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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1959

Prices of consumer goods and services declined 0.1 percent between November and December 1959, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Lower prices of food, apparel, and durable commodities were largely responsible for the first overall decrease in the Consumer Price Index in 4 months. Service rates continued to climb and prices of nondurable commodities other than food and apparel also moved up.

The Consumer Price Index in December returned to its October level, 125.5 percent of the 1947-49 average, but it was 1.5 percent above the level of December 1958. Most of the increase during 1959 has occurred since May, which terminated a year of virtual stability.

Because of this stability in the early months, the 1959 annual average Consumer Price Index (124.6) was only 0.9 percent above the 1958 average, the smallest annual increase in the past 4 years and well below most of the post-war years. Chiefly responsible for the 1959 advances were continued gains in service rates, principally for medical care and transportation, and in prices of nonfood commodities, mainly durable goods. Food prices were lower than in 1958 virtually throughout the year.

FOOD Food prices declined 0.1 percent between November and December 1959, with food for home use down 0.1 percent and restaurant meal prices up 0.1 percent. Seasonally lower prices for most cuts of meat, particularly pork, and for eggs were largely responsible for the decline; prices of fruits and vegetables were seasonally higher. The December food index, at 117.8, was 0.8 percent under a year ago and 3.2 percent below the July 1958 peak.

Prices of meats, poultry, and fish fell 1.2 percent between November and December, mainly because continued plentiful supplies of hogs resulted in a further drop of 3.2 percent in pork prices. Pork chop prices were down 5.5 percent and bacon 3.7 percent, but ham was up 0.9 percent. Beef and veal prices decreased 0.5 percent as round steak and chuck roast prices were lower. Prices of frankfurters declined 1.5 percent.

Egg prices dipped 3.9 percent as supplies continued to increase seasonally.

A rise of 1.7 percent in prices of fruits and vegetables was the result of a seasonal increase of 6.6 percent in fresh vegetable prices and a smaller advance for fresh fruits. Prices of processed fruits and vegetables were lower. Among fresh vegetables, cabbage prices were up 25 percent because of limited storage stocks and reduced production; tomato prices rose 22 percent as adverse weather in Florida diminished supplies; and prices of green beans, lettuce, and potatoes also moved up. Among fresh fruits, apple prices were up 7 percent, but bananas and oranges were seasonally lower. Frozen and canned orange juice prices fell as supplies increased.

Prices of dairy products climbed 0.6 percent, with higher prices for butter and canned and fresh milk.

Cereals and bakery products were up 0.2 percent as prices of flour and rolled oats registered gains of 0.9 and 2.7 percent, respectively.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation prices turned downward by 0.2 percent. Higher dealers' concessions reduced prices of new cars 0.7 percent, tire prices showed a further drop (0.6 percent), and prices of used cars, gasoline, and motor oil also eased downward. Public transportation costs moved up 0.6 percent as higher transit fares were approved in four cities.

OTHER COMMODITIES
AND SERVICES

Apparel prices declined 0.2 percent, largely because of end-of-season sales of women's and girls' coats and women's wool suits. Prices of men's and boys' apparel were unchanged on the average, but footwear prices continued to rise.

Housing costs remained at their November level. A decline of 0.2 percent in prices of housefurnishings was largely the result of price reductions for living room, bedroom, and dining room furniture, mattresses, and some appliances; prices of hard-surface floorcoverings, sofa beds, and kitchenware were higher. Gas and electricity advanced 0.8 percent, as rate increases were reported in seven cities, and there were seasonal advances in fuel oil prices. Rents were up 0.2 percent, and home repair and maintenance costs showed a rise of 0.1 percent, largely because of higher charges for painting and repair services.

An increase of 0.3 percent for reading and recreation was primarily the result of higher movie admissions charged for special features.

Medical care was up 0.1 percent, with further scattered advances in fees for professional and hospital services. Personal care rose 0.2 percent because of higher prices for toilet soap and a few other toiletries.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index—United States city average
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, December 1959
and percent changes from selected dates

(1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes		Percent change to December 1959 from --			
	December 1959	November 1959	November 1959	September 1959	December 1958	Year 1939
All items-----	125.5	125.6	- 0.1	0.2	1.5	111.3
Food-----	117.8	117.9	- .1	- .8	- .8	150.1
Food at home-----	115.0	115.1	- .1	- 1.0	- 1.5	144.2
Cereals and bakery products-----	134.5	134.2	.2	.3	.4	135.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	106.6	107.9	- 1.2	- 3.4	- 5.7	156.2
Dairy products-----	116.7	116.0	.6	1.0	2.1	134.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	125.5	123.4	1.7	1.1	4.5	171.1
Other foods at home-----	105.4	106.4	- .9	- 2.0	- 4.8	117.8
Food away from home (Jan. 1953=100)-----	117.3	117.2	.1	.4	3.3	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	130.4	130.4	0	.5	1.7	71.4
Rent-----	140.8	140.5	.2	.6	1.5	62.6
Gas and electricity-----	122.7	121.7	.8	.9	3.8	17.0
Solid fuels and fuel oil-----	137.3	135.9	1.0	1.7	.2	143.4
Housefurnishings-----	104.2	104.4	- .2	.2	.6	95.1
Household operation-----	135.5	135.4	.1	.2	2.0	98.1
Apparel-----	109.2	109.4	- .2	.2	1.6	108.0
Men's and boys'-----	109.1	109.1	0	- .1	.6	114.8
Women's and girls'-----	100.3	100.9	- .6	- .2	.1	84.0
Footwear-----	139.7	139.2	.4	1.3	7.1	177.7
Other apparel-----	93.1	93.3	- .2	.2	.9	129.3
Transportation-----	148.7	149.0	- .2	1.6	3.0	111.8
Private-----	137.5	137.9	- .3	1.6	3.2	109.9
Public-----	197.2	196.0	.6	1.2	2.8	142.6
Medical care-----	153.2	153.0	.1	.7	3.8	111.0
Personal care-----	132.9	132.7	.2	.6	3.0	123.0
Reading and recreation-----	120.4	120.0	.3	.7	3.0	91.1
Other goods and services-----	131.7	131.6	.1	.2	3.5	86.5
Special groups:						
All items less food-----	129.5	129.5	0	.6	2.4	87.4
All items less shelter-----	123.1	123.1	0	.2	1.3	122.2
Commodities-----	117.1	117.2	- .1	- .1	.7	126.9
Nondurables-----	118.5	118.6	- .1	- .3	.6	130.5
Food-----	117.8	117.9	- .1	- .8	- .8	150.1
Nondurables less food-----	119.9	119.8	.1	.5	2.5	104.3
Apparel-----	109.1	109.3	- .2	.2	1.5	109.4
Apparel less footwear-----	103.7	104.0	- .3	- .1	.4	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	129.1	128.9	.2	.7	3.0	95.9
Durables-----	113.8	114.1	- .3	.9	.8	98.6
New cars-----	143.3	144.3	- .7	6.1	- .2	151.4
Used cars (Jan. 1953=100)-----	95.2	95.3	- .1	- 3.2	6.2	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	103.3	103.4	- .1	.2	.1	80.3
Commodities less food-----	116.4	116.5	- .1	.6	1.7	96.0
Services-----	147.8	147.6	.1	.6	3.0	83.8
Rent-----	140.8	140.5	.2	.6	1.5	62.6
Services less rent-----	149.7	149.5	.1	.7	3.2	103.7
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	136.7	136.3	.3	.4	2.8	57.1
Transportation services-----	182.7	182.2	.3	.6	3.7	128.1
Medical care services-----	159.2	158.8	.3	.8	4.5	125.8
Other services 3/-----	133.6	133.7	- .1	.8	2.9	129.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1947-49=\$1.00)-----	\$0.797	\$0.796	.1	- .3	- 1.4	-52.7

1/ Not available.

2/ Includes house purchase, interest, taxes, insurance, and upkeep, not shown separately.

3/ Includes house purchase, interest, taxes, insurance, and upkeep services; shoe repairs, television repairs, barber and beauty shop services, and movies.

TABLE 2: Consumer Price Index—All items indexes and percent changes, selected dates
U.S. city average and 20 large cities

City	Indexes (1947=100)				Percent change to current month from --		
	December 1959	September 1959	December 1958	Year 1939	September 1959	December 1958	Year 1939
United States city average	125.5	125.2	123.7	59.4	0.2	1.5	111.3
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago	129.0	129.2	127.0	58.6	- .2	1.6	120.1
Detroit	124.0	124.8	123.3	59.0	- .6	.6	110.2
Los Angeles	128.9	127.8	126.5	60.4	.9	1.9	113.4
New York	124.2	123.5	121.3	60.1	.6	2.4	106.7
Philadelphia	126.5	125.8	123.5	59.2	.6	2.4	113.7
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	December 1959	September 1959	December 1958	Year 1939	September 1959	December 1958	Year 1939
Atlanta	126.4	126.0	124.4	58.3	.3	1.6	116.8
Baltimore	127.2	127.5	125.5	57.9	- .2	1.4	119.7
Cincinnati	123.5	123.6	122.4	58.4	.2	1.1	112.0
St. Louis	126.6	126.4	125.7	59.3	.2	.7	113.5
San Francisco	131.8	130.8	127.9	58.6	.8	3.0	124.9
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	November 1959	August 1959	November 1958	Year 1939	August 1959	November 1958	Year 1939
Cleveland	126.4	125.8	124.5	59.2	.5	1.5	113.5
Houston	125.4	124.8	124.2	59.5	.5	1.0	110.8
Scranton	121.5	121.2	120.7	58.5	.2	.7	107.7
Seattle	129.2	128.9	126.0	59.2	.2	2.5	118.2
Washington, D. C.	121.7	122.0	121.5	60.4	- .2	.2	101.5
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	October 1959	July 1959	October 1958	Year 1939	July 1959	October 1958	Year 1939
Boston	126.7	125.6	123.4	61.0	.9	1.0	107.7
Kansas City	126.5	126.0	124.9	61.7	.7	1.6	105.7
Minneapolis	126.5	125.4	124.5	60.7	.9	1.6	108.4
Pittsburgh	126.8	125.7	124.5	58.1	.9	1.8	118.2
Portland, Oregon	126.3	126.1	124.5	58.3	.2	1.4	116.6

1/ Rents priced bimonthly.

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

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index—Percent changes from November 1959 to December 1959
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
United States city average	- 0.1	- 0.1	0	- 0.2	- 0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Chicago	- .1	- .6	0.1	- .1	.5	.3	.1	0	.1
Detroit	- .1	- .5	.2	0	.5	0	.2	- .1	0
Los Angeles	.1	0	.4	.1	0	0	.1	.2	0
New York	.1	.1	.2	.1	0	0	0	- .1	0
Philadelphia	.2	- .4	.5	- .8	0	.3	.1	3.3	.2

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups
 December 1959 indexes and percent changes, September 1959 to December 1959
 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in December 1959

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
Indexes (1947-49=100)											
All items -----	125.5	126.4	127.2	129.0	123.8	124.0	128.9	124.2	126.5	126.6	131.8
Food -----	117.8	114.2	117.4	114.6	118.2	116.3	123.6	120.8	120.1	117.6	123.1
Food at home -----	115.0	111.9	113.3	111.6	115.1	113.2	118.9	117.1	116.9	112.4	120.2
Cereals and bakery products --	134.5	125.2	128.2	129.5	132.1	124.6	146.8	141.8	135.6	120.2	150.9
Meats, poultry, and fish ----	106.6	107.8	106.2	97.4	107.2	101.0	110.1	108.8	108.4	103.1	113.6
Dairy products -----	116.7	110.6	117.5	118.8	117.8	111.9	113.5	121.6	122.8	104.9	119.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	125.5	127.3	121.1	123.1	125.7	131.4	134.1	123.8	125.8	131.4	132.5
Other foods at home -----	105.4	100.1	104.6	110.1	107.3	106.1	106.2	105.4	103.8	112.2	104.6
Housing -----	130.4	134.9	127.5	140.2	125.3	127.2	137.9	128.3	125.2	128.8	134.4
Rent -----	140.8	139.7	138.1	--	143.7	143.6	--	132.6	--	149.5	152.4
Gas and electricity -----	122.7	132.7	110.1	130.2	129.1	117.3	141.7	119.7	105.9	110.9	150.4
Solid fuels and fuel oil ----	137.3	138.0	132.6	143.0	151.9	128.0	--	138.0	130.8	161.5	--
Housefurnishings -----	104.2	110.4	99.6	102.7	96.2	108.4	104.1	104.1	109.1	104.3	108.6
Household operation -----	135.5	144.6	134.7	138.8	137.9	123.4	125.4	136.5	141.8	137.3	125.9
Apparel -----	109.2	115.2	110.9	113.4	107.1	106.9	111.3	107.9	107.5	108.5	110.3
Men's and boys' -----	109.1	117.2	108.0	115.7	107.4	107.9	112.6	108.6	109.4	108.4	109.2
Women's and girls' -----	100.3	105.8	104.7	102.5	97.9	97.5	102.6	97.4	96.9	100.9	101.6
Footwear -----	139.7	145.3	140.5	143.2	144.0	135.4	141.5	141.3	139.5	135.8	146.2
Other apparel -----	93.1	94.0	99.0	97.8	88.5	86.5	86.0	96.8	94.0	93.6	91.6
Transportation -----	148.7	148.7	163.0	160.3	148.3	140.7	145.7	149.6	156.3	163.4	169.5
Private -----	137.5	140.5	141.8	141.3	136.9	133.5	142.1	131.3	136.5	140.2	156.9
Public -----	197.2	193.8	215.4	205.7	191.4	179.4	164.3	191.4	193.4	237.1	184.8
Medical care -----	153.2	145.8	165.4	159.7	154.5	158.0	149.4	143.5	159.2	170.6	155.3
Personal care -----	132.9	140.3	133.9	138.1	130.1	134.7	135.1	125.8	143.7	131.5	129.4
Reading and recreation -----	120.4	122.3	132.2	125.6	111.5	116.8	102.5	121.7	135.7	98.5	120.3
Other goods and services -----	131.7	133.9	140.3	124.4	131.0	135.8	132.9	133.4	132.5	131.9	133.6
Percent change from September 1959 to December 1959											
All items -----	0.2	0.3	- 0.2	- 0.2	0.2	- 0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.8
Food -----	-.8	- 2.0	- 1.2	- 1.9	-.8	- 1.5	-.1	-.1	- 1.6	-.9	-.2
Food at home -----	- 1.0	- 2.5	- 1.6	- 2.2	- 1.2	- 1.7	-.1	-.4	- 1.8	- 1.2	-.2
Cereals and bakery products --	.3	.3	.1	-.2	-.2	-.5	.5	-.3	- 1.2	- 1.6	-.5
Meats, poultry, and fish ----	- 3.4	- 4.5	- 3.5	- 6.6	- 3.9	- 5.5	-.5	- 2.9	- 3.7	- 2.1	- 1.0
Dairy products -----	1.0	-.9	.5	.3	5.1	-.4	.1	2.0	2.8	- 2.2	.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.1	- 3.6	-.8	1.6	- 1.4	3.5	1.6	3.9	- 2.3	2.6	1.5
Other foods at home -----	- 2.0	- 1.9	- 2.2	- 2.2	- 2.5	- 2.6	- 1.7	- 3.1	- 3.0	- 2.3	- 2.4
Housing -----	.5	1.7	-.5	.1	-.2	-.4	1.0	.9	1.0	.1	.7
Rent -----	.6	.3	.4	--	-.2	1/- .2	--	1/ .7	--	.9	1.1
Gas and electricity -----	.9	5.2	.1	.7	-.2	- 1.7	4.7	.6	0	0	0
Solid fuels and fuel oil ----	1.7	7.2	2.7	1.7	2.9	.9	--	1.5	1.7	2.7	--
Housefurnishings -----	.2	.5	.8	.3	0	- 1.5	1.4	0	.6	.2	.2
Household operation -----	.2	.6	-.1	.4	.2	.2	0	0	1.0	.1	1.7
Apparel -----	.2	.6	-.4	0	-.3	-.2	1.0	.9	-.7	.3	.2
Men's and boys' -----	-.1	.8	.1	.2	-.4	- 1.8	.7	.1	.5	-.1	.2
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.2	.5	-.9	-.6	-.1	-.8	.7	.9	- 2.0	.3	-.1
Footwear -----	1.3	.7	0	1.1	.1	.4	2.0	2.7	.5	.7	1.3
Other apparel -----	.2	.3	-.2	0	- 1.0	-.3	1.1	.5	-.4	.2	.2
Transportation -----	1.6	2.0	1.1	3.3	4.4	-.2	2.8	1.7	1.0	2.3	1.6
Private -----	1.6	2.4	1.3	3.0	5.1	-.2	3.3	2.2	1.3	2.9	1.8
Public -----	1.2	0	0	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care -----	.7	.8	4.2	.4	0	-.1	1.8	.2	.4	.8	.2
Personal care -----	.6	0	.1	0	.4	-.3	.7	1.5	5.4	.5	.5
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.5	1.0	-.2	0	0	.6	.8	7.8	.2	2.1
Other goods and services -----	.2	.1	0	-.1	.1	-.7	.1	.3	.2	-.1	.4

1/ Change from October 1959 to December 1959.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index — Food and its subgroups
 December 1959 indexes and percent changes, November 1959 to December 1959
 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	117.8	- 0.1	115.0	- 0.1	134.5	0.2	106.6	- 1.2	116.7	0.6	125.5	1.7	105.4	- 0.9
Atlanta	114.2	- .1	111.9	0	125.2	.3	107.8	- .4	110.6	.2	127.3	1.1	100.1	- .7
Baltimore	117.4	- .3	113.3	- .4	128.2	-.2	106.2	- .6	117.5	-.3	121.1	.2	104.6	- 1.6
Boston	118.3	- .9	114.9	- 1.1	132.4	.2	109.1	- 2.3	116.4	-.3	125.2	-.4	100.6	- 1.9
Chicago	114.6	- .6	111.6	- .8	129.5	-.2	97.4	- 2.8	118.8	-.3	123.1	1.7	110.1	- 1.3
Cincinnati	118.2	- .2	115.1	- .4	132.1	0	107.2	- 1.7	117.8	.4	125.7	1.5	107.3	- 1.1
Cleveland	113.4	-.3	110.4	-.1	129.1	.2	100.1	- .2	110.9	.4	118.3	1.8	107.1	- 1.5
Detroit	116.3	- .5	113.2	- .5	124.6	.3	101.0	- 2.0	111.9	.1	131.4	1.4	106.1	- 1.3
Houston	113.5	- .4	111.1	- .3	125.3	.2	100.7	- 1.6	113.9	.4	125.5	.6	103.8	- .1
Kansas City	111.4	-.1	107.9	0	127.6	.5	99.5	- 1.5	111.8	-.3	114.6	2.2	99.2	- .5
Los Angeles	123.6	0	118.9	-.1	146.8	.5	110.1	-.3	113.5	0	134.1	.4	106.2	- .7
Minneapolis	117.3	- .5	114.0	- .3	134.8	.1	103.3	- 1.3	109.0	.5	129.3	1.3	110.4	- 1.6
New York	120.8	- .1	117.1	-.2	141.8	-.1	108.8	- 1.8	121.6	-.6	123.8	3.9	105.4	- .7
Philadelphia	120.1	- .4	116.9	- .5	135.6	- 1.0	108.4	- 1.0	122.8	.6	125.8	-.7	103.8	- 1.2
Pittsburgh	119.1	- .4	117.1	- .6	132.5	.2	107.2	- 1.2	118.4	-.3	124.6	-.5	115.0	- .9
Portland, Oreg.	121.0	-.2	117.9	-.3	141.1	.7	110.9	- .9	121.2	.2	121.7	2.7	109.3	- .2
St. Louis	117.6	- .1	112.4	- .1	120.2	.2	103.1	.7	104.9	- 2.4	131.4	1.5	112.2	- 1.3
San Francisco	123.1	-.7	120.2	- .5	150.9	0	113.6	-.3	119.1	-.2	132.5	2.6	104.6	- .5
Seranton	113.9	- .3	112.1	- .4	132.8	.5	104.4	- 1.0	113.6	.2	116.5	-.1	103.4	- 1.1
Seattle	121.1	-.2	118.6	-.3	147.0	.3	111.6	- .6	118.3	- .1	129.0	3.0	104.8	- .9
Washington, D.C.	118.1	- .1	115.2	- .1	131.2	.2	105.9	- .2	121.1	2.2	122.6	.7	106.8	- 1.4

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index — Average retail prices of selected foods
 U.S. city average

Food and unit	December 1959		November 1959		Food and unit	December 1959		November 1959	
	Cents		Cents			Cents		Cents	
Cereals and bakery products:					Fresh—Continued				
Flour, wheat	5 lb.	54.5	54.0		Peaches *	1 lb.			
Biscuit mix	20 oz.	26.9	26.9		Strawberries *	pt.			
Corn meal	1 lb.	13.0	13.0		Grapes, seedless *	1 lb.			(1/)
Rice, short grain	1 lb.	18.5	18.5		Watermelons *	1 lb.			
Rice, long grain	1 lb.	20.5	20.8		Potatoes	10 lb.	62.3	61.0	
Rolled oats	18 oz.	21.1	20.5		Sweet potatoes	1 lb.	12.3	11.8	
Corn flakes	12 oz.	25.7	25.7		Onions	1 lb.	8.7	8.6	
Bread, white	1 lb.	19.8	19.8		Carrots	1 lb.	15.2	14.5	
Soda crackers	1 lb.	29.0	29.0		Lettuce	head	19.2	18.6	
Vanilla cookies	7 oz.	24.4	24.4		Celery	1 lb.	15.5	15.2	
Meats, poultry, and fish:					Cabbage	1 lb.	12.1	9.7	
Round steak	1 lb.	106.4	107.0		Tomatoes	1 lb.	34.3	28.2	
Chuck roast	1 lb.	63.2	63.5		Beans, green	1 lb.	31.9	30.0	
Rib roast	1 lb.	82.3	82.6		Canned:				
Hamburger	1 lb.	53.7	53.9		Orange juice	4 1/2-oz. can	49.7	51.6	
Veal cutlets	1 lb.	140.9	141.8		Peaches	#2 1/2 can	33.9	34.0	
Pork chops, center cut	1 lb.	79.2	83.8		Pineapple	#3 can	37.2	37.0	
Bacon, sliced	1 lb.	58.4	60.7		Fruit cocktail	#303 can	26.9	27.0	
Ham, whole	1 lb.	59.6	59.1		Corn, cream style	#303 can	19.0	19.1	
Lamb, leg	1 lb.	73.9	74.4		Peas, green	#303 can	19.7	19.6	
Frankfurters	1 lb.	61.9	62.8		Tomatoes	#303 can	15.1	15.2	
Luncheon meat, canned	12 oz.	50.8	50.8		Baby foods	4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.1	10.1	
Frying chickens, ready-to-cock	1 lb.	40.9	40.8		Dried:				
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen	1 lb.	47.5	47.5		Prunes	1 lb.	39.5	39.7	
Haddock, fillet, frozen	1 lb.	56.5	56.4		Beans	1 lb.	16.7	16.8	
Salmon, pink, canned	16 oz.	64.3	63.8		Other foods at home:				
Tuna fish, canned	6 to 6 1/2 oz.	32.4	32.3		Tomato soup	10 1/2 to 11-oz. can	12.5	12.4	
Dairy products:					Beans with pork	16-oz. can	14.9	14.9	
Milk, fresh, (grocery)	qt.	24.7	24.5		Pickles, sliced	15 oz.	26.4	26.4	
Milk, fresh, (delivered)	qt.	25.9	25.8		Catsup, tomato	14 oz.	22.4	22.4	
Ice cream	1/2 gal.	87.6	87.7		Coffee	1 lb. can	76.4	76.6	
Butter	1 lb.	78.5	77.2		Coffee	1 lb. bag	58.1	58.2	
Cheese, American process	1 lb.	58.5	58.3		Tea bags	pkg. of 16	24.3	24.3	
Milk, evaporated	14 1/2-oz. can	15.5	15.2		Gola drink, carton	36 oz.	29.4	29.6	
Fruits and vegetables:					Shortening, hydrogenated	3 lb.	85.0	85.3	
Frozen:					Margarine, colored	1 lb.	27.6	27.9	
Strawberries	10 oz.	26.5	26.5		Lard	1 lb.	18.6	18.7	
Orange juice concentrate	6 oz.	25.3	26.4		Salad dressing	1 pt.	36.8	37.1	
Peas, green	10 oz.	19.8	19.9		Peanut butter	1 lb.	55.5	55.6	
Beans, green	9 oz.	22.6	22.4		Sugar	5 lb.	57.9	57.7	
Fresh:					Corn syrup	24 oz.	26.6	26.5	
Apples	1 lb.	13.2	12.3		Grape jelly	12 oz.	28.3	28.4	
Bananas	1 lb.	16.4	17.1		Chocolate bar	1 oz.	5.1	5.1	
Oranges, size 200	doz.	67.1	67.8		Eggs, Grade A, large	doz.	53.2	55.4	
Lemons	1 lb.	19.7	19.8		Gelatin, flavored	3 to 4 oz.	9.3	9.3	
Grapefruit *	each	12.5	12.7						

* Priced only in season.

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TABLE A: Consumer Price Index--United States city average: Special group indexes, 1959 annual averages and percent changes from 1958

(1947-49 = 100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	1959 Average	
	Index	Percent change from 1958
All items-----	124.6	0.9
All items less food-----	127.9	1.9
All items less shelter-----	122.2	.8
Commodities-----	116.6	.3
Nondurables-----	118.1	- .4
Food-----	118.3	- 1.7
Nondurables less food-----	118.3	1.2
Apparel-----	107.8	.8
Apparel less footwear-----	102.9	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	127.3	1.4
Durables-----	113.0	2.3
New cars-----	139.6	4.3
Used cars (Jan. 1953=100)-----	93.8	11.7
Durables less cars-----	103.3	- .1
Commodities less food-----	115.1	1.5
Services-----	145.8	2.4
Rent-----	139.7	1.5
Services less rent-----	147.5	2.6
Household operation, gas, and electricity-----	134.8	2.6
Transportation services-----	180.3	3.6
Medical care services-----	156.3	4.8
Other services-----	131.7	1.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1947-49 = \$1.00)-----	\$0.803	- .9

