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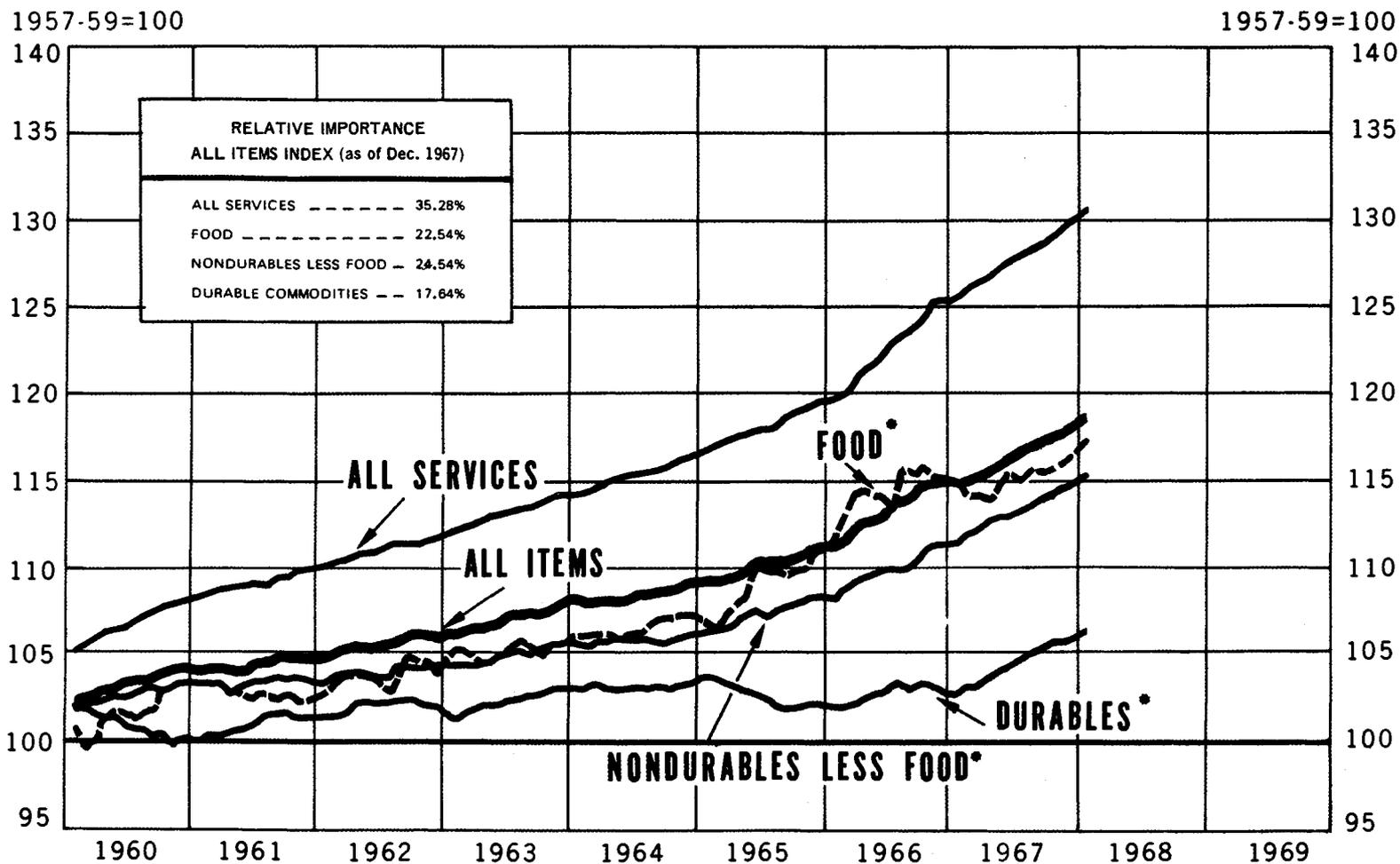
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JANUARY 1968

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 percent in January for the fourth month in succession. The increase was the largest for January since 1958. The index, at 118.6 (1957-59=100), was 3.4 percent higher than in January 1967.

Higher prices were reported for all major classes of consumer goods and services except apparel, which declined considerably less than usual for January. The advancing cost of most consumer services accounted for about half of the January rise and most of the remainder was attributed to higher food prices. Among the important contributors to higher prices for services were postage, automobile registration and licensing fees, mortgage interest, and professional medical care. More than two-fifths of the index rise in the past 12 months resulted from increasing charges for services. Prices of nondurable commodities less food have been responsible for about one-fourth of the rise. The remainder of the advance has been ascribed to higher prices for food and durable goods.

Food

Food prices in grocery stores climbed 0.8 percent in January. This advance reflected chiefly lower supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables (which accounted for over four-fifths of the increase), frying chickens, and dairy products. Significantly higher prices were recorded for tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, and lettuce; increases ranged between 15-1/2 and 36 percent, largely due to poor weather and reduced acreage. Ample supplies of green peppers from Florida and Mexico caused an 11.4 percent decline for this item, and potato prices were also slightly lower. Fresh fruit prices increased slightly. Smaller cold storage holdings drove apple prices up 5.8 percent; oranges, responding to freeze damage in California and the prospect of a reduced crop, advanced 4.1 percent; bananas decreased nearly 10 percent. Continuing tight stock positions for canned fruit cocktail and pears were largely responsible for pushing the prices of processed fruits and vegetables higher.

Beef and veal prices moved moderately higher as production declined, but were offset, on a seasonally adjusted basis, by lower pork prices. Cold storage holdings remained high despite a drop in production.

Poultry prices averaged one percent higher, as increased prices for frying chickens outweighed lower prices for chicken breasts and turkey. Over the year, poultry prices have advanced one percent, due wholly to price increases in the past two months as the rate of chicken production has fallen. Dairy products were up 0.3 percent almost entirely because of higher fresh milk and butter prices as production expanded less than usual. Egg prices declined seasonally.

Services

The cost of consumer services continued its upward trend in January, increasing 0.5 percent over December. The rate of advance, which had been relatively constant during the first two quarters of 1967, has quickened in the past several months. Expenses incident to operating an automobile jumped sharply in a number of cities as liability insurance premiums were increased and some states boosted automobile registration and drivers' permits fees. Housekeeping services were up 2.4 percent from December, primarily because of the increase in first and third class postal rates. Charges for medical care services

continued upward, advancing 0.7 percent mainly on the strength of higher doctors' and dentists' fees and hospital service charges. Home maintenance and repair services, mortgage interest and real estate taxes were all higher, as were rent, hotel and motel charges, and personal care services.

Durable goods

Durable goods prices rose 0.2 percent in January as nearly all durable commodities posted increases. Used car prices were up 0.8 percent (3.7 percent, seasonally adjusted) reflecting heavy demand, particularly for older models. New car prices dropped 0.3 percent although on a seasonally adjusted basis they were up 0.4 percent which reflected an advance in manufacturers' suggested retail prices and dealer concessions which were smaller than usual for this time of year. After adjustment for installation of front shoulder belts and other safety changes required on autos sold on and after January 1, 1968, suggested retail prices rose an average of \$11.51.

Most major appliances, especially automatic washing machines, refrigerator-freezers and gas stoves had higher price tags, reflecting the second round of wholesale price increases in the past six months. Television sets, particularly black and white portables, also were higher. Furniture and floor covering prices continued their upward movement as demand remained strong and the effects of higher material, labor, and freight charges were passed on to the consumers.

Nondurable goods other than food

Ending of a price war in Los Angeles was the primary factor behind a 1.2 percent rise in gasoline and motor oil in January; the only other noteworthy increase occurred in Wichita. Fuel oil prices were also high as severe weather and accompanying strong demand, coupled with some tightness in supply, resulted in increased prices in practically all cities in which oil is an important heating fuel.

Apparel prices declined 0.8 percent in response to clearance sales, particularly for women's winter clothing. Despite this reduction, apparel prices on a seasonally adjusted basis, were 0.3 percent above the December level which indicated that sale price reductions were not as steep or widespread as in the past. Footwear prices were up 0.2 percent (0.6 percent seasonally adjusted).

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The January Consumer Price Index rise brought pay boosts to more than 615,000 workers. About 450,000 employees in the trucking industry, including general freight, automobile hauling and some tank trucking and cement hauling drivers, received 3-cent increases based on the change in the index since July 1967. Three-cent quarterly increases went to about 100,000 workers in aerospace, automotive parts, and some metal-working firms. Workers in some other industries received increases ranging from one to four cents, based on quarterly or semi-annual changes in the index.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, January 1968
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to January 1968 from --				
	January 1968		December 1967		January 1967	December 1967		October 1967		January 1967
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
All items -----	118.6	-----	118.2	-----	114.7	0.3	-----	0.9	-----	3.4
Food -----	117.0	117.2	116.2	116.4	114.7	.7	0.7	1.1	1.3	2.0
Food at home -----	113.8	114.1	112.9	112.7	112.3	.8	.8	1.1	1.2	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.3	-----	118.4	-----	118.8	-.1	-----	.1	-----	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.6	111.9	111.2	111.7	110.3	.4	-.2	-.6	.7	1.2
Dairy products -----	118.5	117.9	118.1	117.4	116.4	.3	.4	.5	.5	1.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.1	127.0	119.6	122.9	115.3	3.8	3.3	7.6	5.5	7.6
Other foods at home -----	101.9	101.1	102.2	101.2	104.9	-.3	-.1	-.4	.1	-.2.9
Food away from home -----	132.9	-----	132.4	-----	127.0	.4	-----	1.1	-----	4.6
Housing -----	116.4	-----	116.0	-----	113.1	.3	-----	1.0	-----	2.9
Shelter 1/ -----	120.2	-----	119.9	-----	116.5	.3	-----	1.0	-----	3.2
Rent -----	113.7	-----	113.5	-----	111.4	.2	-----	.6	-----	2.1
Homeownership 2/ -----	122.9	-----	122.6	-----	118.7	.2	-----	1.2	-----	3.5
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	109.5	109.1	109.3	109.0	108.6	.2	.1	.1	-.3	.8
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	113.7	111.8	113.1	111.4	110.5	.5	.4	1.1	-.9	2.9
Gas and electricity -----	108.9	-----	108.7	-----	108.3	.2	-----	0	-----	.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	110.6	-----	109.7	-----	106.7	.8	-----	1.4	-----	3.7
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	115.9	116.6	116.8	116.2	111.3	-.8	.3	-.1	1.0	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	116.3	116.8	116.8	116.1	111.6	-.4	.6	.2	1.0	4.2
Women's and girls' -----	111.4	112.5	113.6	112.6	106.4	-1.9	-.1	-1.2	.9	4.7
Footwear -----	128.1	128.4	127.9	127.6	122.9	.2	.6	.8	1.2	4.2
Transportation -----	118.7	118.5	117.9	117.7	113.4	.7	.7	.8	.9	4.7
Private -----	116.6	116.8	115.8	115.6	111.4	.7	1.0	.8	1.2	4.7
Public -----	135.5	-----	134.9	-----	129.8	.4	-----	1.9	-----	4.4
Health and recreation -----	127.1	-----	126.6	-----	121.4	.4	-----	1.3	-----	4.7
Medical care -----	141.2	-----	140.4	-----	132.9	.6	-----	1.6	-----	6.2
Personal care -----	117.6	-----	117.2	-----	113.8	.3	-----	.9	-----	3.3
Reading and recreation -----	122.7	-----	122.2	-----	118.5	.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.5
Other goods and services 6/ -----	121.9	-----	121.4	-----	116.2	.4	-----	1.3	-----	4.9
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	118.2	-----	117.7	-----	114.2	.4	-----	.9	-----	3.5
All items less food -----	119.3	-----	118.9	-----	114.8	.3	-----	.9	-----	3.9
All items less medical care -----	117.3	-----	116.8	-----	113.6	.4	-----	.9	-----	3.3
Commodities 7/ -----	113.2	113.3	112.9	112.9	109.9	.3	.4	.7	.9	3.0
Nondurables -----	116.0	116.2	115.6	115.6	112.7	.3	.5	.8	1.0	2.9
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	106.3	106.4	106.1	105.9	102.7	.2	.5	.6	.9	3.5
Services 9/ -----	130.8	-----	130.1	-----	125.5	.5	-----	1.3	-----	4.2
Commodities less food 7/ -----	111.2	111.4	111.1	110.8	107.3	.1	.5	.5	.9	3.6
Nondurables less food -----	115.1	115.3	115.2	114.9	111.0	-.1	.3	.5	1.0	3.7
Apparel commodities -----	114.8	115.5	115.9	115.2	110.1	-.9	.3	-.3	1.0	4.3
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	112.2	113.0	113.5	112.7	107.6	-1.1	.3	-.4	1.1	4.3
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	115.3	-----	114.7	-----	111.6	.5	-----	1.0	-----	3.3
New cars -----	101.0	100.4	101.3	100.0	97.6	-.3	.4	-.1	.1	3.5
Used cars -----	125.8	128.9	124.8	124.3	113.0	.8	3.7	-.2	3.5	11.3
Household durables 10/ -----	99.6	-----	99.1	-----	97.6	.5	-----	.9	-----	2.0
Housefurnishings -----	102.6	102.8	102.1	102.0	99.7	.5	.8	1.1	1.3	2.9
Services less rent 9/ -----	134.6	-----	133.8	-----	128.8	.6	-----	1.4	-----	4.5
Household services less rent -----	129.9	-----	129.1	-----	125.1	.6	-----	1.2	-----	3.8
Transportation services -----	131.5	-----	130.4	-----	126.9	.8	-----	1.8	-----	3.6
Medical care services -----	151.4	-----	150.4	-----	140.6	.7	-----	1.8	-----	7.7
Other services 11/ -----	134.8	-----	134.3	-----	129.1	.4	-----	1.3	-----	4.4
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	145.5	-----	145.0	-----	140.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	244.9	-----	244.1	-----	236.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.843	-----	\$0.846	-----	\$0.872	-.4	-----	.9	-----	-3.3
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.687	-----	.690	-----	.711	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.408	-----	.410	-----	.422	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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 1967	January 1967
		January 1968			October 1967	January 1967
U.S. City Average -----	M	118.6	145.5		0.9	3.4
Chicago -----	M	115.9	146.1		.7	3.7
Detroit -----	M	116.6	143.8		1.0	2.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	120.5	150.3		1.3	4.1
New York -----	M	120.9	145.7		.6	2.9
Philadelphia -----	M	119.6	146.9		1.1	4.0
		January 1968			October 1967	January 1967
Boston -----	1	121.7	150.8		0.7	2.6
Houston -----	1	116.7	143.8		1.0	3.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	119.3	147.6		.8	5.2
Pittsburgh -----	1	117.5	144.8		1.7	3.1
		November 1967			August 1967	November 1966
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	111.2	0.7	3.0
Cleveland -----	2	114.7	142.5		1.3	3.4
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	109.1	.2	2.4
Milwaukee -----	2	114.5	144.4		.8	2.6
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	106.5	.6	2.9
Seattle -----	2	119.2	149.8		.8	3.1
Washington -----	2	117.8	141.8		.4	2.8
		December 1967			September 1967	December 1966
Atlanta -----	3	116.8	144.6		1.0	3.1
Baltimore -----	3	117.4	145.7		.2	2.5
Cincinnati -----	3	116.0	141.2		1.1	4.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	<u>3/</u> 109.7	<u>4/</u> 1.2	<u>4/</u> 3.0
Kansas City -----	3	120.2	148.7		.1	2.5
St. Louis -----	3	118.9	147.6		1.0	3.5
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	121.3	153.9		.7	3.5

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/ Corrected index.

4/ Based on corrected index.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index—The United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from December 1967 to January 1968

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.8
Food -----	.7	1.0	.1	-.8	.6	1.2
Housing -----	.3	.4	.1	.3	.3	.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.8	-2.8	-1.7	-.7	-1.9	-1.1
Transportation -----	.7	.3	.8	3.4	0	1.8
Health and recreation -----	.4	.2	1.1	.5	.5	.5
Medical care -----	.6	.5	1.0	.7	.6	.5
Personal care -----	.3	-.2	.3	.2	.3	1.3
Reading and recreation -----	.4	0	2.1	.5	.4	.8
Other goods and services -----	.4	.3	.4	.3	.3	(2/)

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index—United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group indexes, 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
1968:	Jan.	118.6	117.0	116.4	115.9	118.7	127.1	141.2	117.6	122.7	121.9
1967:	Dec.	118.2	116.2	116.0	116.8	117.9	126.6	140.4	117.2	122.2	121.4
	Nov.	117.8	115.6	115.5	116.6	118.3	126.2	139.7	116.9	122.0	121.0
	Oct.	117.5	115.7	115.3	116.0	117.7	125.5	139.0	116.5	121.4	120.3
	Sept.	117.1	115.9	115.0	115.1	116.8	124.9	138.5	116.4	120.5	119.7
	Aug.	116.9	116.6	114.7	113.8	116.4	124.2	137.5	116.1	120.0	118.8
	July	116.5	116.0	114.3	113.7	116.2	123.6	136.9	115.5	119.8	117.8
	June	116.0	115.1	114.1	113.9	115.7	123.2	136.3	115.3	119.7	116.9
	May	115.6	113.9	113.9	113.8	115.5	122.8	135.7	115.0	119.6	116.7
	Apr.	115.3	113.7	113.6	113.0	115.1	122.6	135.1	114.9	119.4	116.6
	Mar.	115.0	114.2	113.3	112.6	114.2	122.2	134.6	114.4	118.9	116.4
	Feb.	114.8	114.2	113.3	111.9	113.8	121.8	133.6	114.1	118.6	116.3
Jan.	114.7	114.7	113.1	111.3	113.4	121.4	132.9	113.8	118.5	116.2	
Annual Average:	1967	116.3	115.2	114.3	114.0	115.9	123.8	136.7	115.5	120.1	118.2
	1966	113.1	114.2	111.1	109.6	112.7	119.0	127.7	112.2	117.1	114.9
	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
	1957	98.0	97.8	98.5	99.5	96.5	97.0	95.5	97.1	96.9	98.5

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 January 1968 indexes and percent changes from October 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minn- neapolis- St. Paul	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	118.6	121.7	115.9	116.6	116.7	120.5	119.3	120.9	119.6	117.5
Food -----	117.0	120.8	117.7	115.5	116.7	116.2	114.8	117.3	116.8	113.4
Food at home -----	113.8	116.1	116.4	112.8	113.2	111.1	111.7	112.4	112.3	110.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.3	120.7	119.6	111.1	125.4	118.6	107.7	117.2	114.0	116.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.6	118.4	113.7	115.1	106.1	102.4	109.8	112.4	108.0	112.8
Dairy products -----	118.5	113.4	129.5	124.8	116.0	118.0	119.4	110.6	123.6	110.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.1	124.7	123.2	111.6	128.4	135.9	122.7	124.1	123.8	118.8
Other foods at home -----	101.9	104.0	103.1	101.9	102.4	94.0	103.1	99.5	98.8	99.9
Food away from home -----	132.9	140.9	124.2	130.6	132.1	134.9	128.8	138.5	140.8	129.5
Housing -----	116.4	122.3	112.9	110.8	114.0	122.2	117.8	119.7	116.3	116.3
Shelter -----	120.2	129.1	114.7	113.3	112.0	128.9	124.4	122.7	117.5	115.7
Rent ^{2/} -----	113.7	127.9	109.3	-----	103.0	113.5	112.1	-----	114.2	111.3
Homeownership -----	122.9	129.5	117.3	115.7	115.4	134.0	126.7	121.3	118.3	116.8
Fuel and utilities -----	109.5	109.4	107.8	102.6	119.2	106.1	103.4	110.0	109.0	117.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	113.7	119.8	109.0	107.2	-----	-----	113.0	118.9	119.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.9	101.8	107.8	104.3	133.3	112.4	98.8	110.8	102.7	117.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	110.6	116.2	111.6	106.2	116.9	110.1	109.0	116.8	114.1	114.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	115.9	114.9	109.8	112.9	112.7	115.8	114.0	118.8	121.8	115.4
Men's and boys' -----	116.3	108.2	109.4	110.7	111.5	120.1	120.6	120.9	115.5	111.4
Women's and girls' -----	111.4	111.6	102.2	111.6	109.2	113.1	105.9	112.8	116.9	106.5
Footwear -----	128.1	127.9	125.4	122.4	129.2	125.4	^{3/} 125.3	128.0	131.9	132.5
Transportation -----	118.7	121.4	116.7	117.3	115.5	124.9	^{4/} 120.9	119.0	126.7	119.9
Private -----	116.6	115.9	115.8	115.8	111.7	120.4	119.5	118.4	121.1	115.3
Public -----	135.5	133.8	123.7	119.8	150.2	153.2	^{5/} 125.2	124.7	155.7	133.8
Health and recreation -----	127.1	127.4	122.2	129.9	125.6	121.8	129.4	131.8	126.6	127.4
Medical care -----	141.2	144.4	150.0	151.2	131.2	138.2	150.5	143.1	146.5	147.6
Personal care -----	117.6	117.5	116.7	124.4	127.7	113.1	121.4	114.4	112.9	109.4
Reading and recreation -----	122.7	129.5	106.7	120.9	122.6	109.7	125.4	133.9	117.2	116.6
Other goods and services -----	121.9	115.8	114.2	118.1	119.7	118.6	114.2	127.5	(6/)	127.4
Percent changes October 1967 to January 1968										
All items -----	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.7
Food -----	1.1	.2	.9	.7	.5	.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4
Food at home -----	1.1	.1	.9	.6	.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	.7	1.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	.1	-1.6	-.9	-2.3	-.5	-.5	2.0	.9	-.5	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.6	.3	-.9	-.9	-.9	-1.6	-.4	.3	.7	-1.4
Dairy products -----	.5	.1	-.2	1.6	-2.5	-.3	-.9	1.9	-.2	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	7.6	2.6	7.6	4.8	6.2	12.6	7.4	5.9	4.2	8.9
Other foods at home -----	-.4	-1.1	.7	1.0	.7	-2.1	-.6	-1.4	-1.1	0
Food away from home -----	1.1	.8	.9	1.2	.4	.8	1.4	.8	4.0	3.6
Housing -----	1.0	1.4	.7	1.0	1.9	1.3	.9	.9	.4	1.9
Shelter -----	1.0	1.7	.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	.9	.7	-.9	1.9
Rent -----	.6	.8	^{7/} .1	-----	.5	^{7/} .3	.5	-----	^{7/} .4	.2
Homeownership -----	1.2	2.2	.9	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.0	-1.3	2.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.1	.1	.4	-.3	3.4	1.3	-.2	.1	.5	.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.1	.8	2.0	2.1	-----	-----	1.3	1.5	1.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	0	.3	0	-.5	6.2	1.6	-.2	.1	.9	.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.4	1.8	1.1	.4	1.6	1.5	.9	1.9	2.8	3.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.1	-1.4	-2.2	-1.6	-.2	-.3	-1.0	-1.9	-1.0	-.8
Men's and boys' -----	.2	.2	-.1	-1.7	1.1	1.2	0	-1.2	-1.8	1.1
Women's and girls' -----	-1.2	-2.5	-6.8	-2.1	-2.2	-2.5	-4.1	-4.5	-1.8	-3.7
Footwear -----	.8	1.3	1.9	-2.9	1.6	2.4	1.2	-.6	.2	.8
Transportation -----	.8	.9	2.6	2.2	-.1	2.9	.6	-.1	2.7	1.7
Private -----	.8	1.0	1.0	2.4	-.4	3.0	.6	-.1	1.9	1.9
Public -----	1.9	.1	13.1	0	3.7	.3	.4	0	7.7	0
Health and recreation -----	1.3	1.1	.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.9	3.4
Medical care -----	1.6	2.2	1.3	2.9	2.1	1.4	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.7
Personal care -----	.9	.9	-.2	.6	1.4	2.0	1.8	.9	1.1	1.2
Reading and recreation -----	1.1	.2	.7	1.2	.9	.2	.9	1.8	1.1	1.2
Other goods and services -----	1.3	1.3	.7	-.1	.1	1.1	.5	1.0	(6/)	8.3

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} 1967 annual averages for Chicago, Los Angeles-Long Beach, and Philadelphia are 108.5, 112.7, and 113.1, respectively.

^{3/} Corrected index October 1967, 123.8.

^{4/} Corrected indexes July 1967, 116.6; October 1967, 120.2.

^{5/} Corrected indexes July 1967, 124.7; October 1967, 124.7.

^{6/} Not available.

^{7/} Change from November 1967.

TABLE 5-A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 1967 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1966 to 1967

Group	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis- St. Paul	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)				
All items -----	119.8	114.4	115.9	115.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----	148.4	140.9	143.4	141.7
Food -----	119.4	115.8	113.0	111.2
Food at home -----	115.1	112.3	110.5	109.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	123.4	124.8	108.2	116.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	116.1	106.8	109.8	112.6
Dairy products -----	112.8	117.1	119.8	107.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	121.2	120.8	114.8	113.4
Other foods at home -----	104.0	102.2	103.0	99.6
Food away from home -----	138.2	131.0	124.1	122.0
Housing -----	120.7	110.9	113.5	113.5
Shelter -----	127.1	108.5	119.4	112.8
Rent -----	126.0	102.0	110.9	110.5
Homeownership -----	127.6	111.0	121.0	113.4
Fuel and utilities -----	109.1	116.5	102.3	116.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.2	-----	108.1	-----
Gas and electricity -----	101.6	127.9	98.3	116.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	112.9	114.2	104.7	109.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	114.0	110.5	112.5	115.0
Men's and boys' -----	106.5	109.7	118.7	109.3
Women's and girls' -----	110.8	106.3	106.0	108.9
Footwear -----	125.1	126.5	122.6	129.8
Transportation -----	119.1	113.4	117.2	117.0
Private -----	113.5	109.9	115.7	112.2
Public -----	133.2	143.5	123.6	133.1
Health and recreation -----	123.9	122.9	125.1	123.1
Medical care -----	137.3	126.9	146.0	144.0
Personal care -----	116.9	124.7	114.7	109.7
Reading and recreation -----	126.1	120.3	121.2	115.0
Other goods and services -----	113.8	118.9	111.3	117.7
Percent changes 1966 to 1967				
All items -----	2.4	2.6	3.3	1.8
Food -----	2.1	.3	.5	-.5
Food at home -----	.9	-1.1	-.9	-1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	4.4	2.8	-.8	1.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1.3	-3.8	-3.0	-4.1
Dairy products -----	4.8	4.0	1.4	4.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	-.7	.2	.9	-2.0
Other foods at home -----	.2	-3.2	-1.7	-3.2
Food away from home -----	6.8	5.7	7.6	5.4
Housing -----	1.6	3.6	4.4	2.1
Shelter -----	1.0	4.5	5.4	2.9
Rent -----	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4
Homeownership -----	.9	5.7	6.1	3.4
Fuel and utilities -----	1.1	-.2	1.3	.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.2	-----	5.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.7	-.8	.2	-.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.0	3.9	3.6	1.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.4	1.7	3.6	2.6
Men's and boys' -----	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.4
Women's and girls' -----	3.6	.7	4.5	1.9
Footwear -----	4.7	3.9	4.0	4.5
Transportation -----	2.5	3.4	3.4	1.7
Private -----	2.8	3.2	3.6	1.8
Public -----	.5	5.9	1.3	.8
Health and recreation -----	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.4
Medical care -----	6.8	6.2	5.3	7.0
Personal care -----	3.0	3.2	4.7	3.4
Reading and recreation -----	3.4	1.9	3.5	1.5
Other goods and services -----	2.3	1.5	3.2	2.3

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
January 1968 indexes and percent changes from December 1967

Area ^{1/}	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 -----	117.0	113.8	118.3	111.6	118.5	124.1	101.9	132.9
Atlanta -----	115.0	112.4	113.8	112.4	113.1	121.1	105.8	124.3
Baltimore -----	117.7	113.2	122.0	110.6	114.5	125.7	101.9	137.0
Boston -----	120.8	116.1	120.7	118.4	113.4	124.7	104.0	140.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	111.6	110.2	104.4	110.1	111.8	118.8	106.5	119.8
Chicago -----	117.7	116.4	119.6	113.7	129.5	123.2	103.1	124.2
Cincinnati -----	113.2	109.7	111.8	111.3	112.0	120.6	96.3	131.3
Cleveland -----	113.1	110.6	112.7	111.5	115.7	120.0	98.0	127.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	111.2	109.8	108.1	111.1	119.3	113.1	102.1	116.8
Detroit -----	115.5	112.8	111.1	115.1	124.8	111.6	101.9	130.6
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	110.5	110.5	110.9	112.2	109.4	115.6	103.3	110.6
Houston -----	116.7	113.2	125.4	106.1	116.0	128.4	102.4	132.1
Kansas City -----	120.0	117.3	122.3	113.2	126.3	127.3	105.7	129.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	116.2	111.1	118.6	102.4	118.0	135.9	94.0	134.9
Milwaukee -----	115.8	114.0	108.9	112.3	125.3	125.1	103.2	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	114.8	111.7	107.7	109.8	119.4	122.7	103.1	128.8
New York -----	117.3	112.4	117.2	112.4	110.6	124.1	99.5	138.5
Philadelphia -----	116.8	112.3	114.0	108.0	123.6	123.8	98.8	140.8
Pittsburgh -----	113.4	110.9	116.3	112.8	110.6	118.8	99.9	129.5
St. Louis -----	121.4	118.0	119.7	116.2	131.0	128.5	103.3	134.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	109.1	107.5	106.7	112.3	106.9	108.4	100.8	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	117.2	112.8	117.0	107.8	115.4	135.6	97.4	136.7
Seattle -----	117.3	113.2	110.3	111.3	123.3	128.1	99.5	135.0
Washington -----	117.4	113.4	^{3/} 113.1	110.4	120.2	118.8	107.3	133.2
Percent changes December 1967 to January 1968								
U.S. City Average -----	0.7	0.8	- 0.1	0.4	0.3	3.8	- 0.3	0.4
Atlanta -----	.6	.7	.1	1.6	.1	2.9	- .8	.1
Baltimore -----	.7	.9	.5	.1	0	4.3	.5	.1
Boston -----	.8	.8	-.8	1.0	0	4.3	-.6	.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.7	.8	.3	.3	-.4	4.4	.2	.3
Chicago -----	1.0	1.2	.2	1.7	-.2	3.4	.4	.2
Cincinnati -----	.8	.9	-.2	1.0	-.5	3.6	-.2	.3
Cleveland -----	.8	.9	.1	.7	-.3	2.2	1.4	.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.5	.6	.5	.5	.3	2.3	0	.1
Detroit -----	.1	0	-.9	.2	.4	.8	-.7	.4
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.8	1.1	- 1.4	1.0	.1	6.0	-.3	.1
Houston -----	.5	.6	.1	.2	- 2.1	4.9	.1	.2
Kansas City -----	.4	.4	-.1	0	0	4.5	- 1.2	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	-.8	- 1.1	- 1.7	- 4.0	-.3	3.0	-.6	.1
Milwaukee -----	.5	.7	-.7	.8	.2	4.7	- 1.1	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.6	.7	.1	.8	-.3	3.9	-.3	.2
New York -----	.6	.7	-.6	.9	1.5	3.1	- 1.3	.3
Philadelphia -----	1.2	.8	.3	1.0	.2	3.0	- 1.0	2.8
Pittsburgh -----	1.8	1.6	.4	.5	1.5	6.7	-.1	3.0
St. Louis -----	.6	.7	-.3	- 1.0	.2	6.6	-.9	.3
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	- 1.2	- 1.6	- 1.1	- 4.0	-.7	.2	-.8	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.9	1.1	-.9	.4	-.1	6.8	-.7	.1
Seattle -----	.6	.8	.3	-.3	.1	4.9	-.3	.3
Washington -----	.6	.7	1.7	-.9	1.0	4.4	-.1	.1

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available.

^{3/} December 1967 index, 111.2.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
January 1968 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to January 1968 from--		January 1967 unadjusted
	January 1968		December 1967		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	117.0	117.2	0.7	0.7	2.0
Food away from home -----	132.9	-----	.4	-----	4.6
Restaurant meals -----	133.2	-----	.4	-----	4.6
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	114.8	-----	.4	-----	4.4
Food at home -----	113.8	114.1	.8	.8	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.3	-----	-.1	-----	-.4
Flour -----	113.2	-----	.3	-----	2.1
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	117.2	-----	.1	-----	.3
Corn flakes -----	129.0	-----	-.1	-----	1.4
Rice -----	109.1	-----	0	-----	1.6
Bread, white -----	123.2	-----	.1	-----	1.7
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.0	-----	-.1	-----	.4
Cookies -----	100.4	-----	-1.9	-----	2.0
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	107.2	-----	1.0	-----	1.9
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	-----	-.3	-----	.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.6	111.9	.4	.2	1.2
Meats -----	114.4	114.6	.3	0	1.4
Beef and veal -----	115.9	116.2	.2	.6	4.5
Steak, round -----	111.4	112.3	-.5	.6	5.2
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	108.8	-----	-1.0	-----	5.3
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	113.4	-----	0	-----	5.2
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	108.5	-----	.5	-----	4.6
Rib roast -----	125.0	123.5	1.0	.2	5.4
Chuck roast -----	108.2	108.3	.1	1.5	5.7
Hamburger -----	118.4	118.6	.9	1.4	3.7
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	105.9	-----	-.3	-----	.7
Veal cutlets -----	137.8	138.4	1.2	1.2	6.8
Pork -----	112.0	112.4	.5	.6	2.5
Chops -----	113.9	114.4	2.2	0	.8
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	121.0	-----	2.0	-----	1.6
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	120.9	-----	-.2	-----	2.3
Ham, whole -----	112.0	108.9	-.5	-2.0	2.6
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	113.3	-----	-.1	-----	4.9
Bacon -----	111.7	115.4	-.7	.2	3.6
Other meats -----	118.2	118.3	.2	0	.2
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	124.5	-----	.7	-----	5.4
Frankfurters -----	116.4	117.1	0	.6	0
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	115.1	-----	-.8	-----	3.4
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	117.7	-----	-.3	-----	.3
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	113.9	-----	.4	-----	.5
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	115.7	-----	-.9	-----	1.2
Poultry -----	88.3	-----	1.0	-----	1.0
Frying chicken -----	88.5	91.1	1.8	2.5	3.4
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	100.2	-----	-.3	-----	1.4
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	98.0	-----	-1.1	-----	9.3
Fish -----	122.7	122.3	.6	.2	.3
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	107.6	-----	.7	-----	1.9
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.0	124.8	-.2	.5	.6
Tuna fish, canned -----	109.9	-----	-.4	-----	3.3
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	119.8	-----	1.9	-----	4.2
Dairy products -----	118.5	117.9	.3	.4	1.8
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	116.3	115.7	.3	.6	2.5
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	121.0	-----	.6	-----	4.0
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	114.5	-----	.2	-----	3.2
Milk, evaporated -----	117.4	-----	.2	-----	.1
Ice cream -----	98.5	-----	0	-----	1.4
Cheese, American process -----	136.0	135.6	.1	0	1.2
Butter -----	116.6	116.1	.3	.8	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
January 1968 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to January 1968 from--		
	January 1968		December 1967		January 1967 unadjusted
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.1	127.0	3.8	3.3	7.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	132.1	137.7	6.2	5.5	9.4
Apples -----	139.4	158.6	5.8	3.3	12.6
Bananas -----	80.4	83.1	- 9.9	- 10.4	- 14.1
Oranges -----	137.0	146.4	4.1	10.2	22.9
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	79.0	-----	3.0	-----	0
Grapefruit -----	139.5	161.3	1.0	.8	13.9
Grapes * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	122.1	130.3	- .8	- 2.8	- 6.8
Onions -----	127.5	137.1	.1	.1	- 4.2
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	-----	*	-----	*
Cabbage -----	145.3	138.4	12.8	1.6	- 8.4
Carrots -----	169.6	166.9	19.9	17.8	64.8
Celery -----	127.5	126.6	7.9	4.9	24.9
Cucumbers 1/ -----	150.5	-----	35.8	-----	2.0
Lettuce -----	165.5	157.6	29.0	15.1	49.2
Peppers, green 1/ -----	169.9	-----	- 11.4	-----	8.2
Spinach 1/ -----	101.9	-----	4.6	-----	5.5
Tomatoes -----	135.4	122.5	15.5	30.5	.3
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	114.4	-----	.4	-----	5.1
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	108.0	-----	.8	-----	11.5
Pears, canned 1/ -----	116.1	-----	1.4	-----	23.0
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	94.9	-----	- 1.0	-----	- 1.1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	79.9	75.9	.6	- 2.3	- 11.9
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	90.0	-----	- .3	-----	- .8
Beets, canned 1/ -----	109.7	-----	- .4	-----	5.5
Peas, green, canned -----	122.9	-----	.7	-----	1.3
Tomatoes, canned -----	129.5	-----	.4	-----	10.1
Dried beans -----	122.1	-----	.7	-----	5.3
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	100.2	-----	.6	-----	1.5
Other food at home -----	101.9	101.1	- .3	-.1	- 2.9
Eggs -----	85.2	81.9	- 3.3	0	- 20.1
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	104.2	-----	.2	-----	- 3.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.8	-----	0	-----	.4
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.3	-----	.3	-----	- 2.4
Sugar and sweets -----	116.0	-----	-.2	-----	2.3
Sugar -----	113.0	-----	-.4	-----	1.0
Grape jelly -----	117.1	-----	-.4	-----	-.2
Chocolate bar -----	105.7	-----	0	-----	5.2
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	101.7	-----	.2	-----	3.1
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.4	-----	.4	-----	-.2
Coffee, can and bag -----	86.8	-----	0	-----	- 4.6
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	97.1	-----	.1	-----	-.3
Tea -----	98.9	-----	- 1.1	-----	- 1.3
Cola drink -----	143.2	-----	1.6	-----	7.1
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	112.4	-----	1.8	-----	5.6
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	101.8	-----	.2	-----	1.5
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	100.8	-----	.1	-----	3.8
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	96.1	-----	-.4	-----	- 1.0
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	111.5	-----	.3	-----	3.1
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	102.6	-----	.9	-----	.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	85.3	-----	.9	-----	.7
Baby foods, canned -----	106.8	-----	-.5	-----	.3
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	108.2	-----	-.1	-----	1.7
Pretzels 1/ -----	104.2	-----	.8	-----	3.8

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 1968 and 1967 average indexes
 and percent changes from selected dates
 (1957-59=100)

Group	January 1968			1967 Average	
	Index	Percent change from--		Index	Percent change from 1966
		October 1967	January 1967		
All items -----	119.8	0.3	2.3	118.2	2.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	148.4			146.4	
Food -----	116.7	1.3	.9	115.4	.6
Food at home -----	112.7	1.3	.4	111.7	-.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	111.7	0	- 2.3	111.9	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	119.3	-.4	1.7	117.9	- 2.1
Dairy products -----	124.7	-.1	1.1	123.9	5.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	110.5	9.7	6.7	105.9	- 3.4
Other foods at home -----	99.2	0	- 4.8	100.1	- 3.8
Housing -----	120.1	-.1	1.9	118.9	2.4
Rent -----	114.7	.3	2.0	113.5	2.9
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0	102.5	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	109.2	0	0	109.2	4.4
Housefurnishings -----	97.5	-.6	1.2	97.1	0
Household operation -----	121.2	.5	.6	120.8	4.3
Apparel -----	115.6	- 1.3	1.6	115.3	2.3
Men's and boys' -----	119.4	.2	1.8	118.6	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	110.9	- 3.7	1.3	111.7	3.3
Footwear -----	125.8	1.0	2.8	123.4	2.6
Other apparel -----	105.2	- 1.4	.3	105.6	.8
Transportation -----	116.9	.3	4.7	114.9	4.3
Private -----	113.1	.1	3.6	111.2	3.2
Public -----	139.7	.6	10.2	136.9	8.0
Medical care -----	140.1	2.2	6.3	134.8	6.5
Personal care -----	119.8	1.4	1.1	118.5	2.5
Reading and recreation -----	125.7	.3	4.2	123.0	2.5
Other goods and services -----	118.8	.3	1.0	117.5	3.3

Table 9: Percent Change in Prices for Selected Groups in the Consumer Price Index and the Wholesale Price Index (Seasonally adjusted except where indicated)

	Dec. 1967 to Jan. 1968		Oct. 1967 to Jan. 1968		July 1967 to Oct. 1967		Apr. 1967 to July 1967		Jan. 1967 to Apr. 1967		Jan. 1967 to Jan. 1968	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
*ALL ITEMS -----	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.4	1.0	1.1	0.5	-0.8	3.4	0.9
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----	.5	.1	1.0	.9	1.0	-.4	.4	1.1	.2	-.4	2.5	1.3
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	.6	0	1.1	1.1	1.0	-1.1	.3	1.5	.2	-.6	2.5	.9
Food and beverages at home -----	.8	0	1.5	1.8	.8	-1.9	.1	2.4	-1.0	-1.9	1.4	.3
Apparel and accessories -----	.3	.5	1.0	1.7	1.0	.4	.4	1.1	.3		4.3	2.7
Household furnishings and supplies -----	.6	-.2	.8	0	-.3	.5	.4	1.1	1.6	2.7	2.5	4.3
Gasoline and motor oil -----	1.1	-1.2	.8	-2.9	.2	-3.5	-1.1	3.3	1.5		3.1	-5.1
Other nondurables -----	.6	-.4	1.3	-.4	1.7	.3	.2	1.6	.4	.1	3.6	1.6
<u>Durable</u> -----	.3	.6	.6	.7	1.2	1.6	.7	.2	0	0	2.5	2.5
New passenger cars -----	.4	.5	.1	.3	2.6	2.6	1.0	-.2	-.2	-.1	3.5	2.6
Appliances -----	.2	.1	.4	.3	.5	.2	.1	-.2	-.5	-.1	.5	.2
Furniture and floor coverings -----	.8	.6	1.5	1.0	.9	.9	.5	.4	.3	.1	3.2	2.4
*Other durables -----	.5	.8	.9	1.1	.7	1.7	.3	.2	.7	.4	2.5	3.4
*CONSUMER SERVICES -----	.5	-	1.3	-	1.1	-	.9	-	.9	-	4.2	-
*Insurance and finance -----	.6	-	1.5	-	1.0	-	.7	-	.3	-	3.6	-
*Rent -----	.2	-	.6	-	.5	-	.4	-	.4	-	2.1	-
*Utilities and public transportation -----	.3	-	.5	-	.3	-	.5	-	.3	-	1.5	-
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	1.3	-	2.1	-	1.8	-	1.1	-	1.6	-	6.8	-
*Medical care services -----	.7	-	1.8	-	1.8	-	1.7	-	2.1	-	7.7	-
*Personal care services -----	.2	-	1.2	-	1.0	-	.8	-	1.0	-	4.1	-
*Other services -----	.5	-	1.3	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.0	-	4.6	-
WHOLESALE PRICES:												
<u>Type of Product:</u>												
Farm products -----	-	-1.1	-	1.1	-	-3.7	-	4.2	-	-4.9	-	-3.5
Processed foods and feeds -----	-	.2	-	.4	-	-.9	-	1.1	-	-.9	-	-.4
*Industrial commodities -----	-	.4	-	.9	-	.8	-	0	-	.2	-	1.9
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products -----	-	-.2	-	-.2	-	-.1	-	-.2	-	.3	-	-.2
Rubber and rubber products -----	-	.2	-	.7	-	2.7	-	.4	-	.2	-	4.1
Lumber and wood products -----	-	.7	-	2.0	-	2.5	-	1.5	-	-.2	-	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products -----	-	.4	-	1.0	-	.2	-	.5	-	.4	-	2.0
*Metals and metal products -----	-	.6	-	1.7	-	.7	-	-.1	-	-.3	-	2.1
Machinery and equipment -----	-	.6	-	1.3	-	.6	-	.2	-	.4	-	2.5
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods -----	-	.2	-	.9	-	0	-	1.0	-	-.1	-	1.9
Consumer -----	-	.2	-	1.1	-	-.4	-	1.1	-	-.4	-	1.5
Producer -----	-	.5	-	1.0	-	1.3	-	.5	-	.4	-	3.2
Intermediate materials, supplies and components -----	-	.3	-	.9	-	.3	-	-.1	-	0	-	1.0
Crude materials -----	-	-.8	-	.3	-	-1.9	-	2.1	-	-3.3	-	-2.8

NOTE: The price changes shown for Consumer Products and components are for roughly comparable classes of finished consumer products from the CPI and WPI. A brief description of the classes of items contained in each group is included at the end of this report. Complete listings of inclusions in the CPI and WPI groupings will be furnished on request.

*Based on data unadjusted for seasonal variations.

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. ^{1/} The table below shows average standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the published CPI differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. For any of the time period categories--i.e., monthly, quarterly, or annual--the standard errors are more or less independent of the size of the percentage changes to which they relate, within the range that has occurred in recent periods. An annual updating of the error estimates is planned.

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. The table below indicates, for example, that a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all-items CPI is significant (twice the standard error). Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might result from a much smaller change in the unrounded value. Hence, any particular change of 0.1 percent may or may not be significant. On the other hand, a published change of 0.2 percent is almost always significant, regardless of the time period to which it relates.

Average Standard Errors of Percent Changes
in the CPI

Component	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.06
Food at home -----	.10	.13	.13
Food away from home -----	.05	.08	.16
Housing -----	.05	.08	.11
Apparel -----	.10	.16	.18
Transportation -----	.11	.21	.24
Medical care -----	.07	.11	.24
Personal care -----	.12	.19	.31
Reading and recreation -----	.12	.14	.27
Other -----	.10	.16	.32

^{1/} The method of deriving these estimates is described in a paper by Marvin Wilkerson, "Measurement of Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index," Journal of the American Statistical Association, September, 1967.

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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	Consumer Price Index	Wholesale Price Index
ALL ITEMS -----	All commodities and services	All Commodities
<u>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</u> -----	All commodities except home purchase, used cars, food and beverages away from home, newspapers, magazines and books.	Nondurable and durable commodities ready for use by home consumers except a few individual consumer products included in WPI groupings of commodities purchased primarily by industrial firms.
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	All nondurable commodities except food and beverages away from home and newspapers, magazines and books.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
Food and beverages at home -----	Food at home, alcoholic beverages at home.	Fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, nuts, and eggs from the farm products group; and the processed foods and feeds group, excluding crude vegetable oils and manufactured animal feeds.
Apparel and accessories -----	Apparel, footwear, and accessories. <u>2/</u>	Apparel and some fabrics and sewing materials, leather footwear, leather gloves, rubber footwear, watches and clocks, jewelry.
Household furnishings and supplies -----	Home maintenance nondurables, fuel oil and coal, textile housefurnishings, housekeeping supplies.	Textile housefurnishings, fuels for home use (except gas), soap and synthetic detergents, sanitary papers and health products, matches, pens and pencils, and prepared paints, and miscellaneous housekeeping supplies.
Gasoline and motor oil -----	Gasoline and motor oil.	Gasoline and automotive motor oil.
Other nondurables -----	Drugs and pharmaceuticals, toilet goods, recreational nondurables, tobacco products.	Pharmaceutical preparations, cosmetics and other toilet preparations, tobacco products, personal brushes, and recreational items such as toys, film, and playing cards.
<u>Durable</u> -----	All durable commodities except home purchase and used cars.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
New passenger cars -----	New cars.	Passenger cars.
Appliances -----	Household appliances, radio and TV.	Home electronic equipment, room heaters, and household appliances, excluding electric lamps.
Furniture and floor coverings -----	Furniture and floor coverings.	Household furniture and floor coverings.
Other durables -----	Home maintenance durables, other housefurnishings, tires, recreational durables, except radio and TV.	Other durable commodities throughout the WPI which are used for home maintenance, including some household goods, tires and tubes, outboard motors, equipment for home workshops and home gardens, recreational items such as photographic equipment, sporting and athletic goods, musical instruments, and phonograph records, electric lamps, typewriters, luggage and small leather goods, and caskets and morticians goods.
<u>CONSUMER SERVICES</u> -----	All consumer services.	
Insurance and finance -----	Mortgage interest, taxes and insurance, automobile insurance and other auto expenses. <u>3/</u>	
Rent -----	Rent of home or apartment.	
Utilities and public transportation -----	Gas and electricity, telephone, water and sewer, public transportation.	
Housekeeping and home maintenance services --	Housekeeping and home maintenance services.	
Medical care services -----	Medical care except drugs and prescriptions.	
Personal care services -----	Personal care services.	
Other services -----	Hotels, apparel services, auto repairs and maintenance, recreational services, reading and educational services, personal expenses.	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICES</u>		
Type of product Farm Product Processed foods and feeds Industrial commodities Industrial materials and equipment		Same as the Wholesale Price Indexes for major groups.
Stage of Processing at wholesale Finished goods Consumer Producer Intermediate materials, supplies, and components Crude materials		The Wholesale Price Stage of Processing Indexes. The Consumer Finished Goods index differs from the Consumer Products index in weighting structure and is based on a larger sample of commodities.

1/ The classification by durable and nondurable commodities is based on CPI classification and is not necessarily the same as the WPI classification in the Indexes by Durability of Product

2/ Same as apparel commodities.

3/ Includes registration and license fees and parking fees.