

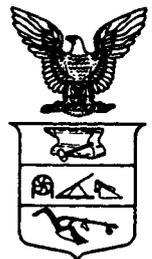
**THE CONSUMER  
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**U.S. CITY AVERAGE  
and  
SELECTED AREAS**

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The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged between December and January, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Federal excise tax cuts brought lower bills for telephone service and further reductions in retail prices of new cars. Used car and apparel prices also declined. However, these reductions were offset by higher prices for food and most consumer services. At 111.0 percent of the 1957-59 average, the index was 1.9 percent above a year ago.

Price Changes, December 1965-January 1966

Food prices averaged 0.7 percent higher in January, primarily because of sharp increases in prices of meats. Nearly all meat prices were higher, especially pork with a 6-1/2 percent increase, as strong demand outstripped available supplies from last fall's pig crop which was smaller than usual. Poultry prices also averaged higher, reflecting the usual seasonal decrease in production.

A decline in the prices of fresh fruits and tomatoes was offset by higher prices for fresh vegetables, particularly lettuce, cabbage, green peppers, and cucumbers. Adverse weather conditions in winter vegetable-producing areas curtailed production and caused prices of fresh vegetables to advance by an average of 3 percent. A 25 percent rise in lettuce prices resulted from reduced plantings in California's Imperial Valley and excessive rains which hampered harvesting of the winter lettuce crop in the principal production areas of Arizona and Texas. Prices of green peppers and cucumbers also rose sharply, reflecting the reduction in supplies due to heavy October rains in Florida, which necessitated replanting of crops. Cabbage prices increased substantially as new crop supplies proved inadequate to meet demand.

In contrast to higher prices for most items of food in January, price decreases occurred for fresh fruits, tomatoes, and eggs. Prices of bananas and citrus fruits dropped substantially as a result of abundant supplies, and tomatoes were 18 percent cheaper. On the other hand, an advance of 2-1/2 percent in apple prices was brought about by strong demand from both the domestic and export fresh market trade.

Housing costs decreased fractionally in January, primarily because of the reduction in the Federal excise tax on telephone bills. Homeownership costs, rents, laundry, and domestic service charges advanced. Apparel prices declined less than usual in January when end-of-season clearance sales are held. A reduction in transportation costs resulted from significant decreases in new and used car prices. The Federal excise tax cut was a factor in the reduction of new car prices. In addition, dealers offered increased price concessions, somewhat larger than usual for this time of year. Used car prices declined nearly 3 percent, on slackening demand due partly to winter driving conditions and partly to an apparent shift to the new car market by many prospective used car buyers. Automobile insurance premiums and registration fees were increased in many areas.

Price Trends, January 1965-January 1966

The January index was 1.9 percent above a year ago, primarily because of rising costs of food and services. Food averaged 4.5 percent higher over the year, chiefly because of a 13-1/2 percent increase in meat prices. With curtailed supply and increased demand, pork prices were 36 percent higher over the year. Pork

production during December had been 23 percent less than a year earlier, and cold storage holdings were down by 46 percent at the end of last year. Shortages of pork also have affected demand for beef, poultry, and other meats, causing sharply higher prices for these items.

Prices were down over the year for all fresh fruits except apples. Substantial decreases occurred for bananas and citrus fruits, reflecting ample 1965 supplies. Potatoes, onions, and cabbage led the price decline for fresh vegetables as crops harvested in the fall of 1965 were substantially larger than those of a year earlier. However, prices rose sharply for green peppers, lettuce, and tomatoes due to curtailment of supplies by adverse weather and cuts in the winter crop acreage. Egg prices rose almost 15 percent above the depressed levels of January a year ago because of a reduction in layer numbers during the first part of 1965 and a resumption of military purchases of dried eggs. Plentiful coffee supplies brought falling prices, particularly for instant coffee.

Prices for consumer services rose 2.5 percent, on the average, over the year. Transportation services advanced more than 4 percent, reflecting higher rates for automobile insurance, registration fees, and drivers' license fees. Professional medical fees and hospital service charges also continued to rise significantly. In addition, widespread increases occurred for barber and beauty shop services and movie admission charges.

A significant decline occurred over the year in prices for used cars, representing the first January-to-January decrease since 1961. Market reports indicate that buyers were extremely cautious and selective. Also many prospective used car buyers appear to be in the market for new cars. This situation parallels in some respects the 1961 decline in used car prices when buyers switched to the recently introduced compact cars.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

About 975,000 workers will receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances based on the national Consumer Price Index for January. For most of these (about 921,000) employed in the automobile, automotive parts, farm and construction machinery, and aerospace industries, the increase will be 2 cents an hour, based on the change in the index since last October. An additional 55,000 will receive 1 cent, also based on the quarterly change; while for 2,000 workers an increase of 1 cent will result from the index change over the past 6 months. About 17,500 transit workers will receive increases based on city indexes--1/2 cent for 2,400 employees in Pittsburgh, 1 cent for 11,000 in Chicago, and 1 cent for 4,000 in Boston.

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:Beginning with indexes for January 1966, data for six additional areas have been incor-:  
:porated into the national CPI. These are Cincinnati, Houston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, :  
:Minneapolis-St. Paul, and San Diego. These areas were "linked" into the CPI as of :  
:December 1965 and, hence, were first used in calculating the December 1965-January 1966:  
:price change. Each of the six areas represents only itself in the index. :  
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:Also, beginning this month seasonally adjusted national indexes are shown for selected :  
:groups and subgroups where there is a significant seasonal pattern of price change. No:  
:seasonally adjusted indexes will be shown for any of the individual metropolitan areas :  
:for which separate indexes are published. Previously, the Bureau of Labor Statistics :  
:has made available only seasonal factors, rather than seasonally adjusted indexes, :  
:(e.g., Department of Labor Bulletin No. 1366; Seasonal Factors, Consumer Price Index:  
:Selected Series). The factors currently being used were derived by the BLS Seasonal :  
:Factor Method using data for 1956-65. It is contemplated that these factors will be :  
:updated at the end of each calendar year, but the revised factors will be used only for:  
:future seasonal adjustments and not for revision of previously published indexes. A :  
:detailed description of the BLS Seasonal Factor Method is available upon request. :

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers  
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, January 1966  
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to January 1966 from--				
	January 1966		December 1965		January 1965	December 1965		October 1965		January 1965
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
All items -----	111.0	-----	111.0	-----	106.9	0	-----	0.5	-----	1.9
Food -----	111.4	111.6	110.6	110.8	106.6	0.7	0.7	1.5	1.7	4.5
Food at home -----	109.8	110.0	108.9	109.2	104.8	.8	.7	1.9	2.0	4.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	113.0	-----	112.2	-----	111.1	.7	-----	1.5	-----	1.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.9	112.9	110.1	110.3	99.2	2.5	2.4	3.7	4.9	13.8
Dairy products -----	106.6	105.9	106.1	105.4	105.6	.5	.5	1.0	1.0	.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	111.2	113.9	111.0	114.1	112.4	.3	-.2	2.6	.5	-1.0
Other foods at home -----	102.9	102.1	103.8	103.3	101.6	-.9	-1.2	-.6	.4	1.3
Food away from home -----	120.4	-----	119.9	-----	116.1	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.7
Housing -----	109.2	-----	109.4	-----	108.1	-.2	-----	.2	-----	1.0
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	112.0	-----	111.8	-----	109.9	.2	-----	.7	-----	1.9
Rent -----	109.7	-----	109.5	-----	108.4	.2	-----	.5	-----	1.2
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	113.1	-----	112.9	-----	110.6	.2	-----	.9	-----	2.3
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	106.4	106.0	108.1	107.7	107.9	-1.6	-1.6	-1.2	-1.6	-1.4
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	108.9	*	108.6	*	106.5	.3	*	1.9	*	2.3
Gas and electricity -----	107.9	*	108.0	*	108.0	-.1	*	0	*	-.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	103.6	-----	103.6	-----	102.8	0	-----	.3	-----	.8
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	107.3	107.8	108.1	107.6	105.6	-.7	.2	-.5	.6	1.6
Men's and boys' -----	108.6	109.0	109.3	108.8	106.2	-.6	.2	-.1	.6	2.3
Women's and girls' -----	102.6	103.6	104.3	103.3	101.4	-1.6	.3	-1.6	.7	1.2
Footwear -----	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.4	111.5	0	-----	1.0	1.1	3.7
Transportation -----	111.2	110.8	111.6	111.3	111.1	-.4	-.4	0	0	.1
Private -----	109.6	109.2	110.1	109.8	109.7	-.5	-.5	-.1	0	-.1
Public -----	122.0	-----	122.0	-----	120.6	0	-----	.3	-----	1.2
Health and recreation -----	116.9	-----	116.6	-----	114.5	.3	-----	.6	-----	2.1
Medical care -----	124.2	-----	123.7	-----	120.6	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.0
Personal care -----	110.4	-----	110.0	-----	110.0	.4	-----	1.1	-----	.4
Reading and recreation -----	115.7	-----	115.4	-----	115.0	.3	-----	.4	-----	.6
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	113.4	-----	113.4	-----	109.3	0	-----	.1	-----	3.8
<b>Special groups:</b>										
All items less shelter -----	110.8	-----	110.8	-----	108.6	0	-----	.5	-----	2.0
All items less food -----	111.1	-----	111.3	-----	109.8	-.2	-----	.2	-----	1.2
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	107.4	*	107.4	*	105.6	0	*	.5	*	1.7
Nondurables -----	109.6	*	109.4	*	106.3	.2	*	.8	*	3.1
Durables <u>8/</u> -----	101.9	*	102.4	*	103.6	-.5	*	-.2	*	-1.6
Services <u>9/</u> -----	119.5	-----	119.3	-----	116.6	.2	-----	.7	-----	2.5
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	105.3	*	105.7	*	104.9	-.4	*	0	*	.4
Nondurables less food -----	108.0	*	108.4	*	106.1	-.4	*	0	*	1.8
Apparel commodities -----	106.2	*	107.2	*	104.7	-.9	*	-.7	*	1.4
Apparel less footwear -----	104.3	*	105.5	*	103.3	-1.1	*	-1.0	*	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	109.1	-----	109.1	-----	106.9	0	-----	.4	-----	2.1
New cars -----	97.4	*	98.7	*	101.5	-1.3	*	-.3	*	-4.0
Used cars -----	114.8	-----	118.2	-----	123.7	-2.9	-----	-3.9	-----	-7.2
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	96.1	*	96.1	*	97.8	0	*	.1	*	-1.7
Housefurnishings -----	97.6	*	97.9	*	98.0	-.2	*	0	*	-.4
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	121.8	-----	121.6	-----	118.6	.2	-----	.7	-----	2.7
Household services less rent -----	117.9	-----	118.4	-----	116.0	-.4	-----	0	-----	1.6
Transportation services -----	122.5	-----	121.3	-----	117.7	1.0	-----	1.5	-----	4.1
Medical care services -----	129.5	-----	128.9	-----	125.0	.5	-----	1.1	-----	3.6
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	123.8	-----	123.2	-----	120.1	.5	-----	.8	-----	3.1
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	136.2	-----	136.2	-----	133.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	229.2	-----	229.2	-----	224.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.901	-----	\$0.901	-----	\$0.918	0	-----	-.6	-----	-1.9
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.734	-----	.734	-----	.749	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.436	-----	.436	-----	.445	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

\* Not yet available.  
1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.  
3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.  
4/ Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.  
5/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.  
6/ Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.  
7/ Includes home purchase costs which were classified under services prior to 1964.  
8/ Also includes auto parts, toys, and recreational goods not shown separately.  
9/ Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.  
10/ Called "Durables less cars" prior to 1964.  
11/ Includes the services components of apparel, personal care, reading and recreation, and other goods and services.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items  
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	October 1965	January 1965
		January 1966			October 1965	January 1965
U.S. City Average -----	M	111.0	136.2		0.5	1.9
Chicago -----	M	108.6	136.9		.3	2.1
Detroit -----	M	108.4	133.7		.9	3.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	112.8	140.7		.1	1.1
New York -----	M	113.4	136.6		.4	2.3
Philadelphia -----	M	111.6	137.0		.5	1.7
		January 1966			October 1965	January 1965
Boston -----	1	113.9	141.1		0.3	1.4
Houston -----	1	110.4	135.5		.6	<u>3/</u> 2.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	110.5	136.7		.4	1.7
Pittsburgh -----	1	111.0	136.8		.3	1.8
		November 1965			August 1965	November 1964
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	104.6	0.6	2.4
Cleveland -----	2	107.8	133.9		.7	1.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	102.7	1.0	2.0
Milwaukee -----	2	108.7	137.1		.2	1.8
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	100.3	.7	-----
Seattle -----	2	111.8	140.5		.3	1.5
Washington -----	2	110.5	133.0		.8	1.5
		December 1965			September 1965	December 1964
Atlanta -----	3	109.2	135.2		0.9	1.7
Baltimore -----	3	110.9	137.6		.8	2.1
Cincinnati -----	3	107.9	131.3		.7	.9
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	103.9	1.6	2.9
Kansas City -----	3	114.6	141.8		.3	<u>4/</u> 2.9
St. Louis -----	3	111.5	138.4		1.5	2.3
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	113.6	144.2		.8	1.8

1/ Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used. Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

3/ Change from February 1965.

4/ Change from January 1965.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
 Percent changes from December 1965 to January 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0	- 0.2	0.4	- 0.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food -----	0.7	.7	.9	.9	.5	0
Housing -----	- .2	.1	- .2	- .3	- .2	- .2
Apparel and upkeep -----	- .7	- 1.9	- 1.3	.2	- 2.0	- 1.6
Transportation -----	- .4	- 1.0	.3	- 3.3	.5	0
Health and recreation -----	.3	.3	1.3	.2	.2	.1
Medical care -----	.4	.2	1.6	.2	.3	.2
Personal care -----	.4	.7	1.5	1.4	- .4	.1
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.3	2.0	- .1	.6	.2
Other goods and services ---	0	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers  
 Major group indexes, unadjusted, selected dates  
 (1957-59=100)

Date		All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Health and recreation				
							Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
1966:	Jan.	111.0	111.4	109.2	107.3	111.2	116.9	124.2	110.4	115.7	113.4
1965:	Dec.	111.0	110.6	109.4	108.1	111.6	116.6	123.7	110.0	115.4	113.4
	Nov.	110.6	109.7	109.2	108.1	111.5	116.4	123.4	109.6	115.4	113.3
	Oct.	110.4	109.7	109.0	107.8	111.2	116.2	123.0	109.2	115.2	113.3
	Sept.	110.2	109.7	108.6	107.2	111.0	115.8	122.8	109.2	114.8	112.7
	Aug.	110.0	110.1	108.2	106.4	111.0	115.6	122.8	109.0	114.3	112.6
	July	110.2	110.9	108.3	106.1	111.5	115.3	122.7	108.7	114.6	111.5
	June	110.1	110.1	108.2	106.9	111.2	115.7	122.2	111.0	115.7	111.0
	May	109.6	107.9	108.2	106.8	111.4	115.6	121.8	111.0	115.9	110.6
	Apr.	109.3	107.3	108.2	106.3	111.0	115.4	121.6	110.7	115.9	110.3
	Mar.	109.0	106.9	108.2	106.0	110.6	114.9	121.4	110.4	115.4	109.5
	Feb.	108.9	106.6	108.2	105.8	110.6	114.7	121.0	110.1	115.2	109.4
	Jan.	108.9	106.6	108.1	105.6	111.1	114.5	120.6	110.0	115.0	109.3
Annual Average:	1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
	1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
	1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
	1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
	1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
	1960	103.1	101.4	103.1	102.2	103.8	105.4	108.1	104.1	104.9	103.8
	1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 January 1966 indexes and percent changes from October 1965

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minneapolis- St. Paul
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	111.0	113.9	108.6	108.4	110.0	112.8	110.5
Food -----	111.4	113.6	112.0	108.9	113.2	112.1	110.3
Food at home -----	109.8	110.7	111.5	107.6	111.4	109.0	109.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	113.0	114.9	113.6	107.0	118.3	117.2	108.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.9	115.2	114.8	115.0	110.4	104.0	112.9
Dairy products -----	106.6	104.1	112.5	106.2	105.5	109.2	110.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	111.3	112.9	108.6	102.0	116.7	123.1	112.2
Other foods at home -----	102.9	103.2	104.8	99.8	106.0	96.9	103.6
Food away from home -----	120.4	126.0	114.6	117.2	121.2	124.2	113.6
Housing -----	109.2	115.8	105.9	101.5	105.7	114.4	107.7
Shelter -----	112.0	122.5	107.1	101.2	102.3	120.3	111.9
Rent -----	109.7	124.3	2/106.5	-----	100.3	2/111.0	109.0
Homeownership -----	113.1	121.7	107.6	102.4	103.2	123.4	112.4
Fuel and utilities -----	106.4	106.8	103.3	100.8	117.1	101.6	100.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	108.9	114.5	105.6	100.6	-----	-----	104.9
Gas and electricity -----	107.9	102.5	105.2	104.4	132.7	110.8	99.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	103.6	106.9	104.7	100.0	107.8	102.9	100.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	107.3	108.8	103.1	107.8	107.4	107.8	106.7
Men's and boys' -----	108.6	102.9	103.7	104.0	105.6	110.5	113.4
Women's and girls' -----	102.6	106.3	97.4	109.6	104.8	104.5	100.1
Footwear -----	115.6	116.5	113.0	115.0	116.9	114.2	115.1
Transportation -----	111.2	113.8	108.8	110.7	108.7	115.9	112.2
Private -----	109.6	107.7	108.9	109.1	105.4	111.8	110.6
Public -----	122.0	132.9	109.1	114.7	135.4	140.0	121.9
Health and recreation -----	116.9	115.4	112.5	118.6	117.7	111.4	117.5
Medical care -----	124.2	124.9	131.8	130.6	117.4	121.4	134.0
Personal care -----	110.4	110.4	111.2	112.7	120.1	108.1	104.5
Reading and recreation -----	115.7	118.6	100.1	113.1	117.9	103.8	115.2
Other goods and services -----	113.4	106.3	3/106.1	(4/)	116.2	(4/)	107.1
Percent changes October 1965 to January 1966							
All items -----	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.4
Food -----	1.5	.7	1.8	2.5	2.0	-.1	1.9
Food at home -----	1.9	.5	2.1	2.8	2.2	-.2	2.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.5	1.0	2.6	.9	4.3	-3.0	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	3.7	2.2	4.1	5.0	3.7	0	4.8
Dairy products -----	1.0	.4	.9	.4	2.6	.6	4.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.6	-.5	2.0	4.9	0	3.0	2.4
Other foods at home -----	-.6	-1.7	-.7	0	.6	-1.5	-.9
Food away from home -----	1.0	1.4	.7	1.8	1.0	.2	0
Housing -----	.2	.5	.3	.3	.7	.7	-.2
Shelter -----	.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	.4
Rent -----	.5	1.6	5/ .5	-----	.3	5/ .4	-.1
Homeownership -----	.9	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	2.0	.4
Fuel and utilities -----	-1.2	-1.4	-1.9	-1.7	.5	-2.6	-1.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.9	.8	0	0	-----	-----	0
Gas and electricity -----	0	-.7	-.2	-.3	3.9	-.6	-.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	.3	.3	-.2	-.6	.2	-.8	-.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.5	-.3	-1.5	-.9	-.6	.2	-.7
Men's and boys' -----	-.1	0	-.8	-2.3	-2.3	.5	1.2
Women's and girls' -----	-1.6	-1.0	-3.8	-.5	-1.2	-.5	-2.8
Footwear -----	1.0	.5	.9	-.9	2.9	.9	.6
Transportation -----	0	-.7	-.6	.8	-.2	-1.3	.1
Private -----	-.1	-.7	-.9	.8	-.2	-1.4	.1
Public -----	.3	0	1.3	.3	0	.7	0
Health and recreation -----	.6	.3	.4	.9	.3	.3	.4
Medical care -----	1.0	.4	.8	1.4	.3	.6	.8
Personal care -----	1.1	.2	1.2	1.4	.8	2.2	.8
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.2	0	1.2	-.1	0	0
Other goods and services -----	.1	.3	-.2	(4/)	.3	(4/)	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups--Continued

Group	January 1966			1965 Average			
	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis- St. Paul	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	113.4	111.6	111.0	113.2	108.5	109.5	110.2
All items (1947-49=100) -----	-----	-----	-----	140.3	133.7	135.5	135.8
Food -----	112.1	109.5	109.7	112.5	109.2	107.1	107.5
Food at home -----	109.0	107.8	108.9	109.9	107.0	105.7	106.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	113.7	109.5	111.7	114.2	112.5	106.1	112.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.4	107.1	117.8	110.0	102.2	104.0	109.7
Dairy products -----	103.2	110.6	98.5	102.0	102.0	106.3	98.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	110.1	109.8	108.3	120.1	118.4	112.0	111.2
Other foods at home -----	102.5	101.7	102.6	104.3	103.2	102.5	102.5
Food away from home -----	126.3	119.2	114.2	123.6	119.4	112.6	111.1
Housing -----	114.0	110.9	109.7	115.1	105.2	107.2	108.7
Shelter -----	117.8	114.2	107.7	121.1	101.4	110.6	106.6
Rent -----	-----	2/ 110.0	108.8	121.3	99.7	108.6	107.7
Homeownership -----	116.7	115.5	107.3	121.0	102.2	111.0	106.2
Fuel and utilities -----	105.5	105.1	115.2	107.3	117.8	102.4	114.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	114.1	112.6	-----	110.3	-----	102.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.2	101.9	116.9	103.2	130.1	100.0	113.3
Household furnishings and operation	108.8	104.3	107.5	106.5	107.7	101.0	106.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	109.3	110.9	108.3	107.7	106.9	105.7	109.2
Men's and boys' -----	111.9	107.6	104.3	101.4	106.3	111.5	104.7
Women's and girls' -----	102.2	106.6	102.6	106.0	105.2	99.3	105.0
Footwear -----	116.4	113.9	118.0	114.3	111.5	113.3	117.3
Transportation -----	109.0	117.3	113.6	113.4	107.6	111.2	114.1
Private -----	111.5	113.1	108.7	107.2	104.6	109.5	109.3
Public -----	101.7	136.7	131.3	132.9	128.0	121.9	131.0
Health and recreation -----	121.2	116.1	117.2	115.0	116.0	117.2	116.6
Medical care -----	125.3	128.5	131.8	123.4	116.1	132.5	130.4
Personal care -----	107.9	107.3	105.6	111.1	117.0	105.3	105.7
Reading and recreation -----	124.7	112.2	111.9	119.0	118.2	115.6	110.9
Other goods and services -----	3/ 119.7	(4/)	113.2	105.5	112.8	106.9	113.3
Percent changes							
October 1965 to January 1966				Percent changes 1964 to 1965			
All items -----	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.9	1.2	1.4	1.6
Food -----	1.9	1.5	1.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	2.6
Food at home -----	2.3	1.6	1.4	2.7	3.8	2.7	2.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.7	1.0	- 2.3	2.0	4.2	2.4	2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	3.5	2.9	2.9	6.6	6.0	6.4	8.2
Dairy products -----	2.3	.5	.3	.8	-.5	.3	.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.9	2.7	6.5	-.2	4.0	1.2	- 1.1
Other foods at home -----	-.4	-.1	- 1.3	.8	1.6	1.6	-.2
Food away from home -----	.6	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.2	2.2
Housing -----	.2	.5	.5	1.5	-.4	.8	.7
Shelter -----	.5	1.6	.9	1.9	-.1	1.7	.9
Rent -----	-----	5/ .2	.6	2.0	-.4	.6	1.3
Homeownership -----	.8	2.0	1.1	1.8	0	2.0	.8
Fuel and utilities -----	- 1.7	- 1.0	-.3	.6	- 1.4	-.3	-.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.5	2.6	-----	2.5	-----	-.1	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.4	-.1	1.7	0	- 2.2	- 1.8	-.5
Household furnishings and operation	.6	-.5	.2	1.2	-.5	- 1.4	1.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	- 2.8	- 1.3	- 2.3	.7	.2	2.0	2.0
Men's and boys' -----	- 1.6	- 2.6	- 1.3	.6	- 1.2	2.8	-.4
Women's and girls' -----	- 5.7	- 1.2	- 4.2	.3	.8	1.6	5.1
Footwear -----	.5	- 1.4	- 1.3	2.0	.5	4.3	.9
Transportation -----	.6	.2	-.5	2.5	-.5	1.8	1.8
Private -----	.6	.3	-.6	2.9	- 1.2	1.9	1.7
Public -----	0	0	.3	.9	4.9	0	2.6
Health and recreation -----	.7	.3	.4	2.3	3.3	.6	1.2
Medical care -----	1.5	.5	.2	3.7	2.7	.6	2.5
Personal care -----	.4	.4	.8	.8	2.8	- 1.8	.4
Reading and recreation -----	.6	.4	.7	1.6	3.0	2.0	-.2
Other goods and services -----	.2	(4/)	.1	2.5	4.4	.2	2.1

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ 1965 annual averages for Chicago, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia are 105.8, 110.2, and 109.6, respectively.

3/ 1965 annual averages for Chicago and New York are 103.2 and 116.5, respectively.

4/ Not available.

5/ Change from November 1965.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
January 1966 indexes, unadjusted, and percent changes from December 1965

Area <sup>1/</sup>	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	111.4	109.8	113.0	112.9	106.6	111.3	102.9	120.4
Atlanta -----	110.5	110.2	107.5	114.0	105.0	110.8	108.6	111.7
Baltimore -----	112.7	109.3	118.7	112.5	105.4	107.7	101.2	126.2
Boston -----	113.6	110.7	114.9	115.2	104.1	112.9	103.2	126.0
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	106.0	105.9	99.0	112.6	102.0	103.9	104.7	107.1
Chicago-----	112.0	111.5	113.6	114.8	112.5	108.6	104.8	114.6
Cincinnati -----	108.9	107.5	109.2	114.5	101.8	112.0	97.5	117.9
Cleveland -----	106.9	105.3	106.6	112.3	97.6	106.4	98.0	116.4
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	107.6	108.1	106.0	116.3	104.3	103.6	104.2	105.7
Detroit -----	108.9	107.6	107.0	115.0	106.2	102.0	99.8	117.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	106.2	106.8	103.5	109.4	99.4	115.9	101.5	104.3
Houston -----	113.2	111.4	118.3	110.4	105.5	116.7	106.0	121.2
Kansas City -----	115.3	115.1	115.1	117.2	117.3	116.6	107.7	116.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach	112.1	109.0	117.2	104.0	109.2	123.1	96.9	124.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	110.3	109.4	108.1	112.9	110.3	112.2	103.6	113.6
New York -----	112.1	109.0	113.7	111.4	103.2	110.1	102.5	126.3
Philadelphia -----	109.5	107.8	109.5	107.1	110.6	109.8	101.7	119.2
Pittsburgh -----	109.7	108.9	111.7	117.8	98.5	108.3	102.6	114.2
St. Louis -----	114.4	112.2	109.6	117.3	113.8	112.9	104.9	121.1
San Francisco-Oakland -	112.9	109.9	112.5	111.1	108.5	115.7	100.3	126.3
Seattle -----	111.5	109.0	105.8	111.3	112.3	113.1	102.1	123.0
Washington -----	110.6	108.1	111.3	110.8	107.9	103.2	103.2	121.6
Percent changes December 1965 to January 1966								
U.S. City Average -----	0.7	0.8	0.7	2.5	0.5	0.3	- 0.9	0.4
Atlanta -----	.6	.7	.4	3.8	.2	- .3	- 2.2	.4
Baltimore -----	1.1	1.0	3.1	2.2	.4	- .3	- .9	1.2
Boston -----	1.0	.9	1.1	2.5	.1	.8	- 1.1	.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	.8	1.0	- 1.0	2.6	2.1	0	- .7	.2
Chicago-----	.7	.7	2.1	2.5	.4	- 1.4	- 1.2	.2
Cincinnati -----	1.0	1.1	- .3	2.5	1.1	1.4	- .3	.9
Cleveland -----	- .3	- .3	- 1.2	1.0	- .8	- .7	- 1.3	.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	1.3	1.6	.1	3.7	3.0	0	.1	.2
Detroit -----	.9	1.1	.3	3.3	.3	.7	- 1.3	.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.3	.4	- .3	1.1	.6	- .1	0	.1
Houston -----	.7	.7	.2	1.8	.1	.3	.6	.2
Kansas City -----	.8	.9	.2	3.4	.3	- .1	- 1.0	.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach	.9	1.4	- .7	3.2	.2	1.7	.5	- .2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	.9	1.1	1.0	2.5	2.6	.5	- 1.1	- .1
New York -----	.5	.6	1.0	1.9	.3	.1	- 1.8	.6
Philadelphia -----	0	- .2	- 1.1	.6	.1	.7	- 1.7	.6
Pittsburgh -----	.4	.3	- .4	1.5	0	1.0	- 1.3	.6
St. Louis -----	.4	.4	- .2	.9	1.2	.7	- 1.0	.2
San Francisco-Oakland -	1.0	1.2	.8	2.5	.9	- .4	.7	.2
Seattle -----	1.1	1.3	2.7	1.6	.2	1.3	1.0	.6
Washington -----	.2	.2	1.1	2.1	.3	- 3.4	- .9	.3

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items  
 January 1966 indexes, unadjusted, and percent changes December 1965 to January 1966  
 U.S. City Average  
 (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index	Percent Change	Item or Group	Index	Percent Change
Total food-----	111.4	0.7	Fruits and vegetables-----	111.3	0.3
Food away from home-----	120.4	.4	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	112.5	.3
Restaurant meals-----	120.5	.3	Apples-----	110.6	2.5
Snacks <u>1</u> /-----	104.7	.7	Bananas-----	82.0	- 8.0
Food at home-----	109.8	.8	Oranges-----	109.1	- 6.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	113.0	.7	Orange juice, fresh <u>1</u> /-----	84.0	- 1.8
Flour-----	109.9	.7	Grapefruit-----	118.7	- .8
Cracker meal <u>1</u> /-----	114.6	.5	Grapes *-----	*	*
Corn flakes-----	118.6	.3	Strawberries *-----	*	*
Rice-----	106.5	-1	Watermelon *-----	*	*
Bread, white-----	117.6	1.6	Potatoes-----	116.1	- 2.4
Bread, whole wheat <u>1</u> /-----	106.3	1.1	Onions-----	94.9	- 3.1
Cookies-----	98.7	- .2	Asparagus * <u>1</u> /-----	*	*
Layer cake <u>1</u> /-----	99.2	- .2	Cabbage-----	127.7	12.2
Cinnamon rolls <u>1</u> /-----	102.5	.6	Carrots-----	103.9	2.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	112.9	2.5	Celery-----	111.7	1.9
Meats-----	116.6	2.9	Cucumbers <u>1</u> /-----	123.1	15.5
Beef and veal-----	109.4	.5	Lettuce-----	141.4	25.5
Steak, round-----	106.4	- .8	Peppers, green <u>1</u> /-----	159.0	12.5
Steak, sirloin <u>2</u> /-----	104.5	1.3	Spinach <u>1</u> /-----	96.4	- .9
Steak, porterhouse <u>1</u> /-----	109.0	.8	Tomatoes-----	123.8	- 17.5
Rump roast <u>1</u> /-----	104.0	0	Processed fruits and vegetables-----	110.3	.3
Rib roast-----	118.3	2.0	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	103.9	.3
Chuck roast-----	103.3	0	Pears, canned <u>1</u> /-----	110.1	.5
Hamburger-----	109.0	.6	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1</u> /-----	98.9	.1
Beef liver <u>1</u> /-----	103.3	.8	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	92.1	- 1.4
Veal cutlets-----	121.6	.9	Lemonade concentrate frozen <u>2</u> /-----	89.5	.2
Pork-----	130.9	6.6	Beets, canned <u>1</u> /-----	100.1	.7
Chops-----	128.3	6.2	Peas, green, canned-----	116.4	- .2
Loin roast <u>2</u> /-----	137.1	5.6	Tomatoes, canned-----	108.4	.4
Pork sausage <u>1</u> /-----	136.2	5.6	Dried beans-----	123.3	1.4
Ham, whole-----	130.4	5.3	Broccoli, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	95.7	- .4
Picnics <u>1</u> /-----	131.9	7.0	Other food at home-----	102.9	- .9
Bacon-----	141.8	8.7	Eggs-----	105.0	- 4.2
Other meats-----	116.5	2.6	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops <u>1</u> /-----	116.7	2.5	Margarine-----	101.8	.3
Frankfurters-----	116.3	1.9	Salad dressing, Italian <u>1</u> /-----	101.1	.1
Ham, canned <u>1</u> /-----	123.7	5.9	Salad or cooking oil <u>1</u> /-----	111.2	.8
Bologna sausage <u>1</u> /-----	114.0	2.3	Sugar and sweets-----	111.0	- .9
Salami sausage <u>1</u> /-----	110.4	1.2	Sugar-----	108.9	.3
Liverwurst <u>1</u> /-----	112.2	1.4	Grape jelly-----	115.7	- .3
Poultry-----	90.2	.9	Chocolate bar-----	94.9	- 3.6
Frying chicken-----	90.2	1.1	Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1</u> /-----	99.7	.2
Chicken breasts <u>1</u> /-----	99.2	- .2	Nonsalcoholic beverages-----	99.2	- .3
Turkey <u>1</u> /-----	104.3	1.1	Coffee, can and bag-----	93.1	- .2
Fish-----	112.0	.4	Coffee, instant <u>3</u> /-----	97.0	- 1.0
Shrimp, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	95.8	.1	Tea-----	99.9	- .8
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	119.7	.9	Cola drink-----	127.6	.6
Tuna fish, canned-----	102.4	1.0	Carbonated fruit drink <u>1</u> /-----	102.1	- .2
Sardines, canned <u>1</u> /-----	105.1	- .3	Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1</u> /	99.3	- .1
Dairy products-----	106.6	.5	Bean soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	97.8	- .2
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	104.7	.4	Chicken soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	98.8	.1
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	107.9	.2	Spaghetti, canned <u>1</u> /-----	103.1	1.4
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1</u> /-----	100.9	.4	Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1</u> /-----	103.1	- 1.7
Milk, evaporated-----	105.4	.2	Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2</u> /-----	85.3	- .7
Ice cream-----	93.7	0	Baby foods, canned-----	104.8	- .1
Cheese, American process-----	120.7	2.3	Sweet pickle relish <u>1</u> /-----	102.3	.3
Butter-----	106.2	.5	Pretzels <u>1</u> /-----	99.8	.2

1/ December 1963 = 100.  
2/ April 1960 = 100.  
3/ July 1961 = 100.  
 \* Priced only in season.

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--Portland, Oregon  
All Items and Commodity Groups  
January 1966 and 1965 Average  
(1957-59=100)

Group	January 1966			1965 Average	
	Index	Percent change from --		Index	Percent change from 1964
		October 1965	January 1965		
All items -----	112.9	0	2.6	111.8	2.6
All items (1947-49=100) -----	139.9	----	----	138.5	----
Food -----	111.8	1.2	3.6	109.5	2.2
Food at home -----	110.4	1.7	3.4	108.1	2.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	108.8	- .7	.1	109.5	1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish --	117.5	4.4	16.0	107.5	7.3
Dairy products -----	110.9	.5	.4	110.4	1.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	109.7	1.7	- 7.1	115.7	- 2.5
Other foods at home -----	103.8	.8	2.6	101.0	.8
Housing -----	113.7	- .8	2.7	113.2	3.5
Rent -----	109.2	.4	1.1	108.5	1.6
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0	102.5	0
Solid and petroleum fuels ---	104.2	0	0	104.2	1.5
Housefurnishings -----	96.2	- 1.6	- .3	97.2	- .6
Household operation -----	114.5	- 1.2	3.5	113.5	2.2
Apparel -----	111.2	- 1.6	5.4	109.0	3.1
Men's and boys' -----	117.5	- 1.7	5.5	115.4	4.5
Women's and girls' -----	105.6	- 2.9	6.2	103.7	3.5
Footwear -----	116.4	1.1	3.9	113.3	0
Other apparel -----	104.3	- .7	4.3	102.3	2.2
Transportation -----	108.0	- .6	- .9	109.2	1.4
Private -----	105.1	- .7	- 1.0	106.5	1.7
Public -----	126.8	0	0	126.8	0
Medical care -----	124.5	1.1	2.9	122.5	3.3
Personal care -----	112.7	1.2	1.1	111.9	1.3
Reading and recreation -----	120.5	2.1	1.7	118.6	1.7
Other goods and services -----	107.2	.4	2.0	106.3	1.1

### Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, both families and single persons living alone. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 39 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. They are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage earners and clerical workers patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 56 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest SMSA's and every 3 months in other SMSA's and cities. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items which change in price infrequently. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59=100, and are also available on the bases of 1947-49=100 and 1939=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 23 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

Alabama - Florence	Louisiana - Baton Rouge*	Ohio - Findlay
Alaska - Anchorage	Maine - Portland*	Oklahoma - Mangum
California - Bakersfield*	Massachusetts - Southbridge	Oregon - Klamath Falls
Colorado - Denver*	Michigan - Niles	Pennsylvania - Lancaster*
Connecticut - Hartford *	Minnesota - Crookston	South Carolina - Union
Florida - Orlando*	Mississippi - Vicksburg	Tennessee - Nashville*
Indiana - Indianapolis*	New Jersey - Millville	Texas - Austin*
Indiana - Logansport	New York - Kingston	Texas - McAllen
Illinois - Champaign-Urbana*	North Carolina - Durham*	Utah - Orem
Iowa - Cedar Rapids*	North Dakota - Devils Lake	Virginia - Martinsville
Kansas - Wichita*	Ohio - Dayton*	Wisconsin - Green Bay*

\*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Comparisons of indexes for individual SMSA's show only that prices in one location changed more or less than in another. The SMSA indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between areas.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 23 large SMSA's are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. 20212 or any of its regional offices (addresses below).

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