.3	21.1
Round steak ----- 1b.	106.2	105.9	Cabbage ----- 1b.	8.7	10.5
Chuck roast ----- 1b.	65.5	64.8	Tomatoes ----- 1b.	28.7	44.4
Rib roast ----- 1b.	83.0	82.9	Beans, green ----- 1b.	19.9	26.4
Hamburger ----- 1b.	54.6	54.0	Canned:		
Veal cutlets ----- 1b.	133.9	133.0	Orange juice ----- 46-oz. can	38.0	36.9
Pork chops, center cut ----- 1b.	96.0	91.3	Peaches ----- #2 1/2 can	33.7	33.8
Bacon, sliced ----- 1b.	81.9	80.4	Pineapple ----- #2 can	34.7	34.6
Ham, whole ----- 1b.	69.1	67.9	Fruit cocktail ----- #303 can	26.2	26.1
Lamb, leg ----- 1b.	77.6	77.0	Corn, cream style ----- #303 can	17.5	17.5
Frankfurters ----- 1b.	66.1	64.8	Peas, green ----- #303 can	20.9	20.9
Luncheon meat, canned ----- 12 oz.	50.0	49.1	Tomatoes ----- #303 can	18.5	18.0
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook -- 1b.	49.0	49.0	Baby foods ----- 4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.0	10.0
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen ----- 1b.	45.8	45.6	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen ----- 1b.	55.0	55.9	Prunes ----- 1b.	33.2	33.2
Salmon, pink, canned ----- 10 oz.	63.2	63.2	Beans ----- 1b.	18.5	18.2
Tuna fish, canned ----- 6 to 8 1/2 oz.	32.9	32.9	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup ----- 10 1/2 to 11-oz. can	12.6	12.6
Milk, fresh, (grocery) ----- qt.	23.3	23.3	Beans with pork ----- 16-oz. can	15.1	15.1
Milk, fresh, (delivered) ----- qt.	24.8	24.8	Pickles, sweet ----- 7 1/2 oz.	27.0	27.0
Ice cream ----- pt.	29.6	29.7	Catsup, tomato ----- 14 oz.	21.9	21.8
Butter ----- 1b.	73.5	73.6	Coffee ----- 1b. can	91.8	92.2
Cheese, American process ----- 1b.	58.1	58.0	Coffee ----- 1b. bag	75.4	75.9
Milk, evaporated ----- 14 1/2-oz. can	15.1	15.1	Tea bags ----- pkg. of 16	24.0	24.0
Fruits and vegetables:			Cola drink, carton ----- 36 oz.	27.6	27.3
Frozen:			Shortening, hydrogenated ----- 3 lb.	94.6	95.6
Strawberries ----- 10 oz.	26.5	26.6	Margarine, colored ----- 1b.	29.5	29.7
Orange juice concentrate ----- 6 oz.	27.9	26.3	Lard ----- 1b.	22.6	22.5
Peas, green ----- 10 oz.	19.5	19.4	Salad dressing ----- pt.	37.8	37.9
Beans, green ----- 9 oz.	23.2	23.3	Peanut butter ----- 1b.	55.1	54.5
Fresh:			Sugar ----- 5 lb.	56.5	55.8
Apples ----- 1b.	22.2	18.1	Corn syrup ----- 24 oz.	25.9	25.8
Bananas ----- 1b.	16.8	16.7	Grape jelly ----- 12 oz.	27.7	27.7
Oranges, size 200 ----- doz.	76.1	74.1	Chocolate bar ----- 1 oz.	5.1	5.1
Lemons ----- 1b.	18.3	19.1	Eggs, Grade A, large ----- doz.	55.1	56.6
Grapefruit * ----- each		15.0	Gelatin, flavored ----- 3 to 4 oz.	9.0	9.0

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1/ Not available.
 * Priced only in season.

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	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	

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 Preparing 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.

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